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The power of money in our governing system is particularly horrific in Hawaii where so many working people are struggling to make ends meet and real estate developers and commercial property owners, most of whom are from out of state, have enormous profits to control election results and actions of our legislators.

How could any legislator not be responsive to those who were essentially paying to keep them in office?

No one can be unaffected by that pressure.

Moreover, so much time is wasted by legislators raising money to keep their positions. There's precious few hours in the week to understand and thoughtfully deal with the myriad of complex matters a legislator is intended to consider. Why waste time raising funds instead of doing the difficult investigation and analysis.

Please put forward a comprehensive publicly financed elections proposal that can only improve our system of democracy in Hawaii.

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