
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new subpart to part XIII to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 " . **COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC FUNDING FOR ELECTIONS TO THE**
5 **HAWAII SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

6 **§11-A Definitions.** Except for terms that are specifically
7 defined in this subpart, terms that are defined under section
8 11-302 shall apply to this subpart. When used in this subpart,
9 unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

10 "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination for
11 election or seeks election to the state senate or the state
12 house of representatives.

13 "Candidate's committee" means a candidate committee, as
14 defined in section 11-302, that makes an expenditure or accepts
15 a contribution on behalf of a candidate for nomination for
16 election to the state senate or the state house of
17 representatives, with the candidate's authorization.



1 "Certification for public funding" means the decision by
2 the commission that a candidate is certified to receive public
3 funding in accordance with this subpart.

4 "Certified candidate" or "publicly-funded candidate" means
5 a candidate who is certified by the commission as eligible for
6 public funding under this subpart and who agrees to abide by the
7 requirements of this subpart.

8 "Declaration of intent to seek public funding" means the
9 form completed by a candidate seeking public funding and the
10 filing of which triggers the candidate's ability to begin
11 collecting qualifying names and contributions.

12 "District" means the respective representative district
13 from which the candidate seeks election.

14 "Excess expenditure" means the amount of public funds spent
15 or obligated to be spent by a publicly-funded candidate in
16 excess of one hundred per cent of the allocated funds for a
17 primary election, general election, or both.

18 "General election campaign period" means the period
19 beginning the day after the primary election and ending on
20 general election day.



1 "General election year" means the period commencing
2 January 1 of an even-numbered year in which a general election
3 is held and ending on the general election day.

4 "Primary election campaign period" means the period in a
5 primary election year beginning with the certification for
6 public funding under this subpart and ending on the primary
7 election day.

8 "Public funding" or "public funds" means campaign funds
9 from the Hawaii election campaign fund under section 11-421,
10 received by an eligible candidate pursuant to this subpart.

11 "Qualifying contribution" means a monetary contribution
12 made in the form of a check or a money order accompanied by a
13 signed receipt that confirms that the contributor purchased the
14 money order, payable to the Hawaii election campaign fund for
15 purposes of meeting the criteria of section 11-E.

16 "Seed money" means contributions made to a candidate by an
17 individual in accordance with section 11-D and expended for the
18 purpose of determining campaign viability.

19 "Surplus campaign funds" means any campaign contributions
20 not spent during a prior election period by a candidate who
21 previously sought election as a privately-funded candidate.



1 **§11-B Applicability.** There is established a public
2 funding program under this subpart for all elections to the
3 state senate and the house of representatives, beginning with
4 the 2016 elections.

5 **§11-C Qualifications for public funding for candidates for**
6 **state senator or representative.** (a) A candidate may seek
7 public funding for the primary election campaign period if the
8 candidate:

- 9 (1) Resides in the district from which election is sought
10 as of the date of the filing of nomination papers for
11 the primary election in the general election year in
12 which the candidate seeks to be nominated or elected;
- 13 (2) Is a registered voter in the district from which
14 election is sought;
- 15 (3) Files a declaration of intent to seek public funding
16 with the commission between December 1 of the year
17 prior to the election year and thirty days before the
18 closing date to file nomination papers to run for the
19 office for which the candidate intends to seek
20 election;



- 1 (4) Collects qualifying names and contributions in
- 2 accordance with section 11-E;
- 3 (5) Accepts only the following contributions prior to
- 4 applying for certification as a publicly-funded
- 5 candidate:
- 6 (A) Seed money contributions until the candidate
- 7 files a declaration of intent to seek public
- 8 funding; and
- 9 (B) Qualifying contributions that may be accepted
- 10 only after filing the declaration of intent to
- 11 seek public funding; and
- 12 (6) Files an application for certification for public
- 13 funding with the commission.
- 14 (b) A candidate is qualified to seek public funding for
- 15 the general election campaign period if the candidate:
- 16 (1) Was certified as a publicly-funded candidate during
- 17 the primary election campaign period immediately
- 18 preceding the general election in which the funds
- 19 under this subpart are provided; and
- 20 (2) Received a sufficient number of votes to appear on the
- 21 ballot in the general election or is otherwise



1 certified by the county clerk to be placed on the
2 ballot in the general election.

3 §11-D Seed money contributions; limitations on use of seed
4 money; penalties. (a) The use of seed money shall be limited
5 to expenditures necessary to determine whether sufficient
6 support exists for a candidate to run for office as a publicly-
7 funded candidate; provided that no candidate shall be eligible
8 to receive public funds under this subpart unless the candidate
9 has received or expended at least \$ in seed money.

10 (b) The amount of seed money received, expended, or both,
11 by a candidate seeking eligibility for public funding for a
12 state senator or representative seat shall not exceed \$3,000,
13 which shall include any personal funds, surplus campaign funds,
14 or contributions received from individuals in an aggregate
15 amount no greater than \$250 each that the candidate may choose
16 to use.

17 (c) A candidate seeking eligibility for public funding
18 shall not accept contributions of seed money from any individual
19 whose contributions are prohibited under subpart E. All
20 contributors whose seed money has been accepted shall be issued
21 a receipt by the candidate.



1 (d) Seed money shall not be collected after the candidate
2 has filed the declaration of intent to seek public funding,
3 which shall be filed no later than thirty days prior to the
4 closing date to file nomination papers to run for the office for
5 which the candidate intends to seek election. The candidate
6 shall spend seed money only until the candidate is certified by
7 the commission as a publicly-funded candidate or the closing
8 date to file nomination papers to run for the office for which
9 the candidate intends to seek election, whichever occurs first.

10 (e) Any unspent seed money shall be deducted from the
11 amount of public funding provided to the certified candidate if
12 the certified candidate does not donate the unspent seed money
13 to the Hawaii election campaign fund.

14 (f) A certified candidate who has surplus campaign funds
15 from a previous election is prohibited from using those funds
16 for anything other than seed money pursuant to this section and
17 in-office constituent communications pursuant to section 11-J.
18 The surplus campaign funds shall be frozen and maintained in a
19 separate depository account from that established for the public
20 funds under section 11-L. The candidate shall continue to file



1 reports on the surplus campaign funds in accordance with subpart
2 E, or as otherwise may be required by the commission.

3 **§11-E Application for public funds; qualifying names;**
4 **qualifying contributions.** (a) Candidates seeking certification
5 for public funding for the office of state senator or
6 representative shall submit an application for certification
7 that contains at least two hundred printed qualifying names with
8 addresses and signatures, of which at least two hundred fifty
9 shall be accompanied by a qualifying contribution of \$5, in the
10 same name.

11 (b) To be counted as a qualifying name, with or without
12 accompanying qualifying contribution, the name shall be from an
13 individual who is a registered voter and who resides within the
14 respective state senate or representative district from which
15 the candidate seeks nomination or election at the time the
16 contribution is given. Nothing of value shall be given to the
17 individual in exchange for the qualifying contribution.

18 (c) No qualifying name, with or without accompanying
19 qualifying contribution, shall be collected prior to a candidate
20 filing a declaration of intent to seek public funding with the
21 commission.



1 (d) Any receipt for a qualifying contribution shall be
2 made in a form prescribed by the commission pursuant to section
3 11-0.

4 (e) All qualifying contributions collected by a candidate,
5 whether or not the candidate is certified, shall be deposited
6 into the Hawaii election campaign fund.

7 (f) The application for certification shall be submitted
8 to the commission no later than thirty days prior to the primary
9 election and shall be signed by the candidate and the
10 candidate's campaign treasurer under penalty of perjury. The
11 application shall contain any other information deemed necessary
12 and appropriate by the commission.

