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March 18, 2013

TO: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

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

SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 1481, HD 2, Relating to Campaign Spending**

Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
10:05 a.m., Conference Room 016

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

Beginning on page 8 at line 20, proposed § 11-E(b) provides, "Candidates seeking certification for public funding for the office of state representative shall submit an application for certification that contains at least two hundred printed qualifying names with addresses and signatures, of which at least two hundred and fifty shall be accompanied by a qualifying contribution of \$5, in the same name." The Commission believes that the House Committee on Finance intended to require three hundred qualifying signatures or some number more than the two hundred and fifty that shall be accompanied by the \$5 qualifying contribution.

Proposed § 11-G, beginning on page 11 of the bill, increases dramatically<sup>1</sup> the maximum amount of public funds available to candidates for seats in the House of Representatives and the

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<sup>1</sup> 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

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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).

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 employees<sup>2</sup> 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 on September 1, 2015, 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.

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Commission is certain that the significantly higher amount of public funding available under this measure will attract far more candidates to seek certification.

<sup>2</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> start date allows for one week of training. The last day a candidate can an application is July 14, 2016, so the August 13<sup>th</sup> end date allows for the processing of applications filed on or near the deadline.



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## REVISED TESTIMONY, SUBMITTED 8:40 A.M. MARCH 18

Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 10:05 AM, State Capitol, Room 016

Measure: HB1481 HD2 RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING

Position: Strongly Support

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, members of the Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii strongly supports HB1481, HD2 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 anonymous contributions, dismays us as it does many of Hawai'i's citizens, government officials, and legislators.

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 pursuit of money for increasingly expensive campaigns. 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 interests of the largest contributors to election campaigns are often perceived as having the potential to influence the choices made by elected officials. There is no evidence that these perceptions are correct; nonetheless this perception, together with media reports on large contributors to campaigns, may erode trust in government. HB1481 HD2 would take this concern off the table.

We support the changes introduced as HD2.

We recognize however the question of how to fund this program. Recognizing that the Legislature will decide how to address funding, the League would like to make a few comments.

1. There are also costs to continuing the present system of private funding. While it is impossible to calculate these costs, they surely include the large number of hours spent on fund-raising by legislators and challengers; the costs incurred by our invaluable Campaign Spending Commission tracking and analyzing fund-raising and expenditure reports and administering the largely ineffective current partial campaign funding program; and, potentially, legislation which serves a certain sector of the economy but may have the result of comparatively raising costs on other sectors or the general public.
2. The number of candidates who will choose and qualify for public funding, given the revisions in HD2, will be limited.
3. Without having conducted any analyses of the following options, and in the spirit of brainstorming, we believe there may be creative ways to address the funds required in the current fiscal environment: for example, including only primary elections but not general elections in the program, or restricting the program to either House or Senate races. Legislators and other advocates probably can come up with other options.

Enacting HB1481 HD2 will go a long ways to affirm public confidence in the State Legislature, and pride in its achievements. This legislation would put Hawai'i 's legislature high on the map of innovative, public spirited states. Our members statewide urge you to support HB1481 HD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.

Beppie Shapiro, President

League of Women Voters of Hawai'i



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TO: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Kory Payne, Executive Director  
Voter Owned Hawaii

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

Tuesday, March 18, 2013  
10:05 p.m., Conference Room 016

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. We strongly support this legislation as is. We offer one suggested amendment also. It should also be noted that projections for the cost of Senate races in a two-year election cycle should be based upon 12.5 races, since there are 25 Senate districts which run every four years.

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 lawmaking arena that gives candidates an option to break out of the private financing of elections.

In short, providing a public funding option 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.

The proposed legislation would cost taxpayers an absolute maximum of \$2.42 per year (Figure 3)

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

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 candidates to collect 250 signatures from registered voters in the district for which they're qualifying, and Senate candidates to collect 350. In addition, each signature would need to be accompanied with a five dollar check or money order.

We strongly support the current requirements for publicly funded candidates because they are challenging and therefore will attract grassroots oriented candidates who can demonstrate trust and support in their communities

The amounts given to House and Senate candidates would be based upon amounts spent in the previous election cycle. 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. While we originally requested this language, we feel it is not absolutely necessary. Upon further review, we realize qualified Gubernatorial candidates were not very common and therefore not a significant strain on the funding Hawaii Election Campaign Fund.

