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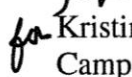
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February 4, 2013

TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

The Honorable Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

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

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. Although the Campaign Spending Commission ("Commission") is generally in support of the intent of public financing for candidates, the Commission is opposed to this bill as presently drafted.

Section 1 of the bill excludes candidates for the office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor from participating in the partial public financing program. This may present a constitutional problem. Article II, §5 of the Hawaii Constitution provides, "The legislature shall establish a campaign fund to be used for partial public financing for public offices of the State and its political subdivisions, as provided by law. The legislature shall provide a limit on the campaign spending of candidates." The question is whether the legislature can exclude certain public offices from the partial public financing program, and if so, under what circumstances.

Also in Section 1 of the bill, on page 3, subsection (e) of the new provision requires a qualifying contribution to be "in the form of a check or a money order payable to the Hawaii election campaign fund." The option of using a money order for the qualifying contribution should require that the money order submitted to the Commission be accompanied by a signed receipt which confirms that the contributor, not the candidate, purchased the money order. Also, it is unclear whether a publicly funded candidate for the House of Representatives or Senate would have to raise the minimum qualifying contributions already contained in HRS §11-429(a) (\$2,500 for Senate candidates, \$1,500 for House candidates) in addition to the qualifying contributions described in the proposed subsection (e) (200 \$5 qualifying contributions from registered voters in the district).

Section 3 of the bill contains references to “election cycle” on page 7, lines 8 and 14, and on page 8, lines 1 and 10. “Election cycle” should be replaced by “election period” since it is the latter term that is defined and used in Part XIII of Chapter 11 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) (Campaign Finance).

Section 3 of the bill, in the proposed subsections (c) and (e) of HRS §11-425, increases dramatically the maximum amount of public funds available to candidates for seats in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Under the proposed subsection (c), using figures from the 2012 election, the maximum amount of public funds available for a candidate to the Senate will be \$67,562.36. Assuming all twenty-five Senate districts have one candidate receiving public funding under this proposed amendment, the maximum amount of public funding available will be \$1,689,059. Assuming all twenty-five Senate districts have two candidates receiving public funding under this proposed amendment, the maximum amount of public funding available will be \$3,378,118. Under the proposed subsection (d), using figures from the 2012 election, the maximum amount of public funds available for a candidate to 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 \$3,325,034.60.¹ Considering that the balance of the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund was \$3,190,437.02 as of December 31, 2012, the proposed amendments to §11-425 will require a substantial appropriation from the legislature.

The effectiveness of the bill is unclear. Although, section 2 of the bill proposes to add a new subsection (e) to HRS §11-423 to allow candidates to the House and the Senate participating in the public financing program to raise funds in excess of the voluntary expenditure limits, under §11-423 (d) such candidates are required to abide by the expenditure limit of \$1.40 per registered voter in each respective voting district. Using the data from the 2012 general election, the proposed maximum amount of public funds available to candidates far exceed the expenditure limits for all fifty-one House districts and all twenty-five Senate districts.² It doesn't make sense to make available public funding for candidates in excess of what the candidates can spend. If the intent of the bill is to increase the maximum amount of public funds available for candidates to the House and Senate in the partial public financing program, why not simply modify the formula for determining the maximum available to House and Senate candidates by increasing the percentage of the expenditure limit for these offices already provided for in HRS §11-425(b).

¹ These figures also do not include the additional labor costs that the counties will incur in having to verify the additional signatures of contributors giving qualifying contributions to candidates for the House and Senate participating in the public partial financing program required by this bill.

² For example, in Senate District 1, the expenditure limit for publicly funded candidates in the 2014 election period will be \$36,084, while the maximum amount of public funds available to such candidates (under this bill) will be \$67,562.36.

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Finally the Commission is unclear on how to calculate a base amount for House or Senate candidates participating in the bill's public financing program. Is it a one to one match of public funds for each dollar the candidate raises in qualifying contributions up to the expenditure limit than on a three to one basis after the limit is exceeded? Also, is the candidate receiving public funds under this program also permitted to keep and spend the qualifying contributions the candidate raised? Under the partial public financing program publicly funded candidates are allowed to keep and spend qualifying contributions. However, under Act 244, a Hawaii Council candidate participating in the pilot comprehensive public funding program must remit all qualifying contributions to the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund in exchange for the public funds. This bill appears to have the intent of creating comprehensive funding for House and Senate candidates, yet stay within the confines of the present partial public financing program. To avoid confusion, the proposed public funding for House and Senate candidates should be separate from subpart J and operate within its own framework, much like Act 244.



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TESTIMONY OF JEFFREY T. KUWADA
COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY OF MAUI
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1481

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING

FEBRUARY 5, 2013

Chair Rhoads and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on House Bill No. 1481. This Bill provides changes to the law on qualifying contributions, voluntary expenditure limits, and the maximum amount of available public funds for the office of state senator and state representatives.

