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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. The purpose of this Act is to establish a
2 public funding program for elections to the state house of
3 representatives to begin with the 2016 election.

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

7 " . Comprehensive Public Funding for Elections to the State
8 House of Representatives

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

13 "Candidate" means an individual who is a candidate as
14 defined in section 11-302 who seeks nomination for election or
15 seeks election to the state house of representatives.

16 "Candidate committee" means a candidate committee as
17 defined in section 11-302 established on behalf of a candidate



1 who seeks nomination for election or seeks election to the state
2 house of representatives.

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

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

10 "Commission" means the campaign spending commission.

11 "Contested election" means, in a primary election, a
12 certified candidate is opposed by one or more candidates for
13 nomination and, in a general election, the certified candidate
14 is opposed by one or more candidates for election to office.

15 "Declaration of intent to seek public funding" means the
16 form completed by a candidate seeking public funding under this
17 subpart, the filing of which triggers the candidate's ability to
18 begin raising and spending seed money contributions and
19 collecting qualifying names and contributions.

20 "District" means the respective representative district
21 from which the candidate seeks election.



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 "Public funding" or "public funds" means campaign funds
5 from the Hawaii election campaign fund under section 11-421,
6 received by a certified candidate pursuant to this subpart.

7 "Qualifying contribution" means a monetary contribution
8 that is:

9 (1) Made to a candidate or candidate committee who has
10 filed a declaration of intent to seek public funding
11 for the purposes of meeting the application criteria
12 of section 11-F;

13 (2) Made in cash or in the form of a check or a money
14 order payable to the Hawaii election campaign fund;
15 and

16 (3) Accompanied by the contributor's printed name,
17 residence address, and signature affirming and
18 acknowledging that:

19 (A) The contribution was made from the contributor's
20 personal funds;



1 (B) Nothing of value was received in exchange for the
2 qualifying name and contribution; and

3 (C) Violation of the public funding law may result in
4 an administrative fine or criminal prosecution.

5 "Qualifying period" means the period beginning on July 1 in
6 the year prior to the general election year and ending on
7 December 31 in the year prior to the general election year or
8 ending upon the candidate's filing of the application for
9 certification for public funding, whichever shall come first,
10 during which a candidate or candidate committee may collect
11 qualifying names and qualifying contributions to qualify for
12 public funding under this subpart; provided that the commission
13 has determined pursuant to section 11-R that the Hawaii election
14 campaign fund has sufficient funds to make payments to publicly
15 funded candidates during the election period.

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

20 "Surplus campaign funds" means any campaign contributions
21 not spent during a prior election period by a candidate or



1 candidate committee who previously sought election as a
2 privately-funded candidate.

3 **§11-B Applicability.** This subpart shall apply to
4 elections for the office of state representative.

5 **§11-C Qualifications for public funding for state**
6 **representative candidates.** A candidate may seek public funding
7 under this subpart if the candidate or candidate committee, as
8 applicable:

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 July 1 of the year prior
17 to the election year and December 31 in the year prior
18 to the general election year;

19 (4) Collects qualifying names and contributions in
20 accordance with section 11-F;



1 (5) Accepts only the following contributions upon filing a
2 declaration of intent to seek public funding:

3 (A) Seed money contributions; and

4 (B) Qualifying contributions; and

5 (6) Files an application for certification for public
6 funding with the commission by December 31 of the year
7 prior to the general election year.

8 **§11-D Campaign finance requirements.** Candidates and
9 candidate committees shall comply with all registration,
10 reporting, contribution, expenditure, and disclosure
11 requirements under this chapter in addition to any requirements
12 established under this subpart.

13 **§11-E Seed money contributions; limitations on use of seed**
14 **money; penalties.** (a) The use of seed money shall be limited
15 to expenditures necessary to determine whether sufficient
16 support exists for a candidate to run for office as a publicly-
17 funded candidate.

18 (b) The amount of seed money received, expended, or both,
19 by a candidate or candidate committee seeking eligibility for
20 public funding under this subpart shall not exceed \$3,000, which
21 shall include any personal funds, surplus campaign funds, or

1 contributions received from individuals that the candidate or
2 candidate committee may choose to use.

