



GOV. MSG. NO. 629

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

April 14, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on April 14, 2008, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2656

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN
CONTRIBUTIONS.
(ACT 11)

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

Approved by the Governor
on APR 14 2008

ACT 011

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 2656

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature has previously acknowledged
2 that there are many individuals who have significant personal,
3 emotional, and economic relationships with other individuals yet
4 these couples are prohibited from legally marrying. In response
5 to this, the legislature has created a legal relationship known
6 as a reciprocal beneficiary relationship to assist those couples
7 in providing for one another. The legislature finds that there
8 are individuals who are in reciprocal beneficiary relationships
9 who want to campaign for elected office and may wish to rely on
10 campaign contributions from their reciprocal beneficiary. The
11 legislature also finds that part of the intent of the campaign
12 contribution laws was to provide special exemptions for
13 immediate family members when providing campaign contributions.
14 The legislature further finds that reciprocal beneficiaries
15 should be considered immediate family members for the purposes
16 of campaign contribution laws.



1 The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of
2 "immediate family member" in section 11-191, Hawaii Revised
3 Statutes, to include reciprocal beneficiaries.

4 SECTION 2. Section 11-191, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending the definition of "immediate family" to read
6 as follows:

7 "Immediate family" means a candidate's spouse [7] or
8 reciprocal beneficiary, and any child, parent, grandparent,
9 brother, or sister of the candidate, and the spouses or
10 reciprocal beneficiaries of such persons. For the purposes of
11 this part, "reciprocal beneficiaries" shall have the same
12 meaning as in section 572C-3."

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
16 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
17 begun, before its effective date.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:

Calvin K. Y. Au

BY REQUEST:

JAN 18 2008



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APPROVED this 14 day of APR , 2008



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII