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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-357, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~+~~ §11-357 ~~+~~ Contributions to candidate committees;
4 limits. (a) No person shall make contributions to:

5 (1) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a two-
6 year office or to a candidate committee in an
7 aggregate amount greater than \$2,000 during an
8 election period;

9 (2) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-
10 year nonstatewide office or to a candidate committee
11 in an aggregate amount greater than \$4,000 during an
12 election period; or

13 (3) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-
14 year statewide office or to a candidate committee in
15 an aggregate amount greater than \$6,000 during an
16 election period.



1 (b) For purposes of this section, the length of term of an
2 office shall be the usual length of term of the office as
3 unaffected by reapportionment, a special election to fill a
4 vacancy, or any other factor causing the term of the office the
5 candidate is seeking to be less than the usual length of term of
6 that office.

7 (c) A contribution that exceeds the applicable limit
8 pursuant to this section shall be returned to the contributor
9 within thirty days of its receipt. Any excess contribution that
10 is not returned within thirty days shall escheat to the Hawaii
11 election campaign fund established pursuant to section 11-421."

12 SECTION 2. Section 11-362, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "~~{}~~§11-362~~{}~~ **Contributions limited from nonresident**
15 **persons.** (a) Contributions from all persons who are not
16 residents of the State at the time the contributions are made
17 shall not exceed thirty per cent of the total contributions
18 received by a candidate or candidate committee for each election
19 period.

20 (b) This section shall not be applicable to contributions
21 from the candidate's immediate family.



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1 (c) A contribution from a nonresident that exceeds the
2 applicable limit pursuant to this section shall be returned to
3 the contributor within thirty days of its receipt. Any excess
4 contribution from a nonresident that is not returned within
5 thirty days shall escheat to the Hawaii election campaign fund
6 established pursuant to section 11-421."

7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Campaign Spending Commission Package; Contribution Limits;
Return of Contribution

Description:

Requires that any over-limit contributions made to a candidate by resident and nonresident contributors shall be returned within thirty days of their receipt and provides that the excess contribution shall escheat to the Hawaii election campaign fund if not returned to the contributor within thirty days.

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