3 (c) A candidate or candidate committee seeking eligibility
4 for public funding shall not accept contributions of seed money
5 from any individual whose contributions are prohibited under
6 subpart E. All contributors whose seed money has been accepted
7 shall be issued a receipt by the candidate or candidate
8 committee in a form prescribed by the commission pursuant to
9 section 11-Q.

10 (d) Seed money shall not be collected or expended after
11 the candidate has been certified as a publicly-funded candidate
12 by the commission pursuant to section 11-G.

13 (e) Any seed money contributions accepted in excess of
14 \$3,000 shall be deducted from the amount of public funding
15 provided to the certified candidate if the certified candidate
16 does not donate the unspent seed money to the Hawaii election
17 campaign fund.

18 (f) A certified candidate or candidate committee who has
19 surplus campaign funds from a previous election is prohibited
20 from using those funds for anything other than in-office
21 constituent communications pursuant to section 11-L and seed



1 money pursuant to this section; provided that the seed money and
2 surplus campaign funds for the purposes of this section shall
3 not exceed \$3,000 in the aggregate. Any remaining surplus
4 campaign funds shall be frozen and maintained in a separate
5 depository account from that established for the public funds
6 under section 11-N. The candidate and candidate committee shall
7 continue to file reports on the surplus campaign funds in
8 accordance with subpart D and as otherwise may be required by
9 the commission.

10 **§11-F Application for public funds; qualifying names;**
11 **qualifying contributions.** (a) Candidates seeking certification
12 for public funding under this subpart shall submit an
13 application for certification that contains:

14 (1) At least two hundred qualifying names accompanied by a
15 qualifying contribution of \$5, in the same name; and

16 (2) Each contributor's printed name, residence address,
17 and signature affirming and acknowledging that:

18 (A) The contribution was made from the contributor's
19 personal funds;

20 (B) Nothing of value was received in exchange for the
21 qualifying name and contribution; and



1 (C) Violation of the public funding law may result in
2 an administrative fine or criminal prosecution.

3 (b) To be counted as a qualifying name and accompanying
4 contribution, the name and contribution shall be from an
5 individual who is a registered voter and resides within the
6 respective representative district from which the candidate
7 seeks nomination or election at the time the contribution is
8 given. Nothing of value shall be given to the individual in
9 exchange for the qualifying name and accompanying contribution.

10 (c) No qualifying name and accompanying contribution shall
11 be collected prior to a candidate filing a declaration of intent
12 to seek public funding with the commission.

13 (d) No qualifying name and accompanying contribution shall
14 be collected by:

15 (1) An individual paid by a candidate or candidate
16 committee to solicit qualifying names; or

17 (2) An individual employed by a political party as defined
18 in section 11-61 who is paid to solicit qualifying
19 names.



1 (e) Candidates shall provide receipts for qualifying
2 contributions in a form prescribed by the commission pursuant to
3 section 11-Q.

4 (f) All qualifying contributions collected by a candidate
5 or candidate committee, regardless of whether the candidate is
6 certified, shall be deposited into the Hawaii election campaign
7 fund. Any moneys received above the required minimum qualifying
8 amount shall be retained by the commission for the purposes of
9 the Hawaii election campaign fund.

10 (g) The candidate's application for certification for
11 public funding shall be submitted to the commission by
12 December 31 of the year prior to the general election year and
13 shall be signed by the candidate and the candidate's campaign
14 treasurer under penalty of perjury. The application shall
15 contain any other information deemed necessary and appropriate
16 by the commission.

17 **§11-G Certification of qualification for public funds.**

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



- 1 (1) The minimum required qualifying names and qualifying
2 contributions were received from registered voters in
3 the district from which the candidate seeks office;
- 4 (2) The candidate resides in the district from which
5 election is sought as of the date of the filing of
6 nomination papers; and
- 7 (3) The candidate is a registered voter in the district
8 from which election is sought.

9 The clerk for the county that includes the district from which
10 election is sought shall provide to the commission any
11 information needed to make the verification, including the
12 names, addresses, and signatures of registered voters in that
13 district.

