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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. Section 11-302, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending the definition of "contribution" to read as  
3 follows:

4       ""Contribution" means:

5       (1) A gift, subscription, deposit of money or anything of  
6 value, or cancellation of a debt or legal obligation  
7 and includes the purchase of tickets to fundraisers,  
8 for the purpose of:

9       (A) Influencing the nomination for election, or the  
10 election, of any person to office;

11       (B) Influencing the outcome of any question or issue  
12 that has been certified to appear on the ballot  
13 at the next applicable election; or

14       (C) Use by any candidate committee or noncandidate  
15 committee for the purpose of subparagraph (A) or

16       (B);



1           (2) The payment, by any person or party other than a  
2           candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate  
3           committee, of compensation for the services of another  
4           person that are rendered to the candidate, candidate  
5           committee, or noncandidate committee without charge or  
6           at an unreasonably low charge for a purpose listed in  
7           paragraph (1);

8           (3) A contract, promise, or agreement to make a  
9           contribution; or

10          (4) Any loans or advances that are not documented or  
11          disclosed to the commission as provided in section 11-  
12          372[+].[+]

13          "Contribution" does not include:

14          (1) Services voluntarily provided without compensation by  
15          individuals to or on behalf of a candidate, candidate  
16          committee, or noncandidate committee;

17          ~~[(2) A candidate's expenditure of the candidate's own~~  
18          ~~funds; provided that this expenditure shall be~~  
19          ~~reportable as other receipts and expenditures;~~



1       ~~(3)]~~ (2) Any loans or advances to the candidate committee;  
2               provided that these loans or advances shall be  
3               reported as loans; or

4       ~~[(4)]~~ (3) An individual, candidate committee, or  
5               noncandidate committee engaging in internet activities  
6               for the purpose of influencing an election if:

7               (A) The individual, candidate committee, or  
8               noncandidate committee is uncompensated for the  
9               internet activities; or

10              (B) The individual, candidate committee, or  
11              noncandidate committee uses equipment or services  
12              for uncompensated internet activities, regardless  
13              of who owns the equipment and services."

14       SECTION 2. Section 11-359, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15       amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

16       "(b) A contribution by the candidate's immediate family  
17       shall not be exempt from section 11-357~~[, but shall be limited~~  
18       ~~in the aggregate to \$50,000 in any election period; provided~~  
19       ~~that the aggregate amount of loans and contributions received~~  
20       ~~from the candidate's immediate family does not exceed \$50,000~~  
21       ~~during an election period]."~~



1       SECTION 3. Section 11-371, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3       "(a) A candidate or candidate committee may receive a loan  
4 from any or all of the following:

5       (1) The candidate's own funds; provided that the maximum  
6       amount of the loan in the aggregate is \$2,000;

7       (2) , A financial institution regulated by the State or a  
8       federally chartered depository institution and made in  
9       accordance with applicable law in the ordinary course  
10      of business; and

11      ~~[(3) The candidate's immediate family in an aggregate~~  
12      ~~amount not to exceed \$50,000 during an election~~  
13      ~~period; provided that the aggregate amount of loans~~  
14      ~~and contributions received from the immediate family~~  
15      ~~shall not exceed \$50,000 during an election period;~~  
16      ~~and~~

17      ~~-(4)-~~ (3) Persons other than the candidate~~[r]~~ or a  
18      financial institution described in paragraph (2), ~~[or~~  
19      ~~the candidate's immediate family,~~] in an aggregate  
20      amount not to exceed \$10,000 during an election  
21      period; provided that:



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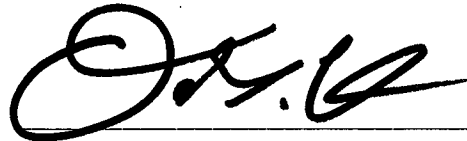
(A) If the \$10,000 limit for loans from persons other than the ~~[immediate family]~~ candidate is reached, the candidate and candidate committee shall be prohibited from receiving or accepting any other loans until the \$10,000 is repaid in full; and

(B) If a loan ~~[from persons other than the candidate's immediate family]~~ is not repaid within one year of the date that the loan is made, the candidate and candidate committee shall be prohibited from accepting any other loans. All campaign funds, including contributions subsequently received, shall be used to repay the outstanding loan in full."

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

Campaign Finance; Contributions

**Description:**

Repeals the exemption for the expenditure of candidate's own funds under the definition of contribution. Makes contributions by the candidate's immediate family subject to contribution limits. Amends the loan amount that a candidate or candidate committee may receive from the candidate's own funds or immediate family.

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