



STATE OF HAWAII
CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION

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January 29, 2016

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

The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

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

SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 1552, Relating to Campaign Spending**

Tuesday, February 2, 2016
2:00 p.m., Conference Room 325

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.¹ The Campaign Spending Commission ("Commission") supports this bill.

This bill amends Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §11-340(c) by amending the fine schedule to take into account the additional preliminary general report noncandidate committees must now file. Act 79 (2015) required noncandidate committees to file a report on October 1 in a general election year. This was in addition to the report that was already due ten days before a general election. This bill amends HRS §11-340(c) by replacing the "preliminary general report" with the "second preliminary general report," subjecting the latter to the higher fine amount of up to \$300 per day if not timely filed. This is consistent with HRS §11-340(c)'s treatment of the second preliminary primary report for candidate committees, where the second preliminary primary report is subject to the \$300 per day fine while the first preliminary primary report is subject to the \$200 per day fine.

The Commission requests that this Committee pass this measure.

¹ The companion bill in the Senate is S.B. No. 2031.



House Judiciary Committee
Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Joy San Buenaventura

Tuesday 02/02/2016 at 2:00 PM in Room 325
HB 1552 – Relating to Campaign Spending

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

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

Common Cause Hawaii supports HB 1552 which clarifies that increased fines may apply if a noncandidate committee fails to timely file a second preliminary general report.

We believe that this is a fair, housekeeping measure that will make application of fines and the reports which they apply to clearer, thus preventing potential misunderstandings from the noncandidate committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony **supporting HB 1552**.