H.B. NO. 3296

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is
 considerable interest throughout the community regarding the
 notion of a future constitutional convention. Many anticipate
 strong grassroots interest in a constitutional convention and
 possibly a large influx of new people getting involved and
 running to be delegates.

7 The legislature also finds that elections for
8 constitutional convention delegates are surprisingly absent from
9 the existing campaign spending law. The last constitutional
10 convention was held thirty years ago, and the cost of
11 campaigning has swelled enormously over the past few decades.

Meanwhile, there has been growing interest in establishing a comprehensive public funding program for election campaigns in Hawaii. A comprehensive public funding program would reduce the influence of private money in elections and open up the electoral process to new participants.

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1	Given these trends, there is an exceptional opportunity for
2	establishing a new campaign finance system for candidates
3	running for constitutional convention delegates.
4	The purpose of this Act is to establish a comprehensive
5	public funding option for candidates for constitutional
6	conventions, to provide an alternative to private funding
7	sources and encourage ordinary citizens to run for
8	constitutional convention seats.
9	SECTION 2. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
10	by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
11	read as follows:
12	"§11- Comprehensive public funding for constitutional
13	convention delegates. (a) The campaign spending commission
13 14	<b>convention delegates.</b> (a) The campaign spending commission shall establish a comprehensive public funding program for
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1	(c) Upon qualifying for comprehensive public funding, the
2	candidate shall receive public funding equal to \$2.50 per
3	registered voter in the candidate's constitutional convention
4	delegate district and shall be prohibited from soliciting,
5	receiving, or spending any funds from any other source.
6	(d) Candidates receiving comprehensive public funding
7	shall file reports as required under sections 11-212 and 11-213,
8	and at other times as determined by the campaign spending
9	commission."
10	SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
11	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
12	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
13	the comprehensive public funding program for candidates running
14	for the office of constitutional convention delegate.
15	The sum appropriated shall be expended by the campaign
16	spending commission for the purposes of this Act.
17	SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
18	SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
19	provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2008.
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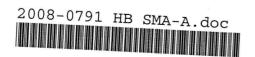
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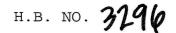
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### Report Title:

Constitutional Convention; Public Funding; Appropriation

### Description:

Provides for full public funding for delegate candidates for the constitutional convention. Appropriates funds.

