



HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

State of Hawai'i · Bishop Square, 1001 Bishop Street, ASB Tower 970 · Honolulu, Hawai'i

Committee: House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
Bill Number: HB 136
Hearing Date/Time: February 2, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Re: Testimony of the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission in **SUPPORT** of
HB 136 --

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee Members:

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission ("Commission") **supports** HB 136, which requires the House of Representatives and the Senate to post legislative allowance expenditures online.

While legislative allowance expenditures are public records, access to this information is not easily accessible. Increased transparency will help ensure greater public confidence in the use of state funds.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 136.

Very truly yours,

/S/ Robert D. Harris
Robert D. Harris
Executive Director and General Counsel

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 12:03:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/2/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Foley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chairman Tarnas and members of the Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

As Chair of the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct (Commission), I support HB 136 requiring the posting of legislative allowance expenditure for reasons stated in the Commission's December 1, 2022 Final Report to the House of Representatives, specifically found at page 28 of the report.

Mahalo, Judge Daniel Foley (ret.)



Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
Chair David A. Tarnas, Vice Chair Gregg Takayama

Thursday, February 2, 2023, 2:00 p.m. and Conference Room 325
HB136 — Relating to Legislative Allowance

TESTIMONY

Judith Wong, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports BILL NUMBER HB136

This bill requires each chamber of the legislature to post on the website in a timely manner a report of legislative allowance expenditures for each member of the respective house. This creates transparency and thereby encourages public trust in government.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 10:02:58 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/2/2023 2:00:00 PM

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lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a very important measure and is identical to or almost identical to a proposal from the Commission on Standards of Conduct. I attended and participated in some of their meetings. The public would like better reporting of legislator expenditures and have them placed on the web site for all to see. In essence, it is an issue of transparency. Please move this bill forward.