3. Pays for the program through a General Fund allocation (Figure 3).

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

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

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

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

Potential Cost

Figure 3 -- Maximum potential cost of running House & Senate races in a two-year cycle

	<b>Base Allotment</b>	<b>Base Allotment x 51 House races and 12.5 Senate races</b>	<b>Base Allotment x 102 House races and 26 Senate races</b>
<b>House (51 districts)</b>	\$34,853.25	\$1,777,515	\$3,555,031
<b>Senate (12.5 districts in two-year cycle)</b>	\$68,081.28	\$881,016	\$1,702,032
<b>House &amp; Senate</b>			<b>\$5,257,063 (\$2.42 per year per taxpayer)</b>



Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee  
Chair Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Maile Shimabukuro

Tuesday 03/19/2013 at 10:05AM in Room 016  
HB321 HD1– Relating to Campaign Spending

TESTIMONY OF SUPPORT  
Carmille Lim, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee:

**Common Cause Hawaii supports HB1481 HD2.** This bill would create a public funding option for House and Senate candidates across Hawaii, giving political candidates (both new and incumbents) a choice to spend less time fundraising, and instead to spend that time working with constituents and solving problems. This plan would let political candidates break their dependence on big dollar contributors by providing them with enough public money to run competitive races for office.

Similar programs are in use in Arizona, Connecticut, and Maine and in a number of localities scattered across the country. An increasing number of Hawaii residents are familiar with this system's success in other states. Given their growing awareness of, and disappointment in money's influence in politics, Hawaii residents are becoming more vocal in their support of a publicly funded election system. Among the many "good government" issues Common Cause advocates for, Publicly Funded Elections has resonated longest with our 4,000 members and supporters.

Wealthy and corporate donors dominated Hawaii's 2012 elections. The more they spend, the more they expect in return. The public suffers from the results of the current pay-to-play system. 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. The survey goes on to state: Realizing that politicians have to raise money for their election campaigns, almost half of all Hawai'i residents strongly agree, and over one-third somewhat agree, they become obligated to the people who contributed money to their campaign. <sup>(1)</sup> Money has a corrosive impact on the lawmaking arena – whether real or perceived.

The heart of Common Cause's mission is to create a robust democracy by and responsive to an engaged public. We believe that implementing a public funding option would reduce the perception of pay-to-play politics and by increasing competition, can reengage the citizenry in the democratic process.

We are encouraged by the movement of this bill, and ask you to pass this bill.

**Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB321 HD2.**

(1) AARP, "Campaign Finance Reform in Hawai'i: A Survey of Residents 18+" 2005.  
<http://www.votercrownedhawaii.org/uploads/AARPSurvey.pdf>



**SENATE COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

March 19th, 2013, 10:05 A.M.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1481

Aloha Chair Hee and Members of the Committees,

I am writing to ask you to pass HB 1481 out of your committee. I imagine one of the burdens of being a Senator is the amount of time that you must spend raising campaign funds and one of the drawbacks to this process is the prevalent public suspicion that our politics are susceptible to the influence of those with deep pockets. I believe HB1481 would be a good step to re-building confidence in our political process by providing a sensible mechanism for public financing of legitimate campaigns. This has to be both good for our democracy and good for you. Please pass this bill.

Mahalo

Anthony Aalto



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March 18, 2013

Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor  
Hawai'i State Legislature

Re: H.B. 1481, HD 2, Relating to Campaign Spending  
Hearing on Tuesday, 03/19/13 at 10:05 AM, Rm. 16

Dear Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and Committee on Judiciary & Labor members:

Thank you for hearing H.B. 1481, and thank you for the opportunity to testify. We strongly **support** this measure, as we believe that it will rehabilitate and further the public funding option established by Hawaii's 1978 Constitutional Convention.

We are encouraged by the support that this important bill has received at the Legislature. H.B. 1481 will help to further the public interest in our state, by simply making it possible for our representatives to be "dependent on the people alone," as James Madison put it. The people's representatives will be better able to focus on the needs of their constituents without spending a significant percentage of their time fundraising. This measure will help make it possible for the long-term public interest to prevail, circumventing the waste associated with uneven policies based on special interests.

