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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION**

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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 *cei*  
Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 1705, Relating to Campaign Finance Reports**

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 §11-340(c) to make clear that the increased fine (not to exceed \$300 per day) for the late-filing of preliminary reports only applies to the reports due ten days before a primary, general, or special election. This measure is necessary due to the additional preliminary reports mandated by the Legislature last session. The Commission urges this Committee to pass this measure.

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<sup>1</sup> The companion bill is S.B. No. 2147.



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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
TUESDAY, February 4, 2:05 pm, Room No. 325

HB1705, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS  
**TESTIMONY**

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

Chair Lee, Vice-Chair San Buenaventura, and Committee Members:

**The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports this bill, which requires the preliminary primary and general election spending reports for candidate committees to be filed at least 10 days before the corresponding election.**

If these reports are not received in time to make them available to the public before the election, the reports can't be analyzed by media or interested people, who may wish to compare these reports among candidates for election.

This requirement should not impose any hardship on candidate committees, other than forcing them to overcome procrastination and prioritize the submission of these potentially useful reports.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.