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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 Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

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

SUBJECT: **Testimony on S.B. No. 406, SD 1, HD 1, Relating to Campaign Spending
Commission Staff**

Tuesday, March 23, 2021
2:00 p.m., Via Videoconference

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

This measure seeks to clarify Commission staff’s authority to perform all day-to-day functions of the office, including the conducting of investigations and filing of complaints. Section 1 of the measure amends subsection (12) of Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) §11-314 by adding at the end of the subsection: “provided further that persons employed or contracted by the commission shall have the authority, without further commission action, to perform the day-to-day functions of the commission; . . .” Section 2 of the measure amends subsection (b) of HRS §11-402 by including complaints initiated by staff to those initiated by the Commission.

The Commission urges this Committee to pass this measure.

¹ The companion bill is H.B. No. 146, which GVR deferred on February 17, 2021.