
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

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[-]; provided that expenses incurred for
20 memberships in civic or community groups or for
21 protocol gifts shall be no more than twice the maximum



1 amount that one person may contribute to that
2 candidate pursuant to section 11-357."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on March 15, 2037.



Report Title:

Elections; Campaign Funds; Expenditure Limits

Description:

Limits the amount of campaign funds that may be spent by an elected official on memberships in civic or community groups or on protocol gifts to twice the allowable individual contribution amount. (HB2066 HD1)

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