



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.



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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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**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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