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

SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part XIII, subpart E, to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§11- Contributions during legislative session prohibited; fundraising. (a) No entity, firm, association, corporation, nonprofit corporation, S corporation, limited liability company, general partnership, limited partnership, or lobbyist shall make a monetary or in-kind contribution to a candidate who is a member of the legislature or make a loan to a candidate who is a member of the legislature or to that candidate's candidate committee or noncandidate committee during any regular legislative session, during the five calendar days following adjournment sine die, and during any special session.

(b) No candidate who is a member of the legislature shall knowingly solicit or accept a contribution from a lobbyist or person by whom the lobbyist is retained or employed or on whose behalf the lobbyist appears or works during any regular
legislative session, during the five calendar days following adjournment sine die, and during any special session.

(c) No fundraiser for any candidate who is a member of the legislature shall be held during any regular legislative session, during the five calendar days following adjournment sine die, and during any special session.

(d) For the purposes of this section, "lobbyist" shall have the same meaning as in section 97-1."

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.
Report Title:
Campaign Contributions; Legislative Sessions; Fundraisers

Description:
Prohibits campaign contributions from certain entities to members of the legislature during the legislative session, for five days following adjournment sine die, and during a special session. Prohibits a member of the legislature from knowingly soliciting or accepting a contribution from a lobbyist or a lobbyist's principal during a legislative session, for five days following adjournment sine die, and during a special session. Prohibits fundraisers for any member of the legislature to be held during any regular legislative session, for five calendar days following adjournment sine die, and during a special session. Takes effect on 1/1/2020.

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