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To: The House Committee on Judiciary
From: Brodie Lockard, Board Member, Common Cause Hawaii
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019, 2:00 pm

In support of SB 197

Dear JUD Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and Committee Members—

Common Cause Hawaii supports SB 197.

If a candidate is declared elected to office after running unopposed in an election or would be unopposed in the general election, it is difficult to see charitable donations or supporting scholarships as an inappropriate use of campaign funds.

Such donations in a contested election could constitute or appear to constitute a quid pro quo. But if there is no contest, lifting this prohibition would allow candidates to dispose of excess campaign funds to the benefit of various charities and scholarships.

It's conceivable that a candidate could expect votes and other support in subsequent elections by donating to a charity. But since elections are at least two years apart, such a scenario seems unlikely.

Please pass SB 197 and allow excess campaign funds to be used charitably.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Brodie Lockard
Board Member, Common Cause Hawaii

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brett Kulbis	Honolulu County Republican Party	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is common sense legislation; benefits students and nonprofits.

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Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Support	No

Comments: