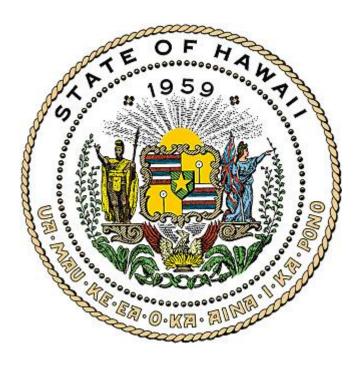
Noncandidate Committee Filing System Manual



This Manual has been prepared by the Hawaii Campaign Spending Commission ("Commission") to assist your committee in filing disclosure reports online in the Noncandidate Committee Filing System ("NCFS"). For a complete understanding of the campaign finance laws, we recommend committees to review the Noncandidate Committee Guidebook; the Treasurer's Guidebook; Chapter 11, Part XIII of the Hawaii Revised Statutes; and Hawaii Administrative Rules which are all available on the Commission's website located at www.hawaii.gov/campaign.

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I. INTERNET ACCESS & BROWSER RECOMMENDATIONS

To file your disclosure reports electronically on the NCFS, the Commission has the following recommendations.

- For Internet access, broadband connection such as DSL or cable is preferred.
- For an Internet browser, Mozilla Firefox 1.5 or later, Google Chrome, or Internet Explorer 6.0 or later is optimal.
- For Internet Explorer 10 users, <u>Compatibility View</u> must be turned on to use this application. Click "IE10 Compatibility View Instructions" link on the NCFS login page for assistance.

Notably, the NCFS is Mac compatible.

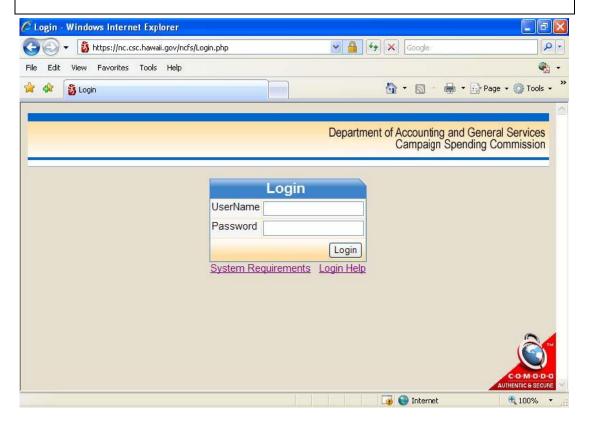
II. LOGIN TO THE NCFS

- 1. Go to www.hawaii.gov/campaign
- 2. Click Noncandidate Committees
- 3. Click Noncandidate Committee Filing System
- 4. Click Noncandidate Committee Filing System ("NCFS") Login.

For first-time NCFS registrants, in order to access the NCFS, you will need to obtain a user name and password from the Commission which can only be done by completing and submitting the "Noncandidate Committee Electronic Filing Form." See, Part IV – Organizational Report in this Manual.

5. Login using the administrator user name and password issued to you by the Commission.

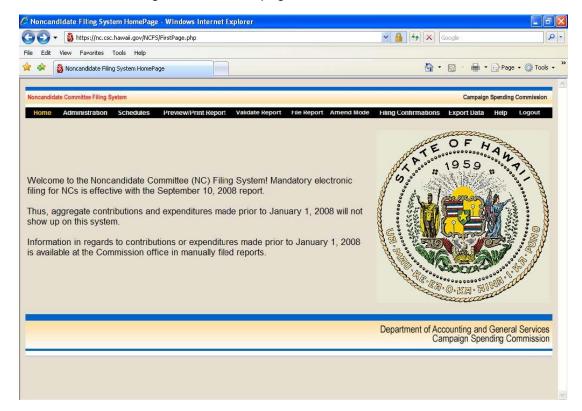
For first-time NCFS registrants, the "Organizational Report – Noncandidate Committee " will appear on screen which will need to be completed and filed. See, Part IV – Organizational Report in this Manual.



III. HOME PAGE

Once your noncandidate committee is registered, whenever you login to the NCFS you will start at the Home page.

There are 11 headings on the **Home** page described as follows:



A. **Home** - Returns you to the Home page

B. Administration

- 1. View/Print Organizational Report
- 2. Edit Organizational Report Update the contact information for your committee
- 3. Change Password A minimum of 1 and not more than 8 characters
- 4. Reporting Schedules Choose your reporting periods in order to file your reports

C. Schedules

- Name Table
- Schedule A Contributions Received
- 3. Schedule B1 Contributions to Candidates
- 4. Schedule B2 Expenditures Made
- 5. Schedule C Other Receipts
- 6. Schedule D Unpaid Expenditures (includes payment/forgiving)
- 7. Schedule E Durable Assets

Schedules A and C – Use to report money received by the noncandidate committee

Schedules B1, B2, D and E – Use to report money spent by the noncandidate committee

D. **Preview/Print Report**

- 1. Disclosure Report Summary of Schedules A through E
- 2. Special Reports
 - (a) Late Contributions Report This report is not required if late contributions are not received or made to candidates.
 - (b) Late Expenditures Report For committees making independent expenditures. This report is not required if late expenditures are not made.

E. Validate Report

- 1. Name Validation
- 2. Contributions Received Limit Validation
- 3. Contributions to Candidates Limit Validation

F. File Report

- Disclosure Report Reports must be filed even if your committee has no activity to report for a particular reporting period.
- 2. Special Reports
 - (a) Late Contributions Report This report is not required if late contributions are not received or made to candidates.
 - (b) Late Expenditures Report For committees making independent expenditures. This report is not required if late expenditures are not made.

By clicking the "File Report" button, the chairperson and treasurer of the noncandidate committee affirms their acknowledgment and certification on the "Noncandidate Committee Electronic Filing Form" that the information on this electronically filed report is true, complete, and accurate.

G. Amend Mode – Committees are able to amend reports that were previously filed

H. Filing Confirmations

- 1. Disclosure Report
- 2. Late Contributions/Expenditures Report
- I. **Export Data** This tab allows data entered under Schedules to be exported in Excel format
- J. **Help** Provides direct on-line access to this manual and other guidebooks and cyber-learning videos as well as a direct link to the Commission's website.
- K. Logout Logs you out of the NCFS and takes you back to the login screen

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT

(Listed under **Administration**)



- Α. **REGISTRATION** - If this is your first time using the NCFS, you must first obtain access to the NCFS by completing and submitting to the Commission a "Noncandidate Committee Electronic Filing Form" which is available on the Commissioner's website by clicking Noncandidate Committees and then on Forms. The Commission will then issue you a user name and password to permit you to login to the NCFS to register your committee by completing the Organizational Report which must be filed within ten days of the following:
 - Receiving contributions in an aggregate amount of more than \$1,000 1. within a two-year election period; or
 - Making or incurring expenditures in an aggregate amount of more than 2. \$1,000 within a two-year election period.

The Organizational Report is due within two days if either of the thresholds above is exceeded within thirty days of an election.



Failure to timely register may result in an administrative fine.

