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Legislation Would Revive Partial Public Funding Program

The **House Judiciary Committee** today passed a bill that would "revive Hawaii's old partial public funding program for elections, which was originally implemented in 1980 by a mandate from citizens during the Constitutional Convention."

That's according to a press release from the **Sierra Club, Voter Owned Hawaii** and **Common Cause Hawaii**.

House Bill 2533, which would create a citizen-funding option for state House elections, now awaits a hearing in Finance. A similar bill died in conference committee during the 2013 session.

Carmille Lim, executive director of Common Cause Hawaii, said, "This bill is one of the most significant democracy reform measures currently before the Hawaii Legislature. House Bill 2533 **has the potential to change Hawaii's political landscape** by requiring the candidates who opt-in to this program to focus on the concerns of the average constituent, instead of large donations from the wealthy donors and special interests who currently have a stronghold on Hawaii's politics."



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"revive Hawaii's old partial public funding program..." I think some clarification is needed here. Partial



public funding of state House elections is already available to candidates. If the bill allows for opt-in participation rather than requiring it, what is the difference between the bill and what we already have? And why is the House being singled out?


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Yes, it is hard to understand the point of this bill if it is just opt in. This appears to mean that the same big money people will continue to control the "democratic system" we have now...

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