
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 house of representatives, to begin
3 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 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 state house of
15 representatives.

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



1 election to the state house of representatives, with the
2 candidate's authorization. The candidate shall have only one
3 authorized candidate's committee.

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

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

11 "Commission" means the campaign spending commission.

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

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

20 "District" means the respective representative district
21 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
9 January 1 of an even-numbered year in which a general election
10 is held and ending on the general election day.

11 "Nonmonetary contribution" means a contribution other than
12 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 that 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 11-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 and expended for the
14 purpose of determining campaign viability.

15 "Surplus campaign funds" means any campaign contributions
16 not 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 office of state representative.

20 **§11-C Qualifications for public funding for state**
21 **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 the
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, expended, or both,
22 by a candidate seeking eligibility for public funding for a

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

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

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

19 (e) Any unspent seed money shall be deducted from the
20 amount of public funding provided to the certified candidate if
21 the certified candidate does not donate the unspent seed money
22 to the Hawaii election campaign fund.



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

11 **§11-E Application for public funds; qualifying names;**
 12 **qualifying contributions.** (a) Candidates seeking certification
 13 for public funding for the office of state representative shall
 14 submit an application for certification that contains at least
 15 two hundred printed qualifying names with addresses and
 16 signatures, of which at least two hundred fifty shall be
 17 accompanied by a qualifying contribution of \$5, in the same
 18 name.

19 (b) To be counted as a qualifying name, with or without
 20 accompanying qualifying contribution, the name shall be from an
 21 individual who is a registered voter and who resides within the
 22 respective representative district from which the candidate



1 seeks nomination or election at the time the contribution is
2 given. Nothing of value shall be given to the individual in
3 exchange for the qualifying contribution.

4 (c) No qualifying name, with or without accompanying
5 qualifying contribution, shall be collected prior to a candidate
6 filing a declaration of intent to seek public funding with the
7 commission.

8 (d) Any receipt for a qualifying contribution shall be
9 made in a form that may be prescribed by the commission.

10 (e) All qualifying contributions collected by a candidate,
11 whether or not the candidate is certified, shall be deposited
12 into the Hawaii election campaign fund.

13 (f) The application for certification shall be submitted
14 to the commission no later than thirty days prior to the primary
15 election and be signed by the candidate and the candidate's
16 campaign treasurer under penalty of perjury. The application
17 shall contain any other information deemed necessary and
18 appropriate by the commission.

19 **§11-F Certification of qualification for public funds.**

20 (a) The commission, in coordination with the clerk for the
21 county that includes the district from which election is sought,
22 shall verify that at least the minimum required qualifying names



1 and qualifying contributions were received from registered
2 voters in the district from which the candidate seeks office,
3 that the candidate resides in the district from which election
4 is sought as of the date of the filing of nomination papers, and
5 that the candidate is a registered voter in the district from
6 which election is sought. The clerk for the county that
7 includes the district from which election is sought shall
8 provide to the commission the information needed to make the
9 verification, including the names, addresses, and signatures of
10 registered voters in that district.

11 (b) The commission shall issue a decision to certify or
12 deny certification of a candidate as a publicly-funded candidate
13 within ten business days following receipt of the candidate's
14 completed application for certification for the receipt of
15 public funds.

16 (c) After a candidate is certified, the candidate's
17 certification shall apply to both the primary and the general
18 elections.

19 (d) Initial certification and all determinations by the
20 commission under this section are final and conclusive, except
21 to the extent that they are subject to examination and audit by
22 the commission under section 11-434.



1 §11-G Public funds to be distributed to certified
2 candidate. (a) Each certified candidate for the office of
3 state representative shall receive the amount calculated
4 pursuant to paragraph (1) divided by the number calculated
5 pursuant to paragraph (2):

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

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

19 (b) Upon the commission's approval of the application and
20 statement of qualifying contributions, the commission shall
21 direct the comptroller to distribute the public funds allowed by
22 this section by check or, when possible, by an automatic



1 transfer of funds. Public funds shall be distributed to the
2 candidate within twenty days from the date that the candidate's
3 initial application and qualifying contribution statement is
4 approved by the commission.

5 (c) The commission shall be under no obligation to provide
6 moneys to a candidate if moneys in the Hawaii election campaign
7 fund are near depletion.

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

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



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

4 (A) Any money except public funds issued by the
5 commission;

6 (B) Public funds for purposes other than those
7 permitted in this subpart; and

8 (C) Public funds outside the applicable campaign
9 period.

