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Aloha CISC,

I understand that you will be meeting on June 29th to discuss recommendations of campaign finance reform for Hawaii. I think it is self-evident that some reform is in order and I would like to recommend a few reforms that would be likely to improve the campaign finance situation for both State and County hopefuls.

- Probably the most important reform would be to require that all State and County elections be financed via public funding.
- It is also important to consider limiting all campaign contributions to a maximum of \$100 or \$200 and eliminate the current \$2K to \$6K contributions currently allowed.
- There should not be any campaign funds requested or donated during any legislative session.
- Corporations and Unions should be banned from contributing to campaigns or, at the least being limited to \$100 contributions.
- Carryover of campaign funds from one campaign to another should be carefully limited.

Many states currently implement some form of the above suggested reforms and their results generally lead to much improved campaign financing. The Aloha State would do well to emulate/adopt these reforms with the objective of leading to improved access of candidates to elections, reducing unwarranted influence and chances for graft, and overall improvement of the election process. Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.

Sincerely,

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