



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION**

235 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET, ROOM 300  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 29, 2022

TO: The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
House Committee on Government Reform


The Honorable Tina Wildberger, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Government Reform

Members of the House Committee on Government Reform

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   
Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: **Testimony on S.B. No. 555, SD 1, Relating to Campaign Fundraising**

Thursday, March 31, 2022  
2:00 p.m., Conference Room 325 & 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”) §11-342 by adding a new subsection that prohibits legislators or persons acting on their behalf to hold a fundraiser during any regular or special legislative session. This amendment will prevent corruption or the appearance of corruption. The Commission recommends that this Committee consider amending the bill to apply to all elected office holders. If the Committee is not inclined to do so, the Commission urges this Committee to at least expand the fundraiser ban to all candidates for legislative office during regular and special sessions.

The Commission urges this Committee to pass this measure with the offered amendments.

Statement Before The  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM  
AND  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

Thursday, March 31, 2022

2:00 PM

Via Videoconference and Conference Room 325

in consideration of  
**SB 555, SD1  
RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING.**

Chairs McKELVEY and NAKASHIMA, Vice Chairs WILDBERGER and MATAYOSHI, and  
Members of the House Government Reform and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committees

Common Cause Hawaii supports SB 555, SD1, which prohibits legislators and employees and persons acting on behalf of legislators from holding any fundraiser during a regular legislative session or special session.

Common Cause Hawaii is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to reforming government and strengthening our representative democracy through improving governmental ethics, transparency, and accountability.

Banning fundraising during regular and special session is one small necessary measure to restoring trust (or establishing) trust in the State legislative process. Common Cause Hawaii also suggests prohibiting legislators, during session, regular or special, from receiving contributions or depositing or using any contribution of money that was not deposited prior to the legislative session. Over half of the states have some prohibition against contributions during the session. See <https://www.ilga.gov/joint/Documents/Articles%20from%20the%20National%20Conference%20of%20State%20Legislatures%20-%20States%20that%20Prohibit%20Campaign%20Contributions%20During%20Legislative%20Sessions.pdf> (retrieved Mar. 28, 2022) and <https://www.citizen.org/wp-content/uploads/state-lobbyists-contribution-restrictions.pdf> (retrieved Mar. 28, 2022). This joint committee should also consider applying the prohibition to every statewide elected position and person seeking such office.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 555, SD1. Many more measures are needed in addition to SB 555, SD1 to restore the public trust, such as public funding of elections. 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



Committee on Government Reform  
Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Wildberger

Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs  
Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi

March 31, 2022, 2 pm, Videoconference  
SB555 SD1 — RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING

#### TESTIMONY

Beppie Shapiro, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chairs McKelvey and Nakashima, Vice Chairs Wildberger and Matayoshi, and  
Committee Members:

**The League of Women Voters of Hawaii strongly supports SB555 SD1, which prohibits fundraising by legislators or persons working for the legislator or on their behalf, during legislative sessions.**

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the methods of financing political campaigns should combat corruption and undue influence in government. The League believes that political corruption includes among others, the following: 1) A candidate or officeholder agrees to vote or work in favor of a donor's interests in exchange for a campaign contribution; 2) an officeholder or staff gives greater access to donors.

Fundraisers during legislative sessions appear to create opportunities for 1) above, since the legislative agenda is open to action by legislators, whether to introduce or put desired wording into legislation, schedule specific bills for hearings (or not), and of course vote on specific bills which are in the interest of contributors. Further, fundraisers by their nature violate 2) above, since they provide opportunities for direct interaction between contributors and legislators which are not available to the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Thursday March 31, 2022

Relating to Campaign Fundraising  
Testifying in Strong Support with Amendments

Aloha Chair and members of the committee,

The Pono Hawai'i Initiative (PHI) is testifying in **support with suggested amendments to SB555 SD1**.

**SB555 SD1** is a good start but is not enough and should be amended to emulate Virginia state law which prohibits not just the holding of fundraisers but bans the “solicitation or acceptance” of campaign contributions during the session.

(c) During any regular session or special session including any extension of any regular session or special session and any recess days, holidays, and weekends, no legislator, or a person employed by or acting on behalf of a legislator, **shall solicit or accept any campaign contribution**.

Currently, 28 states place restrictions on giving and receiving campaign contributions during the legislative session.

**Va. Code § 24.2-940.** No member of the General Assembly or statewide official shall solicit or accept a contribution from any person or political committee on and after the first day of a regular session of the General Assembly through adjournment sine die of that session.

<https://www.ilga.gov/joint/Documents/Articles%20from%20the%20National%20Conference%20of%20State%20Legislatures%20-%20States%20that%20Prohibit%20Campaign%20Contributions%20During%20Legislative%20Sessions.pdf>

Thank you again for moving this important legislation forward and I respectfully request your **positive consideration of the above amendment**.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Gary Hooser  
Executive Director  
Pono Hawai'i Initiative

# IRON WORKERS STABILIZATION FUND

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March 31, 2022

Honorable Representative Angus McKelvey  
Honorable Representative Mark Nakashima  
House Committee on Government Reform  
House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Re: RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING

Aloha Chairs Angus McKelvey and Mark Nakashima and members of the committees,

We **SUPPORT** SB555. The bill, if enacted, would prohibit legislators and employees and persons acting on behalf of legislators from holding any fundraiser during a regular legislative session or special session. We also request two amendments.

The bill in its current form does not go far enough to restore public trust that has been eroded given ongoing events. The public has been rocked by a series of illegal or unethical behavior of our elected and appointed government officials. In a recent Star Advertiser poll regarding the -corruption in the Legislature, 90% of readers responded that it was the “Tip of the iceberg; not as rare as we hope.” Holding fundraiser and receiving communications during the legislative session from a legislator to donate to their re-election campaign feels like legislators are encouraging “pay-to-play”.

Limiting contributions during the legislative session occurs in over half of the states across America. As of 2006, twenty-eight legislatures prohibit campaign contributions during legislative sessions (*See States that Prohibit Campaign Contributions During Legislative Sessions National Conference of State Legislators, 2006*). The following fifteen state prohibit on *any* contributions include: Alabama, Alaska, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Washington. The following thirteen states prohibit *only* on lobbyist contributions during session include: Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

Limiting fundraising during sessions is a first step to restoring public trust and we ask that you go further. Consider adding the following two amendments:

- (1) In the current bill, add a single line “or shall solicit or accept any campaign contribution,” which would read as follows:

During any regular session or special session including any extension of any regular session or special session and any recess days, holidays, and weekends, no legislator, or a person employed by or acting on behalf of a legislator, shall hold a fundraiser, or shall solicit or accept any campaign contribution.; and

# IRON WORKERS STABILIZATION FUND

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- (2) Also, add the language from the State of Utah (Utah Code 36-11-305) or something similar which makes it “unlawful” for persons to donate during a legislative session which would read as follows:

It is unlawful for any person, lobbyist, principal or political committee to make contributions to members of the legislature or the governor or to a [candidate] campaign committee of such a person during a legislative session

Adding the first amendment would further clarify that legislators are not to receive any contributions during sessions. Adding the second amendment would put the burden on contributors to ensure that campaign donations are done during the appropriate times. Pass SB555 with the amendments to help restore public confidence in our government and especially our Legislature.

Remember, “what is right is right, and what is wrong is wrong.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. George Paris', with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

T. George Paris  
Managing Director

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## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

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Representative Tina Wildberger, Vice Chair

## COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Representative Mark Nakashima, Chair

Representative Scot Matayoshi, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 31, 2022

9:30 AM

## SB 555 SD1 - STRONG SUPPORT BANNING FUNDRAISERS DURING SESSION(S)

Aloha Chairs McKelvey and Nakashima, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committees!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies in Hawai`i for more than two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the more than 3,993 Hawai`i individuals living behind bars<sup>1</sup> under the “care and custody” of the Department of Public Safety on any given day. We are always mindful that 1,110 of Hawai`i’s imprisoned people are serving their sentences abroad -- thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Kanaka Maoli, far, far from their ancestral lands.

Community Alliance on Prisons appreciated sharing our testimony in strong support of the proposed SD1 of SB 555 and we mahalo the committee for hearing this important measure. The proposed draft of this bill bans fundraisers during sessions. **We would also like to add a ban on any donations during legislative sessions that could influence the outcome of certain bills.**

Twenty-eight states place restrictions on giving and receiving campaign contributions during the legislative session<sup>2</sup>. In some states, the ban applies only to contributions by lobbyists, principals and/or political committees; while other states have a general ban on contributions.

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<sup>1</sup> Department of Public Safety, Weekly Population Report, March 21, 2022.

<https://dps.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Pop-Reports-Weekly-2022-03-21.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> States that Prohibit Campaign Contributions During Legislative Sessions, National Conference of State Legislatures, April 2006.

<https://www.ilga.gov/joint/Documents/Articles%20from%20the%20National%20Conference%20of%20State%20Legislatures%20-%20States%20that%20Prohibit%20Campaign%20Contributions%20During%20Legislative%20Sessions.pdf>



Community Alliance on prisons was shocked when the House leadership expressed surprise at the unethical behavior of its member(s). No one in the community expressed shock!

The unethical behavior of legislators deeply affects the community, yet we have been left out of discussions about ways to promote ethics and good government. The 'Commission' to look at ethics is operating in the dark. No public input and no public invited to the meetings.

How is the public to have any trust at all in government when bribery incidents happen and then the legislature appoints a black box commission to say they are addressing the problem. This just furthers the community's skepticism about government.

This is another missed opportunity for community engagement while the real problems with government are being discussed by a commission who are operating under the cover of legislatively-imposed darkness.

We urge the committee to pass SB 555 SD1 to demonstrate to the community that the legislature hears our pleas for ethical change.

Banning fundraisers and contributions during sessions is a good first step toward building trust in the community.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2022 10:31:47 AM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marilyn Yamamoto	Hawaii Family Advocacy Team	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Committees on Government Reform and Judiciary,

I support the Pono Hawaii Initiative's recommendation to include language of "receiving contributions during the legislation session".



**House Committee on Government Operations /  
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs**

Thursday, March 31st, 2022, 2p.m. Conference Room

**Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action Supports: SB555 SD1**

Aloha Chair Moriwaki/Nakashima, Vice Chair Dela Cruz/Matayoshi and Members of the Committees,

On behalf of the Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) I am submitting testimony in support of SB555 SD1.

SB555 SD1 requires a notice of intent for all campaign fundraisers held by incumbent legislators or candidates for legislative office during a regular or special session of the legislature regardless of price or suggested contribution amount.

HAPA supports this measure and all attempts to make our government more accountable, transparent, open and representative of the people.

We are well aware of, and concerned about, the growing apathy and lack of participation in government process due to lack of faith and trust in government functioning and process not being for special interests. Banning fundraising during session is one small necessary measure to start to restore trust in the State legislative process.

HAPA supports prohibiting legislators, during session, regular or special, from receiving contributions or depositing or using any contribution of money that was not deposited prior to the legislative session.

Fundraising during the legislative session gives the appearance of quid pro quo and this must end. Hawai'i would not be the first US state by any measure to do this. There are at least 28 states that prohibit fundraising during legislative sessions.<sup>1</sup>

Please pass SB555 SD1 and help take measures to restore faith in our democracy.

Mahalo for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Frederick', written in a cursive style.

Anne Frederick  
Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.ilga.gov/joint/Documents/Articles%20from%20the%20National%20Conference%20of%20State%20Legislatures%20-%20that%20Prohibit%20Campaign%20Contributions%20During%20Legislative%20Sessions.pdf>



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS  
LOCAL UNION 1260  
ORGANIZING THE FUTURE

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair

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Rep. Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair

HEARING DATE: Thursday, March 31, 2022  
TIME: 2:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Via Video Conference  
Conference Room 325

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB555 SD1

Aloha Honorable Chair Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair Tina Wildberger, Chair Mark M. Nakashima, Vice Chair Scot Z. Matayoshi, and Members of the Committee:

This testimony is being submitted by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1260 (IBEW 1260). IBEW 1260, is comprised of nearly 3,000 hardworking union members.

IBEW 1260 is in **SUPPORT** of this bill which seeks to prohibit legislators and employees and persons acting on behalf of legislators from holding any fundraiser during a regular legislative session or special session.

Limiting fundraising during sessions is the first step to restoring public trust.

We sincerely thank The Committee for their time, consideration, and dedication to restoring the public trust.

Sincerely,

Leroy Chincio, Jr.

Business Manager and Financial Secretary

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

Local 1260

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**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2022 1:09:43 PM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

While I support this bill, realize that it is a baby step in stopping corruption at the legislature-- two former legislators pled guilty to bribery hargtes this year and one current legislator has been fined by the campaign spending commission for improper recordkeeping and also had to return the funds involved. This bill does not go far enough. Saying the price or suggested contribution for attending the function is more than \$25 per person is a cop out. It will not stop those who want to donate more from donating. That minimum must be removed.

Additionally, legislators should be prohibited from receiving contributions or depositing or using any contributions that was not deposited prior to the legislative session. If any were received they should be returned, with the check marked void. If this does not come to pass, the legislation is basically nullified.

**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2022 4:42:01 PM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha GVR/JHA Chairs, Vice Chairs & Committees,

I support SB555 because it's a good bill! It stops the perceived bribing during the legislative sessions! It's bad enough that we have more lobbyist than members of congress. And it's worse that these lobbyist have one goal - to influence our legislature to do whatever. And the usual *influence* is campaign donations...Is this one reason Hawaii has the lowest percent of voters voting!).

I support SB555 because it's trying to address perceived bribes straight on! Banning fundraising during regular and special session is one small necessary measure to restoring trust (or establishing) trust in the State legislative process.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Tlaloc Tokuda

Kailua Kona HI 96740

**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2022 8:57:58 PM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Donna Ambrose	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support eliminating fundraisers during legislative session. Doing so will help build trust with citizens who have grown cynical of elected officials' motives. I further believe contributions to legislators should not be accepted during regular or special sessions. Mahalo.

**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2022 1:20:31 AM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Banning fundraising during regular and special session is one small necessary measure to restoring trust (or establishing) trust in the State legislative process.

I also suggest prohibiting legislators, during session, regular or special, from receiving contributions or depositing or using any contribution of money that was not deposited prior to the legislative session.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this bill.



**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2022 2:40:32 AM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Azuma Chrupaluk	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo!

**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2022 4:41:21 AM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dana Keawe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2022 7:51:39 AM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Madolin Wells	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The only way for legislation to properly serve the needs of Hawaii's people is to stop corporate money from influencing or worse, dictating, policy.

**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2022 12:36:28 PM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Barbara Polk	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support of SB555 SB1, which would eliminate fund raising by legislators during the legislative session. This step would eliminate a practice that is widely viewed by the public as legalized corruption, and would help improve the image of the legislature. However, much more needs to be done. For example:

Banning any solicitation or acceptance of donations during legislative sessions (as defined in this bill.)

Requiring that fundraisers be held only within candidates' districts.

And, best of all, to have publicly funded election campaigns.

Although this is only a small first step toward implementing the House leadership's commitment to reining in corruption, I urge you to pass SB555 SB1 unamended and send it to the Governor.

**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/29/2022 1:00:00 PM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly Support

**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2022 9:00:58 AM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nancy Hall	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No campaign contributions should be given or recieved during Legislative Sessions.

**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2022 9:58:46 AM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tony Radmilovich	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

PLease support this bill.

**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2022 11:13:25 AM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Wendy Arbeit	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support banning political fundraising during the legislative session. In addition, I strongly urge that it be amended to emulate Virginia state law, which prohibits not just the holding of fundraisers but the “solicitation or acceptance” of campaign contributions during the session. Let's take away all temptation or appearance of catering to lobbyists.



**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2022 11:58:20 AM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Diana Bethel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB555 SD1 which bans campaign fundraisers during the legislative session is intended to rebuild the public's confidence and trust in legislators.

Lobbyists funnel contributions from their employers to legislators for a reason. Whether the goal is to have face time with the legislator or have the legislator take favorable action on a bill, there appears to be a conflict of interest, generally speaking. But this perception is even more acute when large corporate entities hold fundraisers for legislators during the legislative session.

SB555 SD1 is a first step toward achieving more transparency and accountability in the legislature. Please pass SB555 SD1.

Mahalo.

**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2022 1:22:45 PM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Barbara Best	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a good start but should also be amended to emulate Virginia state law which bans solicitation or acceptance of campaign contributions during the sessions. Twenty-eight other states place similar restrictions.

**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2022 2:05:24 PM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Dinner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Let's clean up our political system now. This taking can't go on.

**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/30/2022 3:27:21 PM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lee Eisenstein	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

[SB555](#) is a good start but it's not enough and should be amended to emulate Virginia state law which prohibits not just the holding of fundraisers but bans the "solicitation or acceptance" of campaign contributions during the session. Currently, 28 states place restrictions on giving and receiving campaign contributions during the legislative session.

**SB-555-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2022 6:35:02 AM

Testimony for GVR on 3/31/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Vanessa Ott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the idea of SB555. In addition, please strengthen the bill by amending it to ban not only campaign fundraisers during the legislative session but also **ban the solicitation or acceptance of campaign contributions during the session.**

Thank you,

Vanessa Ott