
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-314, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§11-314 Duties of the commission[-]; operating expenses.**

4 (a) The duties of the commission under this part are to:

5 (1) Develop and adopt forms required by this part;

6 (2) Adopt and publish a manual for all candidates,
7 candidate committees, and noncandidate committees,
8 describing the requirements of this part, including
9 uniform and simple methods of recordkeeping;

10 (3) Preserve all reports required by this part for at
11 least ten years from the date of receipt by the
12 commission;

13 (4) Permit the inspection, copying, or duplication of any
14 report required by this part pursuant to rules adopted
15 by the commission under chapter 91; provided that this
16 paragraph shall not apply to the sale or use of
17 information under section 11-344;



- 1 (5) Ascertain whether any person has failed to file a
2 report required by this part or has filed a
3 substantially defective or deficient report. The
4 commission shall notify the person by first class mail
5 that a fine may be assessed for the failure to file or
6 the filing of a substantially defective or deficient
7 report, and the defective or deficient report shall be
8 corrected and explained. All fines collected under
9 this section as authorized by sections 11-340 and 11-
10 410 shall be deposited in the general fund of the
11 State;
- 12 (6) Hold public hearings;
- 13 (7) Investigate and hold hearings for receiving evidence
14 of any violations pursuant to subpart I of this part;
- 15 (8) Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91;
- 16 (9) Request the initiation of prosecution for the
17 violation of this part pursuant to section 11-411;
- 18 (10) Administer and monitor the distribution of public
19 funds under this part;



- 1 (11) Suggest accounting methods for candidates, candidate
2 committees, or noncandidate committees in connection
3 with reports and records required by this part;
- 4 (12) Employ or contract with, without regard to chapters
5 76, 78, and 89, persons it finds necessary for the
6 performance of its functions, including a full-time
7 executive director, and to fix their compensation;
8 provided that the commission shall have the authority,
9 at its discretion, to dismiss persons employed by or
10 contracted with the commission;
- 11 (13) Conduct random audits and field investigations, as
12 necessary; and
- 13 (14) File for injunctive relief when indicated.
- 14 (b) The operating expenses of the commission, including
15 staff salaries and fringe benefits, shall be paid from general
16 revenues of the State."

17 SECTION 2. Section 11-421, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

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



1 ~~and fringe benefits.];~~ provided that the commission may use
2 moneys from the fund for investigative purposes if the
3 commission determines that its operating expenses appropriated
4 from general revenues under section 11-314(b) will be
5 insufficient to cover the costs of investigations."

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$505,585 or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
10 2018-2019 for the campaign spending commission's operating
11 expenses, including staff salaries and fringe benefits.

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

14 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 7, 2059.

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Report Title:

Campaign Finance; Campaign Spending Commission; Operating Expenses; Appropriation

Description:

Replaces the Hawaii election campaign fund with the general revenues of the State as the funding source for the operating expenses of the campaign spending commission. Allows the commission to use moneys from the Hawaii election campaign fund for investigations if the commission determines that its operating expenses appropriated from general revenues will be insufficient to cover the costs of investigations. Appropriates general revenues to the commission for operating expenses. Takes effect on 01/07/2059. (SD1)

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