14 (b) The commission shall issue a decision to certify or
15 deny certification of a candidate as a publicly-funded candidate
16 within ten business days following receipt of the candidate's
17 completed application for certification for the receipt of
18 public funds.

19 (c) Initial certification and all determinations by the
20 commission under this section are final and conclusive, except



1 to the extent that they are subject to examination and audit by
2 the commission under section 11-434.

3 §11-H Distribution of public funds to a certified
4 candidate. (a) Each certified candidate pursuant to this
5 subpart for the office of state representative shall receive the
6 amount calculated pursuant to paragraph (1) divided by the
7 number calculated pursuant to paragraph (2):

8 (1) The total amount of expenditures of all winners for
9 the office of state representative statewide in the
10 immediately previous election period minus the sum of:

11 (A) The total of the three highest amounts of
12 expenditures among all winners for the office of
13 state representative statewide; and

14 (B) The total of the three lowest amounts of
15 expenditures among all winners for the office
16 state representative statewide,
17 in the immediately previous election period; and

18 (2) The total number of winners for the office of state
19 representative statewide in the immediately previous
20 election period minus six.



1 (b) Upon the commission's approval of the application for
2 certification for public funding, the commission shall direct
3 the comptroller to distribute the public funds in the amount
4 calculated pursuant to this section from the Hawaii election
5 campaign fund by check or, when possible, by an automatic
6 transfer of funds. Public funds shall be distributed to the
7 candidate within twenty days of the date that the candidate's
8 initial application is approved by the commission; provided that
9 the candidate submitted proof of filing nomination papers to the
10 commission.

11 (c) The commission shall be under no obligation to provide
12 public moneys to a candidate under this subpart if moneys in the
13 Hawaii election campaign fund are near depletion as determined
14 by the commission pursuant to section 11-R.

15 **§11-I Contributions and expenditures; penalties.** (a) A
16 certified candidate and candidate committee shall comply with
17 the following restrictions on contributions and expenditures:

18 (1) Upon certification for public funding and until the
19 general election, a certified candidate and candidate
20 committee shall not accept for use in the campaign:



- 1 (A) Contributions from any person, except as
- 2 permitted by sections 11-J and 11-L(c);
- 3 (B) Loans from any person, including a certified
- 4 candidate;
- 5 (C) Contributions from political parties; and
- 6 (D) Any campaign material purchased or held from a
- 7 date prior to filing the declaration or intent to
- 8 seek public funding; and
- 9 (2) Upon certification for public funding and until the
- 10 end of the general election, a certified candidate and
- 11 candidate committee shall not expend for campaign
- 12 purposes:
- 13 (A) Any money except public funds issued by the
- 14 commission and as permitted by sections 11-J and
- 15 11-L(c);
- 16 (B) Public funds for purposes other than those
- 17 permitted in this subpart; and
- 18 (C) Public funds outside the applicable campaign
- 19 period.
- 20 (b) A certified candidate and candidate committee who
- 21 accepts contributions in violation of this section shall be



1 subject to a fine equal to three times the public funding
2 received, in addition to any other action, fines, or prosecution
3 under section 11-P, subpart I, or any provision of the Hawaii
4 penal code.

5 (c) Except as permitted in sections 11-J and 11-L, a
6 certified candidate and candidate committee who makes
7 expenditures of more than 100 per cent of the public funds
8 allocated to the candidate shall pay to the Hawaii election
9 campaign fund an amount equal to three times the excess
10 expenditures, in addition to any other action, fines, or
11 prosecution under section 11-P, subpart I, or any provision of
12 the Hawaii penal code.

13 **§11-J Supplemental contributions.** Upon certification for
14 public funding and until the general election, a certified
15 candidate and candidate committee may accept supplemental
16 contributions; provided that the contributions shall not exceed
17 \$50 per person from individuals who reside in the State and are
18 not from any individual whose contributions are prohibited under
19 subpart E. For each contribution accepted pursuant to this
20 section, the certified candidate or candidate committee shall
21 issue a receipt to the contributor.



