

JAN 23 2015

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PARTIAL PUBLIC FINANCING.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to:
- 2 (1) Amend the maximum amount of public funds available in
- 3 each election to a candidate participating in the
- 4 partial public funding program for the office of
- 5 governor, lieutenant governor, or mayor to not exceed
- 6 50 per cent of the established expenditure limit for
- 7 each election;
- 8 (2) Increase the matching contribution amount from the
- 9 State from \$1 for each \$1 of qualifying contributions
- 10 to \$2 for each \$1 of qualifying contributions in
- 11 excess of the minimum qualifying contribution amounts;
- 12 and
- 13 (3) Make an appropriation to increase funds available to
- 14 candidates participating in the partial public funding
- 15 program.

16 SECTION 2. Section 11-425, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

17 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) The maximum amount of public funds available in each
2 election to a candidate for the office of governor, lieutenant
3 governor, or mayor shall not exceed [~~ten~~] 50 per cent of the
4 expenditure limit established in section 11-423(d) for each
5 election."

6 SECTION 3. Section 11-429, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

8 "(b) A candidate shall obtain the minimum qualifying
9 contribution amount set forth in subsection (a) once for the
10 election period.

11 (1) If the candidate obtains the minimum qualifying
12 contribution amount, the candidate is eligible to
13 receive:

14 (A) The minimum payment in an amount equal to the
15 minimum qualifying contribution amounts; and

16 (B) [~~Payments~~] For primary and general elections,
17 payments of [~~\$1~~] \$2 for each \$1 of qualifying
18 contributions in excess of the minimum qualifying
19 contribution amounts; and



1 (2) A candidate shall have at least one other qualified
2 candidate as an opponent for the primary or general
3 election to receive public funds for that election."

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

10 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii
11 campaign election fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof
12 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the same sum
13 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017
14 to increase funds available to candidates participating in the
15 partial public funding program.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
17 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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S.B. NO. 363

1 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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ANOTHER PARTY



S.B. NO. 363

Report Title:

Campaign Spending; Partial Public Financing; Expenditure Limits; Matching Qualifying Contributions; Hawaii Campaign Election Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Amends the partial public financing laws to amend the maximum amount of public funds available in each election to a candidate for the office of governor, lieutenant governor, or mayor to not exceed 50 per cent of the established expenditure limit for each election; and increase the matching contribution amount from the State from \$1 for each \$1 of qualifying contributions to \$2 for each \$1 of qualifying contributions in excess of the minimum qualifying contribution amounts. Makes an appropriation to increase funds available to candidates participating in the partial public funding program.

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