13 **§11-F Certification of qualification for public funds.**

14 (a) The commission, in coordination with the clerk for the
15 county that includes the district from which election is sought,
16 shall verify that at least the minimum required qualifying names
17 and qualifying contributions were received from registered
18 voters in the district from which the candidate seeks office,
19 that the candidate resides in the district from which election
20 is sought as of the date of the filing of nomination papers, and
21 that the candidate is a registered voter in the district from



1 which election is sought. The clerk for the county that
2 includes the district from which election is sought shall
3 provide to the commission the information needed to make the
4 verification, including the names, addresses, and signatures of
5 registered voters in that district.

6 (b) The commission shall issue a decision to certify or
7 deny certification of a candidate as a publicly-funded candidate
8 within ten business days following receipt of the candidate's
9 completed application for certification for the receipt of
10 public funds.

11 (c) After a candidate is certified, the candidate's
12 certification shall apply to both the primary and the general
13 elections.

14 (d) Initial certification and all determinations by the
15 commission under this section are final and conclusive, except
16 to the extent that they are subject to examination and audit by
17 the commission under section 11-434.

18 **§11-G Public funds to be distributed to certified**
19 **candidate.** (a) Each certified candidate for the office of
20 state senator or representative shall receive the amount



1 calculated pursuant to paragraph (1) divided by the number
2 calculated pursuant to paragraph (2):

3 (1) The total amount of expenditures of winners statewide
4 for the office of state senator or representative, as
5 applicable, in the previous election period, less the
6 sum of:

7 (A) The expenditures of the three winners statewide
8 for the office of state senator or
9 representative, as applicable, with the highest
10 amounts of expenditures; and

11 (B) The expenditures of the three winners statewide
12 for the office of state senator or
13 representative, as applicable, with the lowest
14 amounts of expenditures,

15 in the respective election in the previous election
16 period; and

17 (2) The total number of persons who won statewide for the
18 office of state senator or representative, as
19 applicable, in the respective election in the previous
20 election period, less six persons.



1 (b) Upon the commission's approval of the application and
2 statement of qualifying contributions, the commission shall
3 direct the comptroller to distribute the public funds allowed by
4 this section from the Hawaii election campaign fund by check or,
5 when possible, by an automatic transfer of funds. Public funds
6 shall be distributed to the candidate within twenty days from
7 the date that the candidate's initial application and qualifying
8 contribution statement is approved by the commission.

9 (c) The commission shall be under no obligation to provide
10 moneys to a candidate if moneys in the Hawaii election campaign
11 fund are near depletion.

12 **§11-H Contributions and expenditures; penalties.** (a) A
13 certified candidate shall comply with the following restrictions
14 on contributions and expenditures:

15 (1) Upon certification for public funding and until the
16 end of the general election campaign period, a
17 candidate shall not accept for use in the campaign:

18 (A) Contributions from any person;

19 (B) Loans from any person, including a certified
20 candidate;

21 (C) Contributions from political parties; and



1 (D) Any campaign material purchased or held from a
2 date prior to filing the declaration of intent to
3 seek public funds; and

4 (2) Upon certification for public funding and until the
5 end of the general election campaign period, a
6 candidate shall not expend for campaign purposes:

7 (A) Any money except public funds issued by the
8 commission;

9 (B) Public funds for purposes other than those
10 permitted in this subpart; and

11 (C) Public funds outside the applicable campaign
12 period.

13 (b) A certified candidate who accepts contributions in
14 violation of this section shall be subject to a fine equal to
15 three times the public funding received, in addition to any
16 other action, fines, or prosecution under section 11-N and
17 subpart I, or any provision of the Hawaii penal code.

18 (c) A certified candidate who makes expenditures of more
19 than one hundred per cent of the public funds allocated to the
20 candidate shall repay to the Hawaii election campaign fund an
21 amount equal to three times the excess expenditures.



1 §11-I Publicly-funded candidate; reporting. (a) A
2 certified candidate and the certified candidate's committee
3 shall furnish to the commission complete campaign records,
4 including all records of seed money contributions, qualifying
5 contributions, and expenditures. A certified candidate shall
6 fully cooperate with any audit or examination by the commission.

7 (b) The reporting requirements for certified candidates
8 under this subpart or that may be required by the commission
9 shall be in addition to any other reporting requirement under
10 this part.

11 (c) An individual who uses seed money to determine whether
12 sufficient support exists to run for office as a publicly-funded
13 candidate who is not already registered with the commission
14 shall register as a candidate by filing the organizational
15 report required by section 11-321, within ten days of receiving
16 more than \$100 in seed money, either from contributions or
17 personal funds.

18 (d) All reports required by subpart D, seed money reports,
19 and post-election reports shall be filed with the commission.

20 (e) Seed money reports shall be filed with the commission
21 no later than:



- 1 (1) January 31 of an election year;
- 2 (2) April 30 of an election year; and
- 3 (3) Twenty days prior to the primary election.
- 4 (f) Each report shall be current through:
 - 5 (1) The six-month period ending on December 31 for the
 - 6 report filed on January 31;
 - 7 (2) The three-month period ending on March 31 for the
 - 8 report filed on April 30; and
 - 9 (3) Thirty days prior to the primary election for the
 - 10 report filed twenty days prior to the primary
 - 11 election.
- 12 (g) The seed money reports shall include:
 - 13 (1) The candidate committee's name and address;
 - 14 (2) The amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the
 - 15 reporting period;
 - 16 (3) The reporting period and aggregate total for each of
 - 17 the following categories:
 - 18 (A) Contributions;
 - 19 (B) Expenditures; and
 - 20 (C) Other receipts; and
 - 21 (4) The cash on hand at the end of the reporting period.



1 (h) Schedules filed with the seed money reports shall also
2 include:

3 (1) The amount and date of deposit of each contribution
4 and the name and address of each contributor who makes
5 contributions aggregating more than \$100 in an
6 election period; provided that if all the information
7 is not on file, the contribution shall be returned to
8 the contributor within thirty days of deposit;

9 (2) All expenditures made, including the name and address
10 of each payee and the amount, date, and purpose of
11 each expenditure. Expenditures for consultants,
12 advertising agencies and similar firms, credit card
13 payments, salaries, and candidate reimbursements shall
14 be itemized to permit a reasonable person to determine
15 the ultimate intended recipient of the expenditure and
16 its purpose; and

17 (3) The amount, date of deposit, and description of other
18 receipts and the name and address of the source of
19 each of the other receipts.

20 (i) Post-election reports shall be submitted to the
21 commission no later than twenty days after a primary election



1 and no later than thirty days after a general election
2 certifying that all public funds paid to the certified candidate
3 have been used as required by this subpart. The reports shall
4 include information regarding all expenditures made, including
5 the name and address of each payee and the amount, date, and
6 purpose of each expenditure. Expenditures for consultants,
7 advertising agencies and similar firms, credit card payments,
8 salaries, and candidate reimbursements shall be itemized to
9 permit a reasonable person to determine the ultimate intended
10 recipient of the expenditure and its purpose.

11 (j) All certified candidates shall file the reports
12 required under this subpart by electronic means in the manner
13 prescribed by the commission.

14 **§11-J Publicly-funded candidate; continuing obligation.**

15 (a) A certified candidate shall comply with all requirements
16 under this subpart through the general election campaign period,
17 except as provided in subsection (d), regardless of whether the
18 certified candidate maintains eligibility for public funding in
19 the general election campaign period.

20 (b) Any surplus campaign funds up to \$4,000 for a
21 certified candidate elected to the office sought may be carried



1 over to pay for in-office constituent communications.
2 Expenditures for these communications shall not exceed \$2,000
3 per year or \$4,000 for a two-year term.

4 (c) If the total surplus for a certified candidate who is
5 elected to office falls under \$4,000, subsection (d)
6 notwithstanding, the office holder shall be allowed to raise the
7 difference with private contributions pursuant to subpart E in
8 an aggregate amount of \$2,000 per year; provided that the
9 contributions are received from an individual and each
10 individual shall be limited to contributing \$250 for the
11 election period.

12 (d) Except for seed money contributions and qualifying
13 contributions, a certified candidate who is elected to the
14 office of state senator or representative shall not accept
15 private contributions from any person until either September 1
16 of the next odd-numbered year following the general election in
17 which the candidate was last elected, or the date when the
18 commission determines there are insufficient funds under section
19 11-P, whichever occurs earlier.

20 (e) If a certified candidate withdraws from seeking the
21 nomination for or from the election, all unexpended public funds



1 received by the candidate under this subpart shall be returned
2 to the Hawaii election campaign fund within thirty days after
3 withdrawal.

4 (f) A certified candidate who is successful in the primary
5 election may carry over any unexpended public funds to the
6 general election; provided that the certified candidate has an
7 opponent in the general election. If the certified candidate
8 does not have an opponent in the general election, the certified
9 candidate shall return all unexpended public funds received by
10 the certified candidate under this subpart to the Hawaii
11 election campaign fund within thirty days after the primary
12 election.

13 (g) A certified candidate who is not successful in the
14 primary or general election shall return all unexpended public
15 funds received by the certified candidate under this subpart to
16 the Hawaii election campaign fund within thirty days after the
17 election in which the candidate was not successful.

18 **§11-K Public funding; permitted uses.** (a) Public funds
19 shall be used only for the purpose of defraying expenses
20 directly related to the certified candidate's campaign during



1 the election campaign period for which the public funds are
2 allocated.

3 (b) A candidate receiving funds under this subpart or the
4 candidate's campaign treasurer shall not transfer any portion of
5 the funds provided under this subpart to any other candidate for
6 another campaign.

7 **§11-L Deposit of, and access to, public funds.** (a) All
8 public funds and seed money received by a certified candidate
9 shall be deposited directly into a depository institution as
10 provided under section 11-351(a) and accessed through the use of
11 debit cards and bank checks. No expenditure of public funds
12 received under this subpart shall be made except by debit cards
13 or checks drawn on the account.

14 (b) All reports required under subpart D and this subpart
15 for financial disclosure shall include the most recent,
16 available bank statement from the financial depository holding
17 the public funds, as attested to by the candidate's committee.

18 **§11-M Deposit of money into the Hawaii election campaign**
19 **fund.** The following moneys shall be deposited into the Hawaii
20 election campaign fund established under section 11-421:



- 1 (1) Appropriations made by the legislature for the
- 2 purposes of this subpart;
- 3 (2) Excess seed money contributions;
- 4 (3) Qualifying contributions, including any excess
- 5 qualifying contributions of certified candidates;
- 6 (4) Unspent public funds distributed to any certified
- 7 candidate;
- 8 (5) Fines levied by the commission for violation of this
- 9 subpart; and
- 10 (6) Voluntary donations made for the purposes of this
- 11 subpart.

12 **§11-N Violations; penalties.** Any candidate who knowingly
13 seeks or receives public funding to fraudulently qualify for or
14 receive public funding shall:

- 15 (1) Have the candidate's certification for public funding
- 16 revoked. Upon revocation of certification, the
- 17 certified candidate shall repay all public funds
- 18 received within ten business days to the Hawaii
- 19 election campaign fund; and
- 20 (2) Be subject to fines and penalties as specifically
- 21 provided in this subpart and other fines or penalties



1 pursuant to sections 11-410 and 11-412 and the Hawaii
2 penal code.

3 **§11-O Forms; receipts; candidate guide.** The campaign
4 spending commission shall create and publish all forms and
5 receipts required, as well as a candidates' guide to the public
6 funding program that shall include an explanation of rules and
7 procedures applicable to candidates.

8 **§11-P Sufficiency of funding for comprehensive public**
9 **funding.** On September 1 of each odd-numbered year before a
10 general election year, the commission shall determine whether
11 there is a minimum of \$3,500,000 in the Hawaii election campaign
12 fund established under section 11-421 to certify candidates
13 during the next election and provide funding for the
14 comprehensive public funding for elections authorized under this
15 subpart.

16 If the commission determines that there is sufficient
17 funding, then within five business days, the commission shall
18 publish notice statewide, pursuant to section 1-28.5, that the
19 comprehensive public funding program shall become effective on
20 January 1 of the following year. If there is insufficient
21 funding, this subpart shall be inoperative."



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
 2 by adding a new section to subpart J of part XIII to be
 3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§11- Applicability to elections for state legislative
 5 office. No provision of this subpart shall apply to any
 6 election to the state senate or house of representatives except
 7 as expressly provided in subpart of part XIII."

8 SECTION 3. Section 11-421, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 9 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

10 "(b) The fund shall consist of:

11 (1) All moneys collected from persons who have designated
 12 a portion of their income tax liability to the fund as
 13 provided in section 235-102.5(a);

14 (2) Any general fund appropriations; [~~and~~]

15 (3) All moneys designated for deposit into the fund
 16 pursuant to section 11-M; and

17 [~~3~~] (4) Other moneys collected pursuant to this part.

18 (c) Moneys in the fund shall be paid to candidates by the
 19 comptroller as prescribed in [~~section~~] sections 11-431 and 11-
 20 G(b) and may be used for the commission's operating expenses,
 21 including staff salaries and fringe benefits."



1 SECTION 4. Section 11-423, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

3 "(d) From January 1 of the year of any primary, special,
4 or general election, the aggregate expenditures for each
5 election by a candidate who voluntarily agrees to limit campaign
6 expenditures, inclusive of all expenditures made or authorized
7 by the candidate alone, all treasurers, the candidate committee,
8 and noncandidate committees on the candidate's behalf, shall not
9 exceed the following amounts expressed, respectively multiplied
10 by the number of voters in the last preceding general election
11 registered to vote in each respective voting district:

- 12 (1) For the office of governor - \$2.50;
- 13 (2) For the office of lieutenant governor - \$1.40;
- 14 (3) For the office of mayor - \$2.00;
- 15 (4) For the offices of [~~state senator, state~~
16 ~~representative,~~] county council member[7] and
17 prosecuting attorney - \$1.40; and
- 18 (5) For all other offices, excluding the offices of state
19 senator and representative - 20 cents."

20 SECTION 5. Section 11-425, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 amended as follows:

1 1. By amending subsection (b) to read:

2 "(b) The maximum amount of public funds available in each
3 election to a candidate for the office of [~~state senator, state~~
4 ~~representative,~~] county council member[, ~~and~~] or prosecuting
5 attorney shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the expenditure
6 limit established in section 11-423(d) for each election."

7 2. By amending subsection (d) to read:

8 "(d) For all other offices, excluding the offices of state
9 senator and representative, the maximum amount of public funds
10 available to a candidate shall not exceed \$100 in any election
11 year."

12 SECTION 6. Section 11-429, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

14 "(a) As a condition of receiving public funds for a
15 primary or general election, a candidate shall not be unopposed
16 in any election from which public funds are sought, shall have
17 filed an affidavit with the commission pursuant to section
18 11-423 to voluntarily limit the candidate's campaign
19 expenditures, and shall be in receipt of the following sum of
20 qualifying contributions from individual residents of Hawaii:



- 1 (1) For the office of governor – qualifying contributions
- 2 that in the aggregate exceed \$100,000;
- 3 (2) For the office of lieutenant governor – qualifying
- 4 contributions that in the aggregate exceed \$50,000;
- 5 (3) For the office of mayor for each respective county:
- 6 (A) City and County of Honolulu – qualifying
- 7 contributions that in the aggregate exceed
- 8 \$50,000;
- 9 (B) County of Hawaii – qualifying contributions that
- 10 in the aggregate exceed \$15,000;
- 11 (C) County of Maui – qualifying contributions that in
- 12 the aggregate exceed \$10,000; and
- 13 (D) County of Kauai – qualifying contributions that
- 14 in the aggregate exceed \$5,000;
- 15 (4) For the office of prosecuting attorney for each
- 16 respective county:
- 17 (A) City and County of Honolulu – qualifying
- 18 contributions that in the aggregate exceed
- 19 \$30,000;
- 20 (B) County of Hawaii – qualifying contributions that
- 21 in the aggregate exceed \$10,000; and



- 1 (C) County of Kauai – qualifying contributions that
- 2 in the aggregate exceed \$5,000;
- 3 (5) For the office of county council – for each respective
- 4 county:
- 5 (A) City and County of Honolulu – qualifying
- 6 contributions that in the aggregate exceed
- 7 \$5,000;
- 8 (B) County of Hawaii – qualifying contributions that
- 9 in the aggregate exceed \$1,500;
- 10 (C) County of Maui – qualifying contributions that in
- 11 the aggregate exceed \$5,000; and
- 12 (D) County of Kauai – qualifying contributions that
- 13 in the aggregate exceed \$3,000;
- 14 ~~[(6) For the office of state senator – qualifying~~
- 15 ~~contributions that, in the aggregate exceed \$2,500;~~
- 16 ~~(7) For the office of state representative – qualifying~~
- 17 ~~contributions that, in the aggregate, exceed \$1,500;~~
- 18 ~~(8)]~~ (6) For the office of Hawaiian affairs – qualifying
- 19 contributions that, in the aggregate, exceed \$1,500;
- 20 and



1 [~~9~~] (7) For all other offices, excluding the offices of
2 state senator and representative, qualifying
3 contributions that, in the aggregate, exceed \$500."

4 SECTION 7. Section 11-431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

6 "(a) Upon the commission's approval of the application and
7 statement of qualifying contributions, the commission shall
8 direct the comptroller to distribute matching public funds up to
9 the maximum amount of public funds allowed by section 11-425 [~~-~~]
10 by check or, when possible, by an automatic transfer of funds.
11 Public funds shall be distributed to the candidate within twenty
12 days from the date that the candidate's initial application and
13 qualifying contribution statement is approved by the
14 commission."

15 SECTION 8. The campaign spending commission shall submit a
16 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
17 proposed legislation, to the legislature not later than twenty
18 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016 on
19 further statutory amendments to facilitate the implementation of
20 this Act.



1 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and
4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
5 year 2016-2017 for deposit into the Hawaii election campaign
6 fund under section 11-421, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

7 The sums appropriated shall be disbursed by the campaign
8 spending commission consistent with chapter 11, part XIII,
9 subpart , Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the purposes of this
10 Act.

11 SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii
12 election campaign fund under section 11-421, Hawaii Revised
13 Statutes, the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
14 necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the same sum or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 in
16 preparing for the public funding of candidates in elections
17 taking place in 2016, including (FTE) full-time,
18 temporary positions.

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



1 SECTION 11. In codifying the new sections added by section
 2 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
 3 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
 4 the new sections in this Act.

5 SECTION 12. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 13. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.
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Campaign Spending Commission; Comprehensive Public Funding; Appropriation

Description:

Creates program for comprehensive public funding of candidates for the offices of state senator and representative. Repeals the eligibility of candidates for the offices of state senator and representative for public funds under the existing partial public financing program. Appropriates funds to the campaign spending commission to prepare for the comprehensive public funding program in 2016, including staff support.

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