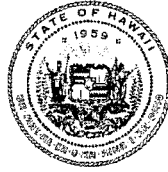


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March 13, 2017

TO: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agara, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Kristin Izumi-Nitao, Executive Director *KIN*  
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SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 281, H.D. 1, Relating to the Failure to File a Report  
With the Campaign Spending Commission**

Wednesday, March 15, 2017  
9:00 a.m., Conference Room 016

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

This bill amends Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §11-340(f) by requiring the Commission to publish on its website the names of noncandidate committees who fail to file or correct a report. The Commission is already required to publish the names of candidate committees who fail to file or correct a report. The Commission requests that this Committee pass this measure.

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<sup>1</sup> The companion bill is S.B. 438, which was passed, unamended, by this Committee on February 2, 2017.



Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee  
Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads

03/15/2017 9:00 AM Room 016  
HB281 HD1 – Relating to the Failure to File a Report with the Campaign Spending Commission

TESTIMONY / SUPPORT  
Corie Tanida, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

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Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and members of the committee:

**Common Cause Hawaii supports HB281 HD1** which would require the Campaign Spending Commission (“the Commission” or “CSC”) to publish the names of noncandidate committees who fail to file a report or do not file a correct report within the time allowed by the Commission.

Given rise of noncandidate committees and the increasingly important role that money in politics plays as a result of the 2010 U.S. Supreme Court *Citizens United* decision, we believe that publishing the names of noncandidate committee violators in addition to candidate committees will increase transparency and will allow the public to access vital information.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting HB281 HD1**.