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Dear Commission Members,

As a life-long, voting Hawaii resident, I ask you to please support the following revisions.

***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

Mahalo,
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