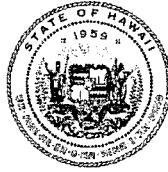


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February 3, 2020

TO: The Honorable Chris Lee, 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 *KIN*  
Campaign Spending Commission

**SUBJECT: Testimony on H.B. No. 1703, Relating to Reports of Candidate Committees**

Tuesday, February 4, 2020  
2:05 p.m., Conference Room 325

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.<sup>1</sup> The Campaign Spending Commission (“Commission”) supports this bill.

This measure amends HRS §11-333(b) by amending paragraph (3) by replacing “candidate reimbursements” with “committee reimbursements to the candidate or other individuals” to the list of expenditures that need to be itemized. As currently written, only candidate reimbursements need to be itemized. In many instances, individuals other than the candidate are being reimbursed for campaign costs advanced by those individuals. Those reimbursements to other individuals should also be itemized. The Commission urges this Committee to pass this measure.

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<sup>1</sup> The companion bill is S.B. No. 2144.

Statement Before The  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**  
Tuesday, February 4, 2020  
2:05 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of  
**HB 1703**  
**RELATING TO REPORTS OF CANDIDATE COMMITTEES.**

Chair LEE, Vice Chair SAN BUENAVENTURA, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee

Common Cause Hawaii supports HB 1703, which provides for disclosures when candidate committees reimburse the candidate or other individuals for expenditures made on the candidate's behalf.

Common Cause Hawaii is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to reforming government and strengthening democracy through improving our campaign finance system with laws that amplify the voices of everyday Americans by requiring strong disclosures and making sure everyone plays by the same commonsense rules.

HB 1703 provides that schedules filed with reports in Section 11-333, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall include expenditures committee reimbursements to the candidate or other individuals. This will provide more transparency in how candidate committees are spending monies, which is always beneficial to the process.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1703, and Common Cause Hawaii respectfully urges the Committee members to pass HB 1703 out of your Committee. If you have further questions of me, please contact me at [sma@commoncause.org](mailto:sma@commoncause.org).

Very respectfully yours,

Sandy Ma  
Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

**HB-1703**

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 2:08:25 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/4/2020 2:05:00 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Golojuch Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-1703**

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 2:51:27 PM

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**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and members of the committee,

I support HB1703. Please pass this bill.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Randy Ching

Honolulu (makikirandy@yahoo.com)

**HB-1703**

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:46:32 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/4/2020 2:05:00 PM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Caroline Kunitake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Lee and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of HB1703. HB 1703 provides for disclosures when candidate committees reimburse the candidate or other individuals for expenditures made on the candidate's behalf.

HB 1703 provides that schedules filed with reports in Section 11-333, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall include expenditures committee reimbursements to the candidate or other individuals. This will provide more transparency in how candidate committees are spending monies, which is always beneficial to the process.

Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake