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February 20, 2013

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
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The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

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FROM: Kristin Izumi-Nitao, Executive Director *KI*
Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 1481, H.D. 1, Relating to Campaign Spending**

Thursday, February 21, 2013
1:30 p.m., Conference Room 308

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. The Campaign Spending Commission ("Commission") is generally in support of the intent of public financing for candidates, but has strong concerns about the bill and offers the following comments.

Proposed §11-E, beginning on page 8 of the measure, requires candidates for the Senate seeking comprehensive public funding to submit an application for certification that includes 400 qualifying signatures from registered voters in the district of which at least thirty shall be accompanied by a qualifying contribution of \$100. Based upon data from the 2012 election period, 400 signatures represent, on the average, only 1.61 percent of registered voters in the Senate districts. The same section also requires candidates for the House seeking comprehensive public funding to submit an application for certification that includes 200 qualifying signatures from registered voters in the district of which at least fifteen shall be accompanied by a qualifying contribution of \$100. Based upon data from the 2012 election period, 200 signatures represent, on the average, only 1.66 percent of registered voters in the House districts. Since the bill will drastically increase public funding for Senate and House candidates, as discussed below, a significantly stronger showing of grass-roots support from registered voters should be required. Based upon 2012 election data, Senate districts averaged 25,555 registered voters and House districts averaged 12,527 registered voters. See attachment A. This section should be amended to require that Senate and House candidates obtain significantly more signatures of registered

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voters in the district than the 1.61 percent (Senate) and 1.66 percent (House) that the bill currently requires.

For the same reason, **all** of the signatures of registered voters should be accompanied by a qualifying contribution, but in a lesser amount than \$100. For purposes of discussion, the Commission suggests the amount of \$10 for the qualifying contribution.

Proposed §11-G, beginning on page 11 of the bill, increases dramatically¹ the maximum amount of public funds available to candidates for seats in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Using expenditure data from the 2012 election, the maximum amount of public funds available for a candidate for the Senate will be \$67,562.36. In 2016, assuming all twelve Senate districts up for election have one candidate receiving public funding under this proposed amendment, the maximum amount of public funding available will be \$810,748.32. Assuming all twelve Senate districts have two candidates receiving public funding under this proposed amendment, the maximum amount of public funding available will be \$1,621,496.60. Also, using expenditure data from the 2012 election, the maximum amount of public funds available for a candidate for the House, will be \$32,598.38. Assuming all fifty-one House districts have one candidate receiving public funding under this proposed amendment, the maximum amount of public funding available will be \$1,662,517.30. Assuming all fifty-one House districts have two candidates receiving public funding under this proposed amendment, the maximum amount of public funding available will be \$3,325,034.60. Considering that the balance of the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund was \$3,190,437.02 as of December 31, 2012, the proposed amendments will require a substantial appropriation from the Legislature to the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund to pay for the anticipated dramatic increase in public funding for candidates to the Senate and House. To be on the safe side, when deciding on the amount of the appropriation, this committee should assume that there will be at least one candidate seeking public funds under this measure in each state legislative district (12 Senate candidates and 51 House candidates).

Assuming then that the language in the bill does not change, it would mean that a candidate for the House would only need to obtain 200 qualified signatures of registered voters, which only represents 1.66 percent, on the average, of all registered voters in a House district, and \$1,500 in qualifying contributions from fifteen registered voters, which represents just 0.12 percent, on the average, of all registered voters in a House district, to receive over \$32,500 of public funds. It would also mean that a candidate for the Senate would only need to obtain 400

¹ In the 2012 election period, ten house candidates received public funding under the partial public financing program. The candidate that received the greatest amount of public funds received \$2,186. Of the ten candidates, two of them (one incumbent and one challenger) won election to office. None of the 2012 Senate candidates received partial public funding. In the 2010 election period, four house candidates received public funding under the partial public financing program. The candidate that received the greatest amount of public funds received \$2,613. Of the four candidates, one (an incumbent) won election to office. In 2010, one Senate candidate received \$5,015 in public funds. That candidate did not win election to office. The Commission is certain that the significantly higher amount of public funding available under this measure will attract far more candidates to seek certification.

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qualified signatures of registered voters, which represents only 1.61 percent, on the average, of all registered voters in a Senate district, and \$3,000 in qualifying contributions from thirty registered voters, which represents just 0.12 percent, on the average, of all registered voters in a Senate district, to receive over \$67,500 of public funds.

Proposed §11-F, beginning on page 10 of the measure, requires the Commission to verify that the required signatures and the qualifying contribution meet the requirements of law. The Commission would require an appropriation to properly staff its office to take on the enlarged duties imposed by the measure. The Commission roughly estimates that it would need 2.75 seasonal employees² if one candidate in each Senate and House district applied for certification for public funding and 5.50 seasonal employees if two candidates in each Senate and House district applied for certification for public funding. The Commission has learned that the Office of Elections pays its seasonal employees an hourly rate of \$11.25.

Finally, proposed §11-P, beginning on page 22 of the measure, requires that the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund (“HECF”) has a minimum balance of \$3,500,000 to certify candidates during the 2016 elections and to provide comprehensive public funding for candidates in Senate and House races. As of December 31, 2012, the HECF’s balance was \$3,190,437.02. Thus it is certain that unless the Legislature provides funding for this program and other Commission expenses, this proposed comprehensive public funding program will not be implemented in 2016.

² The Commission estimates that the seasonal workers will be needed from January 25 through August 13, 2016. The first day that a candidate can file an application is February 1, 2016, so the January 25th start date allows for one week of training. The last day a candidate can an application is July 14, 2016, so the August 13th end date allows for the processing of applications filed on or near the deadline.

Public Funding Calculations for Senate Candidates

Office	District	Signatures	\$100 QCs	2012 General Election RVs	% for Signatures	% for \$100 QCs	Maximum Amount
Senate	1	400	30	25,774	1.55%	0.12%	\$67,562
Senate	2	400	30	22,890	1.75%	0.13%	\$67,562
Senate	3	400	30	23,006	1.74%	0.13%	\$67,562
Senate	4	400	30	23,872	1.68%	0.13%	\$67,562
Senate	5	400	30	23,742	1.68%	0.13%	\$67,562
Senate	6	400	30	24,124	1.66%	0.12%	\$67,562
Senate	7	400	30	28,374	1.41%	0.11%	\$67,562
Senate	8	400	30	37,227	1.07%	0.08%	\$67,562
Senate	9	400	30	35,508	1.13%	0.08%	\$67,562
Senate	10	400	30	27,628	1.45%	0.11%	\$67,562
Senate	11	400	30	28,695	1.39%	0.10%	\$67,562
Senate	12	400	30	23,097	1.73%	0.13%	\$67,562
Senate	13	400	30	24,172	1.65%	0.12%	\$67,562
Senate	14	400	30	22,199	1.80%	0.14%	\$67,562
Senate	15	400	30	20,412	1.96%	0.15%	\$67,562
Senate	16	400	30	27,172	1.47%	0.11%	\$67,562
Senate	17	400	30	23,216	1.72%	0.13%	\$67,562
Senate	18	400	30	30,271	1.32%	0.10%	\$67,562
Senate	19	400	30	20,317	1.97%	0.15%	\$67,562
Senate	20	400	30	20,816	1.92%	0.14%	\$67,562
Senate	21	400	30	19,163	2.09%	0.16%	\$67,562
Senate	22	400	30	21,568	1.85%	0.14%	\$67,562
Senate	23	400	30	21,440	1.87%	0.14%	\$67,562
Senate	24	400	30	31,497	1.27%	0.10%	\$67,562
Senate	25	400	30	32,703	1.22%	0.09%	\$67,562

Totals (1 candidate) -

25,555

1.61%

0.12%

\$1,689,059

Totals (2 candidates) -

\$3,378,118

From HECF

Public Funding Calculations for House Candidates

Office	District	Signatures	\$100 QCs	2012 General Election RVs	% for Signatures	% for \$100 QCs	Maximum Amount
House	1	200	15	15,162	1.32%	0.10%	\$32,598
House	2	200	15	14,693	1.36%	0.10%	\$32,598
House	3	200	15	13,481	1.48%	0.11%	\$32,598
House	4	200	15	13,013	1.54%	0.12%	\$32,598
House	5	200	15	12,915	1.55%	0.12%	\$32,598
House	6	200	15	12,673	1.58%	0.12%	\$32,598
House	7	200	15	13,605	1.47%	0.11%	\$32,598
House	8	200	15	13,536	1.48%	0.11%	\$32,598
House	9	200	15	10,206	1.96%	0.15%	\$32,598
House	10	200	15	11,552	1.73%	0.13%	\$32,598
House	11	200	15	12,572	1.59%	0.12%	\$32,598
House	12	200	15	14,667	1.36%	0.10%	\$32,598
House	13	200	15	13,707	1.46%	0.11%	\$32,598
House	14	200	15	12,522	1.60%	0.12%	\$32,598
House	15	200	15	12,252	1.63%	0.12%	\$32,598
House	16	200	15	12,453	1.61%	0.12%	\$32,598
House	17	200	15	15,924	1.26%	0.09%	\$32,598
House	18	200	15	16,940	1.18%	0.09%	\$32,598
House	19	200	15	14,406	1.39%	0.10%	\$32,598
House	20	200	15	14,161	1.41%	0.11%	\$32,598
House	21	200	15	10,109	1.98%	0.15%	\$32,598
House	22	200	15	10,301	1.94%	0.15%	\$32,598
House	23	200	15	13,725	1.46%	0.11%	\$32,598
House	24	200	15	11,987	1.67%	0.13%	\$32,598
House	25	200	15	12,963	1.54%	0.12%	\$32,598
House	26	200	15	10,617	1.88%	0.14%	\$32,598
House	27	200	15	12,061	1.66%	0.12%	\$32,598
House	28	200	15	9,631	2.08%	0.16%	\$32,598
House	29	200	15	7,994	2.50%	0.19%	\$32,598
House	30	200	15	6,942	2.88%	0.22%	\$32,598
House	31	200	15	9,943	2.01%	0.15%	\$32,598
House	32	200	15	12,050	1.66%	0.12%	\$32,598
House	33	200	15	14,716	1.36%	0.10%	\$32,598
House	34	200	15	14,561	1.37%	0.10%	\$32,598
House	35	200	15	10,541	1.90%	0.14%	\$32,598
House	36	200	15	13,890	1.44%	0.11%	\$32,598
House	37	200	15	15,645	1.28%	0.10%	\$32,598
House	38	200	15	10,849	1.84%	0.14%	\$32,598
House	39	200	15	11,590	1.73%	0.13%	\$32,598
House	40	200	15	10,285	1.94%	0.15%	\$32,598
House	41	200	15	11,339	1.76%	0.13%	\$32,598
House	42	200	15	12,913	1.55%	0.12%	\$32,598
House	43	200	15	10,142	1.97%	0.15%	\$32,598
House	44	200	15	9,613	2.08%	0.16%	\$32,598
House	45	200	15	8,303	2.41%	0.18%	\$32,598
House	46	200	15	10,296	1.94%	0.15%	\$32,598
House	47	200	15	12,878	1.55%	0.12%	\$32,598

House	48	200	15	16,072	1.24%	0.09%	\$32,598
House	49	200	15	16,177	1.24%	0.09%	\$32,598
House	50	200	15	14,919	1.34%	0.10%	\$32,598
House	51	200	15	15,391	1.30%	0.10%	\$32,598

Totals (1 candidate) - 12,527 1.66% 0.12%

Totals (2 candidates) -

\$1,662,517
\$3,325,035
From HECF



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Thursday, February 21, 2013, 1:30 PM, State Capitol, Room 308

Measure: HB1481 HD1 RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING

Position: Strongly Support

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, members of the Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii strongly supports HB1481, HD1. The League supports this measure as part of our mission of promoting a healthy democracy through fair and free elections.

The latest election cycle with its massive inputs of money including monies from individuals and organizations outside Hawai'i, and including disturbingly anonymous contributions to these monies, has dismayed us.

Full voluntary public funding of election campaigns will allow candidates (including incumbents!) to focus on the needs of their districts and the people of Hawai'i, rather than the narrow interests of private donors. The recent pilot of full voluntary public funding in Hawaii County Council races has been successful in allowing 5 of 9 Council members to be elected without spending time and energy

chasing dollars. The public can trust that these successful candidates will devote themselves to the public good.

The public's trust in government and elected officials is regrettably low. Unfortunately, the influence of powerful special interests which have poured money into our elections, seems in some cases to have influence the choices of elected officials. According to a 2005 AARP survey, 86% of voting age residents in Hawaii think campaign contributions moderately or greatly influence policies supported by elected officials.

We note that the bill as amended resolves the problems initially identified by the Campaign Spending Commission in the original draft of the bill.

Enacting HB1481 HD1 will begin to re-establish public confidence in the State Legislature, and pride in its achievements. Our members statewide urge you to support HB1481 HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.

Beppie Shapiro, President

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Marjorie Ziegler	Conservation Council for Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
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Members of the House Committee on Finance

FROM: Kory Payne, Executive Director
Voter Owned Hawaii

SUBJECT: Testimony on H.B. No. 1481, Relating to Campaign Spending

Tuesday, February 5, 2013
2:05 p.m., Conference Room 325

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. We strongly support this legislation with amendments.

During the 1978 Constitutional Convention, delegates fought hard to create the partial public funding program that we now have. Delegate Naomi Campbell said during that Convention: ". . . if we think these tremendous sums being spent [on elections], these tremendous sums being contributed, are not sums for which we are going to ultimately pay because of poor government . . . and because of undue influence . . . we are fooling ourselves."

We have let the partial public funding program decay over the past 30 years, and along with it our best chance at a truly functioning lawmaking arena.

In short, providing a public funding for House and Senate candidates is the deal of the century for taxpayers. Right now, citizen contributions to candidates' committees make up only two percent of the payments made. Monied, special interests essentially have a monopoly on the lawmaking arena, and we all know corporations give money to get a return on their investments.

We are counting on you to break the cycle and save this program that delegates fought for in 1978.

On the Big Island, five out of nine Councilors currently won their races using the pilot program, having accepted no money from private donors. This group includes both incumbents and new legislators.

This bill will do the following:

1. Amends the existing public funding programs for House and Senate races to include a qualifying period for candidates (SECTION 1). The qualification process would require House and Senate candidates to collect 200 signatures from registered voters in the district for which they're qualifying. In addition, House candidates would be required to collect 15 contributions of \$100 from registered voters in their district, and Senators required to collect 20.

We recommend changing this requirement to the language in HB 1481 HD 1, which required 250 signatures from House candidates, with each signature accompanied with a five dollar check or money order; and 350 signatures from Senate candidates, each accompanied with a five dollar check or money order.

We believe the more difficult requirements will attract more grassroots-oriented candidates, and will be more challenging. The current requirements, we believe, will be too easy.

The amounts given to House and Senate candidates would be based upon amounts spent in the previous elections. Basing these amounts on a formula instead of a fixed amount will help ensure the amounts do not become obsolete (as is the case with the current partial system).

The formula for determining amounts given to qualified candidates would be determined by removing the top three and bottom three spenders in the previous election period, for each chamber. After removing the top three and bottom three spenders, the amount given would be the average amount spent by the winning candidates (Figure 1).

For House races, for example, after subtracting the top three and bottom three spending races, the total amount spent out of 46 remaining districts is \$1,568,426. That amount divided by 46 districts equals an average of \$34,853 per district. This is the amount that would be given to a House candidate who is able to qualify.

2. Removes Governor and Lieutenant Governor races from the existing partial public funding program for elections in order to free up money for an upgrade for House and Senate races.
3. Pays for the program through a General Fund allocation.

We also encourage this committee to add the following amendments:

1. Reinsert language from HD1, which creates a mechanism which allows candidates to raise additional funds (with a total cap of twice the amount of the base allotment -- e.g. House candidates could raise an additional \$34,853) by raising small contributions (House up to \$100, and Senate up to \$200). Those small contributions would be matched 3-1 by the state.

Figure 1 -- Total spending in House Races by winning candidates, period 2012

TOTAL	\$1,880,078.25
TOTAL / 51 =	\$36,864.28
TOTAL (-TOP 3, BOT 3) / 45	\$34,853.92

Figure 2 -- Total spending in Senate Races by winning candidates, period 2012

TOTAL	\$1,875,557
TOTAL / 25 =	\$75,022.28
TOTAL (-TOP 3/BOT 3) / 19	\$68,081.28

Potential Cost

Figure 3 -- Maximum potential cost of running House races

	Base Allotment	Base Allotment x 2	Base Allotment x 2 (x 2 Candidates)	Base Allotment x2, x2 Candidates, x 51 Districts
House	\$34,853.25	\$69,706.50	\$139,413	\$7,110,369 (every two years) = \$3,555,184.50 (per year)
Senate	\$68,081.28	\$136,162.56	\$272,325.12	\$6,808,128 (every four years) = \$1,702,032 (per year)
House & Senate				\$5,257,216.50 (per year)

February 19th, 2013

Hawaii State Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear State Legislators,

I am writing to support The Clean & Fair Elections Bill for House and Senate Races (HB 1481). Issues of campaign finance are at the heart of every issue debated by our representatives. Although the issues are certainly complex, and no single bill will solve them all, I believe that a public funding option for house and senate races is the first step to restoring true democracy to our state, and eventually, the country.

At the risk of straying off topic, I present the following short example from last night's national news report. The billionaire Mayor of New York, Michael Bloomberg, is donating millions of dollars to U.S. House campaigns in Illinois and California to support pro-gun control candidates. I choose this example because I believe in the causes he supports with his money, namely promoting improved background checks for gun ownership and restrictions on such weapons and ammunition. However, I don't believe that Mayor Bloomberg, or the N.R.A., or anyone, should be allowed to do this. The people of those districts should choose their representatives without being inundated with advertising paid for thousands of miles away. I realize that a bill such as HB 1481 would not prevent such advertising buys in Hawai'i local races, but it would allow local candidates to run on a platform of rejecting large donations, either distant or local.

Please support HB 1481 as an important step moving Hawai'i toward "one person = one vote". Since campaign finance lies at the base of every issue debated in the legislature, I can't imagine a more important bill to pass.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Carson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Barbara B. Polk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The best solution to the issue of money in politics and it's tendency to undermine democratic institutions, is to encourage candidates to run on public funding. Hawaii's current partial public funding statute has not been updated in many years, with the result that the amounts candidates could receive are far insufficient to enable them to run a competitive campaign. This bill provides for an optional public funding alternative for candidates for the Hawaii House and Senate. Candidates who take advantage of this option will no longer have to spend their time raising campaign money, but will have more time to devote to their constituents and to dealing with the issues of the day.

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Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lee Eisenstein	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support having a democracy, that is not for sale, to the highest bidder.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randal McEndree	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Democracy must be re-invented every day. I salute your efforts to re-invent Democracy through the wise effort of Clean Elections. Mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii needs public funding of elections. We have a successful model on the Big Island (County Council). This should be expanded to statewide races such as the House and Senate. Please support this bill and move it forward. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shaun Stenshol	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is important to have public funding for public elections.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The negative reaction to the Citizens United decision should tell you that the public is against the corrosive influence of money in politics. The more that we can provide public funding and the more we can diminish the role of big donors, the more respect you as legislators will have in the eyes of the public. As a teacher of high school civics, I see a great need for this legislation. Citizens should be able to look up to their elected officials as honorable public servants. For the vast majority of you do sacrifice so much to do the public good. Don't let campaign financing issues muddle the waters. Pass this bill!

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Lorraine Kohn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am very hopeful that with election reform citizens can once again feel truly repressed by their lawmakers. Integrity is so important! This allows legislators to be statesmen and women instead of fundraising politicians. I totally support this act! Lorraine Kohn in Kona

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Kimberley Coburn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Like many in my State, I feel that we need more transparency and honesty in our elections. This bill could help us focus on voter needs and interests (we the people) rather than the special interests who have the cash to pay for an election.

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Julia Paul	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill and clean elections. No more special interest interference of the will of the people.

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Toni Withington	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha:

I write to support passage of HB 1481, the Clean and Fair Elections Bill. The single biggest problem with our representative democracy today is that it is not representative. Voters are turned off by the obvious greed and corruption that are engendered by a process that allows the people (or corporations) with the most money to control the elections process and even the civic dialogue. Fewer and fewer good ideas are even allowed to reach the point of discussion because they do not add to the bottom line of the people that are controlling the elections with their obscene amounts of contributions. A public funding option is the only way to clean up this intolerable situation and lead us into a new age of true representative democracy. The success of the efforts in Hawaii County provide a compelling argument in favor of public funding. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Gregory Mebel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Lawmakers, Please support this bill. It's one step in the process of cleaning up elections and policy making. Governing is a tough job. Having to play fundraiser only takes away time and energy from lawmaking, honing accurate representation, and the honorable service you provide the State. This bill is a long time coming and I hope you support it. We are relying on you for that. Sincerely, Greg Mebel

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Christine Kornet	Individual	Support	No

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Vicki Vierra	Individual	Support	No

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Lyn Howe	Individual	Support	No

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Jonathan Wong	Individual	Support	No

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Justin Avery	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this measure. Hawaii County has demonstrated the positive results of voter owned elections. More people are involved in the process. This is good for democracy. Thank you, Justin Avery Hilo, HI

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Mary Spadaro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is time to re-enfranchise voters by leveling the playing field. Public funding is the way we shall have our candidates put forward in spite of the efforts of corporate and union interests to buy and trade votes. Please pass this bill.

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Kanoë Phillips	Individual	Support	No

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Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

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janice palma-glenie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: this bill helps promote democratic process: one person, one vote.

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Mary True	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Elections should not be bought by the highest bidder which is what is happening right now. Because of Citizen's United the outcomes of our elections are no longer democratic. Please pass this bill to limit the amount of money in elections.

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Please support HB 1481 that relates to public financing of campaign spending. You are personally aware of how much time and energy it takes to raise funds for your campaign for state senator and state representative. It would be so much more efficient and so much fairer if we had public funding program for candidates for the offices of state senator and state representative. IHB 148 will restore the public's faith in representation for all the people in a fair and just way. I believe there are many important bills before you this session, but HB148 could be the most important in terms of long range effect on government processes and the people's perception of justice.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this important bill.

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Judith Flanders	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need this bill to pass so we the people can elect public representatives who will serve the highest interest of the 'Aina and ourselves which are never mutually exclusive. In order for democracy to flourish, it need be protected from special interest groups so our political candidates can once again be motivated to become public servants for the welfare of the whole.

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Julia Horn	Individual	Support	No

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Caki Kennedy	Individual	Support	No

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Carol Johnson	Individual	Support	No

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Brad Parsons	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lawrence McElheny	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha I support HB 1481. Mahalo Larry McElheny

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I am in support of the bill, HB1481 for Public Finance of the designated offices. Allowing and encouraging people by this bill's support increases the possibility of wider participation in state government.

Fritz Fritschel
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RE: HB1481, Relating to Campaign Spending
Hearing on Thursday, February 21, 2013 1:30 p.m. Conference Room 308
POSITION: Support
NOT ABLE TO ATTEND

Dear Chairperson Luke and Members of the Finance Committee:

I am testifying in support of HB1481, which presents a workable partial funding program for legislative and county candidates in Hawai`i.

