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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that campaign finance  
2 integrity is essential to the preservation of the public trust.  
3 Yet, existing state law allows individuals who are convicted of  
4 certain public corruption offenses to maintain control of the  
5 funds in their campaign spending accounts and make political  
6 contributions during election cycles.

7           The purpose of this Act is to strengthen campaign finance  
8 integrity by:

- 9           (1) Prohibiting contributions from persons convicted of  
10           campaign finance, lobbying, or ethical offenses; and  
11           (2) Redirecting campaign contributions held by individuals  
12           convicted of campaign finance, lobbying, or ethical  
13           crimes to the campaign spending commission.

14           SECTION 2. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
15 by adding a new section to part XIII to be appropriately  
16 designated and to read as follows:



1           "§11- Contributions by persons convicted of certain  
2 offenses prohibited. (a) No person who has been convicted of a  
3 criminal offense under section 11-412, a violation of chapter 84  
4 or 97, or a federal or county offense regarding the regulation  
5 of campaign finance, ethics, or lobbying activities shall:

- 6           (1) Directly or indirectly make any contribution, or  
7           promise expressly or impliedly to make any  
8           contribution to any candidate committee or  
9           noncandidate committee, or to any candidate or to any  
10           person for any political purpose or use; or  
11           (2) Knowingly solicit any contribution from any person for  
12           any purpose during any period.

13           (b) Funds that were received by a candidate, candidate  
14 committee, or noncandidate committee from a person in violation  
15 of subsection (a) shall escheat to the Hawaii election campaign  
16 fund.

17           (c) All funds remaining in a depository institution on the  
18 date that a person is convicted of an offense described in  
19 subsection (a) shall escheat to the campaign spending  
20 commission.



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1        (d) The commission may assess a fine against any person  
2 that violates subsection (a).

3        (e) The commission may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91  
4 to carry out the requirements of subsections (b) and (c)."

5        SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
6 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
7 begun before its effective date.

8        SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

9        SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Campaign Finance; Prohibitions; Campaign Spending Commission

**Description:**

Prohibits contributions from persons convicted of various campaign finance, lobbying, or ethical offenses. Redirects unlawful contributions to the campaign spending commission.

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