
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING.

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

1 SECTION 1. There is established a public funding program
2 for elections to the state senate and house of representatives,
3 to begin with the 2016 election.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
5 by adding a new subpart to part XIII to be appropriately
6 designated and to read as follows:

7 " . COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC FUNDING FOR ELECTIONS TO THE
8 HAWAII SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 **§11-A Definitions.** Except for terms that are specifically
10 defined in this subpart, terms that are defined under section
11 11-302 shall apply to this subpart. When used in this subpart,
12 unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

13 "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination for
14 election or seeks election to the Hawaii senate or Hawaii house
15 of representatives, and who meets the criteria of section 11-C.

16 "Candidate's committee" means a candidate committee, as
17 defined in section 11-302, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which makes
18 an expenditure or accepts a contribution on behalf of a



1 candidate for nomination for election to the Hawaii senate or
2 Hawaii house of representatives, with the candidate's
3 authorization. A candidate shall have only one authorized
4 candidate's committee.

5 "Certification for public funding" means the decision by
6 the commission that a candidate is certified to receive public
7 funding in accordance with this subpart.

8 "Certified candidate" or "publicly funded candidate" means
9 a candidate who is certified by the commission as eligible for
10 public funding under this subpart and who agrees to abide by the
11 requirements of this subpart.

12 "Commission" means the campaign spending commission.

13 "Contested election" means, in a primary election, the
14 certified candidate is opposed by one or more candidates for the
15 nomination; and, in a general election, the certified candidate
16 is opposed by one or more candidates for election to the office.

17 "Declaration of intent to seek public funding" means the
18 form completed by a candidate seeking public funding and the
19 filing of which triggers the candidate's ability to begin
20 collecting qualifying names and contributions.

21 "District" means the respective senatorial or
22 representative district from which the candidate seeks election.



1 "Excess expenditure" means the amount of public funds spent
2 or obligated to be spent by a publicly funded candidate in
3 excess of one hundred per cent of the allocated funds for a
4 primary election, general election, or both.

5 "General election campaign period" means the period
6 beginning the day after the primary election and ending on
7 general election day.

8 "General election year" means the period commencing January
9 1 of an even-numbered year in which a general election is held
10 and ending on the general election day.

11 "Nonmonetary contribution" means a contribution other than
12 of money that may include goods or services.

13 "Primary election campaign period" means the period in a
14 primary election year beginning with the certification for
15 public funding under this subpart and ending on the primary
16 election day.

17 "Public funding" or "public funds" means campaign funds
18 from the Hawaii election campaign fund under section 11-421,
19 received by an eligible candidate pursuant to this subpart.

20 "Qualifying contribution" means a monetary contribution
21 made in the form of a check or a money order, accompanied by a
22 signed receipt which confirms that the contributor purchased the



1 money order, payable to the Hawaii election campaign fund for
2 purposes of meeting the criteria of section E.

3 "Qualifying period" means the period beginning December 1
4 in the year prior to the general election year and ending on the
5 deadline for filing candidate nomination papers during which a
6 candidate may collect qualifying names and qualifying
7 contributions to qualify for public funding under this subpart;
8 provided the commission has determined pursuant to section 11-P
9 that the Hawaii election campaign fund has sufficient funds to
10 make payments to publicly funded candidates during the election
11 period.

12 "Seed money" means contributions made to a candidate by an
13 individual in accordance with section 11-D that shall be
14 expended for the purpose of determining campaign viability.

15 "Surplus campaign funds" means any campaign contributions not
16 spent during a prior election period by a candidate who
17 previously sought election as a privately funded candidate.

18 **§11-B Applicability.** This subpart shall apply to
19 elections for the offices of state senator and state
20 representative.

