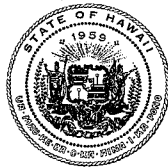


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TO: The Honorable Brian Taniguchi
The Honorable Clayton Hee
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Barbara U. Wong, Executive Director *BW*
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SUBJECT: **Testimony on S.B. No. 2202, Relating to Partial Public financing of Elections**

Wednesday, February 6, 2008
9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 016

Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Hee, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

This bill, which was introduced at the Campaign Spending Commission's ("Commission") request, allows candidates for the office of prosecuting attorney to qualify for partial public financing. This bill reinstates language in Hawaii Revised Statutes §11-209(a), that was deleted by Act 203, SLH 2005.

This bill would take effect retroactive to January 1, 2008. This would allow candidates to receive contributions beginning January 1, 2008 that would qualify them for partial public financing.

We urge the Committee to pass the bill.