



**GOV. MSG. NO. 1356**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 12, 2016

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 12, 2016, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2156 HD2 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
**ACT 247 (16)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

- 1           SECTION 1. Section 11-381, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:  
3           "(a) Campaign funds may be used by a candidate, treasurer,  
4 or candidate committee:  
5           (1) For any purpose directly related:  
6               (A) In the case of the candidate, to the candidate's  
7                 own campaign; or  
8               (B) In the case of a candidate committee or treasurer  
9                 of a candidate committee, to the campaign of the  
10                candidate, question, or issue with which they are  
11                directly associated;  
12           (2) To purchase or lease consumer goods, vehicles,  
13               equipment, and services that provide a mixed benefit  
14               to the candidate. The candidate, however, shall  
15               reimburse the candidate's candidate committee for the  
16               candidate's personal use of these items unless the  
17               personal use is de minimis;



1           (3) To make donations to any community service,  
2                    educational, youth, recreational, charitable,  
3                    scientific, or literary organization; provided that in  
4                    any election period, the total amount of all donations  
5                    shall be no more than twice the maximum amount that  
6                    one person may contribute to that candidate pursuant  
7                    to section 11-357; provided further that no  
8                    contributions shall be made from the date the  
9                    candidate files nomination papers to the date of the  
10                  general election;

11           (4) To make donations to any public school or public  
12                    library; provided that in any election period, the  
13                    total amount of all contributions shall be no more  
14                    than twice the maximum amount that one person may  
15                    contribute to that candidate pursuant to section 11-  
16                    357; provided further that any donation under this  
17                    paragraph shall not be aggregated with or imputed  
18                    toward any limitation on donations pursuant to  
19                    paragraph (3);

20           (5) To award scholarships to full-time students attending  
21                    an institution of higher education or a vocational



1 education school in a program leading to a degree,  
 2 certificate, or other recognized educational  
 3 credential; provided that in any election period, the  
 4 total amount of all scholarships awarded shall be no  
 5 more than twice the maximum amount that one person may  
 6 contribute to that candidate pursuant to section 11-  
 7 357; provided further that no awards shall be made  
 8 from the filing deadline for nomination papers to the  
 9 date of the general election;

10 (6) To purchase not more than two tickets for each event  
 11 held by another candidate or committee, whether or not  
 12 the event constitutes a fundraiser as defined in  
 13 section 11-342;

14 (7) To make contributions to the candidate's party so long  
 15 as the contributions are not earmarked for another  
 16 candidate; or

17 (8) To pay for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in  
 18 connection with the candidate's duties as a holder of  
 19 an office[-], including expenses incurred for  
 20 memberships in civic or community groups.



1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.  
3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on upon approval.

APPROVED this 12 day of JUL, 2016



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

