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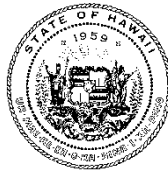
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
daniel foley	Commission to Improve Standards of Conductone	Support	Written Testimony Only

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 this bill that would limit cash contributions to candidates for reasons stated in the Commission's December 1, 2022 Final Report to the House of Representatives, specifically found at page 33 of the Report.

Judge Daniel Foley (ret.)



STATE OF HAWAII
CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION

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January 30, 2023

TO: The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

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

SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 99, Relating to Limiting a Campaign's Acceptance of Cash Contributions.**

Wednesday, February 1, 2023
2:00 p.m., Conference Room 325 & Videoconference

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.¹ The Campaign Spending Commission ("Commission") supports this bill.

This bill amends Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §11-351(b) to limit to \$100 in the aggregate, the amount of cash a candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate committee may accept as a contribution from a single person during an election period. This is similar to the limitation placed on anonymous cash contribution under HRS §11-353(d).² In the amounts usually involved in political contributions, cash is difficult to trace. This bill would make violations of certain campaign finance law violations easier to detect and thus prevent.

The Commission requests that this committee pass this bill.

¹ The companion bill is S. B. No. 204.

² Calabash bowl exception.

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Ingrid Peterson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members!

Please support this bill because we need as many good anti-corruption reform bills passed as possible this session for the good of Hawaii and its people and to restore trust in the legislature. We cannot keep on going as we have. Too many important issues for our future are at stake.

I am a 68-year-old who moved to Hawaii as a child in 1963 and became politically active as a teen before I could even vote. I have always voted since, and I never give up hope for improvement in our democracy. Please kokua,

with warm aloha,

Ingrid Peterson