In *The Federalist* No. 52, James Madison referred to the U.S. House of Representatives as "that branch of the federal government which ought to be dependent on the people alone." (The members of the U.S. Senate, too, have been elected directly by the people since the Seventeenth Amendment was adopted a century ago.) But at both the federal and the state level, for decades but especially during the past seven years since the confirmation of Justices Roberts and Alito to the Supreme Court, a different sort of dependence has developed for many of our candidates, a dependence upon money from the aggregated wealth of special interest entities.

The deregulation effected by the U.S. Supreme Court decisions in *Randall v. Sorrell*, 548 U.S. 230 (2006), *Davis v. FEC*, 128 S. Ct. 2759 (2008), *Citizens United v. FEC*, 130 S. Ct. 879 (2010), and *American Tradition Partnership v. Bullock*, 567, U.S. \_\_\_\_ (2012), and the reverberations of these decisions in the states, has significantly exacerbated this culture of dependence upon special interest money. But as the dissent in *Citizens United* noted, "in a functioning democracy the public must have faith that its representatives owe their positions to the people, not to the corporations with the deepest pockets."

We need for our legislators to depend upon the people alone. H.B. 1481 would help. Please support this bill. Mahalo!

R. Elton Johnson, III  
Open Law Alliance

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**HB1481**

Submitted on: 3/17/2013

Testimony for JDL on Mar 19, 2013 10:05AM in Conference Room 16

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Henry Curtis	Life of the Land	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan Stayton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HB1481. We need to reduce the influence of big money on our legislators. Thanks you.

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Danielle Guion-Swenson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HB1481 to reduce the influence of special interest money so the people have a voice for a more sustainable and safe HAWAII. Mahalo.

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Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill would have big impact on limiting the influence of special-interest money in politics, which is having a disastrous effect on our ability to enact and defend sensible legislation that protects our environment. Oil, chemical, and so-called "seed" companies donate large sums of money to politicians in order to get even bigger returns on their investments. HB1481 HD2 would create a full public funding option for House and Senate candidates across the state of Hawaii, giving candidates the chance to break free from the constraints of spending most of their time raising money, and instead spending that time working with constituents and solving problems. Please pass HB1481 HB2. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carey Lillis Tinsley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: fair politics please. mahalo!

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Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Parke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is the most important legislation that you are considering this session. Please help lessen impact of the the greed and special interests that are controlling our political system.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
B. Halani Berard	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We must stop the unlimited amounts of money given to candidates running for office for the purpose of financing their campaigns. This contributes to the severe problem of creating a government for the good of special interest groups instead of the original intent of our constitution which upholds that government must be for the good of ALL people. Let us lead the way as an example for all states as well as for the Federal Government. These unlimited contributions causes great dishonesty and corruption. Please eliminate this dreadful poison from all government. Let us believe and act on the words of our motto, "Ua mau ke ea o ka `aina i ka pono." (The life of the land is preserved in RIGHTEOUSNESS!) Mahalo for allowing me to share my mana`o.

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

March 19, 2013

Testimony on HB 1481

by

Jerome M. Comcowich

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I urge you to vote in favor of publicly financed elections in Hawaii as reflected in HB 1481.

This legislation is long overdue! Public financing will level the playing field for candidates who wish to diminish the power of special interests. Furthermore, we will be a step closer to making public policy decisions based on the needs of the "common good" rather than the demands of the special interests.

Again, I respectfully urge your support for this bill.

With warm regards and aloha.

J. M. Comcowich

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Bruce	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In support of HB1481. This bill is a small step towards removing the influence of outside lobbyist funded campaign influence. Democracy is about people, not corporations. Money is not free speech! Thank you to all legislators who feel the people have a right to clean elections!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
janice palma-glenie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: most important to democracy is to clean up our election process.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Greg Mebel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I honor your choice to be a public servant. Imagine if you could simply serve and not spend so much time fund raising! Imagine if your ideas and works were how you were judged, not your ability to raise dollars. That's what I want for you and for our system. It effects ALL other issues in one way or another. Please support this bill. It's a small step for your committee, but a huge step for Hawaii. Thank you, Greg Mebel

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randy Ching	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: We need publicly funded elections. Private money has distorted the political process. So much of the law making agenda is now slanted toward the monied interests. Corporate power over this state is a direct result of the money corporations pour into election campaigns. Let's make democracy work for the people again. Please pass HB1481. It is the reform that makes all other reforms possible. Mahalo.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anne Thurston	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
james crowe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill will help provide good, authentic, public interest candidates

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes, Yes, Yes!!! Mahalo! This is the ONLY way to level the playing field.

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Aloha Legislator,

RE: support for HB1481 Creates public funding program of candidates for the offices of state senator and state representative

I humbly request that you support HB1481 to allow for our representative democracy to work as such. It would be reassuring for you, as an elected official, trying to do the right thing by your electorate to stand by them and not the corporate funds needed to finance your campaign.

Please help Hawaii to regain confidence in your role as an elected official and in the electoral system by supporting this bill.

Mahalo,

Marvin Heskett  
3252 Palolo Terrace Pl.  
Honolulu, HI 96816

(808)728-4617

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Fern Rosenstiel	Individual	Support	No

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

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sherrian witt	Individual	Support	No

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Larry Meacham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: March 17, 2013 Testimony to the House Judiciary Committee SUPPORTING HB 1481  
Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony. Publicly-funded elections allow people without a lot of money to run for office. They must first demonstrate community support by raising small contributions in their district. Then they can obtain additional funds to run their campaigns. Candidates may not accept any private finds if they opt for the public funding, and the money cannot be used for salaries, rent, cars, etc. Publicly-funded elections have been successful in states such as Arizona and Maine, where most candidates now use the system, it is popular with the public because it diminishes the role of special interest money in politics. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony. Larry Meacham 306B Lehua AT. Wahiawa, HI 96786

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Shawn A. James Leavey	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barbara B. Polk	Individual	Support	Yes

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. I urge you to pass this bill.

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Kimberley Coburn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I recently heard a Senator on NPR say that he was not going to run for re-election because he had some work to do that he felt was vital to the future of our country. Running for election, he claimed, would require that he quit working for his constituents and begin fund raising on a full time basis 2 years to 18 months before the election. If there is any truth in what he said - we MUST change the way politics and politicians operate in this country. We need our representatives helping us to repair roads, improve education, balance the budget, fix the economy, etc. Please pass this bill

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brian Murphy	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barbara Kahn-Langer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Legislators, We strongly support the creation of a public campaign funding program for the offices of State Senator and State Representative. We believe that good government is best achieved by the will and ability to do good for the community at large. Mahalo, Barbara Kahn-Langer James W. Brown Hawaiian Paradise Park Hawaii

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marjorie Erway	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Absolutely vital for the health of our State and our politics. Please, please vote YES!  
Mahalo for your consideration.

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K. Shishido	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure. I believe money has a corrosive impact on the lawmaking arena. This bill would allow candidates to spend less time raising money from monied interests and spend more time solving problems. Thank you.

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Brilana Troublefield	Individual	Support	No

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Barbara Kahn-Langer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Legislators, We strongly support the creation of a public campaign funding program for the offices of State Senator and State Representative. We believe that good government is best achieved by the will and ability to do good for the community at large. Mahalo, Barbara Kahn-Langer James W. Brown Hawaiian Paradise Park Hawaii

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Morse	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony--support HB-1481 From Richard Morse March 18 2013 Dear Clayton Hee-Chair--JDL; and committee members I support this bill-HB 1481--related to Campaigning spending; It seems like a good approach to maintaining a healthy, well-rounded democratic system; and would encourage new innovative ideas for goals of self sufficiency for the state. Thank You Richard Morse P.O. Box 61102 Honolulu Hi 96839

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**From:** laurag [laurag@divefish.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2013 10:20 AM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of HB 1481

I support HB 1481. We do need public financing for our elections. It is a scandal that our USA is being bought and sold to the highest bidder!  
Just think how the vets who fought to defend our country must feel to see what is happening.  
Be the first to stand up and defend our democracy. Sincerely, Laura Gray

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**From:** Dan Smith [dancsmith@rocketmail.com]  
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Publicly financed campaigns will allow incumbents and challengers to be on a more equal footing. In addition, incumbents have to spend too much time fund raising. A more grass roots approach is better.

Please pass HB 1481.

Daniel (Dan) C. Smith  
2055 9th Ave.  
Honolulu HI 96816  
(808) 734-0175

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**From:** Cathy O'Leary Carey [cathycaper@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2013 11:06 AM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of HB 1481

Dear Legislators,

We urge you to support HB 1481 so fair elections can become a reality again. Big money donations from corporations and wealthy individuals have made a mockery out of our democracy. Your support for HB 1481 is one way to right this wrong.

Thank you for your attention to our comments.

Cathy O'Leary Carey and John Carey  
84-710 Kili Drive #1917  
Waianae, HI 96792

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**From:** Carolyn Knoll [clk5356@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2013 9:49 AM  
**To:** JDLEstimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of HB 1481

I am in support of reducing the influence of special interest money so that we can achieve a more sustainable and safe Hawai'i.

Please support HB 1481.

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Thank you,

Carolyn Knoll  
Kaneohe, HI

*"Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body; instead to skid in sideways, chocolate and wine in one hand, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming WOO HOO What a ride!!"*

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Oppose	No

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Testimony for JDL on Mar 19, 2013 10:05AM in Conference Room 16

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Janet Murray	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Support HB1481 Mahalo nui

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carol Johnson	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Spafford	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am strongly in favor of this bill -- Please give democracy a chance to be independent of Big Money.

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Randal McEndree	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These measures are crucial to the cause of re-introducing Democracy in Hawaii. Thank you!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
michael donenfeld	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill for the health of our democracy. Policy makers will not have to search for special interest monies to run for office. The voices of everyone will be heard not just the wealthy.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Judith Flanders	Individual	Support	No

Comments: If we can clean up our elections we will be able to start to create a working and sustainable future for Hawaii. When the people and politics are aligned, democracy works! How incredible if we can lead the nation with this game changing bill. Mahalo, mahalo, Judith

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Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please continue the excellent public-funded election movement. It brought us several outstanding County Council members here on Hawai'i Island. Mahalo!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Diane Anderson	Individual	Support	No

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tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii's founding fathers voted for public financed elections, they and 'we the people' know that we don't need all the graft and corporate gifts which compromise politicians (my Senator is a case in point, she is for sale)and leaves a foul taste in voters mouths who watch as large corporation compromise our electoral process. Please pass this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Toni Withington	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support a voter-owned Hawaii. Public support of candidates WORKS here on the Big Island and we need to see our elections free of mega financing by special interests. Please vote yes.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support legislation that promotes fairness and would bring respectability back to politics in our Islands. Comprehensive Public Funding benefits the candidates, the system and, most importantly, the people of Hawai'i. Please support HB1481 HD2 too.

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Angela Rosa	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carolyn Knoll	Individual	Support	No

Comments: At the heart of nearly every systemic problem we can think of is the problem of money in politics, and this law -- HB 1481 -- would be one massive step towards fixing it.

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Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

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Joseph Heaukulani	Individual	Support	No

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**From:** Mike Swerdlow [mike@mikeswerdlow.com]  
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As long as you have special interests influencing our legislators you don't have Democracy, that is why we should all support bill HG1481.

Mahalo

Michael Swerdlow

Waikoloa Hawaii



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RE: HB1481

Position: Strong Support

Representing: Robert Petricci

Aloha:

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair, Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, and committee members.

I support HB1481, it allows for a broader participation and a more representative government. We need to get the special interest influence of elections under control for the good of al Hawaii.

Thank you.

Robert Petricci

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**From:** Serafina Gajate [sgajate@yahoo.com]  
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Aloha,

I support HB 1481 because I see a clear and present need for Hawai'i to be in control of our own future. When the vast majority of the financing for our elections comes from mainland businesses, those in office are forced to cater to mainland interests. Hawai'i cannot continue on being both the playground and cash cow for big business that have now real investments in the figure of Hawai'i outside of their own bottom line.

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Aloha awina la Representatives:I wish to support HB148.it will take out a lot of money which in many cases influences far to many bills and legislation.I think that this measure well make it possible for more concerned candidates to run for office and make a positive influence due to not being beholden to money or big corporations.Your yes vote will be most appreciated and an avenue for less money influencing legislation.Mahalo nui loa Scott Hamilton