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Aloha Commissioners,

Below are a few recommendations that I wholeheartedly support and ask you to strongly consider:

1. Create a full-fledged system of public financing for all state and county elections in Hawai'i modeled after the system used in Maine. It is highly successful in evening the playing field in elections and reducing the dependence of candidates on special interest money.
2. Ban fundraisers and the solicitation or acceptance of campaign donations during the legislative session.
3. Limit candidate campaign war chests. This is done in Alaska where candidates can only carry forward a small portion of their campaign account from one election to the next. This law was upheld by the Alaska Supreme Court which noted that when a candidate who is unopposed raises money and squirrels it away for a future election, they are effectively circumventing donation limits for that future election.

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