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**STATE OF HAWAII
CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION**

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February 1, 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 *vei*
Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: **AMENDED Testimony on S.B. No. 445, Relating to Treasurers of Candidate
And Noncandidate Committees**

Thursday, February 2, 2017
9:00 a.m., Conference Room 016

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.¹ This bill amends Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §11-324(e) by clarifying the record-keeping requirements for treasurers of candidate and noncandidate committees. The bill deletes the provision that limits record-keeping to contributions "of more than \$25 in value." Under HRS §§ 11-333(a)(3) and 11-335(a)(3), candidate and noncandidate committees are required to report all contributions. Thus, these committees should keep records of all contributions.

This measure was introduced at the request of the Commission. The Commission supports this bill with the amendments to Section 1 shown in Attachment 1.

¹ The companion bill is H.B. 288.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TREASURERS OF CANDIDATE AND NONCANDIDATE COMMITTEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Subsection (e) of section 11-324, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"(e) The treasurer shall establish and maintain itemized records showing:

(1) The amount of each monetary contribution;

(2) The description and value of each nonmonetary contribution; and

(3) The name and address of each contributor making a contribution [~~of more than \$25 in value~~]; provided that information regarding the employer and occupation of contributors shall also be collected and maintained for a [~~noncandidate committee~~] candidate committee pursuant to section 11-333(b)(2) and for a noncandidate committee pursuant to section 11-335(b)(1)."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: _____

BY REQUEST

TESTIMONY
THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF HAWAII
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Honolulu, HI 96822

January 28 2017

RE: SB 445 to be heard Thursday February 2, in Room 016 at 9AM

To the members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

We strongly OPPOSE this measure. It creates lots of accounting work and will impact under financed campaigns unduly. It further shifts political control towards the PACs, Corporations, and lobbyists, who make large donations to incumbent politicians. The rules and reporting requirements are complicated enough already. Considering how few real challengers most elected officials face there is no reason to discourage more competition.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy Ryan', written in a cursive style.

Tracy Ryan, Chair