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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2011 9:00:00 AM SB994

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**Comments:**

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

Aloha, my name is Lee McIntosh. I live in Kau on the Big Island. I am not in favor of SB 994, which prohibits legislators or their employees from appointing or employing a close relative. This is an unjust bill because it discriminates against relatives that should enjoy the same opportunity as everyone else for consideration if they meet the requirements for employment. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 994.



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**Senate JDL Committee  
Chair Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Maile Shimabukuro**

**Thursday 2/24/11 at 9:00 AM in Room 016  
SB 994 – Nepotism**

TESTIMONY

**Nikki Love**, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

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Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Committee Members:

**Common Cause Hawaii supports SB 994**, which prohibits legislators and employees from naming or appointing a relative to public office or employment.

Recent news articles have highlighted potential problems with nepotism in certain government agencies. The possibility of nepotism makes the public wonder whether the hiring process is fair, whether the most qualified individuals are chosen, whether the work is being done professionally and competently, and whether government resources are being properly used. These pressing questions diminish public trust in our government. This bill, along with proper enforcement, would help to address this problem and promote greater trust in the process of public service.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.