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TO: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Kristin Izumi-Nitao, Executive Director *kei*
Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: **Testimony on S.B. No. 2153, Relating to Organizational Reports of
Candidate Committees**

Tuesday, February 20, 2018
9:30 a.m., Conference Room 016

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") §11-322(a) by deleting the requirement that candidate committees report their contributions in the organizational report. Candidate committees already disclose their contributions in periodic disclosure reports required by HRS §11-334 and HRS §11-338. Currently, the organization report contains directory-type information only and does not have space for candidate committees to disclose their contributions. The Commission requests that this Committee pass this measure.

¹ The companion bill is H.B. 1658.



Senate Committee on Judiciary
Chair Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads

02/20/2018 9:30 AM Room 016
SB2153 – Relating to Organizational Reports of Candidate Committees

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

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Rhoads, and members of the committee:

Common Cause Hawaii supports SB2153 which would repeal the reporting requirement regarding contributions in organizational reports of candidate committees.

The information provided by the reporting requirement that this bill proposes to eliminate is already provided in disclosure 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 SB2153**.

SB-2153

Submitted on: 2/17/2018 8:40:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha kakou,

I strongly oppose SB 2153 RELATING TO ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS OF CANDIDATE COMMITTEE - Repeals the requirement that candidate committee organizational reports include the name and address of each contributor who contributed an aggregate amount of more than \$100 to the candidate committee since the last election.

This bill is a total waste of legislature time and resources. It is also a thinly-veiled attempt for legislators to hide the identity of their campaign contributors.

Please stop wasting legislature time and resources with nonsense like this. Mahalo for allowing me to testify.