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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 *Ki*
Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 1659, Relating to Organizational Reports of
Noncandidate Committees**

Friday, February 9, 2018
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”) §11-323(a) by deleting the requirement that noncandidate committees report their contributions in the organizational report. Noncandidate committees already disclose their contributions in periodic disclosure reports required by HRS §11-335 and HRS §11-338. Currently, the organization report contains directory-type information only and does not have space for noncandidate committees to disclose their contributions. The Commission requests that this Committee pass this measure.

¹ The companion bill is S.B. 2154.



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

02/09/2018 2:00 PM Room 325
HB1659 – Relating to Organizational Reports of Noncandidate Committees

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

Dear Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the committee:

Common Cause Hawaii supports HB1659 which would repeal the reporting requirement regarding contributions in organizational reports of noncandidate committees and Super PACs.

The information provided by the reporting requirement that this bill proposes to eliminate is already provided in other committee reports that must be filed with the Campaign Spending Commission, and is already available to the public. Thus we believe that this housekeeping measure would streamline the organizational report without sacrificing the quality of, and the public's access to, information.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony **supporting HB1659**.