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Aloha Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct,

I urge you to adopt and recommend the following 5 measures:

1. Full public funding for all State and County elections in Hawai'i

This is the most important, so the others can work, and candidates can be elected who are not beholden to the special interests which have ruled Hawai'i for so long.

Hawaii presently has a program that provides some matching funds. While this program is utilized by some candidates in some races, it is significantly underutilized, underfunded, and falls far short of the Maine "Clean Elections" model.

2. Ban the solicitation or acceptance of campaign donations during the legislative session.

3. Reduce the cap on campaign donations from from \$6,000, \$4,000 and \$2,000 to \$100, \$100, and \$100. Montana caps their maximum donation for state legislative races at \$180 per election.

4. Ban contributions from corporations and unions as 21 other states now do. This is very important!

5. Limit candidate campaign war chests. 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.

Mahalo for your good work,

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