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June 20, 2007

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on June 20, 2007, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1130 HD1 SD1 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN  
SPENDING.  
(ACT 200)

Sincerely,

JAMES R. AIONA, JR.  
Acting Governor

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 20 2007

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to part XII, subpart B, to be  
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§11- Reporting deadline. When any reporting deadline  
5 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday designated in section  
6 8-1, the reporting deadline shall be the next succeeding day  
7 that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday."

8 SECTION 2. Section 11-191, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 1. By amending the definition of "contribution" to read as  
11 follows:

12 "'Contribution" [~~means~~]:

13 (1) Means:

14 (A) A gift, subscription, deposit of money or  
15 anything of value, or cancellation of a debt or  
16 legal obligation and includes the purchase of  
17 tickets to fundraisers for the purpose of:



- 1           ~~[(A)]~~ (i) Influencing the nomination for election, or  
2                                   election, of any person to office;
- 3           ~~[(B)]~~ (ii) Influencing the outcome of any question or  
4                                   issue that appears or is reasonably certain to  
5                                   appear on the ballot at the next applicable  
6                                   election described in ~~[subparagraph (A), or]~~  
7                                   clause (i); or
- 8           ~~[(C)]~~ (iii) Use by any party or committee for the purposes  
9                                   set out in ~~[subparagraph (A) or (B),]~~ clause  
10                                  (i) or (ii);
- 11          ~~[(2)]~~ (B) The payment, by any person, political party, or  
12                                   any other entity other than a candidate or  
13                                   committee, of compensation for the personal  
14                                   services or services of another person that are  
15                                   rendered to the candidate or committee without  
16                                   charge or at an unreasonably low charge for the  
17                                   purposes set out in ~~[paragraph (1) (A), (1) (B), or~~  
18                                   ~~(1) (C),]~~ subparagraph (A); or
- 19          ~~[(3)]~~ (C) A contract, promise, or agreement to make a  
20                                   contribution; provided that notwithstanding this  
21                                   ~~[paragraph and paragraphs (1) and (2),]~~  
22                                   subparagraph and subparagraphs (A) and (B), the



1 term "contributions" shall not include services  
2 or portions thereof voluntarily provided without  
3 reasonable compensation by individuals to or in  
4 behalf of a candidate or committee~~[, or]~~.

5 ~~[(4)]~~ Notwithstanding ~~[paragraphs (1), (2), and (3),~~

6 subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), a candidate's  
7 expenditure of the candidate's own funds or the making  
8 of a loan or advance in the pursuit of the candidate's  
9 campaign shall not be a contribution for the purpose  
10 of this subpart but shall nevertheless be reportable  
11 as a campaign receipt~~[-]~~;

12 (2) Does not include an individual or committee engaging  
13 in Internet activities for the purpose of influencing  
14 an election if:

15 (A) The individual or committee is uncompensated for  
16 the Internet activities; or

17 (B) The individual or committee uses equipment or  
18 services for uncompensated Internet activities,  
19 regardless of who owns the equipment and  
20 services.

21 For purposes of this exclusion, "Internet activities"  
22 includes sending or forwarding electronic messages;



1 providing a hyperlink or other direct access to  
2 another person's website; blogging; creating,  
3 maintaining, or hosting a website; paying a nominal  
4 fee for the use of another person's website; and any  
5 other form of communication distributed over the  
6 Internet.

7 For purposes of this paragraph, "equipment and  
8 services" includes computers, software, Internet  
9 domain names, Internet service providers, and any  
10 other technology that is used to provide access to or  
11 use of the Internet.

12 This paragraph does not apply to any payment for an  
13 advertisement other than a nominal fee; the purchase  
14 or rental of an e-mail address list made the direction  
15 of a committee; or an e-mail address list that is  
16 transferred to a committee."

17 2. By amending the definition of "expenditure" to read as  
18 follows:

19 ""Expenditure" [~~means~~]:

20 (1) Means:

21 (A) Any purchase or transfer of money or anything of  
22 value, or promise or agreement to purchase or



1 transfer money or anything of value, or payment  
2 incurred or made, or the use or consumption of a  
3 nonmonetary contribution for the purpose of:

4 ~~[(A)]~~ (i) Influencing the nomination for election, or  
5 election, of any person seeking nomination  
6 for election, or election, to office whether  
7 or not the person has filed the person's  
8 nomination paper;

9 ~~[(B)]~~ (ii) Influencing the outcome of any question or  
10 issue that has been certified to appear on  
11 the ballot at the next applicable election;  
12 or

13 ~~[(C)]~~ (iii) Use by any party or committee for the  
14 purposes set out in ~~[subparagraph (A) or~~  
15 ~~(B)]~~ clause (i) or (ii);

16 ~~[(2)]~~ (B) The payment, by any person other than a candidate  
17 or committee, of compensation for the personal  
18 services of another person that are rendered to  
19 the candidate or committee for any of the  
20 purposes mentioned in ~~[paragraph (1)]~~  
21 subparagraph (A); or



1       ~~[(3)]~~ (C) The expenditure by a candidate of the candidate's  
2                               own funds for the purposes set out in paragraph  
3                               (1).

