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Aloha,

I am testifying against SB 3141, which would lift a \$1,000 cap on corporate donations.

As a community we should be moving toward a system of electing legislators who are free of obligations to corporate or institutional contributors. The legislature should be working toward establishing a procedure where legislators are beholding to the individual voters that elect them without having their votes in session bought and paid for in advance.

Progress was made when the \$1,000 cap was established. How can lifting it be an improvement in good government? Why is the State legislature leadership sponsoring such a bill? You should display courage and be leaders in areas of government ethics, sustainability, and other important matters. This bill takes us in the wrong direction. It does not perpetuate anything that is right or just. If candidates can't go to corporations for money, they might resort to fundraising from their constituents instead. This would be a positive trend.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my mana'o with you.

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