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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

1       SECTION 1. Section 11-365, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       "**§11-365 Contributions and expenditures by lobbyists**  
4 **prohibited during legislative session.** (a) During any regular  
5 session or special session of the legislature, including any  
6 extension of any regular session or special session and any  
7 legislative recess days, holidays, and weekends, and for five  
8 calendar days before and after a session, no lobbyist shall  
9 make, or promise to make at a later time, any contributions or  
10 expenditures to or on behalf of an elected official, candidate,  
11 candidate committee, or any other individual required to file an  
12 organizational report pursuant to section 11-321. No elected  
13 official, candidate, candidate committee, or other individual  
14 required to file an organizational report pursuant to section  
15 11-321 shall accept, or agree to accept at a later time, any  
16 contribution from a lobbyist during the specified period under  
17 this subsection. Any contribution prohibited by this subsection



1 shall escheat to the Hawaii election campaign fund. An elected  
2 official, candidate, candidate committee, or any other  
3 individual required to file an organizational report pursuant to  
4 section 11-321, alleged to have received a prohibited  
5 contribution in violation of this section, shall be  
6 administratively referred by the state ethics commission  
7 executive director to the campaign spending commission.

8 (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to county elected  
9 officials, county candidates, and county candidate committees.

10 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) For the purposes of this section:

11 "Elected official" has the same meaning as in section  
12 11-342.

13 "Lobbyist" means any person actively registered as a  
14 lobbyist with [a] the state [~~or county~~] ethics [~~board or~~]  
15 commission.

16 "Session" means a period in which both legislative houses  
17 are in session."

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



1       SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

*M. N. W.*  
**By Request**



# S.B. NO. 3214

**Report Title:**

Campaign Finance; Contributions and Expenditures by Lobbyists  
During Legislative Sessions; County Candidates; Exemption

**Description:**

Exempts county elected officials, county candidates, and county candidate committees from the prohibition on receiving contributions from a lobbyist during a state legislative session.

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