The Office of the County Clerk, County of Maui, takes no position on House Bill No. 1481, but is concerned that the requirements of the measure will entail a manual verification process that will over-burden our limited election personnel and equipment. Furthermore, the requirements of this measure will divert our limited personnel and equipment from accomplishing our core responsibilities: Voter registration services, absentee mail and walk-in voting services, and polling place voting.

The measure appears to place the responsibility to verify qualifying contributions on the county clerks during a compressed ten (10) day window of the election calendar when we are in the midst of performing the many tasks necessary to operate a successful election.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on House Bill No. 1481.

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TESTIMONY OF RICKY R. WATANABE
COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY OF KAUA'I
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1481
RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING

February 5, 2013

Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on House Bill No. 1481. This bill includes provisions which will change the law on qualifying contributions, voluntary expenditure limits, and the maximum amount of available public funds for candidates for the office of state senator or state representative.

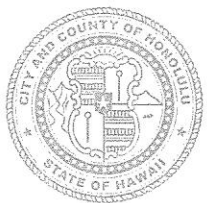
Our office takes no position on House Bill No. 1481 but has concerns with the additional responsibilities placed on the county clerks and the impacts proposed provisions will have to the limited staffing and resources of County Elections Divisions.

It is important to note that the proposed verification process would need to be completed manually with each signature optimistically taking approximately 2 minutes to verify. Given this, a single application consisting of 200 signatures would take approximately 400 minutes or over 6-1/2 hours to verify. This estimate does not include additional time required to address application, contribution, or staffing issues.

Overall, implementation of provisions in House Bill No. 1481 will be difficult for County Election staff, and be a strain on resources and operations since the process to certify applications for partial public financing takes place at the same time numerous projects to prepare for the upcoming elections are already well underway.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments on House Bill No. 1481.

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City Clerk

Testimony on HB1481
Relating to Campaign Spending.

House Committee on Judiciary
February 5, 2013
2:05 p.m., Rm. 325

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

The Office of the City Clerk has concerns with HB1481 but takes no position on the merits of public financing of campaigns. This bill creates a public financing program for state representative and state senate candidates and charges the Offices of the County Clerks with verifying the registered voter status of donors.

The primary responsibility of the Offices of the County Clerks is to provide voters with absentee mail and walk in voting services and to perform voter registration data processing. The Office of the City Clerk consists of six full time staff members and seasonal temporary workers dedicated to this purpose.

We believe that this additional responsibility of verifying individual donor contributions detracts from our primary mission of providing election services. Furthermore, if unfunded, the requirement would force the two to become competing priorities along the same timeline.

If our understanding is correct, the measure appears to stipulate a ten (10) business day window from the point that the Campaign Spending Commission receives an application for public financing until a final Commission decision is expected to either deny or certify the application. The verification of donors' voter registration status appears to occur during this period and would also involve the time/preparation required to transfer the materials between agencies.

Given the very short processing window and the unknown number and timing of applications, we are not able to estimate the resources needed for verification with certainty. However, on a macro level, this program could involve verifying as many as 50,000 individual contributions for Oahu alone. Based upon our experience with verifying roughly 45,000 signatures on a petition for an Ordinance by Initiative ("Stop Rail Now" Petition, 2008), we estimate that this could require an additional ten clerks and supervisory staff to ensure that each application is verified in a timely manner. However, the number of staff needed could actually increase depending on the number and timing of when applications are received.

The Campaign Spending Commission has already initiated conversations with us regarding this (or a similar public financing program) and we have suggested exploring the possibility of allowing them access to the voter registry.

To address these concerns and to ensure single agency accountability for the program, we would advocate centralizing the program and any appropriated resources with the Campaign Spending Commission. We provide our assurances that we will continue our conversation regarding accessing the voter registry if this measure should advance.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.



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February 4, 2013

TO: Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Sharon Har
Members of the House Committee on the Judiciary

FROM: Barbara Polk, Legislative Chair
Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HB 1481 RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING

Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii is pleased to support this bill. The best solution to the issue of money in politics and its 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 attempts to remedy that situation by increasing the money available to candidates who choose to limit their campaign expenditures. It also allows them to receive matching funds for small donations they raise after having been certified for partial public funding.

ADA/H strongly supports this bill.



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February 3, 2013

House Committee on Judiciary
Hawai'i State Legislature

Re: H.B. 1481, Relating to Campaign Spending
Hearing on Tuesday, 02/05/13 at 02:05 PM

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Har, and Committee on Judiciary members:

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

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, also, 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 the people's representatives, a dependence upon money issuing from the aggregated wealth of special interest entities.