21 **§11-C Qualifications for public funding for state senate**
22 **and representative candidates.** (a) A candidate may seek public



1 funding for the primary election campaign period if the
2 candidate:

3 (1) Resides in the district from which election is sought
4 as of the date of the filing of nomination papers for
5 the primary election in the general election year in
6 which the candidate seeks to be nominated or elected;

7 (2) Is a registered voter in the district from which
8 election is sought;

9 (3) Files a declaration of intent to seek public funding
10 with the commission between December 1 of the year
11 prior to the election year and thirty days before the
12 closing date to file nomination papers to run for
13 office for which the candidate intends to seek
14 election;

15 (4) Collects qualifying names and contributions in
16 accordance with section 11-E;

17 (5) Accepts only the following contributions prior to
18 applying for certification as a publicly funded
19 candidate:

20 (A) Seed money contributions until the candidate
21 files a declaration of intent to seek public
22 funding; and



1 (B) Qualifying contributions that may be accepted
2 only after filing the declaration of intent to
3 seek public funding; and

4 (6) Files an application for certification for public
5 funding with the commission.

6 (b) A candidate is qualified to seek public funding for
7 the general election campaign period if the candidate:

8 (1) Was certified as a publicly funded candidate during
9 the primary election campaign period immediately
10 preceding the general election in which the funds
11 under this subpart are provided; and

12 (2) Received a sufficient number of votes to appear on the
13 ballot in the general election or is otherwise
14 certified by the county clerk to be placed on the
15 ballot in the general election.

16 **§11-D Seed money contributions; limitations on use of seed**
17 **money; penalties.** (a) The use of seed money shall be limited
18 to expenditures necessary to determine whether sufficient
19 support exists for a candidate to run for office as a publicly
20 funded candidate.

21 (b) The amount of seed money received or expended, or
22 both, by a candidate seeking eligibility for public funding for



1 a state senate or representative seat shall not exceed \$3,000,
2 which shall include any personal funds, surplus campaign funds,
3 or contributions received from individuals in an aggregate
4 amount no greater than \$250 each that the candidate may choose
5 to use.

6 (c) A candidate seeking eligibility for public funding
7 shall not accept contributions of seed money from any individual
8 whose contributions are prohibited under subpart E of part XIII
9 of chapter 11. All contributors whose seed money has been
10 accepted shall be issued a receipt by the candidate.

11 (d) Seed money shall not be collected after the candidate
12 has filed the declaration of intent to seek public funding,
13 which must be filed no later than thirty days before the closing
14 date to file nomination papers to run for office for which the
15 candidate intends to seek election. The candidate may spend
16 seed money only until the candidate is certified by the
17 commission as a publicly funded candidate or the closing date to
18 file nomination papers to run for office for which the candidate
19 intends to seek election, whichever occurs first.

20 (e) Any unspent seed money shall be deducted from the
21 amount of public funding provided to the certified candidate if



1 the certified candidate does not donate the unspent seed money
2 to the Hawaii election campaign fund.

3 (f) A certified candidate who has surplus campaign funds
4 from a previous election is prohibited from using those funds
5 for anything other than seed money pursuant to this section and
6 in-office constituent communications pursuant to section 11-J.
7 The surplus campaign funds shall be frozen and maintained in a
8 separate depository account from that established for the public
9 funds under section L. The candidate shall continue to file
10 reports on the surplus campaign funds in accordance with subpart
11 E of part XIII of chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or as
12 otherwise may be required by the commission.

13 **§11-E Application for public funds; qualifying names;**
14 **qualifying contributions.** (a) Candidates seeking certification
15 for public financing for the office of state senator shall
16 submit an application for certification that contains at least
17 four hundred printed qualifying names with addresses and
18 signatures, of which at least thirty will be accompanied by a
19 qualifying contribution of \$100, in the same name.

20 (b) Candidates seeking certification for public financing
21 for the office of state representative shall submit an
22 application for certification that contains at least two hundred



1 printed qualifying names with addresses and signatures, of which
2 at least fifteen will be accompanied by a qualifying
3 contribution of \$100, in the same name.

4 (c) To be counted as a qualifying name, with or without
5 accompanying qualifying contribution, the name shall be from an
6 individual who is a registered voter who resides within the
7 respective senatorial or representative district from which the
8 candidate seeks nomination or election at the time the
9 contribution is given. The individual must not be given
10 anything of value in exchange for the qualifying contribution.

