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February 8, 2017

TO: The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, 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 *KIN*
Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 281, Relating to the Failure to File a Report with
the Campaign Spending Commission**

Thursday, February 9, 2017
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(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.

¹ The companion bill is S.B. 438.



House Judiciary Committee
Chair Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair Joy San Buenaventura

02/09/2017 2:00 PM Room 325
HB281 – Relating to the Failure to File a Report with the Campaign Spending Commission

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

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

Common Cause Hawaii supports HB281 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.

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Testimony for JUD on Feb 9, 2017 14:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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