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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the campaign
- 2 spending commission, the state agency for enforcement of our
- 3 campaign finance laws, does not have a designated investigator
- 4 position. The existing five staff members perform investigative
- 5 duties, as needed, including testifying in court when cases are
- 6 prosecuted. The legislature further finds that in order to
- 7 maintain the integrity and transparency of the campaign finance
- 8 process, increasing the commission staff by one investigator
- 9 position is necessary.
- 10 Accordingly, the purpose of this act is to establish an
- 11 investigator position in the campaign spending commission.
- 12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$125,000 or so much
- 14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
- 15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
- 16 2026-2027 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0

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- 1 FTE) permanent investigator position to be placed in the
- 2 campaign spending commission.
- 3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the campaign
- 4 spending commission for the purposes of this Act.
- 5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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Report Title:

Campaign Spending Commission; Investigator; Appropriations

Description:

Establishes an investigator position in the Campaign Spending Commission. Appropriates funds.

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