When candidates do not have to focus on raising large amounts of money, they are free of obligations to their major donors. Even when those obligations are not openly stated and are, for the most part, subconscious, they do exist.

Public funding allows candidates who might not otherwise have the personal wealth or contacts to run for office. The wider spectrum of candidates available to the voter, the stronger our system will be.

Public funding also allows incumbents to focus more on meeting their constituents and hearing their concerns, rather than on organizing and attending fund-raising events.

The Hawai`i County comprehensive public funding pilot program has shown that candidates can run and be elected using public funding. Having conducted interviews with all Hawai`i County Council candidates who took the funding in 2012 -- both those who were elected and those who were not -- I can assure you that they were all strongly supportive of that program.

This bill would extend a program for funding -- be it partial -- to candidates in all counties and at both county and legislative levels. It is a very positive move toward separating ourselves from the problems associated with large private donations. Hawai`i has led the way with other forward-thinking programs. Please support HB1481 to make a strong statement for public campaign funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Susan D. Dursin

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Carey Lillis Tinsley	Individual	Support	No

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mark sheehan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Democracy is in peril when money has so much influence. public funding of campaigns is a critical first step in taking back our government.

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Testimony for Clean Elections HB1481

Clean elections in Hawaii seems to be the last resort to develop a fiscally responsible government for the people of Hawaii. For this reason I strongly urge all lawmakers to support this bill and make sure that the value proposition is carried forward and improved for generations to come.

-Brent Norris

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
michael donenfeld	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To our elected officials, I strongly support public funding of elections as presented in ; HB1481 This bill will enable our elected representatives to work on behalf of all the people. To not worry about fund raising from wealthy corporations will free your time up. I think everyone will be much better off if you pass this bill. Thank you.

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tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Citizen's United Supreme Court ruling was a farce and should never have been passed. Keeping money out of politics is very important for a vibrant and healthy democracy. Please pass this measure. France has had a system like this for many years and has worked for them.

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Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1481 and legislation that promotes fairness and would bring respectability back to politics in our Islands. Public Funding benefits the candidates, the system and, most importantly, the people of Hawai'i. Please return house representatives and senators to the list as these offices would benefit the most. Mahalo.

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Marjorie Erway	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is very very very important for the democratic process to work effectively in our wonderful State. Please support this bill!

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Leslie Ragan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: You need to pass this in order to restore the public's trust in you. The only reason this wouldn't pass in the public's mind is because there is something to hide.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jane Yamashiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this effort to improve our election of candidates.

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Michele Barnes-Mauthe	Individual	Support	No

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Carolyn Knoll	Individual	Support	No

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Bridget Scott	Individual	Support	No

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Moses Thrasher	Individual	Support	No

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Danielle Guion-Swenson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is the only way lawmakers CAN represent the people.

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Angela Rosa	Individual	Support	No

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Paul Deeter	Individual	Support	No

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Tom Coffman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The cost of campaigns is not only ever greater but the corrosive effect of money via campaigns is ever greater. Witness the 2012 election in Hawaii. Unable to counter the rational arguments of former Gov. Ben Cayetano, PRP blocked his election with a \$3 M to \$4 M attack of falsehoods regarding his good character. PRP's IRS filing indicates there is another \$13 to \$14 M where the first \$3 M came from. While the idea of integrity and independence of the officeholder is spoken of fervently, who is to maintain their integrity and independence in such a campaign money/media environment? I think careful examination would reveal that the Hawaii Island Council led the way on repeal of PLDC as a result of independent council members elected under the Voter-Owned Hawaii program. I worked on a reform bill forty years ago. To my surprise, various people from the business community stepped forward as allies. They were sick of the constant pressure to give money and wanted only a level playing field. The bill was found unconstitutional, but let's keep trying. Passage of a statewide program is a must if we are to malama Hawai'i Nei.

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