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**CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION**

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March 29, 2021

TO: The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Members of the House Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Kristin Izumi-Nitao, Executive Director   
Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: **Testimony on S.B. No. 200, HD 1, Relating to Elections**

Tuesday, March 30, 2021  
2:00 p.m., Via Videoconference

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

This measure amends Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) §11-338(a) by clarifying that candidates who are not on the ballot of an election need not file the late contributions report that is due on the third calendar day prior to the election. This treatment of candidates who are not on the ballot is consistent with HRS §11-334 for the filing of preliminary, final, and supplemental reports.

The Commission urges this Committee to pass this measure.

Statement Before The  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021**

**2:00 PM**

Via Videoconference, Conference 325

in consideration of  
**SB 200, HD1**  
**RELATING TO ELECTIONS.**

Chair NAKASHIMA, Vice Chair MATAYOSHI, and Members of the Judiciary & Hawaiian Affair Committee

Common Cause Hawaii opposes SB 200, HD1, which clarifies that the requirement to file a late contribution report after an election for candidates or certain other committee representatives who make or receive contributions over a certain amount applies only if the candidate is on the ballot in that election.

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.

SB 200 , HD1 eliminates a disclosure requirement for a candidate that is not on the ballot and receives contributions in excess of \$500. The public should be informed as to donations, specifically the identity of donors, to candidates regardless of whether a candidate is on the ballot or not until termination paperwork is filed. Common Cause Hawaii is unclear of the public transparency and accountability purposes that are served by eliminating such a disclosure. While Common Cause Hawaii understands the disclosure and reporting requirements of Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) § 11-334, HRS § 11-338 requires reporting of late contributions prior to any election, which provides for more contemporaneous donor transparency and accountability. HRS §§ 11-334(a)(2)-(a)(3) and 11-334(b) requires reporting after the applicable election.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition of SB 200, HD1. 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

3/26/21

The Honorable Senator Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
State Capitol  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Donovan Dela Cruz and Committee Members

SUBJECT: HB200 HD1 Relating to The State Budget

My name is Catia Garell and I am an occupational therapist that supports the Developmental Disabilities Division under training and consultation for specialized medical equipment and Environmental Accessibility Adaptations among other customized needs their case management teams require to support their clients.

I am writing today in OPPOSITION of HB200 HD1. I was notified that On page 24, lines 9-15 shows only 24 full time staff within the Developmental Disabilities Division. I am concerned that this reduction in staff was not vetted or discussed through the self-advocates or stakeholders for input. This is problematic. Please oppose HB200 HD1 and collaborate with the community self-advocates and stakeholders for input regarding the amount of full time staff members.

Thank you for your consideration. I strongly Oppose HB200 HD1

Aloha,



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**SB-200-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2021 7:12:52 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/30/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John D. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill and pass it through.