10 (b) A certified candidate who accepts contributions in
11 violation of this section shall be subject to a fine equal to
12 three times the public funding received, in addition to any
13 other action, fines, or prosecution under section 11-N and
14 subpart E of this part, or any provision of the Hawaii penal
15 code.

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

20 **§11-I Publicly-funded candidate; reporting.** (a) A
21 certified candidate and the certified candidate's committee
22 shall furnish to the commission complete campaign records,



1 including all records of seed money contributions, qualifying
2 contributions, and expenditures. A certified candidate shall
3 fully cooperate with any audit or examination by the commission.

4 (b) A certified candidate shall comply with the reporting
5 requirements of subpart E of this part, in addition to those
6 required under this subpart or those that may be required by the
7 commission.

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

15 (d) All reports required by subpart D of this part, seed
16 money reports, and post-election reports shall be filed with the
17 commission.

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

- 20 (1) January 31 of an election year;
- 21 (2) April 30 of an election year; and
- 22 (3) Twenty days prior to the primary election.



- 1 (f) Each report shall be current through:
 - 2 (1) The six-month period ending on December 31 for the
 - 3 report filed on January 31;
 - 4 (2) The three-month period ending on March 31 for the
 - 5 report filed on April 30; and
 - 6 (3) Thirty days prior to the primary election for the
 - 7 report filed twenty days prior to the primary
 - 8 election.
- 9 (g) The seed money reports shall include:
 - 10 (1) The candidate committee's name and address;
 - 11 (2) The amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the
 - 12 reporting period;
 - 13 (3) The reporting period and aggregate total for each of
 - 14 the following categories:
 - 15 (A) Contributions;
 - 16 (B) Expenditures; and
 - 17 (C) Other receipts; and
 - 18 (4) The cash on hand at the end of the reporting period.
- 19 (h) Schedules filed with the seed money reports shall also
- 20 include:
 - 21 (1) The amount and date of deposit of each contribution
 - 22 and the name and address of each contributor who makes



1 contributions aggregating more than \$100 in an
2 election period; provided that if all the information
3 is not on file, the contribution shall be returned to
4 the contributor within thirty days of deposit;

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

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

16 (i) Post-election reports shall be submitted to the
17 commission no later than twenty days after a primary election
18 and no later than thirty days after a general election
19 certifying that all public funds paid to the certified candidate
20 have been used as required by this subpart. The reports shall
21 include information regarding all expenditures made, including
22 the name and address of each payee and the amount, date, and



1 purpose of each expenditure. Expenditures for consultants,
2 advertising agencies and similar firms, credit card payments,
3 salaries, and candidate reimbursements shall be itemized to
4 permit a reasonable person to determine the ultimate intended
5 recipient of the expenditure and its purpose.

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

9 **§11-J Publicly-funded candidate; continuing obligation.**

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

15 (b) Any surplus campaign funds up to \$4,000 for a
16 certified candidate elected to the office sought may be carried
17 over to pay for in-office constituent communications.

18 Expenditures for these communications shall not exceed \$2,000
19 per year or \$4,000 for a two-year term.

20 (c) If the total surplus for a certified candidate who is
21 elected to office falls under \$4,000, subsection (d)
22 notwithstanding, the office holder shall be allowed to raise the



1 difference with private contributions pursuant to subpart E of
2 this part in an aggregate amount of \$2,000 per year; provided
3 that the contributions are received from an individual and each
4 individual shall be limited to contributing \$250 for the
5 election period.

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

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

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



1 candidate shall return all unexpended public funds received by
2 the certified candidate under this subpart to the Hawaii
3 election campaign fund within thirty days after the primary
4 election.

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

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

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

19 **§11-L Deposit of, and access to, public funds.** (a) All
20 public funds and seed money received by a certified candidate
21 shall be deposited directly into a depository institution as
22 provided under section 11-351(a) and accessed through the use of



1 debit cards and bank checks. No expenditure of public funds
2 received under this subpart shall be made except by debit cards
3 or checks drawn on such checking account.

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

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

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



1 **§11-N Violations; penalties.** Any candidate who knowingly
2 seeks or receives public funding to fraudulently qualify for or
3 receive public funding shall:

4 (1) Have the candidate's certification for public funding
5 revoked. Upon revocation of certification, the
6 certified candidate shall repay all public funds
7 received within ten business days to the Hawaii
8 election campaign fund; and

9 (2) Be subject to fines and penalties as specifically
10 provided in this subpart and other fines or penalties
11 pursuant to sections 11-410 and 11-412 and the Hawaii
12 penal code.

