
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-341, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

3 "(d) For purposes of this section:

4 "Disclosure date" means, for every calendar year, [~~the~~
5 ~~first date by which a person has made expenditures during that~~
6 ~~same year of more than \$2,000 in the aggregate for~~
7 ~~electioneering communications, and the date of any subsequent~~
8 ~~expenditures by that person for electioneering communications.]~~
9 any date on which an electioneering communication is publicly
10 distributed; provided that the person making the electioneering
11 communication has made one or more expenditures, or has executed
12 one or more contracts to make expenditures, for the direct costs
13 of producing and distributing electioneering communications
14 aggregating more than \$2,000.

15 "Electioneering communication" means any advertisement that
16 is broadcast from a cable, satellite, television, or radio



H.B. NO. 1657

1 broadcast station; published in any periodical or newspaper or
2 by electronic means; or sent by mail [~~at a bulk rate~~], and that:

- 3 (1) Refers to a clearly identifiable candidate;
- 4 (2) Is made, or scheduled to be made, either within thirty
5 days prior to a primary or initial special election or
6 within sixty days prior to a general or special
7 election; and
- 8 (3) Is not susceptible to any reasonable interpretation
9 other than as an appeal to vote for or against a
10 specific candidate.

11 "Electioneering communication" shall not include
12 communications:

- 13 (1) In a news story or editorial disseminated by any
14 broadcast station or publisher of periodicals or
15 newspapers, unless the facilities are owned or
16 controlled by a candidate, candidate committee, or
17 noncandidate committee;
- 18 [~~(2) That constitute expenditures by the expending~~
19 ~~organization;~~
- 20 ~~(3) In house]~~ (2) That are in-house bulletins; or



H.B. NO. 1657

1 [~~(4)~~] (3) That constitute a candidate debate or forum, or
2 solely promote a debate or forum and are made by or on
3 behalf of the person sponsoring the debate or forum."

4 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

7

INTRODUCED BY: _____ *Sam*
By Request

JAN 11 2018



H.B. NO. 1657

Report Title:

Campaign Spending Commission Package; Electioneering; Disclosure Statements; Definitions

Description:

Amends the definition of "disclosure date" to mean the date on which the electioneering communication is publicly distributed. Expands the definition of "electioneering communication" to apply to advertisements sent by any mail rate and communications regarding expenditures of the organization.

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

