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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION REGARDING  
FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to propose an  
2 amendment to article I, section 4, of the Constitution of the  
3 State of Hawaii to provide that the expenditure of money is not  
4 a form of speech and not protected under the Hawaii  
5 constitution.

6           SECTION 2. Article I, section 4, of the Constitution of  
7 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

8           **"FREEDOM OF RELIGION, SPEECH, PRESS, ASSEMBLY AND PETITION**

9           **Section 4.** No law shall be enacted respecting an  
10 establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise  
11 thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press or  
12 the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition  
13 the government for a redress of grievances.

14           The right to freedom of speech shall not include the  
15 expenditure of money to influence elections."



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1 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall  
2 be as follows:

3 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended  
4 to provide that the right to free speech does not include  
5 the expenditure of money to influence elections?"

6 SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored.

7 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon  
8 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of  
9 the State of Hawaii.

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# S.B. NO. 217

**Report Title:**

Freedom of Speech; Monetary Expenditures to Influence Elections

**Description:**

Proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that the right to freedom of speech does not include the expenditure of money to influence elections.

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