
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-381, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) Campaign funds may be used by a candidate, treasurer,
4 or candidate committee:

5 (1) For any purpose directly related:

6 (A) In the case of the candidate, to the candidate's
7 own campaign; or

8 (B) In the case of a candidate committee or treasurer
9 of a candidate committee, to the campaign of the
10 candidate, question, or issue with which they are
11 directly associated;

12 (2) To purchase or lease consumer goods, vehicles,
13 equipment, and services that provide a mixed benefit
14 to the candidate. The candidate, however, shall
15 reimburse the candidate's candidate committee for the
16 candidate's personal use of these items unless the
17 personal use is de minimis;



- (3) To make donations to any community service,
educational, youth, recreational, charitable,
scientific, or literary organization; ~~[provided that
in any election period, the total amount of all
donations shall be no more than twice the maximum
amount that one person may contribute to that
candidate pursuant to section 11-357;]~~ provided
[further] that no donations shall be made from the
date the candidate files nomination papers to the date
of the general election unless the candidate is:
- (A) Declared to be duly and legally elected to the
office for which the person is a candidate
pursuant to section 12-41;
- (B) Deemed and declared to be duly and legally
elected to the office for which the person is a
candidate pursuant to section 12-42; or
- (C) Unsuccessful in the primary or special primary
election;
- (4) To make donations to any public school or public
library; ~~[provided that in any election period, the
total amount of all contributions shall be no more~~



1 ~~than twice the maximum amount that one person may~~
2 ~~contribute to that candidate pursuant to section 11-~~
3 ~~357;~~] provided [further] that any donation under this
4 paragraph shall not be aggregated with or imputed
5 toward any limitation on donations pursuant to
6 paragraph (3);

- 7 (5) To award scholarships to full-time students attending
8 an institution of higher education or a vocational
9 education school in a program leading to a degree,
10 certificate, or other recognized educational
11 credential; provided that in any election period, the
12 total amount of all scholarships awarded shall be no
13 more than twice the maximum amount that one person may
14 contribute to that candidate pursuant to section 11-
15 357; provided further that no awards shall be made
16 from the filing deadline for nomination papers to the
17 date of the general election unless the candidate is:
18 (A) Declared to be duly and legally elected to the
19 office for which the person is a candidate
20 pursuant to section 12-41;



(B) Deemed and declared to be duly and legally
elected to the office for which the person is a
candidate pursuant to section 12-42; or

(C) Unsuccessful in the primary or special primary
election;

(6) To purchase not more than two tickets for each event
held by another candidate or committee, regardless of
whether the event constitutes a fundraiser as defined
in section 11-342;

(7) To make contributions to the candidate's party so long
as the contributions are not earmarked for another
candidate; or

(8) To pay for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in
connection with the candidate's duties as a holder of
an office, including expenses incurred for memberships
in civic or community groups.

(b) Campaign funds may be used for the candidate's next
subsequent election upon registration for the election pursuant
to section 11-321."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
and stricken.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

Sen. Ale

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Report Title:

Elections; Candidates; Donations; Non-profit Organizations;
Schools

Description:

Repeals the cap on the amount of campaign funds candidates may donate to any community service, educational, youth, recreational, charitable, scientific, literary organization, public school, or public library.

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