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Aloha Commission To Improve Standards Of Conduct (CISC),

My hope is that the CISC will embrace and recommend to the incoming 2023 legislature and to our new governor all 5 of the below reforms:

- 1) The full public funding for all State and County elections in Hawai'i.
- 2) Banning the solicitation or acceptance of campaign donations during the legislative session.
- 3) Reducing the cap on campaign donations from from \$6,000, \$4,000 and \$2,000 to \$100, \$100, and \$100. *Note - Montana caps their maximum donation for state legislative races at \$180 per election.*
- 4) Banning contributions from corporations and unions. *Note - 21 other states already do this.*
- 5) Limiting candidate campaign war chests. *Note - This is done in Alaska where candidates can only carry forward a small portion of their campaign account from one election to the next. This law was upheld by the Alaska Supreme Court which noted that when a candidate who is unopposed raises money and squirrels it away for a future election, they are effectively circumventing donation limits for that future election.*

All 5 are important, but the reform that makes all other reforms possible is the public funding of elections. Please, ban and limit big-money special interests and replace it with public funds to be used to elect public servants beholden only to the public.

Mahalo!

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