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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 11-357, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           " ~~[§]~~ §11-357 ~~[§]~~ Contributions to candidate committees;  
4 limits ~~[·]~~; contributions to elected officials; when prohibited.

5 (a) No person shall make contributions to:

6           (1) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a  
7 two-year office or to a candidate committee in an  
8 aggregate amount greater than \$2,000 during an  
9 election period;

10           (2) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a  
11 four-year nonstatewide office or to a candidate  
12 committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$4,000  
13 during an election period; or

14           (3) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a  
15 four-year statewide office or to a candidate committee  
16 in an aggregate amount greater than \$6,000 during an  
17 election period.



1           (b) For purposes of this section, the length of term of an  
2 office shall be the usual length of term of the office as  
3 unaffected by reapportionment, a special election to fill a  
4 vacancy, or any other factor causing the term of the office the  
5 candidate is seeking to be less than the usual length of term of  
6 that office.

7           (c) No elected official, as defined in section 11-342(d),  
8 shall solicit or accept campaign contributions during any  
9 regular session or special session of the legislature, including  
10 any extension of any regular session or special session, and any  
11 legislative recess day, holiday, or weekend.

12           (d) For purposes of this section, "session" means a period  
13 in which both legislative houses are in session."

14           SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
15 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
16 begun before its effective date.

17           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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INTRODUCED BY:   
By Request



# S.B. NO. 2531

**Report Title:**

Campaign Spending Commission Package; Solicitation; Acceptance  
Campaign Contributions; Candidate Committees

**Description:**

Amends section 11-357, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to prohibit state and county elected officials as defined in section 11-342(d), HRS, from soliciting or accepting campaign contributions during any Regular Session or Special Session of the state Legislature, including any extension of any Regular Session or Special Session or any legislative recess day, holiday, or weekend.

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