B. FILE ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT - The Organizational Report is divided into 4 parts which must be completed unless "optional" is indicated below:

1. **Noncandidate Committees**

- a. Noncandidate Committee Name - Pre-filled by the Commission upon receipt of the "Noncandidate Committee Electronic Filing Form"
- b. Address 1 – Type in the address of your noncandidate committee
- C. Address 2 - Optional
- d. City, State, Zip Code – Type in this information
- Business Phone Type in the phone number of your e. noncandidate committee
- f. Area, Scope, or Jurisdiction - **Select Value** or the area, scope, or jurisdiction of your noncandidate committee by clicking the down arrow

NCC's registered as Independent Expenditure Committees (i.e., Super PACs), scroll to the bottom of the drop down menu and choose "Independent Expenditure" as your area, scope, or jurisdiction.



- (1) Ballot Issue Description Type in a description of the ballot issue if "Ballot Issue" was selected in Area, Scope, or Jurisdiction
- (2) Single Candidate Name Type in the name of the candidate if "Single Candidate" was selected in Area, Scope, or Jurisdiction
- (3) Political Party Affiliation **Select** the political party by clicking the down arrow if "Political Party" was selected in Area, Scope, or Jurisdiction

Select Value
Democrat
Green
Independent
Libertarian
Republican
American Shopping Party
Constitution Party of Hawaii

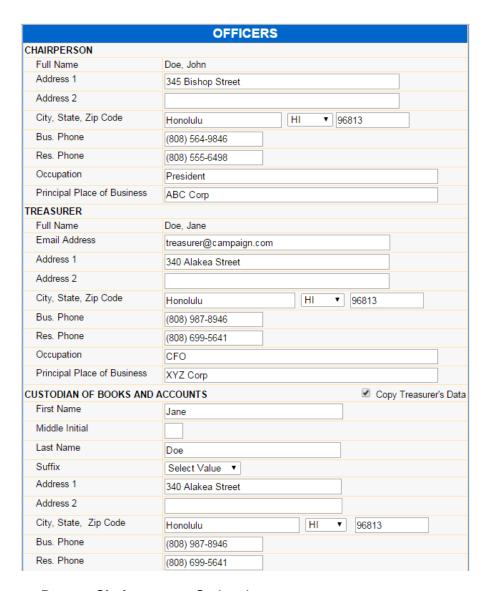
- g. Bank Name Type in the bank name of the noncandidate committee
- h. Address 1 Type in the bank's address
- i. Address 2 Optional
- j. City/State/Zip Code Type in this information
- k. Account Number Type in the bank account number. Account numbers will not be posted on the public website

If your committee has more than one account, click **More Bank Account** to enter additional accounts. Account numbers will not be posted on the public website for the NCFS.



2. Officers (Chairperson/Treasurer/Custodian of Books and Accounts)

- a. Chairperson/Treasurer Full Name Pre-filled by the Commission upon receipt of the "Noncandidate Committee Electronic Filing Form"
- b. Address 1 Type in the chairperson's or treasurer's address
- c. Address 2 Optional
- d. City/State/Zip Code Type in this information
- e. Business and Residential Phone Type in the phone number of the chairperson or treasurer. Resident numbers will not be posted on the public website.
- f. Occupation Type in the chairperson's or treasurer's occupation
- g. Principal Place of Business Type in the chairperson's or treasurer's place of business
- h. Treasurer's Email Address Pre-filled by the Commission upon receipt of the "Noncandidate Committee Electronic Filing Form." The email address will not be posted on the public website.
- i. Custodian of Books and Accounts If the custodian is the same person as the treasurer, click **Copy Treasurer's Data** checkbox and the fields will be pre-filled with the treasurer's information.



- 3. **Deputy Chairperson** Optional
- 4. **Deputy Treasurer** Optional. Up to 5 deputy treasurers may be entered.

Scroll to the bottom of the screen and click **File Report**. Your noncandidate committee is now registered with the Commission.



You will <u>not be</u> able to change the names of your officers. If there is a change in an officer, you must complete and submit a new "Noncandidate Committee Electronic Filing Form" with the signature(s) of your new officer(s). This must be completed within ten days the change is brought to the attention of the committee. The Commission will input the name(s) of your new officer(s). Your committee will then be responsible for updating their contact information.

- **C.** <u>UPDATE/EDIT/AMEND ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT</u> Within ten days of a change to your noncandidate committee, you are required to update, edit, and/or amend your committee's Organizational Report.
 - 1. Click Administration
 - 2. Click **Edit Organizational Report.** Enter the changes and scroll to the bottom of the screen.
 - 3. Click File Report

V. REPORTING SCHEDULES

(Listed under Administration)

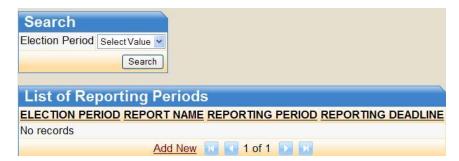
The Reporting Schedule is a list of reports you must electronically file on the NCFS and their due dates. It is critical that you record these deadlines in your calendar so that your committee is not fined for not filing a report or untimely filing a report.

Before you can file a report, you must add the appropriate reporting period to your reporting schedule. Be sure you have the correct reporting schedule by checking the Commission's website.

- **A.** OBTAINING A REPORTING SCHEDULE Access the reporting schedule by going to the Commission website's **Home** page.
 - 1. Click Noncandidate Committee
 - 2. Click Reporting Schedules
 - 3. Print this document for your records and to assist you in adding the proper reports to your schedule (see below).
- **B.** ADDING REPORTING PERIODS TO YOUR REPORTING SCHEDULE To ensure the proper filing of your disclosure reports, you must first add reporting periods to your schedule.
 - 1. Click **Administration**
 - 2. Click Reporting Schedules



 Under List of Reporting Periods, click Add New to add a new reporting period

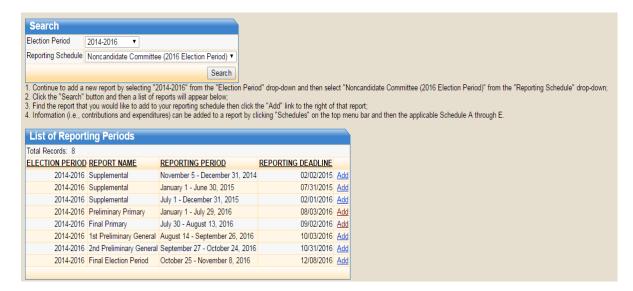


4. On the Search page, under Election Period, **Select Value** or the current 2-year election period (i.e., 2014 – 2016) by clicking the down arrow

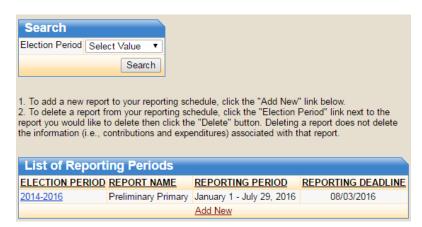
 Under Reporting Schedule, Select Value or current Noncandidate
 Committee Election Period (i.e., Noncandidate Committee 2016 Election Period)



- 6. Click **Search** which will then bring you to the List of Reporting Periods screen
- 7. Click **Add** next to the report you want added to your List of Reporting Periods. Reports are added separately in chronological order.



8. The report added and the reporting period will be displayed under the List of Reporting Periods



9. Repeat steps #3 – #8 above to add the next report in the order listed from your reporting schedule

- **C.** <u>DELETING AN INCORRECT REPORTING PERIOD</u> If you mistakenly added an incorrect reporting period:
 - 1. Click **Administration**
 - 2. Click **Reporting Schedules** which will then bring you to the List of Reporting Periods screen
 - 3. Under the Election Period column heading, click on the election period for the report you would like to delete
 - 4. Under **Delete Reporting Period**, click **Delete**
 - 5. Under Delete Record?, click **OK**
 - 6. Your List of Reporting Periods screen will be displayed.

Once a report is filed for a specific reporting period, it will be eliminated from your List of Reporting Periods. If you need to amend a report, you do not need to add the reporting period again, just click the Amend Mode heading and you will be able to amend and file a previously filed report.

VI. ENTERING CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY

(Listed under Schedules)

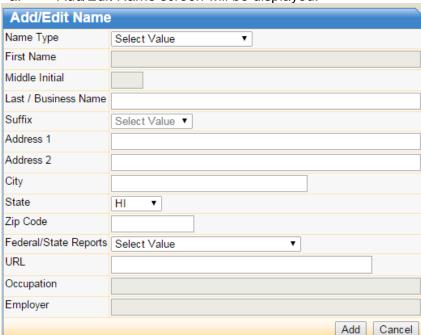


A. <u>NAME TABLE</u> – Every contributor's/vendor's name and address entered into the NCFS will be stored here to prevent data duplication and to help keep track of aggregate contributions.

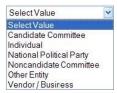
When you click **Name Table**, List of Names screen will be displayed. You can use the **Search** field (need to type in all capital letters) to find names previously entered. If a name does not appear in your search, the message "No records" will be displayed.



- ADDING A NAME To add a name to the Name Table, click Add New.
 - a. Add/Edit Name screen will be displayed.



b. Under Name Type, select the appropriate category under **Select Value** by clicking the down arrow.



c. Enter the information that applies in the open fields, click **Add**.

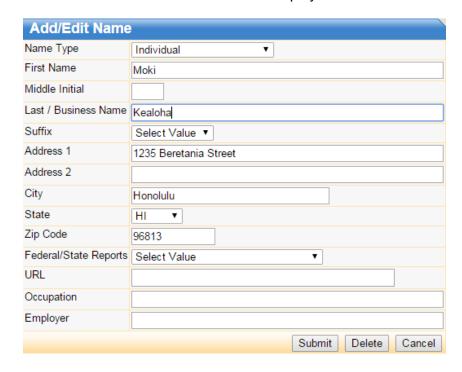
Noncandidate committees making only independent expenditures that receive an aggregate contribution of more than \$10,000 within an election period from an entity other than an individual, for-profit business entity, or labor union must provide additional information:

- (1) The internet address where the contributing entity's disclosure report can be publicly accessed, if the source of the contributor's funds is subject to any state or federal disclosure reporting requirements;
- (2) The name, address, occupation, and employer of each funding source who contributed an aggregate amount of more than \$100 to the contributing entity; or
- (3) An acknowledgment that the contributing entity <u>is not</u> subject to any state or federal disclosure reporting requirements regarding the source of its funds.
 - d. A List of Names screen will be displayed. Repeat the above steps to enter additional names.

Once a name has been entered, you do not need to "Add" that name again when entering a new activity in Schedules A - E. This feature prevents data duplication.

- EDITING/DELETING A NAME To edit/delete a name in the Name Table, when you click Name Table, a List of Names screen will be displayed.
 - a. Click on the person's/vendor's name under the heading Full Name.
 - b. Add/Edit Name screen will be displayed. Make the necessary changes.
 - c. Click **Submit**, which will bring you back to the List of Names screen; or
 - d. Click **Delete**, then under Delete Record?, click **OK**.

e. A List of Names screen will be displayed.

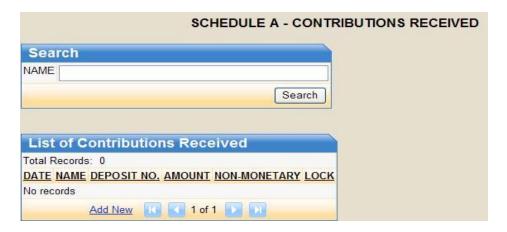


A name cannot be deleted from the Name Table if the name is attached to a transaction reported in the NCFS. You can edit a name and address from your Name Table, but if the previous unedited name or address was filed in a report, the change will not be reflected in that report. You will need to be in Amend Mode and change the name and address within the appropriate Schedule (A – E) then file that report in Amend Mode.

B. SCHEDULE A – CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED – All monetary and non-monetary contribution(s) to the committee must be reported on Schedule A. Contributions are anything of value including money, gifts, cancellation of debts or legal obligations, purchase of tickets to a fundraiser, etc., for the purpose of influencing the nomination for election, or the election, of any candidate to office.

You do not need to wait until a filing deadline or until the end of a reporting period to begin entering contributions. All contributions must be entered but only aggregate contributions of more than \$100 will be itemized on Schedule A.

- ADDING A CONTRIBUTION To add a contribution, when you click on Schedule A, a List of Contributions Received screen will be displayed.
 - a. Click **Add New** to enter a contribution.



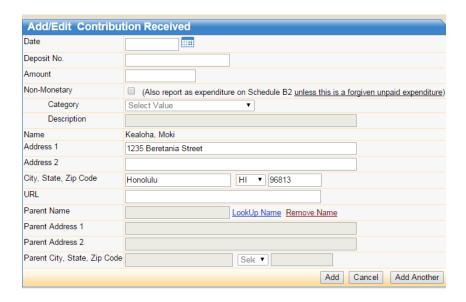
- b. List of Names screen will be displayed.
 - (1) You can use the **Search** field (need to type in all capital letters) to find names previously entered; or
 - (2) If the name does not appear, click Add Name (see, Part VI Entering Campaign Finance Activity, Name Table in this Manual).

Occupation and Employer must be included if "Individual" was selected as the contributor's Name Type and the contributor made aggregate contributions of more than \$100 during the noncandidate committee's two-year election period.

(3) If the name appears in the name search, click **Add Contributions** (listed to the right of contributor's name).



b. Add/Edit Contribution Received screen will be displayed. Enter the information that applies in the open fields.



- (1) Date entry (deposit date) is always mm/dd/yyyy
- (2) Deposit No. (issued from the bank) Optional
- (3) Amount Do not enter dollar signs or commas (i.e., 1000 or 1000.50)
- (4) Non-Monetary Check this box if contribution is non-monetary

If a non-monetary contribution is received, you must enter an offsetting expenditure on Schedule B2. This is very important!

(a) Under Category, **Select Value** or the type of the non-monetary contribution by clicking the down arrow.



(b) Under **Description**, type in a description of the non-monetary contribution.

(5) The Uniform Resource Locator ("URL") field will be filled-in by what is selected on the Name Table screen.

Noncandidate committees making only independent expenditures that receive an aggregate contribution of more than \$10,000 within an election period from an entity other than an individual, for-profit business entity, or labor union must provide additional information:

- (1) The internet address where the contributing entity's disclosure report can be publicly accessed, if the source of the contributor's funds is subject to any state or federal disclosure reporting requirements;
- (2) The name, address, occupation, and employer of each funding source who contributed an aggregate amount of more than \$100 to the contributing entity; or
- (3) An acknowledgment that the contributing entity <u>is not</u> subject to any state or federal disclosure reporting requirements regarding the source of its funds.
 - (6) Parent Name, Parent Address 1, Parent Address 2, Parent City, State and Zip Code These areas must be filled in if a contribution was received from a minor. The contribution will be reported in the name of the minor, but aggregated with the parent's or guardian's contribution.
 - d. Click **Add** which will then bring you back to List of Contributions Received screen or click **Add Another** which will bring you to List of Names screen to begin entering the next contribution.
- 2. <u>EDITING/DELETING A CONTRIBUTION</u> To edit/delete a contribution, when you click on **Schedule A**, a List of Contributions Received screen will be displayed.
 - a. Click on the date the contribution was deposited.
 - b. Add/Edit Contribution Received screen will be displayed. Make the necessary changes.
 - c. Click **Submit**, which will bring you back to the List of Contributions Received screen; or
 - d. Click **Delete**, then under Delete Record?, click **OK**.
 - e. List of Contributions Received screen will be displayed.

Contributions filed online in a prior report will be locked which is indicated by a square box with a check mark. You will not be able to edit/delete these contributions unless you are in Amend Mode. See, Part X – Amend Mode in this Manual.

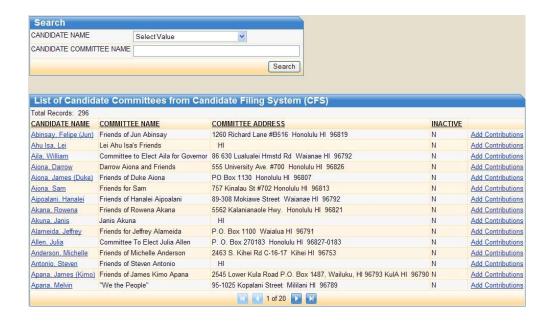
C. <u>SCHEDULE B1 – CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES</u> – All monetary and non-monetary contribution(s) made to candidates must be reported on Schedule B1.

You do not need to wait until a filing deadline or until the end of a reporting period to begin entering contributions to candidates.

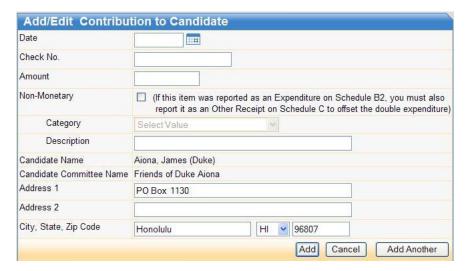
- ADDING A CONTRIBUTION To add a contribution, when you click on Schedule B1, a List of Contributions to Candidates screen will be displayed.
 - a. Click **Add New** to enter a contribution



- b. List of Candidate Committees from Candidate Filing System (CFS) screen will be displayed.
 - (1) You can use the **Search** field, **Select Value** to select a candidate's name by clicking the down arrow to expand the pull down menu; or
 - You can use the **Search** field (need to type in all capital letters) to find a candidate committee's name.
 - (3) When the candidate's name appears in the name search, click **Add Contributions** (listed to the right of the candidate's name).



c. Add/Edit Contribution to Candidate screen will be displayed. Enter the information that applies in the open fields.



- (1) Date entry is always mm/dd/yyyy
- (2) Check No. Optional
- (3) Amount Do not enter dollar signs or commas (i.e., 1000 or 1000.50)
- (4) Non-Monetary Check this box if contribution is non-monetary

For each non-monetary contribution made to a candidate, you must enter an off-setting expenditure on Schedule B2, as well as an off-setting entry on Schedule C. This will off-set the double expenditure entries made in Schedules B1 and B2. This is very important!

(a) Under Category, **Select Value** or the category of the non-monetary contribution by clicking the down arrow.



- (b) Under **Description**, type in a description of the non-monetary contribution.
- d. Click Add which will then bring you back to List of Contributions to Candidates screen or click Add Another which will bring you to List of Candidate Committees from Candidate Filing System (CFS) screen to begin entering the next contribution.
- EDITING/DELETING A CONTRIBUTION To edit/delete a contribution, when you click on Schedule B1, a List of Contributions to Candidates screen will be displayed.
 - a. Click on the date the contribution was made that you want to edit/delete.
 - b. Add/Edit Contribution to Candidate screen will be displayed. Make the necessary changes.
 - c. Click **Submit**, which will bring you back to the List of Contributions to Candidates screen: or
 - d. Click **Delete**, then under Delete Record?, click **OK**.
 - e. List of Contributions to Candidates screen will be displayed.

Contributions filed online in a prior report will be locked which is indicated by a square box with a check mark. You will not be able to edit/delete these contributions unless you are in Amend Mode. See, Part X – Amend Mode in this Manual.

D. SCHEDULE B2 – EXPENDITURES MADE – All expenditures by the committee are entered under the vendor's name and must be reported on Schedule B2. Expenditures are anything of value including the purchase or transfer of money, a promise or agreement to purchase or transfer money, for the purpose of influencing the nomination for election, or election, of any candidate to office. However, when a noncandidate committee makes a contribution to a political party, the contribution is reported on Schedule B2.

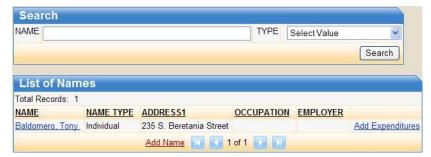
You do not need to wait until a filing deadline or until the end of a reporting period to begin entering expenditures.

- 1. **ADDING AN EXPENDITURE** To add an expenditure, when you click on **Schedule B2**, a List of Expenditures Made screen will be displayed.
 - a. Click **Add New** to enter an expenditure.

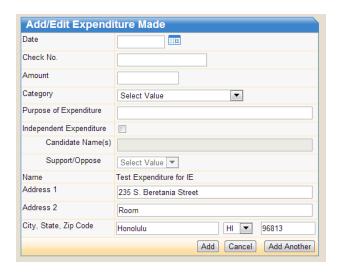


- b. List of Names will be displayed.
 - (1) You can use the **Search** field (need to type in all capital letters) to find names previously entered; or

 - (3) If the name appears in the name search, click **Add Expenditures** (listed to the right of the vendor's/political party's name).



c. Add/Edit Expenditure Made screen will be displayed. Enter the information that applies in the open fields.



- (1) Date entry is always mm/dd/yyyy
- (2) Check No. Optional
- (3) Amount Do not enter dollar signs or commas (i.e., 1000 or 1000.50)
- (4) Under Category, **Select Value** or the type of expenditure by clicking the down arrow.



- (5) Purpose of the Expenditure Type in the expenditure's purpose.
- (6) Independent Expenditure Check box if your committee is making an independent expenditure.
 - (a) Candidate Name(s) Enter the name(s) of the candidate(s) supported or opposed by the independent expenditure.
 - (b) Support/Oppose Select Value or whether the independent expenditure supports or opposes the candidate(s) by clicking the down arrow.
- d. Click Add which will bring you back to List of Expenditures Made screen or click Add Another which will bring you to the List of Names screen to begin entering the next expenditure.
- EDITING/DELETING AN EXPENDITURE To edit/delete an expenditure, when you click on Schedule B2, a List of Expenditures Made screen will be displayed.
 - a. Click on the date the expenditure was made or the date the contribution to a political party was made.
 - b. Add/Edit Expenditure Made screen will be displayed. Make the necessary changes.
 - c. Click **Submit**, which will bring you back to the List of Expenditures Made screen; or
 - d. Click **Delete**, the under Delete Record?, click **OK**.
 - e. List of Expenditures Made screen will be displayed.

