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

SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 282, H.D. 1, Relating to Campaign Spending**

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

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

In 2015, the Legislature amended Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §11-336(a) by requiring noncandidate committees to file an additional preliminary general report (Act 79). This bill amends HRS §11-340(c) to make the late filing of the second preliminary general report by noncandidate committees subject to the higher fine of \$300 per day. This higher fine is already applied to candidate committees who are late in filing the second preliminary primary report.

The Commission requests that this Committee pass this measure.

¹ The companion bill is S.B. 439. This Committee passed that measure with amendments on February 27, 2017.



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

03/15/2017 9:00 AM Room 016
HB282 HD1– Relating to Campaign Spending

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

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

Common Cause Hawaii supports HB282 HD1 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 HB282 HD1**.