

HB 443

Relating to Campaign
Contributions
(Late Testimony)



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House JUD Committee
Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads

Thursday 3/3/11 at 2:30 PM in Room 329
HB 443 – Campaign Contributions & Government Contracts

TESTIMONY

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Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Committee Members:

Common Cause Hawaii supports HB 443, which would expand the existing “pay-to-play” restrictions, so that subcontractors and contract bidders would also be prohibited from donating to candidates’ campaigns.

This is a very positive step in the right direction. Past scandals have unfortunately tarnished the image of government, and there continues to be widespread concern among the public regarding connections between public officials, campaign donations, and government contracts. This bill helps to address those concerns and promote greater trust in government.

We urge the committee to pass HB 443. Mahalo for hearing this bill and for the opportunity to submit testimony.

LATE TESTIMONY