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Aloha Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct Reform:

Based on my past 6 years of going to our Capitol to testify on various Bills, to include writing letters seeking state requirement for Home Owners Associations (HOAs) to accord Voting Rights to their members, who are property owners and taxpayers, I have learned how our Legislature is a 'Crossroads for Greed and Graft' by dirty politicians. From that it is obvious we need enforceable Standards of Conduct which our state Ethics Commission refuses to impose on these 'Servants of Special Interest'.

1. ***There must be full public funding for all State and County Elections in Hawaii:*** This as I have confirmed, via 'Followthemoney.org', that our West Maui state Senator, after getting two donations, one from an Aiea attorney who is 'President' of a business lobby group, HCCA (Hawaii Council of Community Organizations), and a second donation from HCCA as an entity, did their bidding and blocked (killed) voting rights related Bills in 2019 and 2021. This was anti-democratic and dishonest, in my opinion. It is an attitude of 'The Public be Damned'.

When I got a Bill introduced requiring HOAs to allow voting by US Mail and Online for the 2022 Session, it was killed in the House by an anti-democratic Democrat, a Committee Chair, and, I do not know how the business lobbyist opposing it got to him, perhaps through cash-stuffed envelopes? Although the Bill was now dead, the West Maui Senator scheduled a Hearing for it, then to amuse herself subjected it to a 'Gut and Replace' maneuver and it 'passed' even though the matter was dead. Sick joke. She really enjoyed herself and her committee members were like hand puppets. Asked of our Acting Attorney General, Holly T. Shikada, if her Office enforces Hawaii Supreme Court Decisions on Legislators, belated response was 'go hire an attorney', meaning, 'Go to Hell'. Wow, a staff of over 650 employees of which 180 are lawyers and cannot get a simple 'Yes' or 'No' answer from our useless AG.

2. ***Banning the solicitation or acceptance of campaign donations during the legislative session:*** Well, duh, this one is a 'no-brainer'. We should require posting of all their donations on their Capitol webpage for starter. Require they wear uniforms in the Capitol printed with the names of their private sector donors, with commercial donors in ***bold print***.

3. ***Reducing the cap on donations:*** As 'Lawmakers' (servants of Special Interests) are allowed to accept private sector donations, they should be limited to equivalent of one hour of the current Minimum Wage, per donor. With that they could order off of the 'Budget Menu' at McDonalds.

4. ***Banning contributions from corporations and unions:*** This is another 'no-brainer'. As the state utterly fails to protect property owners from unethical price gouging by property management companies, among many types of businesses, companies buying off politicians means we are deprived of government serving the Public, instead it serves the predators (who despise unions for daring to seek a 'Living Wage' for their members. Again, any type of donation should be limited to equivalent of one hour of the Minimum Wage.

5. ***Limit candidate campaign war chests:*** There is an old adage that, ‘You cannot legislate honesty’. So true. When Oahu based business interests can funnel monies to a Committee Chair from a Neighbor Island, outside of their own district, constituents become mere ‘pawns’. ‘War Chests’ should be limited to receiving donations only from residents of their own district. The total amount of money should not exceed the number of constituents in the district, times the Minimum Wage. It should be capped at \$100,000. Any leftover monies they have above that amount should go into the General Fund.

Item - The ‘Arc of Corruption’ regarding truncated HOA voting rights has been ongoing under Governors George Ariyoshi (1984), Benjamin Cayetano (1996), Linda Lingle (2005), and even David Ige (see Governors Message #1185 dated 24 June 2021). This is all driven by profits driven greed by property management companies.

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