
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 donations
8 shall be made from the date the candidate files
9 nomination to the date of the general election unless
10 the candidate is:
- 11 (A) Declared to be duly and legally elected to the
12 office for which the person is a candidate
13 pursuant to section 12-41;
- 14 (B) Deemed and declared to be duly and legally
15 elected to the office for which the person is a
16 candidate pursuant to section 12-42; or
- 17 (C) Unsuccessful in the primary or special primary
18 election;
- 19 (4) To make donations to any public school or public
20 library; provided that in any election period, the
21 total amount of all contributions papers shall be no



1 more than twice the maximum amount that one person may
2 contribute to that candidate pursuant to section
3 11-357; provided further that any donation under this
4 paragraph shall not be aggregated with or imputed
5 toward any limitation on donations pursuant to
6 paragraph (3);

- 7 (5) To award scholarships to full-time students attending
8 an institution of higher education or a vocational
9 education school in a program leading to a degree,
10 certificate, or other recognized educational
11 credential; provided that in any election period, the
12 total amount of all scholarships awarded shall be no
13 more than twice the maximum amount that one person may
14 contribute to that candidate pursuant to section
15 11-357; provided further that no awards shall be made
16 from the filing deadline for nomination papers to the
17 date of the general election unless the candidate is:
- 18 (A) Declared to be duly and legally elected to the
19 office for which the person is a candidate
20 pursuant to section 12-41;



- 1 (B) Deemed and declared to be duly and legally
2 elected to the office for which the person is a
3 candidate pursuant to section 12-42; or
4 (C) Unsuccessful in the primary or special primary
5 election;
- 6 (6) To purchase not more than two tickets for each event
7 held by another candidate or committee, regardless of
8 whether the event constitutes a fundraiser as defined
9 in section 11-342;
- 10 (7) To make contributions to the candidate's party so long
11 as the contributions are not earmarked for another
12 candidate; [~~or~~]
- 13 (8) To pay for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in
14 connection with the candidate's duties as a holder of
15 an office, including expenses incurred for memberships
16 in civic or community groups [~~or~~]; or
- 17 (9) To pay for the candidate's child care costs; provided
18 that:
- 19 (A) The child care costs would not occur but for the
20 candidate's participation in the candidate's own
21 campaign activity;



1 (B) The child care costs shall include costs for
2 child care services incurred from January 1 of
3 the election year to the day after the date of
4 the primary or general election in which the
5 candidate appears on the ballot;

6 (C) The child care services shall not be provided by
7 an immediate family member; and

8 (D) As used in this paragraph:

9 "Child" means a person under eighteen years
10 of age who is a biological, adopted, or foster
11 son or daughter; a stepchild; or a legal ward of
12 the candidate.

13 "Child care" means a situation where a
14 person or organization has agreed to assume and
15 has been entrusted with the responsibility for
16 the child's supervision, development, safety, and
17 protection apart from the candidate.

18 "Immediate family member" means the
19 candidate's spouse, child, parent, grandparent,
20 reciprocal beneficiary, or any related individual



1 who resides in the same household of the
2 candidate."

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 January 1, 2022.



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S.D. 1

Report Title:

Elections; Campaign Finance; Use of Campaign Funds; Child Care

Description:

Allows candidates seeking election to use campaign funds for child care costs, under certain conditions. (SD1)

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