

**HB 1927**

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SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 1927, Relating to Campaign Spending  
Commission Law**

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9:45 a.m., Conference Room 016

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. The Campaign Spending Commission ("Commission") strongly supports this bill and urges the Committee to expedite and pass the bill.

Section 1 of the bill amends §11-334(a)(1)(A), Hawaii Revised Statutes, by changing the due date of the 1<sup>st</sup> Preliminary Primary Report from "July 31 of the election year" to "thirty calendar days prior to a primary election." Act 126, Sess. Laws Haw. 2010, advanced the date of the primary election from the last Saturday in September to the second Saturday in August. Thus, if the due date for the 1<sup>st</sup> Preliminary Primary Report is not also advanced, in election years such as this year, candidates will have back-to-back reporting deadlines of July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup> to file the 1<sup>st</sup> Preliminary Primary Report and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Preliminary Primary Report, respectively.

Section 1 of the bill also amends §11-334(a)(4), to more clearly align the law with present practice. Presently, every candidate files the Supplemental Report that is due on January 31<sup>st</sup> every year and not just on January 31<sup>st</sup> after an election year. **This bill does not require an additional or new report.** That is, every sitting senator and member of the House of Representatives, and every other elected state and county official (along with all other candidate committees registered with the Commission but one) filed the Supplemental Report that was due on January 31, 2012. This bill would simply align the

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law with present practice by deleting “after an election year” from the statutory provision. If this amendment is not passed, the Commission may not be able to require the filing of the January Supplemental Report in an election year leaving a one-year gap (July of a nonelection year to July of an election year) in reporting by candidate committees.