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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. 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 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;



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. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



# H.B. NO. 772

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**Report Title:**

Campaign Funds; Permitted Uses

**Description:**

Disallows the use of campaign funds to purchase up to two tickets for an event or fundraiser held by another candidate or committee.

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