4       ~~[(4)]~~ The term does not include volunteer personal services  
5                               and voter registration efforts that are not partisan.

6       (2) Does not include an individual or committee engaging  
7                               in Internet activities for the purpose of influencing  
8                               an election if:

9               (A) The individual or committee is uncompensated for  
10                              Internet activities; or

11              (B) The individual or committee uses equipment or  
12                              services for uncompensated Internet activities,  
13                              regardless of who owns the equipment and  
14                              services.

15              For purposes of this paragraph, "Internet activities"  
16                              includes sending or forwarding electronic messages;  
17                              providing a hyperlink or other direct access to  
18                              another person's website; blogging; creating,  
19                              maintaining, or hosting a website ;paying a nominal  
20                              fee for the use of another person's website; and any  
21                              other form of communication distributed over the  
22                              Internet.



1           For purposes of this paragraph, "equipment and  
2           services" includes computers, software, Internet  
3           domain names, Internet service providers, and any  
4           other technology that is used to provide access to or  
5           use of the Internet.

6           This paragraph does not apply to any payment for an  
7           advertisement other than a nominal fee; the purchase  
8           or rental of an e-mail address list made at the  
9           direction of a committee; or an e-mail address list  
10          that is transferred to a committee."

11           SECTION 3. Section 11-194, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13           "**§11-194 Registration.** (a) Each candidate~~[r]~~ or  
14 noncandidate committee~~[, or party]~~ shall ~~[file]~~ register with  
15 the commission by filing an organizational report as set forth  
16 in section 11-196 or 11-196.5 as applicable.

17           ~~[(b) Committees that form within ten days of any election~~  
18 ~~and expend in the aggregate more than \$1,000 for the election~~  
19 ~~shall register and fully disclose the expenditure by 4:30 p.m.~~  
20 ~~on the last calendar day prior to the expenditure.~~





1       ~~(e)~~ (b) Each candidate ~~[who files nomination papers for~~  
2 ~~office with the chief election officer or county clerk]~~ shall  
3 file an organizational report within ten days of:

- 4       (1) Filing the nomination papers for office; or
- 5       (2) The date the candidate or candidate's committee
- 6             receives contributions or makes expenditures that
- 7             amount to more than \$100 in the aggregate during the
- 8             applicable election period~~[-]~~, whichever occurs first.

9       ~~(d)~~ (c) An elected official who is seeking ~~[re-election]~~  
10 reelection to the same office in successive elections shall not  
11 be required to file an organizational report under this section  
12 unless the candidate is required to report a change in  
13 information pursuant to section 11-196(b); provided that the  
14 candidate has not sought election to any other office during the  
15 period between elections.

16       ~~(e)~~ (d) A noncandidate committee shall file an  
17 organizational report within ten days of receiving contributions  
18 or making expenditures that amount to more than \$1,000, in the  
19 aggregate, in a two-year election period~~[-]~~; except that within  
20 the thirty day period prior to an election, a noncandidate  
21 committee shall file an organizational report within two days of  
22 receiving contributions or making expenditures that amount to

1 more than \$1,000, in the aggregate, in a two-year election  
2 period."

3 SECTION 4. Section 11-195, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

5 "(f) For purposes of this subpart, whenever a report is  
6 required to be filed with the commission, "filed" means received  
7 in the office of the commission or county clerk, whichever is  
8 applicable, by the date and time specified for the filing of the  
9 report; except that a noncandidate committee required to be  
10 registered with the commission pursuant to section 11-194(d),  
11 and a candidate or the committee of a candidate who is seeking  
12 election to the:

- 13 (1) Office of governor;
- 14 (2) Office of lieutenant governor;
- 15 (3) Office of mayor;
- 16 (4) Office of prosecuting attorney;
- 17 (5) County council;
- 18 (6) Senate;
- 19 (7) House of representatives; [~~or~~]
- 20 (8) Office of Hawaiian affairs[~~r~~]; or
- 21 (9) Board of education,



1 shall file by electronic means in the manner prescribed by the  
2 commission. [~~Candidates for the offices named in this~~  
3 ~~subsection with contributions or expenditures of less than~~  
4 ~~\$5,000 need not file by electronic means. A candidate or~~  
5 ~~candidate committee without access to a computer or the Internet~~  
6 ~~may request a waiver from electronic filing from the~~  
7 ~~commission.]"~~

8 SECTION 5. Section 11-203, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "**§11-203 Fundraisers and fundraising activities.** (a) As  
11 used in this section, "fundraiser" means any function held for  
12 the benefit of a person that is intended or designed, directly  
13 or indirectly, to raise funds for political purposes for which  
14 the price or suggested contribution for attending the function  
15 is more than \$25 per person.

16 [~~(b) There shall be no more than two fundraisers held for~~  
17 ~~a person prior to a general or special election in which that~~  
18 ~~person is either elected or defeated.~~

19 ~~(c)]~~ (b) No fundraiser or fundraising activity shall be  
20 held unless a notice of intent to hold the function is filed by  
21 the person in charge of the function with the commission prior  
22 to the date of the function setting forth the name and address



1 of the person in charge, the price per person, the date, hour,  
2 and place of the affair and the method thereof.

3 ~~[(d) Fundraisers sponsored by a candidate for a statewide~~  
4 ~~office are exempt from the \$25 limit of subsection (a) and the~~  
5 ~~restrictions of subsection (b), and fundraisers sponsored by a~~  
6 ~~party for a political purpose for the general benefit of the~~  
7 ~~party are exempt from the restrictions of subsection (b).]~~"

8 SECTION 6. Section 11-204.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "[+]§11-204.5[+] **Limit on contributions from nonresident**  
11 **individuals and persons.** Contributions from ~~[any individual or~~  
12 ~~any person as defined in section 11-191,]~~ all persons, except  
13 for a member of the candidate's immediate family, who ~~[is]~~ are  
14 not ~~[a resident]~~ residents of the State at the time the  
15 contributions are made, including a noncandidate committee  
16 organized under the laws of another state and whose participants  
17 are not residents of the State, shall not exceed twenty per cent  
18 of the total contributions received by a candidate or  
19 candidate's committee for each reporting period."

20 SECTION 7. Section 11-207.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
21 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

1           "(a) Each candidate, candidate's committee, or committee,  
2 that within the period of [~~fifteen~~] fourteen calendar days  
3 through four calendar days prior to a primary, special primary,  
4 general, or special general election, makes contributions  
5 aggregating more than \$500, or receives contributions from any  
6 person or entity aggregating more than \$500, shall file a report  
7 with the commission or appropriate county clerk's office on  
8 forms provided by the commission, no later than 4:30 p.m., three  
9 calendar days prior to the election."

10           SECTION 8. Section 11-212, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

12           "(a) (1) The candidate committee of each candidate whose name  
13 will appear on the ballot in the immediately  
14 succeeding election shall file a preliminary report  
15 with the commission or appropriate county clerk's  
16 office. Preliminary reports shall be filed on forms  
17 provided by the commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on  
18 the following dates:

19           (A) July [~~thirtieth~~] thirty-first of the year of the  
20 primary election;

21           (B) Ten calendar days prior to each primary and  
22 initial special election; and



1 (C) Ten calendar days prior to a special or general  
2 election.

3 (2) Each report shall be certified pursuant to section 11-  
4 195 and shall contain the following information which  
5 shall be current through [~~the thirtieth calendar day~~]  
6 June 30 prior to the filing of the report filed on the  
7 [~~thirtieth~~] thirty-first of July and fifth calendar  
8 day prior to the filing of other preliminary reports:

9 (A) The aggregate sum of all contributions and other  
10 campaign receipts received;

11 (B) The amount and date of deposit of the  
12 contribution and the name and address of each  
13 donor who contributes an aggregate of more than  
14 \$100 during an election period, which has not  
15 previously been reported; provided that if all  
16 the information is not on file, the contribution  
17 shall be returned to the donor within thirty days  
18 of deposit;

19 (C) The amount and date of deposit of each  
20 contribution and the name, address, employer, and  
21 occupation of each donor who contributes an  
22 aggregate of \$1,000 or more during an election

1 period, which has not previously been reported;  
2 provided that if all the information is not on  
3 file, the contribution shall be returned to the  
4 donor within thirty days of deposit;

5 (D) All expenditures made, incurred, or authorized by  
6 or for a candidate, including the name and  
7 address of each payee and the amount, date, and  
8 purpose of each expenditure; and

9 (E) A current statement of the balance on hand or  
10 deficit."

11 SECTION 9. Section 11-213, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by amending subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

13 "(f) Deficit. In the event of a deficit the candidate,  
14 authorized person in the case of a party, or campaign treasurer  
15 in the case of a committee shall, every six months until the  
16 deficit is eliminated, file supplemental reports covering all  
17 items prescribed in subsection (a) or subsection (b) in the case  
18 of noncandidate committees. The first report shall be due no  
19 later than 4:30 p.m. on the [~~thirtieth~~] thirty-first day after  
20 the last day of the election year.



1 (g) Surplus. In the event of a surplus the candidate,  
2 authorized person in the case of a party, or campaign treasurer  
3 in the case of a committee, shall:

4 (1) Maintain the cash surplus in a financial depository;  
5 and

6 (2) Every six months, until the candidate files to be on  
7 the ballot with the state office of elections, or in  
8 the case of a party or committee until they  
9 participate in an election again, file supplemental  
10 reports detailing all items prescribed in subsection  
11 (a) or in the case of a noncandidate committee until  
12 they participate in an election again, or file  
13 supplemental reports detailing all items prescribed in  
14 subsection (b).

15 The first report shall be due not later than 4:30 p.m. on  
16 the [~~thirtieth~~] thirty-first calendar day after the last day of  
17 the election year."

18 SECTION 10. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 11. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
21 provided that section 4 shall apply to reporting periods  
22 beginning on January 1, 2008.





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APPROVED this 20 day of JUN , 2007

  
Acting GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

JAMES R. AIONA JR.