1 §11-K Publicly-funded candidate; reporting. (a) A
2 certified candidate and candidate committee shall furnish to the
3 commission complete campaign records, including all records of
4 seed money contributions, qualifying contributions, surplus
5 campaign fund contributions, supplemental contributions, and
6 expenditures. A certified candidate and candidate committee
7 shall fully cooperate with any audit or examination by the
8 commission.

9 (b) The reporting requirements for certified candidates
10 and candidate committees under this subpart or that may be
11 required by the commission shall be in addition to any other
12 reporting requirements under this part.

13 (c) An individual who uses seed money to determine whether
14 sufficient support exists to run for office as a publicly-funded
15 candidate and has not already registered a candidate committee
16 with the commission shall register a candidate committee by
17 filing the organizational report required by section 11-321,
18 within ten days of receiving more than \$100 in seed money.

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



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

3 (1) January 1 of an election year; and

4 (2) April 30 of an election year.

5 (f) Each report shall be current through:

6 (1) The six-month period ending on December 31 for the
7 report filed on January 31; and

8 (2) The three-month period ending on March 31 for the
9 report filed on April 30.

10 (g) The seed money shall include:

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

12 (2) The amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the
13 reporting period;

14 (3) The reporting period and aggregate total for each of
15 the following categories:

16 (A) Contributions;

17 (B) Expenditures; and

18 (C) Other receipts; and

19 (4) The cash on hand at the end of the reporting period.

20 (h) Schedules filed with the seed money reports shall also
21 include:



- 1 (1) The amount and date of deposit of each contribution
2 and the name and address of each contributor who makes
3 contributions aggregating more than \$100 in an
4 election period; provided that if all the information
5 is not on file, the contribution shall be returned to
6 the contributor within thirty days of deposit;
- 7 (2) All expenditures made, including the name and address
8 of each payee, and the amount, date, and purpose of
9 each expenditure. Expenditures for consultants,
10 advertising agencies and similar firms, credit card
11 payments, salaries, and candidate reimbursements shall
12 be itemized to permit a reasonable person to determine
13 the ultimate intended recipient of the expenditure and
14 its purpose; and
- 15 (3) The amount, date of deposit, and description of other
16 receipts and the name and address of the source of
17 each of the other receipts.
- 18 (i) Post-election reports shall be submitted to the
19 commission no later than twenty days after a primary election
20 and no later than thirty days after a general election
21 certifying that all public funds paid to the certified candidate



1 and candidate committee have been used in accordance with this
2 subpart. The reports shall include information regarding all
3 expenditures made, including the name and address of each payee
4 and the amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure.

5 Expenditures for consultants, advertising agencies and similar
6 firms, credit card payments, salaries, and candidate
7 reimbursements shall be itemized to permit a reasonable person
8 to determine the ultimate intended recipient of the expenditure
9 and its purpose.

10 (j) All certified candidates and candidate committees
11 shall file the reports required under this subpart by electronic
12 means in the manner prescribed by the commission.

13 **§11-L Publicly-funded candidate; continuing obligation.**

14 (a) A certified candidate and candidate committee shall comply
15 with all requirements under this subpart through the general
16 election, except as provided in subsection (d), regardless of
17 whether the certified candidate maintains eligibility for public
18 funding through the general election.

19 (b) A certified candidate who is elected to the office
20 sought and candidate committee may carry over and expend any



1 surplus campaign funds up to \$4,000 to pay for in-office
2 constituent communications.

3 (c) If the total surplus for a certified candidate who is
4 elected to office falls under \$4,000, the certified candidate
5 and candidate committee shall be allowed to raise the difference
6 with private contributions pursuant to subpart E; provided that
7 the contributions are received from an individual.

8 (d) Except for seed money contributions, qualifying
9 contributions, supplemental contributions pursuant to section
10 11-J, and surplus campaign fund contributions pursuant to this
11 section, a certified candidate who is elected to the office
12 sought and candidate committee shall not accept private
13 contributions from any person until either July 1 of the next
14 odd-numbered year following the general election in which the
15 candidate was last elected, or the date when the commission
16 determines there are insufficient funds under section 11-R,
17 whichever occurs earlier.

18 (e) If a certified candidate withdraws from seeking the
19 nomination for or from the election, all unexpended public funds
20 received by the candidate and candidate committee under this



1 subpart shall be returned to the Hawaii election campaign fund
2 within thirty days after withdrawal.

3 (f) A certified candidate who is successful in the primary
4 election may carry over any unexpended public funds to the
5 general election; provided that it is a contested election. If
6 it is not a contested election, the certified candidate and
7 candidate committee shall return all unexpended public funds
8 received by the certified candidate under this subpart to the
9 Hawaii election campaign fund within thirty days after the
10 primary election.

11 (g) A certified candidate who is not successful in the
12 primary or general election shall return all unexpended public
13 funds received by the certified candidate and candidate
14 committee under this subpart to the Hawaii election campaign
15 fund within thirty days after the election in which the
16 candidate was not successful.

17 **§11-M Public funding; permitted uses.** (a) Public funds
18 shall be used only for the purpose of defraying expenses
19 directly related to the certified candidate's campaign during
20 the election campaign period for which the public funds are
21 allocated.



1 (b) A candidate receiving funds under this subpart or the
2 candidate's campaign treasurer shall not transfer any portion of
3 the funds provided under this subpart to any other candidate for
4 another campaign.

5 **§11-N Deposit of and access to public funds.** (a) All
6 public funds, seed money contributions, supplemental
7 contributions pursuant to section 11-J, and surplus campaign
8 fund contributions pursuant to section 11-L received by a
9 certified candidate and candidate committee shall be deposited
10 directly into a depository institution as provided under section
11 11-351(a) and accessed through the use of debit cards and bank
12 checks. No expenditure of public funds received under this
13 subpart shall be made except by debit cards or checks drawn on
14 such checking account.

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

19 **§11-O Deposit of money into the Hawaii election campaign**
20 **fund.** The following moneys shall be deposited into the Hawaii
21 election campaign fund established under section 11-421:



- 1 (1) Appropriations made by the legislature for the
- 2 purposes of this subpart;
- 3 (2) Seed money contributions in excess of \$3,000;
- 4 (3) Qualifying contributions, including any excess
- 5 qualifying contributions;
- 6 (4) Unspent public funds returned to any certified
- 7 candidate under this subpart minus any surplus
- 8 campaign funds up to \$4,000 pursuant to section 11-L
- 9 for certified candidates who are elected to office;
- 10 (5) Fines levied by the commission for violation of this
- 11 subpart; and
- 12 (6) Voluntary donations made for the purposes of this
- 13 subpart.

14 **§11-P Violations; penalties.** Any candidate or candidate
15 committee who misrepresents material facts to the commission in
16 order to qualify for or receive public funding shall:

- 17 (1) Have the candidate's certification for public funding
- 18 revoked. Upon revocation of certification, the
- 19 certified candidate and candidate committee shall
- 20 repay all public funds received within ten business
- 21 days to the Hawaii 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-Q Forms; receipts; candidate guide.** The commission
6 shall create and publish all forms and receipts required as well
7 as a candidates' guide to the public funding program that shall
8 include an explanation of rules and procedures applicable to
9 candidates.

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

17 Within five business days after the commission determines
18 whether there is sufficient funding, the commission shall
19 publish notice statewide pursuant to section 1-28.5 whether the
20 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 3. 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 11-0; 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 H(b) and may be used for the commission's operating expenses,
16 including staff salaries and fringe benefits."

17 SECTION 4. 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



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

- 7 ~~[(1) For the office of governor — \$2.50;~~
- 8 ~~(2) For the office of lieutenant governor — \$1.40;~~
- 9 ~~(3)]~~ (1) For the office of mayor — \$2.00;
- 10 ~~[(4)]~~ (2) For the offices of [~~state senator, state~~
 11 ~~representative,~~] county council member [~~7~~] and
 12 prosecuting attorney — \$1.40; and
- 13 ~~[(5)]~~ (3) For all other offices — 20 cents."

