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TO: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
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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*
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SUBJECT: **Testimony on S.B. No. 31, Relating to Campaign Spending**

Thursday, January 31, 2013
10:00 a.m., Conference Room 016

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. The Campaign Spending Commission ("Commission") supports this bill and urges the Committee to pass the bill.

Section 1 of the bill amends HRS §11-335 (noncandidate committee reports) by separating the reporting of contributions into contributions received and contributions made by noncandidate committees, and requiring noncandidate committees to identify the candidate supported or opposed by the committees' independent expenditures. This will align the statute with the reality that noncandidate committees both make and receive contributions and report them, and to promote transparency of spending on independent expenditures.

Section 2 of the bill also amends HRS §11-336 (time for noncandidate committees to file reports), to more clearly align the law with present practice. Presently, every noncandidate committee files the Supplemental Report that is due on January 31st every year and not just on January 31st after an election year. This bill does not require an additional or new report. That is, under the Commission's electronic filing system, every noncandidate committee (as well as every candidate) files the Supplemental Report on January 31st of every year.. This bill would simply align the law with present practice by deleting "after an election year" from the statutory provision and provide that the Supplemental Report is due on "January 31 of each year." If this amendment is not passed, the Commission may not be able to require the filing of the January Supplemental Report in an election year, leaving a one-year gap (July 1st of a nonelection year to June 30th of an election year) in reporting by noncandidate committees.

Section 1 of this bill is also section 6 of S.B. No. 555 and section 2 of this bill is also section 7 of S.B. No. 555. S.B. No. 555 is the legislative proposal the Commission delivered to the Senate President for introduction in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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