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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 to the date of the general election unless  
10                  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  
3 11-357; 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  
15 11-357; 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) To make contributions to the candidate's party so long
- 11 as the contributions are not earmarked for another
- 12 candidate; [~~e~~]
- 13 (8) To pay for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in
- 14 connection with the candidate's duties as a holder of
- 15 an office, including expenses incurred for memberships
- 16 in civic or community groups[-]; or
- 17 (9) To pay for the candidate's child care costs; provided
- 18 that:
- 19 (A) The child care costs would not have been incurred
- 20 but for the candidate's participation in the
- 21 candidate's own campaign activity;



1           (B) Qualifying child care costs are limited to costs  
2           for child care services incurred from January 1  
3           of the election year to the day after the date of  
4           the primary or general election in which the  
5           candidate appears on the ballot;

6           (C) The child care services shall not be provided by  
7           an immediate family member; and

8           (D) As used in this paragraph:

9                   "Child" means a person under eighteen years  
10                  of age and who is a biological, adopted, or  
11                  foster son or daughter; a stepchild; or a legal  
12                  ward of the candidate.

13                  "Child care" means a situation where a  
14                  person or organization has agreed to assume and  
15                  has been entrusted with responsibility for the  
16                  supervision, development, safety, and protection  
17                  of the candidate's child.

18                  "Immediate family member" means a  
19                  candidate's spouse, child, parent, grandparent,  
20                  reciprocal beneficiary, or any related individual



1                   who resides in the same household of the  
2                   candidate."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

5           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



S.B. NO. 2989  
S.D. 2

**Report Title:**

Elections; Campaign Finance; Use of Campaign Funds; Child Care

**Description:**

Allows candidates seeking election to use campaign funds for child care costs, under certain conditions. Effective 7/1/2050.  
(SD2)

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