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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING CASH CONTRIBUTIONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the house of  
2 representatives adopted House Resolution No. 9, Regular Session  
3 of 2022, to establish the commission to improve standards of  
4 conduct. The resolution requests the commission ensure state  
5 laws and rules relating to standards of conduct of public  
6 officers and employees contain clear standards, enforcement, and  
7 penalties and provide recommendations to increase awareness of,  
8 compliance with, and deterrent effects of the code of ethics,  
9 lobbying laws, campaign finance laws, and other relevant laws  
10 and rules.

11           Pursuant to House Resolution No. 9, the commission to  
12 improve standards of conduct convened regularly throughout 2022  
13 to diligently review, discuss, and consider the issues  
14 presented, submitted an interim report to the house of  
15 representatives outlining areas of immediate and long-term  
16 focus, then continued its work with input from the public and



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1 invited individuals and agencies to issue a final report with  
2 various recommendations and accompanying proposed legislation.

3 The legislature also finds that the strength and stability  
4 of our democratic government rely upon the public's trust in  
5 government institutions, including the expectation that officers  
6 act ethically with prudence, integrity, and sound judgement.  
7 Therefore, an essential goal of the commission was to provide  
8 recommendations that would help restore public trust in state  
9 government and increase the level of transparency in its  
10 operations and accountability of individuals.

11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to implement  
12 recommendations of the commission to improve standards of  
13 conduct relating to campaign contributions by limiting the  
14 amount of cash contributions a candidate, candidate committee,  
15 or noncandidate committee can accept to one hundred dollars.

16 SECTION 2. Section 11-351, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

18 "(b) A candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate  
19 committee, shall not accept a contribution of more than \$100 in  
20 cash in the aggregate during an election period from a single  
21 person [~~without issuing~~] and shall issue a receipt to the



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1 contributor for each contribution and [~~keeping~~] keep a record of  
2 the contribution."

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

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Report Title:**

Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct; Campaign Spending;  
Cash Contributions

**Description:**

Limits the amount of cash contributions a candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate committee can accept in the aggregate in an election period to \$100. Requires receipts for each contribution.

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CISC - Campaign Spending Cash Contributions