The deregulatory U.S. Supreme Court decisions in *Randall v. Sorrell*, 548 U.S. 230 (2006), *Davis v. FEC*, 128 S. Ct. 2759 (2008), and *Citizens United v. FEC*, 130 S. Ct. 879 (2010), and their reverberations in the states, have significantly exacerbated the culture of dependence upon special interest money. The integrity of our constitutional representative democracy is threatened by this development.

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." The dissent also cited the 1906 Senate Report on the Tillman Act that banned corporate contributions to candidates a century ago: "[T]he evils of the use of [corporate] money in connection with political elections are so generally recognized that the committee deems it unnecessary to make any argument in favor of the general purpose of this measure. It is in the interest of good government and calculated to promote purity in the selection of public officials." And the dissent cited President Roosevelt's 1905 message to Congress: "All contributions by corporations to any political committee or for any political purpose should be forbidden by law; directors should not be permitted to use stockholders' money for such purposes; and, moreover, a prohibition of this kind would be, as far as it went, an effective method of stopping the evils aimed at in corrupt practices acts."

H.B. 1481 will help to further the public interest in Hawai'i, making it possible for our representatives to be "dependent on the people alone," as 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 ensure that the long-term public interest will prevail, circumventing the waste associated uneven policies based on short-term special interest desiderata.

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February 4, 2013

TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

The Honorable Sharon E. Har, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

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.

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. Remove 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.

2. 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 350 signatures for Senate races. The signatures would also need to include a check or money order for \$5.

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.

3. 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.

We also encourage this committee to add the following amendments:

1. SECTION 2, part (e) -- states that candidates "may raise amounts in excess of the voluntary expenditure limits . . ." but it does not clarify that there is a cap, or limit, on the amounts they may raise in excess (as a reminder, the "voluntary expenditure limits" simply refer to the base allotment of money that a candidate is awarded once they've qualified).

Somewhere there needs to be a clarification that the maximum amount of excess money cannot exceed two times the initial allotment (vol expend limit) -- or 100% of the voluntary expenditure limit. In other words, if a candidate is given \$30,000 for a race, and wanted to raise more (through the 3-1 match), the maximum amount they could raise in "excess" would be an additional \$30,000 (2 x's the initial allotment, or 100% of the initial allotment). This would be an absolute maximum potential of \$60k to be raised.

2. SECTION 1, part (a) -- on page two the draft is stating that a candidate trying to qualify for public funds "shall verify at least two hundred signatures and qualifying contributions were received . . ." This number needs to change, as it reflects qualifying amounts of Hawaii County Councilors.

The qualifying amounts should be:

1. House races = 250 signatures + qualifying contributions
2. Senate races = 350 signatures + qualifying contributions

3. SECTION 2, part (a), subpart (2) -- regarding raising addition money beyond the voluntary expenditure limit (initial allotment), this section is stating that if a candidate wants to raise additional money to be matched 3-1, then the candidate cannot raise those additional funds from citizens who gave initial qualifying contributions under section 11-B(a).

This needs to be changed to say that only 10% of the maximum amount of excess funds (e.g. an additional \$30k) can come from citizens who gave initial qualifying contributions. The rest of the matching/excess/3-1 matching funds must come from new donors.

In the example of \$30k being the initial allotment, that means that \$3,000 could be raised from citizens who donated initial qualifying contributions. That \$3k would then be matched my the state 3-1, giving the candidate an extra \$9k, for a total of \$12k. Once a candidate raised \$3k from citizens who initially contributed in the qualifying phase, the publicly funded candidate would have to reach out and find new donors.

4. SECTION 1, part (a) -- this part could probably be rephrased for more clarity.

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)

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HB1481

Submitted on: 2/3/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Albertini	Malu 'Aina	Support	No

Comments: Our organization, Malu 'Aina Center for Non-violent Education & Action supports clean elections. Let's get big money out of Hawaii politics. HB 1481 is an important step in the direction of clean and open democracy, where people's vote, not special interest money, speaks. Mahalo.

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Paul McKimmy	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: This is perhaps the most important issue facing our democracy today. PLEASE support HB 1481 and defend our democratic process.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marjorie Ziegler		Support	No

Comments:

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Chris Yuen
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Feb. 3, 2013

Re: HB 1481

Dear Rep. Rhoads and Members of the House Judiciary Committee

Please support HB1481, an important reform of the campaign finance system. It would allow candidates for the state legislature to run financially competitive campaigns without having to solicit funds from big money interests that often have a very definite agenda. It is one way to reduce the excessive influence of money in our political system.

HB1481 would replace the current partial public funding program for state house and state senate races. The current program, which began in 1980, isn't working. In 2012, only two state house candidates used the program and won. No winning state senate candidate used the program. The current program has an unrealistically low expenditure limit, and provides little public funding (a maximum of only 15% of the expenditure limit.) At the same time, because participating candidates can still accept large donations, it really doesn't address the problem of big money subverting democracy.

Under HB1481, candidates would receive considerable public funding if they obtained large numbers of small donations from residents in their districts. This is similar to the comprehensive public funding pilot program for Hawai'i County council races, which was used by five of the nine councilmembers elected in 2012.

The effort to make people more important than money in our democracy has unfortunately been hobbled by recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions. The approach of HB1481—a voluntary public funding option—remains one avenue open toward this goal. Let's make it a reality.

Yours truly,

Chris Yuen

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Daniel Rutter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am happy to hear that the State Legislature is considering making Clean Elections a STATEWIDE program for all state house and state senate races and would like to go on record in support of this action. Mahalo

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Gina Franchini	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Clean Elections Now! I support HB1481.

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Aloha,

I am very much in favor of expanding the Clean Elections Program. This is something we in Hawai'i can be proud of! Thank you so much for your part in it.

Sincerely,

Jahnava Baldassarre
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Pahoa

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support campaign finance reform and the Clean Elections program.

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Testimony for JUD on Feb 5, 2013 14:05PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Krishna Renauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe strongly that Clean Elections are very important for the future of our state.

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L. V. Kelly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm totally in support of this bill. I'm tired of corporate power deciding my future and not individuals like my self and community. Thank you

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February 03, 2012

Aloha State Legislature,

I am writing as a supporting citizen of HB1481. I have personally spent many hours over the course of the past four years supporting Clean Elections. From formal to informal interaction, I have tried to gain the support of others, for the alternative action of publicly funded campaigns for qualified candidates. It has come such a long way from being a pilot program, and the continued investment of time and effort from local citizens has not gone unrecognized. Pushing Clean Elections to a Statewide level would be a big step forward, and I believe that it would push Hawaii in a positive direction for the betterment of its people. If candidates could fund their campaigning from publicly funded money, then the interest of the people would be at a greater stake, and hopefully greatly minimizing if not eliminating special interest groups. I would like to see the concerns of the public represented by an individual who can stand and say he represents Hawaii's people, and also do so in action. Clean Elections would help streamline and add transparency to the system. If implemented, with trial and error, I believe Clean Elections can be refined to be truly utilized for a better social, political, and economic state. Please take great consideration for HB1481 in your decision-making process, and the great potential it could provide for Hawaii. This is a chance to give a voice back to the people and push for what our country was based on, democracy.

Mahalo,
Liana Macdonald-Kainoa

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Marjorie Erway	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly urge you to support this bill!! It is very necessary to make democracy work in Hawaii and it's worked already here, in Hawaii Island.

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marty mimmack	Individual	Support	No

Comments: this will build fairness and is commonsense.

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michael donenfeld	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Expanding Clean Elections- Pass HB 1481 Corporations and the wealthy have gained control of our political institutions. Bill HB1481 will serve the vast majority of citizens in our state. HB1481 will assure that everyones voice will be heard by individuals who wish to be 'public servants'. Politics can become an even playing field if this bill passes. Thank you, Michael Donenfeld Hilo Hi

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Marjorie Ziegler		Support	No

Comments:

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HB 1481
RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING.
2:05pm 2/5/13 RM 325 Committee on the Judiciary

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har and Members of the Committee,

Standing in **SUPPORT** of HB 1481, Related to Campaign Spending and expanding public funding of elections to the offices of state representative and state senator.

My name is Shawn A James Leavey. During the 2012 Primary, I served as campaign manager for a Big Island County Council candidate who ran under the full public funding pilot program in effect there through 2014. I can report to you that gathering the support of 200 registered voters with accompanying \$5 seed contributions is not an easy task, though it may be less tiring than having to hold out-of-district fundraisers during session.

Mahalo for your support and passing HB 1481

Shawn A. James Leavey

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Devahuti Bott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: keep Hawaii's politicians clean! allow people without major financial contributors to represent others in the same position! Clean elections is a way for locals to get into office! people supported politicians is good democracy!!

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Kealoha Sugiyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo for your intent for clean government. Why is greed and power the end results of government officials when elected? Return to honesty and integrity to keep your peace.

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Lisa Andrews	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I do believe many problems in politics will melt away when campaign financing is streamlined. To be of the people and for the people is honorable. I think that campaigning becomes simpler and we can truly and humbly concentrate on the constituents and their needs. Hawaii county has elected several clean elections candidates. Thank you. Imua.

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If our elections have financial interests involved, we're going to face a hard time in this country. I believe this is obvious to many, but not addressed on a large scale as it should. Clean elections statewide is the best option for Hawaii to lead the way. I believe this will inevitably happen at some time in my life, whether it's started by Hawaii or not. Let's get involved and do what makes sense.