
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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;~~] \$6,000 for a candidate to a two-
8 year office, \$12,000 for a candidate to a four-year
9 nonstatewide office, and \$18,000 for a candidate to a
10 four-year statewide office; provided further that no
11 donations shall be made from the date the candidate
12 files nomination papers to the date of the general
13 election unless the candidate is:

14 (A) Declared to be duly and legally elected to the
15 office for which the person is a candidate
16 pursuant to section 12-41;

17 (B) Deemed and declared to be duly and legally
18 elected to the office for which the person is a
19 candidate pursuant to section 12-42; or

20 (C) Unsuccessful in the primary or special primary
21 election;



1 (4) To make donations to any public school or public
2 library; provided that in any election period, the
3 total amount of all contributions shall be no more
4 than ~~[twice the maximum amount that one person may~~
5 ~~contribute to that candidate pursuant to section~~
6 ~~11-357;]~~ \$6,000 for a candidate to a two-year office,
7 \$12,000 for a candidate to a four-year nonstatewide
8 office, and \$18,000 for a candidate to a four-year
9 statewide office; provided further that any donation
10 under this paragraph shall not be aggregated with or
11 imputed toward any limitation on donations pursuant to
12 paragraph (3);

13 (5) To award scholarships to full-time students attending
14 an institution of higher education or a vocational
15 education school in a program leading to a degree,
16 certificate, or other recognized educational
17 credential; provided that in any election period, the
18 total amount of all scholarships awarded shall be no
19 more than twice the maximum amount that one person may
20 contribute to that candidate pursuant to section
21 11-357; provided further that no awards shall be made



1 from the filing deadline for nomination papers to the
2 date of the general election unless the candidate is:

3 (A) Declared to be duly and legally elected to the
4 office for which the person is a candidate
5 pursuant to section 12-41;

6 (B) Deemed and declared to be duly and legally
7 elected to the office for which the person is a
8 candidate pursuant to section 12-42; or

9 (C) Unsuccessful in the primary or special primary
10 election;

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

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

18 (8) To pay for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in
19 connection with the candidate's duties as a holder of
20 an office, including expenses incurred for memberships
21 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 upon its approval.



Report Title:

Elections; Candidates; Donations; Non-Profit Organizations;
Schools

Description:

Increases the cap on the amount of campaign funds candidates may donate to any community service, educational, youth, recreational, charitable, scientific, or literary organization, or public school or library to \$6,000 for a candidate to a two-year office, \$12,000 for a candidate to a four-year nonstatewide office, and \$18,000 for a candidate to a four-year statewide office. (SD1)

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