
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new subpart to part XIII to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 " . COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC FUNDING FOR ELECTIONS TO THE
5 HAWAII HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

6 §11-A **Definitions.** Except for terms that are specifically
7 defined in this subpart, terms that are defined under section
8 11-302 shall apply to this subpart. When used in this subpart,
9 unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

10 "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination for
11 election or seeks election to the state house of
12 representatives.

13 "Candidate's committee" means a candidate committee, as
14 defined in section 11-302, that makes an expenditure or accepts
15 a contribution on behalf of a candidate for nomination for
16 election to the state house of representatives, with the
17 candidate's authorization.



1 "Certification for public funding" means the decision by
2 the commission that a candidate is certified to receive public
3 funding in accordance with this subpart.

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

8 "Declaration of intent to seek public funding" means the
9 form completed by a candidate seeking public funding and the
10 filing of which triggers the candidate's ability to begin
11 collecting qualifying names and contributions.

12 "District" means the respective representative district
13 from which the candidate seeks election.

14 "Excess expenditure" means the amount of public funds spent
15 or obligated to be spent by a publicly-funded candidate in
16 excess of one hundred per cent of the allocated funds for a
17 primary election, general election, or both.

18 "General election campaign period" means the period
19 beginning the day after the primary election and ending on
20 general election day.



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

4 "Primary election campaign period" means the period in a
5 primary election year beginning with the certification for
6 public funding under this subpart and ending on the primary
7 election day.

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

11 "Qualifying contribution" means a monetary contribution
12 made in the form of a check or a money order accompanied by a
13 signed receipt that confirms that the contributor purchased the
14 money order, payable to the Hawaii election campaign fund for
15 purposes of meeting the criteria of section 11-E.

16 "Seed money" means contributions made to a candidate by an
17 individual in accordance with section 11-D and expended for the
18 purpose of determining campaign viability.

19 "Surplus campaign funds" means any campaign contributions
20 not spent during a prior election period by a candidate who
21 previously sought election as a privately-funded candidate.



1 §11-B Applicability. There is established a public
2 funding program under this subpart for all elections to the
3 state house of representatives, beginning with the 2016
4 elections.

5 §11-C Qualifications for public funding for state
6 representative candidates. (a) A candidate may seek public
7 funding for the primary election campaign period if the
8 candidate:

9 (1) Resides in the district from which election is sought
10 as of the date of the filing of nomination papers for
11 the primary election in the general election year in
12 which the candidate seeks to be nominated or elected;

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

15 (3) Files a declaration of intent to seek public funding
16 with the commission between December 1 of the year
17 prior to the election year and thirty days before the
18 closing date to file nomination papers to run for the
19 office for which the candidate intends to seek
20 election;

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



1 (5) Accepts only the following contributions prior to
2 applying for certification as a publicly-funded
3 candidate:

4 (A) Seed money contributions until the candidate
5 files a declaration of intent to seek public
6 funding; and

7 (B) Qualifying contributions that may be accepted
8 only after filing the declaration of intent to
9 seek public funding; and

10 (6) Files an application for certification for public
11 funding with the commission.

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

14 (1) Was certified as a publicly-funded candidate during
15 the primary election campaign period immediately
16 preceding the general election in which the funds
17 under this subpart are provided; and

18 (2) Received a sufficient number of votes to appear on the
19 ballot in the general election or is otherwise
20 certified by the county clerk to be placed on the
21 ballot in the general election.



1 §11-D Seed money contributions; limitations on use of seed
2 money; penalties. (a) The use of seed money shall be limited
3 to expenditures necessary to determine whether sufficient
4 support exists for a candidate to run for office as a publicly-
5 funded candidate; provided that no candidate shall be eligible
6 to receive public funds under this subpart unless the candidate
7 has received or expended at least \$ in seed money.

8 (b) The amount of seed money received, expended, or both,
9 by a candidate seeking eligibility for public funding for a
10 state representative seat shall not exceed \$3,000, which shall
11 include any personal funds, surplus campaign funds, or
12 contributions received from individuals in an aggregate amount
13 no greater than \$250 each that the candidate may choose to use.

14 (c) A candidate seeking eligibility for public funding
15 shall not accept contributions of seed money from any individual
16 whose contributions are prohibited under subpart E. All
17 contributors whose seed money has been accepted shall be issued
18 a receipt by the candidate.

19 (d) Seed money shall not be collected after the candidate
20 has filed the declaration of intent to seek public funding,
21 which shall be filed no later than thirty days prior to the
22 closing date to file nomination papers to run for the office for

1 which the candidate intends to seek election. The candidate
2 shall spend seed money only until the candidate is certified by
3 the commission as a publicly-funded candidate or the closing
4 date to file nomination papers to run for the office for which
5 the candidate intends to seek election, whichever occurs first.

6 (e) Any unspent seed money shall be deducted from the
7 amount of public funding provided to the certified candidate if
8 the certified candidate does not donate the unspent seed money
9 to the Hawaii election campaign fund.

10 (f) A certified candidate who has surplus campaign funds
11 from a previous election is prohibited from using those funds
12 for anything other than seed money pursuant to this section and
13 in-office constituent communications pursuant to section 11-
14 J(b). The surplus campaign funds shall be frozen and maintained
15 in a separate depository account from that established for the
16 public funds under section 11-L. The candidate shall continue
17 to file reports on the surplus campaign funds in accordance with
18 subpart D, or as otherwise may be required by the commission.

19 **§11-E Application for public funds; qualifying names;**
20 **qualifying contributions.** (a) Candidates seeking certification
21 for public funding for the office of state representative shall
22 submit an application for certification that contains at least



1 two hundred printed qualifying names with addresses and
2 signatures, of which at least shall be accompanied by a
3 qualifying contribution of \$5, in the same name.

4 (b) 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 and who resides within the
7 respective representative district from which the candidate
8 seeks nomination or election at the time the contribution is
9 given. Nothing of value shall be given to the individual in
10 exchange for the qualifying contribution.

11 (c) No qualifying name, 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 (d) Any receipt for a qualifying contribution shall be
16 made in a form prescribed by the commission pursuant to section
17 11-0.

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

21 (f) The application for certification shall contain any
22 other information deemed necessary and appropriate by the



1 commission and include a self-subscribing oath for the candidate
2 and the candidate's campaign treasurer to swear to the truth of
3 the allegations in the application. The application shall be
4 submitted to the commission no later than thirty days prior to
5 the primary election and shall be signed by the candidate and
6 the candidate's campaign treasurer.

7 §11-F Certification of qualification for public funds.

8 (a) The commission, in coordination with the clerk for the
9 county that includes the district from which election is sought,
10 shall verify that:

11 (1) At least the minimum required qualifying names and
12 qualifying contributions were received from registered
13 voters in the district from which the candidate seeks
14 office;

15 (2) The candidate resides in the district from which
16 election is sought as of the date of the filing of
17 nomination papers; and

18 (3) The candidate is a registered voter in the district
19 from which election is sought.

20 The clerk for the county that includes the district from which
21 election is sought shall provide to the commission the
22 information needed to make the verification, including the



1 names, addresses, and signatures of registered voters in that
2 district.

3 (b) The commission shall issue a decision to certify or
4 deny certification of a candidate as a publicly-funded candidate
5 within ten business days following receipt of the candidate's
6 completed application for certification for the receipt of
7 public funds.

8 (c) After a candidate is certified, the candidate's
9 certification shall apply to both the primary and the general
10 elections.

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

15 **§11-G Public funds to be distributed to certified**
16 **candidate.** (a) Each certified candidate for the office of
17 state representative shall receive the amount calculated
18 pursuant to paragraph (1) divided by the number calculated
19 pursuant to paragraph (2):

20 (1) The total amount of expenditures of winners statewide
21 for the office of state representative in the previous
22 election period, less the sum of the expenditures of



1 the three winners statewide for the office of state
2 representative with the highest amounts of
3 expenditures and the expenditures of the three winners
4 statewide for the office of state representative with
5 the lowest amounts of expenditures in the respective
6 election in the previous election period; and

7 (2) The total number of persons who won statewide for the
8 office of state representative in the respective
9 election in the previous election period, less six
10 persons.

11 (b) Upon the commission's approval of the application and
12 statement of qualifying contributions, the commission shall
13 direct the comptroller to distribute the public funds allowed by
14 this section from the Hawaii election campaign fund by check or,
15 when possible, by an automatic transfer of funds. Public funds
16 shall be distributed to the candidate within twenty days from
17 the date that the candidate's initial application and qualifying
18 contribution statement is approved by the commission.

