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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 11-200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§11-200 Campaign contributions; restrictions against**  
4 **transfer.** (a) A candidate, campaign treasurer, or candidate's  
5 committee shall not receive any contributions or receive or make  
6 any transfer of money or anything of value:

7           (1) For any purpose other than that directly related:

8           (A) In the case of the candidate, to the candidate's  
9           own campaign; or

10           (B) In the case of a campaign treasurer or  
11           candidate's committee, to the campaign of the  
12           candidate, question, or issue with which they are  
13           directly associated; or

14           (2) To support the campaigns of candidates other than the  
15           candidate for whom the funds were collected or with  
16           whom the campaign treasurer or candidate's committee  
17           is directly associated; or



1           (3) To campaign against any other candidate not directly  
2           opposing the candidate for whom the funds were  
3           collected or with whom the campaign treasurer or  
4           candidate's committee is directly associated.

5           (b) Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding,  
6 a candidate, campaign treasurer, or candidate's committee, as a  
7 contribution:

8           (1) May purchase from its campaign fund not more than two  
9           tickets for each event held by another candidate,  
10          committee, or party whether or not the event  
11          constitutes a fundraiser as defined in section 11-203;

12          (2) May use campaign funds for any ordinary and necessary  
13          expenses incurred in connection with the candidate's  
14          duties as a holder of an elected state or county  
15          office, as the term is used in section 11-206(c); and

16          (3) May make contributions from its campaign fund to any  
17          community service, educational, youth, recreational,  
18          charitable, scientific, or literary organization;  
19          provided that in any election cycle, the total amount  
20          of all contributions from campaign funds and surplus  
21          funds shall be no more than the maximum amount that  
22          one person or other entity may contribute to that



1 candidate pursuant to section 11-204(a); provided  
2 further that no contributions from campaign funds  
3 shall be made from the date the candidate files  
4 nomination papers to the date of the general election.

5 (c) Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding,  
6 contributions shall be used for the office sought by the  
7 candidate at the time the contribution is received and shall not  
8 be used by the candidate in an election for another state or  
9 county office without the contributor's written consent.

10 [~~e~~] (d) This section shall not be construed to prohibit  
11 a party from supporting more than one candidate.

12 [~~d~~] (e) This section shall not be construed to prohibit  
13 a candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor  
14 from supporting a co-candidate in the general election.

15 [~~e~~] (f) This section shall not be construed to prohibit  
16 a candidate from making contributions to the candidate's party  
17 so long as that contribution is not earmarked for another  
18 candidate."

19 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
20 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
21 begun, before its effective date.



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1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**BY REQUEST:**

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**Report Title:**

Campaign Spending; Contributions; Limits to Use

**Description:**

Prohibits, without the contributor's written consent, contributions to be used for any purpose, including for an election for another state or county office, other than for the office sought by the candidate at the time the contribution is received.

