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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. Section 11-204, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended as follows:

3           1. By amending subsections (a), (b), and (c) to read:

4           "(a)   (1) No person or any other entity shall make  
5                   contributions to:

6                   (A) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a  
7                       two-year office or to the candidate's committee  
8                       in an aggregate amount greater than [~~\$2,000~~]  
9                       \$1,000 during an election period;

10                  (B) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a  
11                       four-year statewide office or to the candidate's  
12                       committee in an aggregate amount greater than  
13                       [~~\$6,000~~] \$3,000 during an election period; and

14                  (C) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a  
15                       four-year nonstatewide office or to the  
16                       candidate's committee in an aggregate amount



1 greater than [~~\$4,000~~] \$2,000 during an election  
2 period.

3 These limits shall not apply to a loan made to a  
4 candidate by a financial institution in the ordinary  
5 course of business;

6 (2) For purposes of this section, the length of term of an  
7 office shall be the usual length of term of the office  
8 as unaffected by reapportionment, a special election  
9 to fill a vacancy, or any other factor causing the  
10 term of the office the candidate is seeking to be less  
11 than the usual length of term of that office.

12 (b) No person or any other entity shall make contributions  
13 to a noncandidate committee, in an aggregate amount greater than  
14 [~~\$1,000~~] \$500 in an election.

15 (c) A candidate's immediate family, in making  
16 contributions to the candidate's campaign, shall be exempt from  
17 the above limitation, but shall be limited in the aggregate to  
18 [~~\$50,000~~] \$25,000 in any election period. The aggregate amount  
19 of [~~\$50,000~~] \$25,000 shall include any loans made for campaign  
20 purposes to the candidate from the candidate's immediate  
21 family."

22 2. By amending subsection (j) to read:



1 (j) No person or any other entity other than political  
2 committees established and maintained by a national political  
3 party shall make contributions to a political party in an  
4 aggregate amount greater than [~~\$25,000~~] \$12,500 in any two-year  
5 election period. No political committee established and  
6 maintained by a national political party, shall make  
7 contributions to a political party in an aggregate amount  
8 greater than [~~\$50,000~~] \$25,000 in any two-year election period."

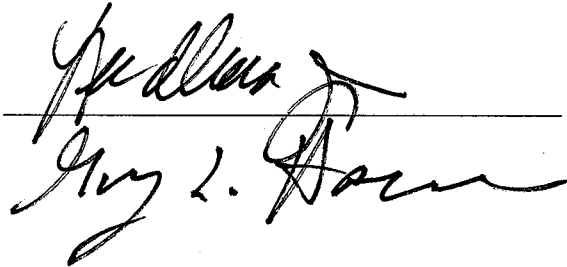
9 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
10 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
11 begun before its effective date.

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2011.

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INTRODUCED BY:

  
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**Report Title:**

Campaign Contributions; Limits

**Description:**

Reduces the maximum campaign contribution amount for all individuals and organizations by 50%.

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