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



1 §11-H Contributions and expenditures; penalties. (a) A
2 certified candidate shall comply with the following restrictions
3 on contributions and expenditures:

4 (1) Upon certification for public funding and until the
5 end of the general election campaign period, a
6 candidate shall not accept for use in the campaign:

7 (A) Contributions from any person;

8 (B) Loans from any person, including a certified
9 candidate;

10 (C) Contributions from political parties; and

11 (D) Any campaign material purchased or held from a
12 date prior to filing the declaration of intent to
13 seek public funds; and

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

17 (A) Any money except public funds issued by the
18 commission;

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

21 (C) Public funds outside the applicable campaign
22 period.



1 (b) A certified candidate who accepts contributions in
2 violation of this section shall be subject to a fine equal to
3 three times the public funding received, in addition to any
4 other action, fines, or prosecution under section 11-N and
5 subpart I, or any provision of the Hawaii penal code.

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

10 §11-I Publicly-funded candidate; reporting. (a) A
11 certified candidate and the certified candidate's committee
12 shall furnish to the commission complete campaign records,
13 including all records of seed money contributions, qualifying
14 contributions, and expenditures. A certified candidate shall
15 fully cooperate with any audit or examination by the commission.

16 (b) The reporting requirements for certified candidates
17 under this subpart or that may be required by the commission
18 shall be in addition to any other reporting requirement under
19 this part.

20 (c) An individual who uses seed money to determine whether
21 sufficient support exists to run for office as a publicly-funded
22 candidate and who is not already registered with the commission



1 shall register as a candidate by filing the organizational
2 report required by section 11-321, within ten days of receiving
3 more than \$100 in seed money, either from contributions or
4 personal funds.

5 (d) All reports required by subpart D, seed money reports,
6 and post-election reports shall be filed with the commission.

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

- 9 (1) January 31 of an election year;
- 10 (2) April 30 of an election year; and
- 11 (3) Twenty days prior to the primary election.

12 (f) Each report shall be current through:

- 13 (1) The six-month period ending on December 31 for the
14 report filed on January 31;
- 15 (2) The three-month period ending on March 31 for the
16 report filed on April 30; and
- 17 (3) Thirty days prior to the primary election for the
18 report filed twenty days prior to the primary
19 election.

20 (g) The seed money reports shall include:

- 21 (1) The candidate committee's name and address;



- 1 (2) The amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the
2 reporting period;
- 3 (3) The reporting period and aggregate total for each of
4 the following categories:
- 5 (A) Contributions;
- 6 (B) Expenditures; and
- 7 (C) Other receipts; and
- 8 (4) The cash on hand at the end of the reporting period.
- 9 (h) Schedules filed with the seed money reports shall also
10 include:
- 11 (1) The amount and date of deposit of each contribution
12 and the name and address of each contributor who makes
13 contributions aggregating more than \$100 in an
14 election period; provided that if all the information
15 is not on file, the contribution shall be returned to
16 the contributor within thirty days of deposit;
- 17 (2) All expenditures made, including the name and address
18 of each payee and the amount, date, and purpose of
19 each expenditure. Expenditures for consultants,
20 advertising agencies and similar firms, credit card
21 payments, salaries, and candidate reimbursements shall
22 be itemized to permit a reasonable person to determine



1 the ultimate intended recipient of the expenditure and
2 its purpose; and

3 (3) The amount, date of deposit, and description of other
4 receipts and the name and address of the source of
5 each of the other receipts.

6 (i) Post-election reports shall be submitted to the
7 commission no later than twenty days after a primary election
8 and no later than thirty days after a general election
9 certifying that all public funds paid to the certified candidate
10 have been used as required by this subpart. The reports shall
11 include information regarding all expenditures made, including
12 the name and address of each payee and the amount, date, and
13 purpose of each expenditure. Expenditures for consultants,
14 advertising agencies and similar firms, credit card payments,
15 salaries, and candidate reimbursements shall be itemized to
16 permit a reasonable person to determine the ultimate intended
17 recipient of the expenditure and its purpose.

18 (j) All certified candidates shall file the reports
19 required under this subpart by electronic means in the manner
20 prescribed by the commission.

21 §11-J Publicly-funded candidate; continuing obligation.

22 (a) A certified candidate shall comply with all requirements



1 under this subpart through the general election campaign period,
2 except as provided in subsection (d), regardless of whether the
3 certified candidate maintains eligibility for public funding in
4 the general election campaign period.

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

10 (c) If the total surplus for a certified candidate who is
11 elected to office falls under \$4,000, subsection (d)
12 notwithstanding, the office holder shall be allowed to raise the
13 difference with private contributions pursuant to subpart E in
14 an aggregate amount of \$2,000 per year; provided that the
15 contributions are received from an individual and each
16 individual shall be limited to contributing \$250 for the
17 election period.