Expenditures filed online in a prior report will be locked which is indicated by a square box with a check mark. You will not be able to edit/delete these expenditures unless you are in Amend Mode. See, Part X – Amend Mode in this Manual.

- **E. SCHEDULE C OTHER RECEIPTS** Other Receipts include interest, rebates, refunds, and sale of durable assets. In certain situations described below, a corresponding entry will be necessary on another schedule.
 - ADDING AN OTHER RECEIPT To enter an other receipt, when you click on Schedule C, a List of Other Receipts screen will be displayed.

a. Click Add New to enter an other receipt.



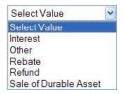
- b. List of Names screen will be displayed
 - (1) You can use the **Search** field (need to type in all capital letters) to find names previously entered; or
 - (2) If the name does not appear, click Add Name (see, Part VI Entering Campaign Finance Activity, Name Table in this Manual).
 - (3) If the name appears in the name search, click **Add Other Receipts** (listed to the right of the name).



c. Add/Edit Other Receipt screen will be displayed. Enter information that applies in the open fields.



- (1) Date entry is always mm/dd/yyyy
- (2) Deposit No. Optional
- (3) Amount Do not enter dollar signs or commas (i.e., 1000 or 1000.50)
- (4) Under Category, **Select Value** or the type of other receipt by clicking the down arrow.



- (5) Description Enter a description of the other receipt.
- d. Click **Add** which will bring you back to the List of Other Receipts screen.
- EDITING/DELETING AN OTHER RECEIPT To edit/delete an other receipt, when you click on Schedule C, a List of Other Receipts screen will be displayed.
 - a. Click on the date the other receipt was received.
 - b. Add/Edit Other Receipt screen will be displayed. Make the necessary changes.
 - c. Click **Submit**, which will bring you back to the List of Other Receipts screen; or
 - d. Click **Delete**, then under Delete Record?, click **OK**.
 - e. List of Other Receipts screen will be displayed.

Other Receipts filed online in a prior report will be locked which is indicated by a square box with a check mark. You will not be able to edit/delete these other receipts unless you are in Amend Mode. See, Part X – Amend Mode in this Manual.

3. SPECIFIC SITUATION REQUIRING A SPECIAL ENTRY ON SCHEDULE C

- a. Sale of Durable Asset
 - Enter purchase of a durable asset with campaign funds on Schedule F – Durable Assets <u>and</u> Schedule B2 – Expenditures Made; and

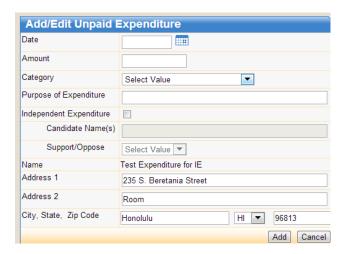
- (2) Upon the sale of the durable asset, enter the disposition of the Durable Asset on Schedule F and a corresponding entry on Schedule C – Other Receipts. Under Category, select Sale of Durable Asset.
- **F.** SCHEDULE D UNPAID EXPENDITURES Unpaid expenditures are services rendered or products delivered to the committee that has not been paid for yet. Example: Five cases of copy paper were delivered on April 1, 2016. An invoice for the paper was not received until June 1, 2016. This must be reported as an unpaid expenditure on April 1, 2016.
- Unpaid expenditures and paid unpaid expenditures are never reported on Schedule B2.
 - ADDING AN UNPAID EXPENDITURE To enter an unpaid expenditure, when you click on Schedule D, a List of Unpaid Expenditures screen will be displayed.
 - a. Click **Add New** to enter an unpaid expenditure.



- b. A List of Names screen will be displayed.
 - (1) You can use the **Search** field (need to type in all capital letters) to find names of vendors previously entered; or
 - (2) If the vendor's name does not appear, click **Add Name** (see, Part VI Entering Campaign Finance Activity, Name Table in this Manual).
 - (3) If the name appears in the name search, click **Add Unpaid Expenditures** (listed to the right of the vendor's name).



c. Add/Edit Unpaid Expenditure screen will be displayed. Enter the information that applies in the open fields.



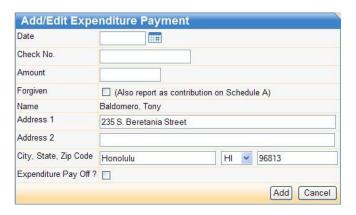
- (1) Date entry is always mm/dd/yyyy
- (2) Amount Do not enter dollar signs or commas (i.e., 1000 or 1000.50).
- (3) Under Category, **Select Value** or the type of unpaid expenditure by clicking the down arrow.



- (4) Purpose of the Unpaid Expenditure Type in the unpaid expenditure's purpose.
- (5) Independent Expenditure Check box if your committee is making an independent expenditure.
 - (a) Candidate Name(s) Enter the name(s) of the candidate(s) supported or opposed by the unpaid independent expenditure.
 - (b) Support/Oppose Select Value or whether the unpaid independent expenditure supports or opposes the candidate(s) by clicking the down arrow.
- d. Click **Add** which will bring you back to the List of Unpaid Expenditures screen.
- 2. <u>ENTERING A PAYMENT OR FORGIVING AN UNPAID EXPENDITURE</u>
 - To enter a payment or forgive an unpaid expenditure, when you click on Schedule D, a List of Unpaid Expenditures screen will be displayed.
 - a. Click **Add Payment** (listed to the right of vendor's name).



b. Add/Edit Expenditure Payment screen will be displayed. Enter the information that applies in the open fields.



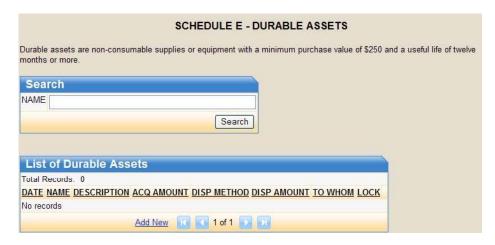
- (1) Date entry is always mm/dd/yyyy
- (2) Check No. Optional
- (3) Amount Do not enter dollar signs or commas (i.e., 1000 or 1000.50).
- (4) Check Forgiven box if the vendor is forgiving an unpaid expenditure. But, for each unpaid expenditure forgiven, you must enter an off-setting contribution for the same amount on Schedule A Contributions Received.
- (5) Check Expenditure Pay Off? box if the unpaid expenditure has been fully paid or forgiven
- c. Click **Add** which will then bring you back to the List of Unpaid Expenditures screen.



- 3. <u>EDITING/DELETING AN UNPAID EXPENDITURE</u> To edit/delete an unpaid expenditure, when you click on **Schedule D**, a List of Unpaid Expenditures screen will be displayed.
 - a. Click on the date the unpaid expenditure or expenditure payment was entered.
 - b. Add/Edit Unpaid Expenditure screen or Add/Edit Expenditure Payment screen will be displayed. Make the necessary changes.
 - c. Click **Submit**, which will bring you back to the List of Unpaid Expenditures screen; or
 - d. Click **Delete**, then under Delete Record?, click **OK**.
 - e. List of Unpaid Expenditures screen will be displayed.

Unpaid Expenditures filed online in a prior report will be locked which is indicated by a square box with a check mark. You will not be able to edit/delete these unpaid expenditures unless you are in Amend Mode. See, Part X – Amend Mode in this Manual. You may still add a payment or forgive an unpaid expenditure if the Add Payment link is displayed. Unpaid Expenditures not filed online in a report, but full/partial payment or full/partial forgiven was entered, cannot be deleted/edited unless you delete the payment/forgiven activity first.

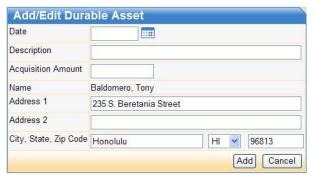
- **G.** SCHEDULE E DURABLE ASSETS Durable Assets are non-consumable supplies or equipment with a minimum purchase value of \$250 and a useful life of twelve months or more. Durable assets are automatically reported after the initial filing until the assets are sold, donated, er-disposed of, or traded-in. Each durable asset must also be reported on Schedule B2 Expenditures Made. If the item is sold, the proceeds from the sale are reported in Schedule C Other Receipts.
 - ADDING A DURABLE ASSET To enter a durable asset, when you click on Schedule E, a List of Durable Assets screen will be displayed.
 - a. Click **Add New** to enter a durable asset.



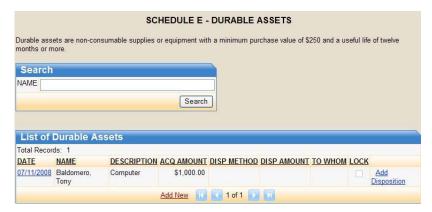
- b. List of Names screen will be displayed.
 - (1) You can use the **Search** field (need to type in all capital letters) to find names of vendors previously entered; or
 - (2) If the vendor's name does not appear, click **Add Name** (see, Part VI Entering Campaign Finance Activity, Name Table in this Manual).
 - (3) If the name appears in the Name Search, click **Add Durable Assets** (listed to the right of vendor's name).



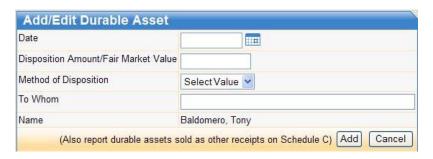
c. Add/Edit Durable Asset screen will be displayed. Enter the information that applies in the open fields.



- (1) Date entry is always mm/dd/yyyy
- (2) Description enter the description of the durable asset
- (3) Acquisition Amount Do not enter dollar signs or commas (i.e., 1000 or 1000.50).
- d. Click **Add** which will bring you back to the List of Durable Assets screen
- 2. **ENTERING THE DISPOSITION OF A DURABLE ASSET** To enter the disposition of the durable assets, when you click on **Schedule E**, a List of Durable Assets screen will be displayed.
 - a. Click **Add Disposition** (listed to the right of vendor's name).



b. Add/Edit Durable Asset screen will be displayed. Enter the information that applies in the open fields.



- (1) Date entry is always mm/dd/yyyy.
- (2) Disposition Amount/Fair Market Value Do not enter dollar signs or commas (i.e., 1000 or 1000.50). "Fair market value" is the value of the services or goods priced at the prevailing rate.
- (3) Under Method of Disposition, **Select Value** or the method by which the durable asset was disposed of by clicking the down arrow.



- (4) To Whom type in the name of the purchaser or organization the durable asset was donated or tranded-in to
- c. Click **Add** which will bring you back to the List of Durable Assets screen.

- 3. <u>EDITING/DELETING A DURABLE ASSET</u> To edit/delete a durable asset, when you click on **Schedule E**, a List of Durable Assets screen will be displayed.
 - a. Click on the date the durable asset or disposition method was entered.
 - b. Add/Edit Durable Asset screen will be displayed. Make the necessary changes.
 - c. Click **Submit**, which will then bring you back to the List of Durable Assets screen; or
 - d. Click **Delete**, then under Delete Record?, click **OK**.
 - e. List of Durable Assets screen will be displayed.

Durable Assets filed online in a prior report will be locked which is indicated by a square box with a check mark. You will not be able to edit/delete these durable assets unless you are in Amend Mode. See, Part X – Amend Mode in this Manual. You may still add a disposition entry if the Add Disposition link is displayed. You will not be able to delete a durable asset that has a disposition entry. You will need to delete the disposition entry first before you can delete the durable asset.

VII. PREVIEW/PRINT REPORT



The Preview/Print Report feature allows you to preview and print the Disclosure Report and the Special Report before filing it online in the NCFS. Previewing the disclosure report and special report provides you an opportunity to check your data for accuracy and completeness.

Before you can preview/print a report, you must add the appropriate reporting period to your reporting schedule. See, Part V - Reporting Schedules in this Manual.

A. <u>DISCLOSURE REPORT</u> – The disclosure report is a summary of the data in Schedules A – E for an applicable reporting period. To preview or print a disclosure report, when you click on **Disclosure Report**, the Select Reporting Period screen will be displayed.



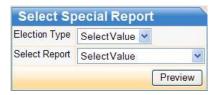
- 1. Under Reporting Period, **Select Value** or the applicable reporting period you want to preview/print by clicking the down arrow.
- 2. Select the Schedules/Disclosure Report you want to preview or print.
- 3. The Schedules/Disclosure Report will be displayed. You can then preview and print the report displayed.
- 4. If you notice any discrepancies, go back to the appropriate schedule to correct /revise your data prior to filing the report. See, Part VI – Entering Campaign Finance Activity in this Manual (and refer to the appropriate schedule on how to add/edit/delete an entry).
- To return to the Disclosure Report screen, click the back arrow on your browser.

Once a report is filed online in the NCFS, the report will not be available unless on the Reporting Period drop-down menu unless you are in Amend Mode. See, Part X – Amend Mode in this Manual.

B. SPECIAL REPORTS – Special Reports include:

(1) Late Contributions Report/Expenditures Report

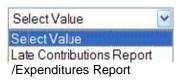
To preview or print this special report, when you click on **Special Report**, the Select Special Report screen will be displayed.



 Under Election Type, Select Value or the applicable election (i.e., Primary, General, or Special) you want to preview/print by clicking the down arrow.



2. Under Select Report, **Select Value** or the special report you want to preview/print by clicking the down arrow.



- 3. Click **Preview** and the selected special report will be displayed. You can then preview and print the special report displayed.
- 4. If you notice any discrepancies, go back to the appropriate schedule to correct /revise your data. See, Part VI – Entering Campaign Finance Activity in this Manual (and refer to the appropriate schedule on how to add/edit/delete an entry).
- To return to the Special Report screen, click the back arrow on your browser.

Late Contributions Report – The Late Contributions Report must be filed by committees that receive contributions aggregating more than \$500 from an individual and for contributions made to candidates that aggregate more than \$500 (per candidate) within the period of 14 calendar days through 4 calendar days prior to a primary, special primary, general, or special general election. The report is required to be electronically filed no later than 3 calendar days prior to the applicable election. Contributions listed on the Late Contributions Report will also be listed on an applicable Disclosure Report; however, the contribution data is only entered once.

Late Expenditures must be filed by Noncandidate Committees that make independent expenditures aggregating more than \$500 within the period of 14 calendar days through 4 calendar days prior to a primary, special primary, general, or special general election.

The name(s) of any candidate supported, opposed, or clearly identified by the expenditure must also be reported.

The report is required to be electronically filed no later than 3 calendar days prior to the applicable election. Contributions listed on the Late Expenditures Report will also be listed on an applicable Disclosure Report; however, the expenditure data is only entered once.

Noncandidate committees making only independent expenditures that receive a late aggregate contribution of more than \$5,000 from an entity other than an individual, forprofit business entity, or labor union must provide additional information:

- (1) The internet address where the contributing entity's disclosure report can be publicly accessed, if the source of the contributor's funds is subject to any state or federal disclosure reporting requirements;
- (2) The name, address, occupation, and employer of each funding source who contributed an aggregate amount of more than \$100 to the contributing entity; or
- (3) An acknowledgment that the contributing entity <u>is not</u> subject to any state or federal disclosure reporting requirements regarding the source of its funds.

VIII. VALIDATE REPORT



This feature in the NCFS permits you to correct errors before you file your disclosure report, and therefore, is designed to help you comply with campaign finance laws. We strongly advise that you use it as a prevention mechanism against campaign finance violations and potential fines. It is however optional and any warning resulting from using this tool does not prevent you from filing your report with the exception of Name Validation.

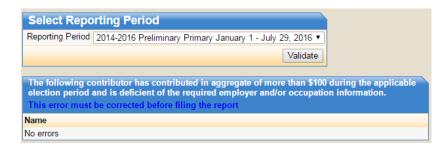
A. <u>NAME VALIDATION</u> - This feature checks for missing employer and occupation information for contributions received by an individual that aggregate more than \$100 during a noncandidate's two-year election period.



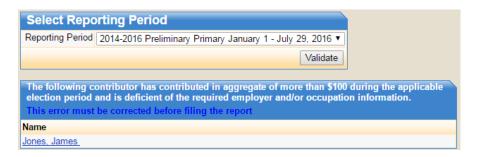
To activate this feature, when you click on **Name Validation**, the Select Reporting Period screen will be displayed.



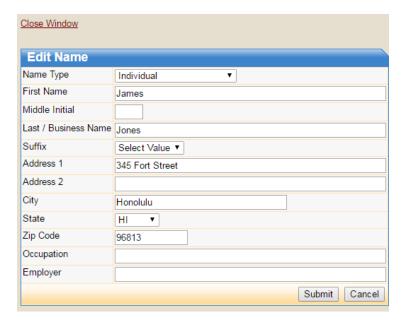
- 1. Under Reporting Period, **Select Value** or the applicable reporting period you want to validate by clicking the down arrow.
- 2. Click Validate
- Look under the Name heading
 - a. If there are no name validation errors, it will say "No errors"



b. If there are names listed under the Name heading, you will need to correct the errors notated.



- (1) Click on the person's name
- (2) Edit Name screen will be displayed. Enter the information that needs attention (in this case, occupation and employer information are required).



- (3) Click Submit
- (4) Click **Close Window** which will bring you back to the Select Reporting Period screen.
- (5) Repeat the above steps again (if necessary) until it will say "No errors."
- **B.** CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED LIMIT VALIDATION This feature checks to make sure that contributions received by a noncandidate committee have not been exceeded. Contribution limits depends on the kind of noncandidate committee that has registered with the Commission. The following list sets forth the statutory contribution limits:

1. Noncandidate Committee (Regular) - \$1,000 aggregate per primary election and \$1,000 aggregate per general election;



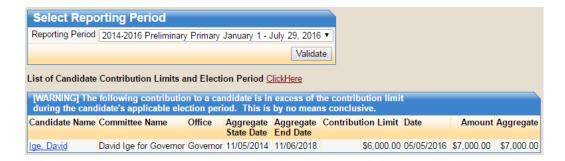
- Noncandidate Committee (Political Party) \$25,000 aggregate in a twoyear election period;
- 3. Noncandidate Committee (Ballot Issue Committee) Unlimited and not subject to any contribution limit; and
- 4. Noncandidate Committee (Independent Expenditure Committee) Unlimited and not subject to any contribution limit.

Accordingly, please disregard the contributions received limit validation warning if you are registered as a Political Party, Ballot Issue Committee or Independent Expenditure Committee.

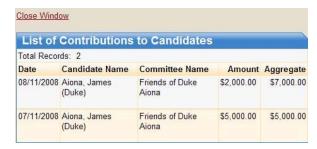
C. CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES LIMIT VALIDATION – This feature checks to make sure that contribution limits to candidates during an election period have not been exceeded, (i.e., \$2,000, \$4,000, or \$6,000 based on the office sought).

To activate this feature, when you click on **Contributions to Candidates Limit Validation**, the Select Reporting Period screen will be displayed.

- 1. Under Reporting Period, **Select Value** or the applicable reporting period you want to validate by clicking the down arrow.
- Click Validate
- 3. If there are warnings, click the name of the candidate to view the error



4. List of Contributions to Candidates screen will be displayed which will show the excess contribution.



An excess contribution is any contribution over the legal limit. If an excess contribution is returned within 7 days of receipt, the excess contribution is not required to be reported. If you miss the 7 day return, the excess contribution must be reported on the applicable disclosure report and returned to the original contributor within 30 days of receipt of the excess contribution. Any excess contribution not returned to the original contributor within 30 days shall escheat to the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund. Call the Commission at (808) 586-0285 for further information.

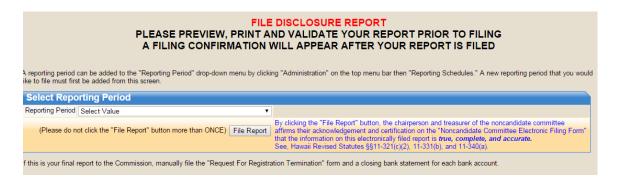
IX. FILE REPORT



Even if you enter all the relevant information in Schedules A – E, you still must electronically file your report with this function before the reporting deadline. Notably, you do not need to wait until the reporting deadline to file a report. You may file a report as soon as the reporting period ends. See, Part V – Reporting Schedules in this Manual.

Even if a committee has no activity to report for any applicable reporting period (e.g., received zero contributions or spent zero money) a disclosure report must be filed.

- A. <u>DISCLOSURE REPORT</u> The disclosure report is a summary of data in Schedules A E for an applicable reporting period. The Commission strongly recommends that you preview/print the report (see, Part VII Preview/Print Report in this Manual) <u>and</u> validate the report (see, Part VIII Validate Report in this Manual) <u>prior</u> to filing the report to make sure there are no errors.
 - FILING A REPORT To file a report, when you click on Disclosure Report, the Select Reporting Period screen will be displayed.



