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Dear Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct:

As a concerned citizen of Hawai'i and a kama'aina, I am concerned about the corruption and other forms of dishonesty in our government. At your meeting on June 29, '22, at 2 pm, please consider the following.

It is my hope that the CISC will embrace and recommend to the incoming 2023 legislature and to our new governor all FIVE of the following reforms:

***The full public funding for all State and County elections in Hawai'i.**

***Banning the solicitation or acceptance of campaign donations during the legislative session.**

***Reducing the cap on campaign donations** from from \$6,000, \$4,000 and \$2,000 to \$100, \$100, and \$100. Montana caps their maximum donation for state legislative races at \$180 per election.

***Banning contributions from corporations and unions** as 21 other states now do.

***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.

All 5 are important, but the reform that makes all other reforms possible is the public funding of elections. Ban and limit big-money special interests and replace it with public funds to be used to elect public servants beholden only to the public.

Sincerely,
Barbara Elm