



**LATE TESTIMONY**

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

Thursday, 02/25/2016 at 9:00 AM in Room 016  
SB 653 – Relating to Lobbyists

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

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

**Common Cause Hawaii supports SB 653**, which would require registration and reporting of lobbying activities to the Executive Branch, including any administrative agencies granting business or development-related permits or procurement of goods and services.

A major focus of Common Cause Hawaii is transparency in government. While the current lobbying statutes cover lobbying of the legislature, there are many other decisions by government that may be influenced by lobbying. In recent years, certain governmental decisions have generated public suspicions (whether warranted or not) and distrust of government. Without this type of transparency, we do not have an open democracy, and the general public is left in the dark about how key decisions are made. Requiring transparency would do much to allay suspicions and to enhance trust.

Common Cause Hawaii urges you to **pass SB653**.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony **supporting SB 653**.

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### **SB653**

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Comments: I strongly support SB653 to expand the current lobbying statutes to cover the executive branch and any of its decision-making bodies. Please pass SB653.

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