



STATE OF HAWAII
CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION

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February 7, 2020

TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Kristin Izumi-Nitao, Executive Director *T.B.*
Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: Testimony on S.B. No. 2147, Relating to Campaign Contributions

Tuesday, February 11, 2020
10:10 a.m., Conference Room 016

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 H.B. No. 1706.

Statement Before The
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
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State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of
SB 2147
RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

Chair RHOADS, Vice Chair KEOHOKALOLE, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

Common Cause Hawaii supports SB 2147, 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.

SB 2147 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 SB 2147, and Common Cause Hawaii respectfully urges the Committee members to pass SB 2147 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

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Submitted on: 2/10/2020 6:27:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/11/2020 10:10:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/7/2020 4:21:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/11/2020 10:10:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/8/2020 12:18:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/11/2020 10:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward B Hanel Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Concur with CommonCause comments.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2020 5:05:04 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

SB 2147 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 SB 2147, and we respectfully urge the Committee members to pass SB 2147 out of your Committee.