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Dear Commission Members,

Big donors (Corporations and wealthy individuals) are basically controlling our electoral system overall and specifically facilitating the “corruption” of those who succeed in our elections. The five suggested actions noted below are proposed your review and responsive action. Please evaluate them thoroughly and either approve them or provide logical feedback as to why they should not be.

***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.

Thank you, Dan Gardner

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