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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  
8                   contributions shall be made from the date the  
9                   candidate files nomination papers to the date of the  
10                  general election;
- 11           (4) To make donations to any public school or public  
12                   library; provided that in any election period, the  
13                   total amount of all contributions shall be no more  
14                   than twice the maximum amount that one person may  
15                   contribute to that candidate pursuant to section 11-  
16                   357; provided further that any donation under this  
17                   paragraph shall not be aggregated with or imputed  
18                   toward any limitation on donations pursuant to  
19                   paragraph (3);
- 20           (5) To award scholarships to full-time students attending  
21                   an institution of higher education or a vocational



1 education school in a program leading to a degree,  
2 certificate, or other recognized educational  
3 credential; provided that in any election period, the  
4 total amount of all scholarships awarded shall be no  
5 more than twice the maximum amount that one person may  
6 contribute to that candidate pursuant to section 11-  
7 357; provided further that no awards shall be made  
8 from the filing deadline for nomination papers to the  
9 date of the general election;

10 (6) To purchase not more than two tickets for each event  
11 held by another candidate or committee, whether or not  
12 the event constitutes a fundraiser as defined in  
13 section 11-342;

14 (7) To make contributions to the candidate's party so long  
15 as the contributions are not earmarked for another  
16 candidate; or

17 (8) To pay for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in  
18 connection with the candidate's duties as a holder of  
19 an office[~~ry~~], including expenses incurred for  
20 memberships in civic or community groups.



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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on upon approval.



**Report Title:**

Campaign Finance; Permissible Uses of Campaign Funds

**Description:**

Amends the permitted uses of campaign funds to include paying for expenses incurred for membership in civic or community groups. (HB2156 CD1)

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