11 (d) No qualifying names, with or without accompanying
12 qualifying contribution, shall be collected prior to a candidate
13 filing a declaration of intent to seek public funding with the
14 commission.

15 (e) Any receipt for a qualifying contribution shall be
16 made in a form that may be prescribed by the commission.

17 (f) All qualifying contributions collected by candidates,
18 whether or not the candidate is certified, shall be deposited
19 into the Hawaii election campaign fund.

20 (g) The application for certification shall be submitted
21 to the commission no later than thirty days prior to the primary
22 election and be signed by the candidate and the candidate's



1 campaign treasurer under penalty of perjury. The application
2 shall contain any other information deemed necessary and
3 appropriate by the commission.

4 **§11-F Certification of qualification for public funds.**

5 (a) The commission, in coordination with the clerk for the
6 county that includes the district from which election is sought,
7 shall verify that at least the minimum required signatures and
8 qualifying contributions were received from registered voters in
9 the district from which the candidate seeks office, that the
10 candidate resides in the district from which election is sought
11 as of the date of the filing of nomination papers, and that the
12 candidate is a registered voter in the district from which
13 election is sought. The clerk for the county that includes the
14 district from which election is sought shall provide to the
15 commission information needed to make the verification,
16 including the names, addresses, and signatures of registered
17 voters in that district.

18 (b) The commission shall issue a decision to certify or
19 deny certification of a candidate as a publicly funded candidate
20 within ten business days following receipt of the candidate's
21 completed application for certification for the receipt of
22 public funds.



1 (c) After a candidate is certified, the candidate's
2 certification shall apply to both the primary and the general
3 elections.

4 (d) Initial certification and all determinations by the
5 commission under this section are final and conclusive, except
6 to the extent they are subject to examination and audit by the
7 commission under section 11-434.

8 **§11-G Public funds to be distributed to qualifying**
9 **candidate.** (a) Each qualifying candidate for the office of
10 state senator shall receive the following public funds:

11 (1) The total amount of expenditures of winners statewide
12 for the office of state senator in the previous
13 election period, less the sum of the expenditures of
14 the three winners statewide for the office of state
15 senator with the highest amounts of expenditures and
16 the expenditures of the three winners statewide for
17 the office of state senator with the lowest amounts of
18 expenditures in the respective election in the
19 previous election period, divided into; and

20 (2) The total number of persons who won statewide for the
21 office of state senator in the respective election in
22 the previous election period, less six persons.



1 (b) Each qualifying candidate for the office of state
2 representative shall receive the following public funds:

3 (1) The total amount of expenditures of winners statewide
4 for the office of state representative in the previous
5 election period, less the sum of the expenditures of
6 the three winners statewide for the office of state
7 representative with the highest amounts of
8 expenditures and the expenditures of the three winners
9 statewide for the office of state representative with
10 the lowest amounts of expenditures in the respective
11 election in the previous election period, divided
12 into; and

13 (2) The total number of persons who won statewide for the
14 office of state representative in the respective
15 election in the previous election period, less six
16 persons.

17 (c) Upon the commission's approval of the application and
18 statement of qualifying contributions, the commission shall
19 direct the comptroller to distribute the public funds allowed by
20 this subsection by check or, when possible, by an automatic
21 transfer of funds. Public funds shall be distributed to the
22 candidate within twenty days from the date that the candidate's

1 initial application and qualifying contribution statement is
2 approved by the commission.

3 (d) The commission shall be under no obligation to provide
4 moneys to candidates if moneys in the Hawaii election campaign
5 fund are near depletion.

6 **§11-H Contributions and expenditures; penalties.** (a) A
7 certified candidate shall comply with the following restrictions
8 on contributions and expenditures:

- 9 (1) Upon certification for public funding and until the
10 end of the general election campaign period, a
11 candidate shall not accept for use in the campaign:
12 (A) Contributions from any person;
13 (B) Loans from any person, including a certified
14 candidate;
15 (C) Contributions from political parties; and
16 (D) Any campaign material purchased or held from a
17 date prior to filing the declaration of intent to
18 seek public funds; and

19 (2) Upon certification for public funding and until the
20 end of the general election campaign period, a
21 candidate shall not expend for campaign purposes:



1 (A) Any money except public funds issued by the
2 commission;

3 (B) Public funds for purposes other than those
4 permitted in this part; and

5 (C) Public funds outside the applicable campaign
6 period.

7 (b) A certified candidate who accepts contributions in
8 violation of this section shall be subject to a fine equal to
9 three times the public funding received, in addition to any
10 other action, fines, or prosecution under section P and subpart
11 E of part XIII of chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or any
12 provision of the Hawaii Penal Code.

13 (c) A certified candidate who makes expenditures of more
14 than one hundred per cent of the public funds allocated to the
15 candidate shall repay to the Hawaii election campaign fund an
16 amount equal to three times the excess expenditures.

17 **§11-I Publicly funded candidate; reporting.** (a) A
18 certified candidate and the certified candidate's committee
19 shall furnish to the commission complete campaign records,
20 including all records of seed money contributions, qualifying
21 contributions and expenditure. A candidate shall fully
22 cooperate with any audit or examination by the commission.



1 (b) A certified candidate shall comply with the reporting
2 requirements of subpart E of part XIII of chapter 11, Hawaii
3 Revised Statutes, in addition to those required under this
4 subpart or that may be required by the commission.

5 (c) An individual who uses seed money to determine whether
6 sufficient support exists to run for office as a publicly funded
7 candidate who is not already registered with the commission
8 shall register as a candidate by filing the organizational
9 report required by section 11-321, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
10 within ten days of receiving more than \$100 in seed money,
11 either from contributions or personal funds.

12 (d) All reports required by subpart D of part XIII of
13 chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, seed money reports, and
14 post-election reports shall be filed with the commission.

15 (e) Seed money reports shall be filed with the commission
16 no later than:

- 17 (1) January 31 of an election year;
18 (2) April 30 of an election year; and
19 (3) Twenty days prior to the primary election.

20 (f) Each report shall be current through:

- 21 (1) The six-month period ending on December 31 for the
22 report filed on January 31;



- 1 (2) The three-month period ending on March 31 for the
- 2 report filed on April 30; and
- 3 (3) Thirty days prior to the primary election for the
- 4 report filed twenty days prior to the primary
- 5 election.
- 6 (g) The seed money reports shall include:
- 7 (1) The committee's name and address;
- 8 (2) The amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the
- 9 reporting period;
- 10 (3) The reporting period and aggregate total for each of
- 11 the following categories:
- 12 (A) Contributions;
- 13 (B) Expenditures; and
- 14 (C) Other receipts; and
- 15 (4) The cash on hand at the end of the reporting period.
- 16 (h) Schedules filed with the seed money reports shall also
- 17 include:
- 18 (1) The amount and date of deposit of each contribution
- 19 and the name and address of each contributor who makes
- 20 contributions aggregating more than \$100 in an
- 21 election period; provided that if all the information

1 is not on file, the contribution shall be returned to
2 the contributor within thirty days of deposit;

3 (2) All expenditures made, including the name and address
4 of each payee and the amount, date, and purpose of
5 each expenditure. Expenditures for consultants,
6 advertising agencies and similar firms, credit card
7 payments, salaries, and candidate reimbursements must
8 be itemized to permit a reasonable person to determine
9 the ultimate intended recipient of the expenditure and
10 its purpose; and

11 (3) The amount, date of deposit, and description of other
12 receipts and the name and address of the source of
13 each of the other receipts.

14 (i) Post-election reports shall be submitted to the
15 commission no later than twenty days after a primary election
16 and no later than thirty days after a general election
17 certifying that all public funds paid to the candidate have been
18 used as required by this part. The reports shall include
19 information regarding all expenditures made, including the name
20 and address of each payee and the amount, date, and purpose of
21 each expenditure. Expenditures for consultants, advertising
22 agencies and similar firms, credit card payments, salaries, and



1 candidate reimbursements must be itemized to permit a reasonable
2 person to determine the ultimate intended recipient of the
3 expenditure and its purpose.

4 (j) All certified candidates shall file the reports
5 required under this subpart by electronic means in the manner
6 prescribed by the commission.

7 **§11-J Publicly funded candidate; continuing obligation.**

8 (a) A certified candidate shall comply with all
9 requirements under this subpart through the general election
10 campaign period, except as provided in subsection (d),
11 regardless of whether the certified candidate maintains
12 eligibility for public funding in the general election campaign
13 period.

14 (b) Any surplus campaign funds up to \$4,000 for a
15 certified candidate elected to the office sought may be carried
16 over to pay for in-office constituent communications.
17 Expenditures for these communications shall not exceed \$2,000
18 per year or \$4,000 for a two-year term.

19 (c) If the total surplus for a certified candidate who is
20 elected to office falls under \$4,000, subsection (d)
21 notwithstanding, the office holder shall be allowed to raise the
22 difference with private contributions pursuant to subpart E of



1 part XIII of chapter 11 in an aggregate amount of \$2,000 per
2 year; provided that the contributions are received from an
3 individual and each individual shall be limited to contributing
4 \$250 for the election period.

5 (d) Except for seed money contributions and qualifying
6 contributions a certified candidate who is elected to the office
7 sought shall not accept private contributions from any person
8 until either September 1 of the next odd-numbered year following
9 the general election in which the candidate was last elected, or
10 the date when the commission determines there are insufficient
11 funds under section P, whichever occurs earlier.

12 (e) If a certified candidate withdraws from seeking the
13 nomination for or from the election, all unexpended public funds
14 received by the candidate under this subpart shall be returned
15 to the Hawaii election campaign fund within thirty days after
16 withdrawal.

17 (f) A certified candidate who is successful in the primary
18 election may carry over any unexpended public funds to the
19 general election; provided that the candidate has an opponent in
20 the general election. If the certified candidate does not have
21 an opponent in the general election, the candidate shall return
22 all unexpended public funds received by the candidate under this



1 subpart to the Hawaii election campaign fund within thirty days
2 after the primary election.

3 (g) A certified candidate who is not successful in the
4 primary or general election shall return all unexpended public
5 funds received by the candidate under this subpart to the Hawaii
6 election campaign fund within thirty days after the election in
7 which the candidate was not successful.

8 **§11-K Public funding; permitted uses.** (a) Public funds
9 shall be used only for the purpose of defraying expenses
10 directly related to the certified candidate's campaign during
11 the election campaign period for which the public funds are
12 allocated.

13 (b) A candidate receiving funds under this part or the
14 candidate's campaign treasurer shall not transfer any portion of
15 the funds provided under this part to any other candidate for
16 another campaign.

17 **§11-L Deposit of, and access to, public funds.** (a) All
18 public funds and seed money received by a certified candidate
19 shall be deposited directly into a depository institution as
20 provided under section 11-322(a) and accessed through use of
21 debit cards and bank checks. No expenditures of any public



1 funds received under this subpart shall be made except by debit
2 cards or checks drawn on such checking account.

3 (b) All reports required under subpart D of part XIII of
4 chapter 11 and this part for financial disclosure shall include
5 the most recent, available bank statement from the financial
6 depository holding the public funds, as attested to by the
7 candidate's committee.

8 **§11-M Deposit of money into the Hawaii election campaign**
9 **fund.** The following moneys shall be deposited into the Hawaii
10 election campaign fund established under section 11-421:

- 11 (1) Appropriations from the legislature;
- 12 (2) Excess seed money contributions;
- 13 (3) Qualifying contributions, including any excess
14 qualifying contributions of certified candidates;
- 15 (4) Unspent public funds distributed to any certified
16 candidate;
- 17 (5) Fines levied by the commission for violation of this
18 part; and
- 19 (6) Voluntary donations.

20 **§11-N Violations; penalties.** Any candidate who knowingly
21 seeks or receives public funding to fraudulently qualify for or
22 receive public funding shall:



- 1 (1) Have the candidate's certification for public funding
2 revoked. Upon revocation of certification, the
3 certified candidate shall repay all public funds
4 received within ten business days to the Hawaii
5 election campaign fund; and
- 6 (2) Be subject to fines and penalties as specifically
7 provided in this part and other fines or penalties
8 pursuant to sections 11-410 and 11-412 and the Hawaii
9 Penal Code.

10 **§11-O Forms; receipts; candidate guide.** The campaign
11 spending commission shall create and publish all forms and
12 receipts required as well as a candidates' guide to the public
13 funding program that shall include an explanation of rules and
14 procedures applicable to candidates.

15 **§11-P Sufficiency of funding for comprehensive public**
16 **funding.** On September 1 of each odd-numbered year before a
17 general election year, the commission shall determine whether
18 there is a minimum of \$3,500,000 in the Hawaii election campaign
19 fund established under section 11-421 to certify candidates
20 during the next election and provide funding for comprehensive
21 public funding for elections under this subpart.



1 If the commission determines that there is sufficient
2 funding, then within five business days, the commission shall
3 publish notice statewide, pursuant to section 1-28.5, that the
4 comprehensive public funding program shall become effective on
5 January 1 of the following year. If there is insufficient
6 funding, then this part shall be inoperative."

7 SECTION 3. Section 11-423, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "**§11-423 Voluntary expenditure limits; filing affidavit.**

10 (a) Any candidate may voluntarily agree to limit the
11 candidate's expenditures and those of the candidate's candidate
12 committee or committees and the candidate's party on the
13 candidate's behalf by filing an affidavit with the campaign
14 spending commission.

15 (b) The affidavit shall state that the candidate knows the
16 voluntary campaign expenditure limitations as set out in this
17 part and that the candidate is voluntarily agreeing to limit the
18 candidate's expenditures and those made on the candidate's
19 behalf by the amount set by law. The affidavit shall be
20 subscribed to by the candidate and notarized.

21 (c) The affidavit shall remain effective until the
22 termination of the candidate committee or the opening of filing



1 of nomination papers for the next succeeding election, whichever
2 occurs first. An affidavit filed under this section may not be
3 rescinded.

4 (d) From January 1 of the year of any primary, special, or
5 general election, the aggregate expenditures for each election
6 by a candidate who voluntarily agrees to limit campaign
7 expenditures, inclusive of all expenditures made or authorized
8 by the candidate alone, all treasurers, the candidate committee,
9 and noncandidate committees on the candidate's behalf, shall not
10 exceed the following amounts expressed, respectively multiplied
11 by the number of voters in the last preceding general election
12 registered to vote in each respective voting district:

- 13 ~~[(1) For the office of governor — \$2.50;~~
14 ~~(2) For the office of lieutenant governor — \$1.40;~~
15 ~~(3)]~~ (1) For the office of mayor — \$2.00;
16 ~~[(4)]~~ (2) For the offices of ~~[state senator, state~~
17 ~~representative, and]~~ county council member — \$1.40;
18 and
19 ~~[(5)]~~ (3) For all other offices — 20 cents."

20 SECTION 4. Section 11-425, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 amended to read as follows:



1 **"§11-425 Maximum amount of public funds available to**
2 **candidate.** (a) The maximum amount of public funds available in
3 each election to a candidate for the office of [~~governor,~~
4 ~~lieutenant governor, or~~] mayor shall not exceed ten per cent of
5 the expenditure limit established in section 11-423(d) for each
6 election.

7 (b) The maximum amount of public funds available in each
8 election to a candidate for the office of [~~state senator, state~~
9 ~~representative,~~] county council member[~~,~~ and] or prosecuting
10 attorney shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the expenditure
11 limit established in section 11-423(d) for each election.

12 (c) For the office of Hawaiian affairs, the maximum amount
13 of public funds available to a candidate shall not exceed \$1,500
14 in any election year.

15 (d) For all other offices, the maximum amount of public
16 funds available to a candidate shall not exceed \$100 in any
17 election year.

18 (e) Each candidate who qualified for the maximum amount of
19 public funding in any primary election and who is a candidate
20 for a subsequent general election shall apply with the
21 commission to be qualified to receive the maximum amount of
22 public funds as provided in this section for the respective



1 general election. For purposes of this section, "qualified"
2 means meeting the qualifying campaign contribution requirements
3 of section 11-429."

