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Comments: The original public funding demonstration project on the Big Island has taught us some lessons and the methods to improve the program are outlined in SB381. There is no reason why some district candiddates should have a larger portion of the fund than others. The playing field should be even, so that poorer districts (which may also be geographically larger and present increased campaigning logistical problems)can have the same sized pot as richer districts. The ultimate goal, of fair elections not owing votes to wealthy supporters, but encouraging elected officials to be responsive to their constituents, will help to curb corruption in government. SB381 moves us in that laudable direction.

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