14 SECTION 5. Section 11-425, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 15 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

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



1 (b) The maximum amount of public funds available in each
 2 election to a candidate for the office of [~~state senator, state~~
 3 ~~representative,~~] county council member [~~, and~~] or prosecuting
 4 attorney shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the expenditure
 5 limit established in section 11-423(d) for each election."

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

8 "(a) As a condition of receiving public funds for a
 9 primary or general election, a candidate shall not be unopposed
 10 in any election for which public funds are sought, shall have
 11 filed an affidavit with the commission pursuant to section 11-
 12 423 to voluntarily limit the candidate's campaign expenditures,
 13 and shall be in receipt of the following sum of qualifying
 14 contributions from individual residents of Hawaii:

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

17 ~~(2) For the office of lieutenant governor — qualifying~~
 18 ~~contributions that in the aggregate exceed \$50,000;~~

19 ~~(3)]~~ (1) For the office of mayor for each respective
 20 county:



1 (A) [~~County~~] City and county of Honolulu – qualifying
2 contributions that in the aggregate exceed
3 \$50,000;

4 (B) County of Hawaii – qualifying contributions that
5 in the aggregate exceed \$15,000;

6 (C) County of Maui – qualifying contributions that in
7 the aggregate exceed \$10,000; and

8 (D) County of Kauai – qualifying contributions that
9 in the aggregate exceed \$5,000;

10 [~~(4)~~] (2) For the office of prosecuting attorney for each
11 respective county:

12 (A) [~~County~~] City and county of Honolulu – qualifying
13 contributions that in the aggregate exceed
14 \$30,000;

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

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

19 [~~(5)~~] (3) For the office of county council – for each
20 respective county:



1 (A) [~~County~~] City and county of Honolulu – qualifying
2 contributions that in the aggregate exceed
3 \$5,000;

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

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

8 (D) County of Kauai – qualifying contributions that
9 in the aggregate exceed \$3,000;

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

12 [~~(7)~~] ~~For the office of state representative – qualifying~~
13 ~~contributions that, in the aggregate, exceed \$1,500;~~

14 [~~(8)~~] (4) For the office of Hawaiian affairs – qualifying
15 contributions that, in the aggregate, exceed \$1,500;
16 and

17 [~~(9)~~] (5) For all other offices, qualifying contributions
18 that, in the aggregate, exceed \$500."

19 SECTION 7. Section 11-431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) Upon the commission's approval of the application and
2 statement of qualifying contributions, the commission shall
3 direct the comptroller to distribute matching public funds up to
4 the maximum amount of public funds allowed by section 11-425[-]
5 by check or by an automatic transfer of funds, when possible.
6 Public funds shall be distributed to the candidate within twenty
7 days from the date that the candidate's initial application and
8 qualifying contribution statement is approved by the
9 commission."

10 SECTION 8. The campaign spending commission shall submit a
11 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
12 proposed legislation, to the legislature not later than twenty
13 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016 on
14 further statutory amendments to facilitate the implementation of
15 this Act.

16 SECTION 9. Moneys in the Hawaii election campaign fund
17 under section 11-421, Hawaii Revised Statutes, may be expended
18 by the campaign spending commission in preparation for the
19 implementation of the public funding of candidates in elections
20 taking place in 2016, consistent with the purposes of this Act.



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1 SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and
4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
5 year 2016-2017 to be deposited into the Hawaii election campaign
6 fund established under section 11-421, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
7 for the purposes of implementing a public funding program for
8 elections to the state house of representatives beginning with
9 the 2016 election.

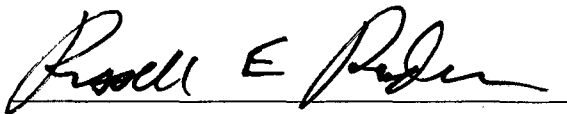

10 SECTION 11. In codifying the new sections added by section
11 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
12 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
13 the new sections in this Act.

14 SECTION 12. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 13. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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S.B. NO. 603

Report Title:

Campaign Spending Commission; Public Funding for Election Candidates; State House of Representatives; Public Partial Financing; Appropriation

Description:

Creates a public funding program for elections to the state house of representatives. Excludes from the partial public financing program 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 for the implementation of the public funding program.

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