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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

THURSDAY, 3/28/19, 10:20 AM, Room 211
HB627 HD1 SD1, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE

TESTIMONY

Beppie Shapiro, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair DELA CRUZ, Vice-Chair KEITH-AGARAN and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii **supports HB627 HD1 SD1** that requires any person or organization making an independent expenditure advocating the election or defeat of a specific candidate or candidates, to identify the candidate(s) in required reports or statements to the Campaign Spending Commission (CSC); and requires the CSC to publish on its website the amount of such expenditures and the identity of the non-candidate committee or person making the expenditure, for each candidate.

These requirements will significantly affect the transparency of expenditures made in support of or opposition to a candidate, allowing voters to understand the sources of support/opposition to candidates. In addition, voters will be more able to track the policies/positions advocated by an elected candidate who with respect to their degree of coherence with the policies/positions advocated by the independent committee or person making expenditures on his/her behalf.

Please support this draft of HB627. It is a big improvement from earlier drafts.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

HB-627-SD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 3/28/2019 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: