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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. 1706, Relating to Campaign Contributions

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.¹ The Campaign Spending Commission (“Commission”) supports this bill, a house-keeping measure.

This measure amends subsection (a) of Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) §11-364 by including excess nonresident contributions to the list of prohibited contributions that committees must return to contributors within thirty days. Thereafter, if not returned, the excess nonresident contributions escheat to the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund. The Commission urges this Committee to pass this measure.

¹ The companion bill is S.B. No. 2147.

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

in consideration of
HB 1706
RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

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

Common Cause Hawaii supports HB 1706, which provides that excess contributions by nonresident contributors shall escheat to the Hawaii election campaign fund if not returned to the contributor within 30 days.

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.

HB 1706 provides another source of income for the perennially underfunded Hawaii Election Campaign Fund and will allow candidates, who choose, to more readily use available public financing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1706, and Common Cause Hawaii respectfully urges the Committee members to pass HB 1706 out of your Committee. If you have further questions of me, please contact me at sma@commoncause.org.

Very respectfully yours,

Sandy Ma
Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

HB-1706

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 4:04:27 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 12:23:52 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Best	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 2:08:06 PM

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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Goljuch Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 2:50:45 PM

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



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

I support HB1706. Please pass this bill.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Randy Ching

Honolulu (makikirandy@yahoo.com)

HB-1706

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:51:46 PM

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



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Caroline Kunitake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Lee and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing in support of HB1706, which provides that excess contributions by nonresident contributors shall escheat to the Hawaii election campaign fund if not returned to the contributor within 30 days.

HB 1706 provides another source of income for the perennially underfunded Hawaii Election Campaign Fund and will allow candidates, who choose, to more readily use available public financing.

Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake