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February 24, 2017

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 T.B.  
Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: **Testimony on S.B. No. 439, Relating to Campaign Spending**

Thursday, February 27, 2017  
9:30 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.

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 preliminary general report, and to the preliminary primary report for noncandidate committees.

The Commission request that this Committee pass this measure.

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<sup>1</sup> The companion bill is H.B. 282, which was heard in the House Judiciary Committee on February 9, 2017 and passed with amendments.



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

02/27/2017 9:30 AM Room 016  
SB439 – Relating to Campaign Spending

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 SB439** 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 noncandidate committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony **supporting SB439**.

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**SB439**

Submitted on: 2/24/2017

Testimony for JDL on Feb 27, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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