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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that noncandidate
2 committees spend money for the purpose of influencing public
3 opinion on issues and candidates through electioneering
4 communications. The legislature further finds that the public
5 should have access to information on the ballot issue or
6 candidate that a noncandidate committee is expending money on.

7 The purpose of this Act is to clarify reporting
8 requirements for noncandidate committees for electioneering
9 communications.

10 SECTION 2. Section 11-335, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

12 "(b) Schedules filed with the reports shall include the
13 following additional information:

14 (1) The amount and date of deposit of each contribution
15 received and the name, address, occupation, and
16 employer of each contributor making a contribution
17 aggregating more than \$100 during an election period,



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1 which was not previously reported; provided that if
2 all the information is not on file, the contribution
3 shall be returned to the contributor within thirty
4 days of deposit;

5 (2) The amount and date of each contribution made and the
6 name and address of the candidate, candidate
7 committee, or noncandidate committee to which the
8 contribution was made;

9 (3) All expenditures, including the name and address of
10 each payee and the amount, date, [~~and~~] purpose of each
11 expenditure[+], and identification of the ballot issue
12 being advocated for or against; provided that:

13 (A) Expenditures for advertisements or electioneering
14 communications shall include the names of the
15 candidates supported, opposed, or clearly
16 identified[+], and identification of the ballot
17 issue being advocated for or against;

18 (B) Expenditures for consultants, advertising
19 agencies and similar firms, credit card payments,
20 salaries, and candidate reimbursements shall be
21 itemized to permit a reasonable person to



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1 determine the ultimate intended recipient of the
2 expenditure and its purpose~~[+]~~, including the
3 identification of the ballot issue being
4 advocated for or against;

5 (C) Independent expenditures shall include the name
6 of any candidate supported, opposed, or clearly
7 identified~~[+]~~, and the identification of the
8 ballot issue being advocated for or against; and

9 ~~[+]~~ (D) ~~[+]~~ The purpose of an independent expenditure shall
10 include the name of the candidate who is
11 supported or opposed by the expenditure, and
12 whether the expenditure supports or opposes the
13 candidate~~[+]~~. It shall also include the
14 identification of the ballot issue being
15 advocated for or against, and whether the
16 expenditure supports or opposes the ballot issue;

17 (4) For noncandidate committees making only independent
18 expenditures, certification that no expenditures have
19 been coordinated with a candidate, candidate
20 committee, or any agent of a candidate or candidate
21 committee;



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1 (5) The amount, date of deposit, and description of other
 2 receipts and the name and address of the source of
 3 each of the other receipts;

4 (6) A description of each durable asset, the date of
 5 acquisition, value at the time of acquisition, and the
 6 name and address of the vendor or contributor of the
 7 asset; and

8 (7) The date of disposition of a durable asset, value at
 9 the time of disposition, method of disposition, and
 10 name and address of the person receiving the asset."

11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Campaign Spending; Noncandidate Committee Reporting

Description:

Amends the reporting requirements of noncandidate committees to include identification of a ballot issue being advocated for or against.

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