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January 25, 2016

TO: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, 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 *ken*
Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: Testimony on S.B. No. 2031, Relating to Campaign Spending

Tuesday, January 26, 2016
9:00 a.m., Conference Room 016

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. 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.



Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Chair Gil Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Maile Shimabukuro

Tuesday, 01/26/2016 at 9:00 AM in Room 016
SB2031 – Relating to Campaign Spending

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

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee:

Common Cause Hawaii supports SB2031 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 SB2031**.

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SB2031

Submitted on: 1/25/2016

Testimony for JDL on Jan 26, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Palcic	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Increasing fines is the mantra of CSC, Does CSC wish to help those under CSC jurisdiction comply with laws or do they just wish to punish and collect more fines? CSC has discontinued mailing notification of due dates for filing reports and thus created more opportunity for levying fines.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

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