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

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



1 during the next election and provide funding for the
2 comprehensive public funding for elections authorized under this
3 subpart.

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

10 SECTION 3. Section 11-423, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

12 "(d) From January 1 of the year of any primary, special,
13 or general election, the aggregate expenditures for each
14 election by a candidate who voluntarily agrees to limit campaign
15 expenditures, inclusive of all expenditures made or authorized
16 by the candidate alone, all treasurers, the candidate committee,
17 and noncandidate committees on the candidate's behalf, shall not
18 exceed the following amounts expressed, respectively multiplied
19 by the number of voters in the last preceding general election
20 registered to vote in each respective voting district:

- 21 ~~[-(1) For the office of governor — \$2.50;~~
- 22 ~~[-(2) For the office of lieutenant governor — \$1.40;~~



- 1 ~~(3)~~ (1) For the office of mayor - \$2.00;
- 2 ~~(4)~~ (2) For the offices of [~~state senator, state~~
3 ~~representative, and~~] county council member - \$1.40;
4 and
- 5 ~~(5)~~ (3) For all other offices - 20 cents."

6 SECTION 4. Section 11-425, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

8 "(a) The maximum amount of public funds available in each
9 election to a candidate for the office of [~~governor, lieutenant~~
10 ~~governor, or~~] mayor shall not exceed ten per cent of the
11 expenditure limit established in section 11-423(d) for each
12 election.

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

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

20 "(a) As a condition of receiving public funds for a
21 primary or general election, a candidate shall not be unopposed
22 in any election from which public funds are sought, shall have



1 filed an affidavit with the commission pursuant to section
2 11-423 to voluntarily limit the candidate's campaign
3 expenditures, and shall be in receipt of the following sum of
4 qualifying contributions from individual residents of Hawaii:

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

7 ~~-(2) For the office of lieutenant governor — qualifying~~
8 ~~contributions that in the aggregate exceed \$50,000;~~

9 ~~-(3)]~~ (1) For the office of mayor for each respective
10 county:

11 (A) City and County of Honolulu — qualifying
12 contributions that in the aggregate exceed
13 \$50,000;

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

16 (C) County of Maui — qualifying contributions that in
17 the aggregate exceed \$10,000; and

18 (D) County of Kauai — qualifying contributions that
19 in the aggregate exceed \$5,000;

20 ~~[-(4)]~~ (2) For the office of prosecuting attorney for each
21 respective county:



- 1 (A) City and County of Honolulu – qualifying
- 2 contributions that in the aggregate exceed
- 3 \$30,000;
- 4 (B) County of Hawaii – qualifying contributions that
- 5 in the aggregate exceed \$10,000; and
- 6 (C) County of Kauai – qualifying contributions that
- 7 in the aggregate exceed \$5,000;
- 8 [~~5~~] (3) For the office of county council – for each
- 9 respective county:
- 10 (A) City and County of Honolulu – qualifying
- 11 contributions that in the aggregate exceed
- 12 \$5,000;
- 13 (B) County of Hawaii – qualifying contributions that
- 14 in the aggregate exceed \$1,500;
- 15 (C) County of Maui – qualifying contributions that in
- 16 the aggregate exceed \$5,000; and
- 17 (D) County of Kauai – qualifying contributions that
- 18 in the aggregate exceed \$3,000;
- 19 [~~6~~] ~~For the office of state senator – qualifying~~
- 20 ~~contributions that, in the aggregate exceed \$2,500;~~
- 21 [~~7~~] ~~For the office of state representative – qualifying~~
- 22 ~~contributions that, in the aggregate, exceed \$1,500;~~



1 ~~(8)~~] (4) For the office of Hawaiian affairs – qualifying
2 contributions that, in the aggregate, exceed \$1,500;
3 and

4 ~~(9)~~] (5) For all other offices, qualifying contributions
5 that, in the aggregate, exceed \$500."

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

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

17 SECTION 7. The campaign spending commission shall submit a
18 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
19 proposed legislation, to the legislature not later than twenty
20 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016 on
21 further statutory amendments to facilitate the implementation of
22 this Act.



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

7 The sums appropriated shall be disbursed by the campaign
 8 spending commission consistent with chapter 11, part XIII,
 9 subpart , Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the purposes of this
 10 Act.

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 elections
 17 taking place in 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 July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Campaign Spending Commission; Partial Public Financing;
Appropriation

Description:

Creates public funding program of candidates for the offices of 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 2016. Effective July 1, 2010: (SD1)

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