4 SECTION 5. Section 11-429, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

6 "(a) As a condition of receiving public funds for a
7 primary or general election, a candidate shall not be unopposed
8 in any election from which public funds are sought, shall have
9 filed an affidavit with the commission pursuant to section 11-
10 423 to voluntarily limit the candidate's campaign expenditures,
11 and shall be in receipt of the following sum of qualifying
12 contributions from individual residents of Hawaii:

13 ~~[(1) For the office of governor — qualifying contributions~~
14 ~~that in the aggregate exceed \$100,000;~~

15 ~~[(2) For the office of lieutenant governor — qualifying~~
16 ~~contributions that in the aggregate exceed \$50,000;~~

17 ~~[(3)]~~ (1) For the office of mayor for each respective
18 county:

19 (A) County of Honolulu — qualifying contributions
20 that in the aggregate exceed \$50,000;

21 (B) County of Hawaii — qualifying contributions that
22 in the aggregate exceed \$15,000;



1 (C) County of Maui - qualifying contributions that in
2 the aggregate exceed \$10,000; and

3 (D) County of Kauai - qualifying contributions that
4 in the aggregate exceed \$5,000;

5 [~~4~~] (2) For the office of prosecuting attorney for each
6 respective county:

7 (A) County of Honolulu - qualifying contributions
8 that in the aggregate exceed \$30,000;

9 (B) County of Hawaii - qualifying contributions that
10 in the aggregate exceed \$10,000; and

11 (C) County of Kauai - qualifying contributions that
12 in the aggregate exceed \$5,000;

13 [~~5~~] (3) For the office of county council - for each
14 respective county:

15 (A) County of Honolulu - qualifying contributions
16 that in the aggregate exceed \$5,000;

17 (B) County of Hawaii - qualifying contributions that
18 in the aggregate exceed \$1,500;

19 (C) County of Maui - qualifying contributions that in
20 the aggregate exceed \$5,000; and

21 (D) County of Kauai - qualifying contributions that
22 in the aggregate exceed \$3,000;



1 ~~[(6) For the office of state senator — qualifying~~
2 ~~contributions that, in the aggregate exceed \$2,500;~~
3 ~~(7) For the office of state representative — qualifying~~
4 ~~contributions that, in the aggregate, exceed \$1,500;~~
5 ~~(8)]~~ (4) For the office of Hawaiian affairs — qualifying
6 contributions that, in the aggregate, exceed \$1,500;
7 and
8 ~~[(9)]~~ (5) For all other offices, qualifying contributions
9 that, in the aggregate, exceed \$500."

10 SECTION 6. Section 11-431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

12 "(a) Upon the commission's approval of the application and
13 statement of qualifying contributions, the commission shall
14 direct the comptroller to distribute matching public funds up to
15 the maximum amount of public funds allowed by section 11-425~~[-]~~
16 by check or, when possible, by an automatic transfer of funds.
17 Public funds shall be distributed to the candidate within twenty
18 days from the date that the candidate's initial application and
19 qualifying contribution statement is approved by the
20 commission."

21 SECTION 7. The campaign spending commission shall submit a
22 report of its findings and recommendations, including any



1 proposed legislation, to the legislature not later than twenty
2 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016 on
3 further statutory amendments to facilitate the implementation of
4 this Act.

5 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
9 year 2016-2017 for deposit into the Hawaii election campaign
10 fund under section 11-421, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

11 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii
12 election campaign fund under section 11-421, Hawaii Revised
13 Statutes, the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
14 necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the same sum or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 in
16 preparing for the public funding of candidates in the election
17 of 2016, including staff resources.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the campaign
19 spending commission for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 10. In codifying the new sections added by section
21 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute



1 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
2 the new sections in this Act.

3 SECTION 11. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2015.



Report Title:

Campaign Spending Commission; Partial Public Financing

Description:

Creates public funding program of candidates for the offices of state senator and state representative. Exempts the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, state senator, and state representative from the scope of the partial public financing law. Appropriates funds to the campaign spending commission to prepare for the public financing of elections in 2014. Effective January 1, 2015. (HB1481 HD1)

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