18 (d) Except for seed money contributions and qualifying
19 contributions, a certified candidate who is elected to the
20 office sought shall not accept private contributions from any
21 person until either September 1 of the next odd-numbered year
22 following the general election in which the candidate was last



1 elected, or the date when the commission determines there are
2 insufficient funds under section 11-P, whichever occurs earlier.

3 (e) If a certified candidate withdraws from seeking the
4 nomination for or from the election, all unexpended public funds
5 received by the candidate under this subpart shall be returned
6 to the Hawaii election campaign fund within thirty days after
7 withdrawal.

8 (f) A certified candidate who is successful in the primary
9 election may carry over any unexpended public funds to the
10 general election; provided that the certified candidate has an
11 opponent in the general election. If the certified candidate
12 does not have an opponent in the general election, the certified
13 candidate shall return all unexpended public funds received by
14 the certified candidate under this subpart to the Hawaii
15 election campaign fund within thirty days after the primary
16 election.

17 (g) A certified candidate who is not successful in the
18 primary or general election shall return all unexpended public
19 funds received by the certified candidate under this subpart to
20 the Hawaii election campaign fund within thirty days after the
21 election in which the candidate was not successful.



1 §11-K Public funding; permitted uses. (a) Public funds
2 shall be used only for the purpose of defraying expenses
3 directly related to the certified candidate's campaign during
4 the election campaign period for which the public funds are
5 allocated.

6 (b) A candidate receiving funds under this subpart or the
7 candidate's campaign treasurer shall not transfer any portion of
8 the funds provided under this subpart to any other candidate for
9 another campaign.

10 §11-L Deposit of, and access to, public funds. (a) All
11 public funds and seed money received by a certified candidate
12 shall be deposited directly into a depository institution as
13 provided under section 11-351(a) and accessed through the use of
14 debit cards and bank checks. No expenditure of public funds
15 received under this subpart shall be made except by debit cards
16 or checks drawn on such checking account.

17 (b) All reports required under subpart D and this subpart
18 for financial disclosure shall include the most recent,
19 available bank statement from the financial depository holding
20 the public funds, as attested to by the candidate's committee.



1 §11-M Deposit of money into the Hawaii election campaign
2 fund. The following moneys shall be deposited into the Hawaii
3 election campaign fund established under section 11-421:

- 4 (1) Appropriations made by the legislature for the
5 purposes of this subpart;
- 6 (2) Excess seed money contributions;
- 7 (3) Qualifying contributions, including any excess
8 qualifying contributions of certified candidates;
- 9 (4) Unspent public funds distributed to any certified
10 candidate;
- 11 (5) Fines levied by the commission for violation of this
12 subpart; and
- 13 (6) Voluntary donations made for the purposes of this
14 subpart.

15 §11-N Violations; penalties. Any candidate who knowingly
16 seeks or receives public funding to fraudulently qualify for or
17 receive public funding shall:

- 18 (1) Have the candidate's certification for public funding
19 revoked. Upon revocation of certification, the
20 certified candidate shall repay all public funds
21 received within ten business days to the Hawaii
22 election campaign fund; and



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

5 **§11-O Forms; receipts; candidate guide.** The campaign
6 spending commission shall create and publish all forms and
7 receipts required as well as a candidates' guide to the public
8 funding program that shall include an explanation of rules and
9 procedures applicable to candidates.

10 **§11-P Sufficiency of funding for comprehensive public**
11 **funding.** On September 1 of each odd-numbered year before a
12 general election year, the commission shall determine whether
13 there is a minimum of \$3,500,000 in the Hawaii election campaign
14 fund established under section 11-421 to certify candidates
15 during the next election and provide funding for the
16 comprehensive public funding for elections authorized under this
17 subpart.

18 If the commission determines that there is sufficient
19 funding, then within five business days, the commission shall
20 publish notice statewide, pursuant to section 1-28.5, that the
21 comprehensive public funding program shall become effective on



1 January 1 of the following year. If there is insufficient
2 funding, this subpart shall be inoperative."

3 SECTION 2. Section 11-421, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

5 "(b) The fund shall consist of:

6 (1) All moneys collected from persons who have designated
7 a portion of their income tax liability to the fund as
8 provided in section 235-102.5(a);

9 (2) Any general fund appropriations; [~~and~~]

10 (3) All moneys designated for deposit into the fund
11 pursuant to section 11-M; and

12 [~~(3)~~] (4) Other moneys collected pursuant to this part.

