



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION**  
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February 25, 2008

**TO:** The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker  
The Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

**FROM:** Barbara U. Wong, Executive Director *B. Wong*  
Campaign Spending Commission

**SUBJECT: Testimony on S.B. No. 2202, Relating to Partial Public Financing of Elections**

Monday, February 25, 2008  
10:30 a.m. in Conference Room 211

Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Tsutsui, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, 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.<sup>1</sup>

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.

The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor and passed unamended.

We urge the Committee to pass the bill.

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<sup>1</sup> The companion bill, H.B. No. 2723, was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and a hearing has not been scheduled on the bill.