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Dear Commissioners,

I have been a resident of Hawai'i for 30 years and support public financing of campaigns. I have supported candidates running public financed campaigns at all levels although they have been few. I would like to see all candidates at all levels not corrupted by big and dark money.

My recommendations to further the goals of the Code of Ethics, lobbying laws, campaign finance laws, and other applicable laws and rules that will increase awareness of, compliance with, and deterrent effects of those laws and rules:

***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.

***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.

Mahalo nui for furthering ethics in Hawai'i,

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