### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. <sup>360</sup> H.D. 1

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC FUNDING FOR ELECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 244, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, is 2 amended by amending section 8 to read as follows: 3 "SECTION 8. Certification of qualification for 4 comprehensive public funds [-]; limit number of certified 5 candidates. (a) Candidates seeking certification as a 6 comprehensive publicly funded candidate shall submit to the 7 commission an application for certification that contains at least two hundred printed names, addresses, and signatures and 8 9 qualifying contributions for the county of Hawaii from 10 registered voters in the district for which the candidate seeks 11 office no later than thirty days prior to the primary election, 12 signed by the participating candidate and the participating 13 candidate's campaign treasurer under penalty of perjury. The 14 clerk for the county of Hawaii shall verify that at least two 15 hundred signatures and qualifying contributions were received 16 from registered voters in the district for which the candidate 17 seeks office, that the candidate resides in the district from 18 which election is sought as of the date of the filing of HB360 HD1 HMS 2013-1990-1

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nomination papers, and that the candidate is a registered voter
 in the district from which election is sought.

3 (b) The application shall also include any information4 deemed necessary and appropriate by the commission.

5 (c) The commission shall issue a decision to certify or 6 deny certification of a candidate as a comprehensive publicly 7 funded candidate within ten business days following receipt of 8 the candidate's completed application for certification for 9 comprehensive public funds, including verification of the 10 information in subsection (a) by the clerk for the county of 11 Hawaii.

12 (d) After a participating candidate is certified, the
13 candidate's certification shall apply to both the primary and
14 the general election, even if the candidate is unopposed in the
15 primary election.

16 (e) Initial certification by the commission under
17 subsection (c) and all determinations by the commission under
18 this section are final and conclusive, except to the extent they
19 are subject to examination and audit by the commission under
20 section 10(a).

21 (f) The commission shall limit the number of candidates it
22 certifies for comprehensive public funding for each election
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## 1 period to fifteen based on their order of eligibility in

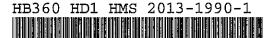
2 <u>qualifying for certification.</u>"

3 SECTION 2. Act 244, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008,
4 section 12, is amended by amending subsections (c) and (d) to
5 read as follows:

6 "(c) For primary elections subject to this part, the base
7 amount of public funding shall be the average of the amount
8 spent by the winning candidates in the previous two county
9 council primary elections of [the same] every district, reduced
10 by ten per cent.

(d) For general elections subject to this part, the base amount of public funding shall be the average of the amount spent by the winning candidates in the previous two county council general elections for [the-same] every district, reduced by ten per cent."

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general 17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much 18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the 19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 20 2014-2015 to certify participating county of Hawaii council 21 candidates during the next election and provide funding for 22 comprehensive public funding for elections.



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The sums appropriated shall be expended by the campaign
 spending commission for the purposes of this Act.
 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.



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#### Report Title:

Pilot Program; Hawaii County; Public Funding for Elections

#### Description:

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Changes the funding formula for candidates in the Pilot Comprehensive Public Funding Program to the average amount of money spent by all winning, program-funded council candidates for the previous two county elections. Limits the number of candidates in the pilot program to fifteen per election period. Appropriates funds for the pilot program. (HB360 HD1)

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