13 (c) Moneys in the fund shall be paid to candidates by the
14 comptroller as prescribed in [~~section~~] sections 11-431 and 11-
15 G(b) and may be used for the commission's operating expenses,
16 including staff salaries and fringe benefits."

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

19 "(d) From January 1 of the year of any primary, special,
20 or general election, the aggregate expenditures for each
21 election by a candidate who voluntarily agrees to limit campaign
22 expenditures, inclusive of all expenditures made or authorized



1 by the candidate alone, all treasurers, the candidate committee,
2 and noncandidate committees on the candidate's behalf, shall not
3 exceed the following amounts expressed, respectively multiplied
4 by the number of voters in the last preceding general election
5 registered to vote in each respective voting district:

- 6 ~~[(1) For the office of governor — \$2.50;~~
- 7 ~~(2) For the office of lieutenant governor — \$1.40;~~
- 8 ~~(3)]~~ (1) For the office of mayor — \$2.00;
- 9 ~~[(4)]~~ (2) For the offices of [~~state senator,~~ state
10 representative,~~]~~ county council member~~[,]~~ and
11 prosecuting attorney — \$1.40; and
- 12 ~~[(5)]~~ (3) For all other offices — 20 cents."

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

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

20 (b) The maximum amount of public funds available in each
21 election to a candidate for the office of [~~state senator,~~ state
22 ~~representative,~~ county council member~~[, and]~~ or prosecuting

1 attorney shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the expenditure
2 limit established in section 11-423(d) for each election."

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

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

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

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

16 [~~(3)~~] (1) For the office of mayor for each respective
17 county:

18 (A) City and County of Honolulu — qualifying
19 contributions that in the aggregate exceed
20 \$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) City and County of Honolulu – qualifying
8 contributions that in the aggregate exceed
9 \$30,000;

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

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

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

16 (A) City and County of Honolulu – qualifying
17 contributions that in the aggregate exceed
18 \$5,000;

19 (B) County of Hawaii – qualifying contributions that
20 in the aggregate exceed \$1,500;

21 (C) County of Maui – qualifying contributions that in
22 the aggregate exceed \$5,000; and



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

3 [~~(6)~~] ~~For the office of state senator - qualifying~~
4 ~~contributions that, in the aggregate exceed \$2,500;~~

5 ~~(7) For the office of state representative - qualifying~~
6 ~~contributions that, in the aggregate, exceed \$1,500;~~

7 ~~(8)]~~ (4) For the office of Hawaiian affairs - qualifying
8 contributions that, in the aggregate, exceed \$1,500;

9 and

10 [~~(9)~~] (5) For all other offices, qualifying contributions
11 that, in the aggregate, exceed \$500."

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

14 "(a) Upon the commission's approval of the application and
15 statement of qualifying contributions, the commission shall
16 direct the comptroller to distribute matching public funds up to
17 the maximum amount of public funds allowed by section 11-425[-]
18 by check or, when possible, by an automatic transfer of funds.

19 Public funds shall be distributed to the candidate within twenty
20 days from the date that the candidate's initial application and
21 qualifying contribution statement is approved by the
22 commission."



1 SECTION 7. The campaign spending commission shall submit a
2 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
3 proposed legislation, to the legislature not later than twenty
4 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016 on
5 further statutory amendments to facilitate the implementation of
6 this Act.

7 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for
10 deposit into the Hawaii election campaign fund under section 11-
11 421, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

12 The sum appropriated shall be disbursed by the campaign
13 spending commission consistent with chapter 11, part XIII,
14 subpart , Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the purposes of this
15 Act.

16 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii
17 election campaign fund under section 11-421, Hawaii Revised
18 Statutes, the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
19 necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 in preparing for the public
20 funding of candidates in elections taking place in 2016,
21 including (FTE) full-time, temporary positions.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the campaign
2 spending commission for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 10. In codifying the new sections added by section
4 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
5 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
6 the new sections in this Act.

7 SECTION 11. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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H.B. NO. 2533

Report Title:

Campaign Spending Commission; Public Funding for Election Candidates; Appropriation

Description:

Creates public funding program of candidates for the offices of state representative. Repeals provisions under the existing partial public financing program specifically applicable to candidates for the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, state senator, and state representative pertaining to campaign expenditure limits, maximum amounts of public funding, and minimum amounts of qualifying contributions. Appropriates funds to the campaign spending commission to prepare for the public financing of elections in 2016, including staff support.

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