

HB-99

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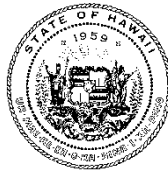
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Foley	Testifying for Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Dear Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

As Chair of the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct, I support HB 99 which would limit the amount of cash contributions a candidate, candidate committee or noncandidate committee can accept in the aggregate in each election period to \$100 with a receipt required for each contribution. See Commission's December 1, 2022 Final Report at page 33.

Mahalo, Judge Daniel Foley (ret.)



STATE OF HAWAII
CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION

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March 7, 2023

TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

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.**

Thursday, March 9, 2023
10:00 a.m., Conference Room 016 & 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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Testimony for JDC on 3/9/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is another excellent bill from the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct (aka the Foley Commission). It is hard to trace ash contriubtions and htis will be an excellent tool in ending abuses in that area.

Testimony in Support of HB99

Submitted for: Judiciary Committee Hearing, scheduled for Thursday, 3/9/23 at 10:00 AM.

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Greg Misakian and I support HB99.

This is my first year submitting testimony to the Hawaii Legislature for numerous bills, two of which I co-wrote regarding measures which will provide better consumer protections for condominium owners throughout Hawaii (HB178 and HB1501). What I learned along the way is that the process that is currently in place invites unethical and improper behavior, and without protections in place, including oversight, enforcement, and accountability, Hawaii will never be a fair and democratic state.

I thank those that are working to call out unethical and unlawful behavior, and those who provide measures that help make legislators, lobbyists, developers, and others accountable for their actions.