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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CANDIDATE COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES.

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;



1 (3) To make donations to any community service,
2 educational, youth, recreational, charitable,
3 scientific, or literary organization; provided that in
4 any election period, the total amount of all donations
5 shall be no more than twice the maximum amount that
6 one person may contribute to that candidate pursuant
7 to section 11-357; provided further that no donations
8 shall be made from the date the candidate files
9 nomination papers to the date of the general election
10 unless the candidate is:
11 (A) Declared to be duly and legally elected to the
12 office for which the person is a candidate
13 pursuant to section 12-41;
14 (B) Deemed and declared to be duly and legally
15 elected to the office for which the person is a
16 candidate pursuant to section 12-42; or
17 (C) Unsuccessful in the primary or special primary
18 election;
19 (4) To make donations to any public school or public
20 library; provided that in any election period, the
21 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
3 section 11-357; provided further that any donation
4 under this paragraph shall not be aggregated with or
5 imputed 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
15 section 11-357; provided further that no awards shall
16 be made from the filing deadline for nomination papers
17 to the date of the general election unless the
18 candidate is:

19 (A) Declared to be duly and legally elected to the
20 office for which the person is a candidate
21 pursuant to section 12-41;



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

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

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

10 ~~[(7)]~~ (6) To make contributions to the candidate's party so
11 long as the contributions are not earmarked for
12 another candidate; or

13 ~~[(8)]~~ (7) To pay for ordinary and necessary expenses
14 incurred in connection with the candidate's duties as
15 a holder of an office, including expenses incurred for
16 memberships in civic or community groups."

17 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
18 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
19 begun before its effective date.

20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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Report Title:

Campaign Spending Commission Package; Relating to Candidate Committee Expenditures

Description:

Amends section 11-381, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to eliminate the use of campaign funds to purchase up to 2 tickets for an event or fundraiser held by another candidate or committee.

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