
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that campaign finance
2 integrity is essential to the preservation of the public trust.
3 Yet, existing state law allows individuals who are convicted of
4 certain public corruption offenses to maintain control of the
5 funds in their campaign spending accounts and make political
6 contributions during election cycles.

7 The purpose of this Act is to strengthen campaign finance
8 integrity by:

- 9 (1) Prohibiting contributions from persons convicted of
10 campaign finance, ethical, or lobbying offenses; and
11 (2) Authorizing the campaign spending commission and state
12 ethics commission to notify a candidate, candidate
13 committee, or noncandidate committee that a
14 contributor has been prohibited from making political
15 contributions pursuant to chapter 11, part XIII,
16 Hawaii Revised Statutes.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to part XIII to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§11- Contributions by persons convicted or found in
5 violation of certain offenses prohibited. (a) No person who
6 has been convicted of a criminal offense under section 11-412,
7 chapter 84 or 97, or a federal or county offense regarding the
8 regulation of campaign finance, ethics, or lobbying activities
9 shall:

10 (1) Directly or indirectly make any contribution, or
11 promise expressly or impliedly to make any
12 contribution, to any candidate, candidate committee,
13 noncandidate committee, or person for any political
14 purpose or use; or

15 (2) Knowingly solicit any contribution from any person for
16 any purpose during any period.

17 (b) Funds that were received by a candidate, candidate
18 committee, or noncandidate committee from a person found in
19 violation of or convicted of violating subsection (a) shall
20 escheat to the Hawaii election campaign fund.



1 (c) The commission and state ethics commission may notify
2 a candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate committee that
3 a person who contributed funds to the candidate, candidate
4 committee, or noncandidate committee did so in violation of
5 subsection (a)."

6 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
7 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
8 begun before its effective date.

9 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on April 14, 2112.



Report Title:

Campaign Finance; Prohibitions; Hawaii Election Campaign Fund;
Escheat; Return of Contributions

Description:

Prohibits contributions from persons convicted of various campaign finance, ethical, or lobbying offenses. Requires unlawful contributions to escheat to the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund. Authorizes the Campaign Spending Commission and State Ethics Commission to notify a candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate committee that a contributor has been prohibited from making political contributions pursuant to chapter 11, part XIII, Hawaii Revised Statutes Takes effect 4/14/2112. (SD1)

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