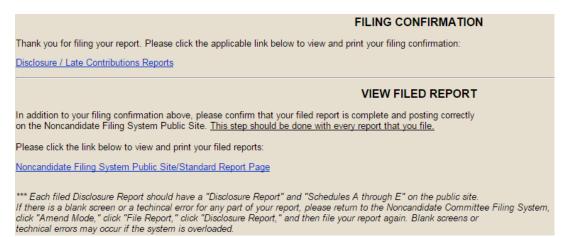
a. Under Reporting Period, **Select Value** or the applicable reporting period you want to file by clicking the down arrow.

Once a report is filed online in the NCFS, the applicable reporting period will no longer appear under this heading unless you are in Amend Mode.

- b. Click File Report once
- c. A pop-up box will appear letting you know that you are about to file a report. Click **OK**.



 A Filing Confirmation screen will be displayed which will indicate that you have filed your report. Do not close the Internet browser before receiving filing confirmation.



- 2. <u>VIEW AND PRINT REPORT</u> Even though a Filing Confirmation screen was displayed, the Commission strongly recommends that committees view their filed report to make certain that a complete report (i.e., Disclosure Report and Schedules A E) was filed with the correct reporting period. To view and print your report, under VIEW FILED REPORT, click on the link listed, or go to our website and click **Noncandidate Committees**.
 - a. Click View Reports and Fundraiser Notices
 - b. Click Noncandidate Committee Contribution and Expenditure Reports and Organizational Reports
 - c. Click Standard Report
 - d. Under Search, type in the name of the committee and click **Search**
 - e. Noncandidate Committee List will be displayed. Click on the committee's name.
 - f. List of Reports Filed screen will be displayed. Click **View Report** (listed to the right of the report's name).

g. If you see the complete report here (Disclosure and Schedules A – E), then it was successfully filed.

B. <u>SPECIAL REPORT</u> – Special Report includes:

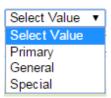
(1) Late Contributions/Expenditures Report

These reports are not required if late contributions are not received or if late contributions are not made to candidates <u>and</u> if late expenditures are not made.

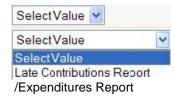
 FILING A SPECIAL REPORT – To file this special report mentioned above, when you click on Special Report, the File Special Report screen will be displayed.



a. Under Election Type, **Select Value** or the applicable election you want to file a Special Report for (i.e., Primary, General, or Special) by clicking the down arrow.



b. Under Select Report, **Select Value** or the applicable Special Report you want to file by clicking the down arrow.



- c. Click File Report once
- d. A pop-up box will appear letting you know that you are about to file a report. Click **OK**.



e. A Filing Confirmation screen will be displayed which will indicate that you have filed your Special Report. Do not close the Internet browser before receiving the filing confirmation.



- 2. <u>VIEW AND PRINT REPORT</u> Even though a Filing Confirmation screen was displayed, the Commission strongly recommends that committees view their filed Special Report to make certain that a complete Special Report was filed with the correct election. To view and print your report, under VIEW FILED REPORT, click on the link listed, or go to our website and click **Noncandidate Committees**.
 - a. Click View Reports and Fundraiser Notices
 - b. Click Noncandidate Committee Contribution and Expenditure Reports and Organizational Reports
 - c. Click Standard Report
 - d. Under Search, type in the name of the committee and click **Search**
 - e. Noncandidate Committee List will be displayed. Click on the committee's name.
 - f. List of Reports Filed screen will be displayed. Click **View Report** (listed to the right of the report's name).
 - g. If you see the Special Report here, then it was successfully filed.

X. AMEND MODE

When a report is electronically filed, data in Schedules A – E for that report is locked, and therefore, not accessible for correction or editing unless you are in Amend Mode.

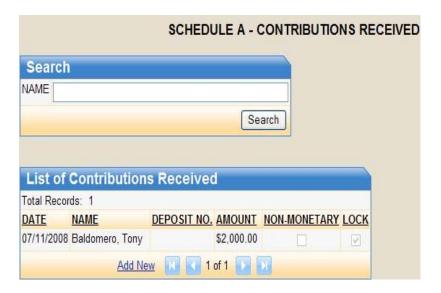
This function allows committees to: (1) Add, modify, or delete any transaction in a report that was previously filed; (2) Preview and print previously filed reports; and (3) File amended reports.

To activate this feature, when you click on **Amend Mode**, a red bar with the words "Amendment Mode" will appear under the menu headings. To get out of Amend Mode, click **Amend Mode** again.

An amended report must be filed if an earlier report contains reasonably erroneous information which does not conflict with the chairperson's and treasurer's certification that the original report filed was true, complete, and accurate.



When not in Amend Mode, the Date link is unclickable. You will not be able to edit any data entries.

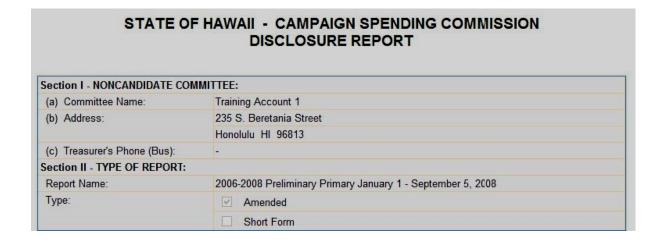


While in Amend Mode, the Date link is clickable. You can edit any data entries.



Make any necessary corrections in Schedules A – E, and refile a report again in **Amend Mode**.

Each report previously filed for a reporting period occurring after the amended report will also need to be refiled in **Amend Mode** if the amendment results in a change in the election period or cash on hand totals. If you refile a report in Amend Mode, a box will be automatically checked to show that you have amended a report(s).



XI. FILING CONFIRMATIONS



This feature allows you to view and print a list of reports (i.e., Disclosure/Late Contributions Reports) that your committee has previously filed electronically. To view and print your report, under **VIEW FILED REPORT**, click on the link listed.

FILING CONFIRMATION Thank you for filing your report. Please click the applicable link below to view and print your filing confirmation: Disclosure / Late Contributions Reports VIEW FILED REPORT In addition to your filing confirmation above, please confirm that your filed report is complete and posting correctly on the Noncandidate Filing System Public Site. This step should be done with every report that you file. Please click the link below to view and print your filed reports: Noncandidate Filing System Public Site/Standard Report Page *** Each filed Disclosure Report should have a "Disclosure Report" and "Schedules A through E" on the public site. If there is a blank screen or a techincal error for any part of your report, please return to the Noncandidate Committee Filing System, click "Amend Mode," click "File Report," click "Disclosure Report," and then file your report again. Blank screens or technical errors may occur if the system is overloaded.

If a report cannot be viewed/printed, you will see **No records** which means that the report(s) was not filed in the NCFS.

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This confirms that the following reports have been filed with the Campaign Spending Commission:

Report Name	Reporting Period	Reporting Deadline	Filing Date	Amended
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XII. EXPORT DATA



This feature allows data from the Name Table and Schedules A – E to be exported from the NCFS into an Excel format.

To activate, click the applicable data category you want to export (i.e., Name Table or Schedules A – E) and click **Export to Microsoft Excel**.



A pop-up box will appear asking if you want to open or save this file. Click **Open** to view the data in an Excel worksheet.



Click **Save** to save the data as an Excel file to your computer's hard drive.

