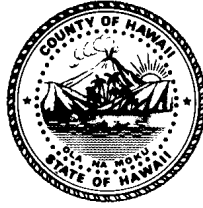


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My name is Margaret Wille, Chair of the Hawai‘i County Council Committee on Agriculture, Water and Energy Sustainability, testifying in **SUPPORT of SB381.**

This bill allows for the equalization of funds to all nine council districts under the Hawai‘i County comprehensive campaign funding pilot project. It limits the number of candidates who can qualify to fifteen and also appropriates an unspecified amount to the Campaign Spending Commission.

I believe the Hawai‘i County Council Pilot Comprehensive Election Funding Program has invigorated the intended purpose of the trust fund and buoyed public confidence in a viable alternative to a private campaign funding system, which is tainted by the widespread perception that private contributions influence elected officials and that politicians become obligated to those who donated to their campaigns

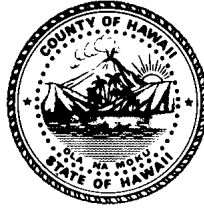
Please ensure the equalization and continuation of the Hawai‘i County Council Pilot Comprehensive Election Funding Program, at the very least for the primary election cycle.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Re: **Testimony on SB381, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Comprehensive Public Funding For Elections,**
Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2013; 4:45 p.m.; Conf. Rm 308

Dear Committee and Representatives Luke & Nishimoto:

On behalf of myself and my constituents of Council District 8, North Kona, I would like to support the above referenced bill, and I hereby submit a brief testimony as follows:

I agree that it would be in the best interest of our citizens that that the changes be made in the funding formula for the comprehensive public funding pilot project, to average the amount of money used by winning candidates in the last two election periods for all county district races. This limits the number of candidates in the pilot program to fifteen per election period and makes an appropriation of an unspecified amount to the Campaign Spending Commission, which is a fair and just.

Therefore, I strongly urge the enactment of SB381.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

KAREN EOFF, Vice Chair,
Council District 8, North Kona

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Submitted on: 3/26/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan & Robert Irvine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Maile David	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support this measure and respectfully request your favorable consideration. As a participant of the Public Funding Program in the 2012 Election, and whose District had the most public funds, the differences in amounts for each district were very disproportionate. I believe an equal and fair distribution of public funds should be implemented. Mahalo. Maile David

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Marjorie Erway	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hope you will completely support this bill -- it's worked well in Hawaii Island County and with equal amounts to be funded will work even better. Please SUPPORT this bill. Mahalo.

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Cheryl King	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support public funding for elections and am pleased that Hawaii County has had this program. However, the way the funding was allocated did not make sense. I saw a candidate running for the first time against several opponents get very little money because the previous long-term incumbent in that district had not needed much money. I want to see candidates receiving public funding get the same amount--as long as they have opponents. Cheryl King

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