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Aloha Judge Foley and Commission Members,

Please accept these further brief comments pertaining to the June 15, 2022 Agenda

1. Term Limits - Submitted separate comments
2. Dominance of One Party in Hawaii - This reality is directly connected to the unilateral authority of the Chair and their power to prevent competing ideas from being heard, discussed, and voted on publicly. It is critically important that minority voices be given the opportunity to be heard, whether that be the voice of other Parties or minority voices within the dominant Party.
3. Voter Education – The lack of a robust publicly funded election component AND the lack of a properly funded voter education component - in essence ensures the current situation where “the candidate with the most money wins”. We have at the present time a system dominated by big money which effectively prevents new candidates from running for office, unless they are personally wealthy or connected to wealth. We have top tier candidates for Governor and for Congress, who are secure in their fundraising dominance and consequently refuse to get on stage to debate their opponents and allow a public side-by-side comparison. True public debates among those vying to lead our State should be required and publicly funded.
4. Fair Campaign Practices - Incumbents should be prohibited from using legislative funds for so-called constituent communications/mailings in the 90 day period preceding an election.
5. Ranked choice voting should be utilized in all races for State and County offices.
6. Unicameral legislature - I do not support a unicameral legislature at this time. I believe we need the checks and balances provided by our existing bi-cameral system. Until other reforms such as fully funded public financing of elections, the elimination of the unilateral authority of the Chair, the elimination of committees making decisions behind closed doors, and other necessary reforms are made - the current bi-cameral system provides some of the protections needed to ensure abuse is limited. A unicameral system further concentrates power which is not a good thing, unless proper protections are in place.

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