
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING A \$250 CAP ON CAMPAIGN
CONTRIBUTIONS AND ON ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR THE
REFUNDING OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

1 WHEREAS, members of the public have expressed concern over
2 large contributions being made to political campaigns in Hawaii
3 by individuals and organizations; and
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5 WHEREAS, the basic pillar of democracy is that all
6 individuals should be treated equally; and
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8 WHEREAS, there is at least an appearance of unfairness when
9 an individual or organization is able to contribute a larger sum
10 of money to a political campaign than another individual or
11 organization; and
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13 WHEREAS, members of the public have recommended that a \$250
14 cap on donations per contributor per election would create a
15 level playing field for state government elections; and
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17 WHEREAS, members of the public have further expressed
18 dissatisfaction over situations in which they made a political
19 contribution based on assurances made by a candidate, and
20 subsequently that candidate took an opposing position; and
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22 WHEREAS, members of the public have expressed the desire
23 for a process of refunding campaign contributions; now,
24 therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Campaign Spending
29 Commission is requested to study other jurisdictions with regard



1 to placing a cap of \$250 on campaign contributions per
2 contributor per election; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Campaign Spending
5 Commission is requested to study other jurisdictions with regard
6 to a process for refunding campaign contributions; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Campaign Spending
9 Commission is requested to report its findings and
10 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
11 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
12 the regular session of 2016; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the
16 Campaign Spending Commission and Comptroller.

