A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11-423, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(d) From January 1 of the year of any primary, special, or general election, the aggregate expenditures for each election by a candidate who voluntarily agrees to limit campaign expenditures, inclusive of all expenditures made or authorized by the candidate alone, all treasurers, the candidate committee, and noncandidate committees on the candidate's behalf, shall not exceed the following amounts expressed, respectively multiplied by the number of voters in the last preceding general election registered to vote in each respective voting district:

(1) For the office of governor — $2.50;
(2) For the office of lieutenant governor — $1.40;
(3) For the office of mayor — $2.00;
(4) For the offices of state senator, state representative, county council member, and prosecuting attorney — $1.40; [and]
For member of the board of trustees, office of Hawaiian affairs – $1.40; and

For all other offices – 20 cents."

SECTION 2. Section 11-425, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§11-425 Maximum amount of public funds available to candidate. (a) The maximum amount of public funds available in each election to a candidate for the office of governor, lieutenant governor, board of trustees of the office of Hawaiian affairs, or mayor shall not exceed ten per cent of the expenditure limit established in section 11-423(d) for each election.

(b) The maximum amount of public funds available in each election to a candidate for the office of state senator, state representative, county council member, and prosecuting attorney shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the expenditure limit established in section 11-423(d) for each election.

(c) For the office of Hawaiian affairs, the maximum amount of public funds available to a candidate shall not exceed $1,500 in any election year."
(d) (c) For all other offices, the maximum amount of public funds available to a candidate shall not exceed $100 in any election year.

[(e)] (d) Each candidate who qualified for the maximum amount of public funding in any primary election and who is a candidate for a subsequent general election shall apply with the commission to be qualified to receive the maximum amount of public funds as provided in this section for the respective general election. For purposes of this section, "qualified" means meeting the qualifying campaign contribution requirements of section 11-429."

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

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

INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:
Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Partial Public Funding; Campaign Finance

Description:
Increases the amount of money available from partial public funding to candidates running for the board of trustees, office of Hawaiian affairs, to match the amount available to candidates running for the office of lieutenant governor.

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