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REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

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EXPENDITURES AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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This report to the Hawai'i Legislature about the possible expenditures of the Office of Elections responds to the legislature's direction under Section 54 of Act 162 (2009) to report such information no later than 20 days before the 2010 regular legislative session convenes. The section establishes four classes of requested information. Each is restated here.

(1) *All expenditures made from federal funds for the current fiscal year and previous two fiscal years.*

The only expenditure from federal funds for the current fiscal year (FY) ending June 30, 2010, consists of the salary for one election information specialist in the amount of \$27,008.41 to date.¹

The expenditures for the previous two fiscal years are as follows:

(a) For FY 2008 ending June 30, 2008, the HAVA (Help America Vote Act of 2002) expenses totaled \$4,888,121. These funds paid for airing various voter education ads on radio and television and equipment including computers for the election office used in, and useful for, the office's administration of election activities, the purpose of the Office of Elections, and licensing expenses related to AskED, the election official computer software support system. See the detail appearing on page 5.

(b) For FY 2009 ending June 30, 2009, the HAVA expenses totaled \$453,079. These funds paid for airing voter education ads on radio and television; the election office's 211 voter support referral service; printing and mailing the "Hawaii Votes" brochure; printing of absentee voting instruction sheet and single party primary election poster; and typesetting the eScan instructions for the 2008 voting equipment. Please see the detail appearing on page 5.

(2) *A detailed justification of the amount of federal funds expected to be expended for the 2010 election voting system contract.*

The justification for the \$500,000 of HAVA funds expected to be spent for the 2010 election voting equipment system contract is clear. The justification is to obtain for the people of Hawaii in recognition of the state's fiscal condition the greatest value over time from limited federal funds by contributing to the cost of the state's voting system a reasonable amount of federal funds but a percentage materially lower than the amounts previously spent for the voting systems used in the 2004, 2006, and 2008 elections and simultaneously by preserving the most responsible amount of HAVA funds to the extent determined by the state's knowledgeable election officials as reasonable and appropriate to make the state voter registration system compliant with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requirement for such system recognized in Hawaii's State Plan and imposed on the chief election officer by federal law.

¹ The Office of Elections expended from HAVA funds \$3,681.93 to pay for publication of the notice of the administrative rule public hearing. This amount is expected to be replaced by general program revenues.
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(3) A detailed budget of expenditures of federal funds for fiscal year 2009-2010 and fiscal year 2010-2011.

For FY 2009-2010 ending June 30, 2010, no detailed budget of expenditures may reasonably be determined at this time. The administration within the last few days granted the chief election officer the authority to hire full time and seasonal staff needed for the elections who would be paid with HAVA funds. But since the nature of the elections due to a reduction of the number of polling places not to be opened and consolidated with other polling places and their implementation remain to be determined, the number and timing of the hiring of the required staff has not been determined. Adding to this uncertainty are the decisions the interim chief election officer appointed December 30, 2009, may make about the number and timing of the hiring of the staff. Thus a detailed budget of expenditure of federal funds cannot be determined at this time.

With the foregoing in mind, a very general amount of possible expenditure of federal funds for staff, election supplies, and voter education may be in the range of \$400,000 more or less to the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2009, as based on and determined by the decisions the interim chief election officer may make in his discretion under the law.

For FY 2010-2011 ending June 30, 2011, only a rough and changeable budget of expenditures at best may reasonably be determined at this time. No voting equipment system for the 2010 elections exists at this date. This system contributes in a meaningful way to the nature of election official training, number of officials, and amounts of supplies, among other important factors that vary for each election, to be needed at the elections. Until the voting system information becomes available, the possible budget may be \$1,415,196. These decisions remain better for the interim chief election officer to make. Please see the information on page 6.

(4) For each general and primary election held within the past 6 years, the number of persons eligible to vote, the number of persons registered to vote, and the number of persons that voted broken down by method of voting.

At the outset one observes the number of persons eligible to vote may not reasonably be determined at any time. Because people move into and out of the state not infrequently, no objectively calculated number of persons eligible to vote exists. Reasonable people with some knowledge about elections may differ about the number of such persons without necessarily citing an incorrect number.

The number of persons registered to vote, number who voted, and the breakdown among the voters who voted within the past six years at the 2004, 2006, and 2008 Primary and General Elections appear on the next page.

	2004	2006	2008
Number of persons registered to vote			
primary election	626,120	655,120	667,647
general election	647,238	662,728	691,356
Number of persons who voted			
primary election total	252,630	276,693	246,070
precinct	169,455	174,344	151,028
absentee	79,276	102,349	95,042
general election total	431,662	348,980	356,064
precinct	297,880	230,165	280,538
absentee	133,782	118,815	175,526

Respectfully Submitted,

Office of Elections

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HAVA Expenses
Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009

HAVA Expenses	FY08 Cost	FY09 Cost
Personnel	2,248	61,623
Voting System	4,767,603	0
Voter Education - Advertising	76,565	152,450
Voter Education - Graphic Design	0	10,275
Voter Education - Printing	0	87,746
Voter Education - Postage	0	60,000
Voter Education - Video Production	5,500	0
Voter Education - Telephone Referral Service	0	6,000
Travel	1,768	3,912
Audit Fee	0	33,334
Software Maintenance	11,911	13,822
Supplies for Training	0	937
Supplies for Control/Counting Center Set-Up	0	556
Computer Hardware/Software	22,411	22,235
Parcel Delivery	86	0
Interest	29	189
Total	4,888,121	453,079

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Projected HAVA Expenses
Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011

HAVA Expenses	FY10-11 Projected
Personnel	460,000
Voting System	500,000
Voter Education - Advertising	229,000
Voter Education - Graphic Design	12,000
Voter Education - Printing	90,000
Voter Education - Postage	60,000
Voter Education - Video Production	0
Voter Education - Telephone Referral Service	6,000
Travel	5,000
Audit Fee	32,696
Software Maintenance	14,000
Supplies for Training	1,000
Supplies for Control/Counting Center Set-Up	500
Computer Hardware/Software	5,000
Parcel Delivery	0
Interest	0
Total	1,415,196

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