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February 15, 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: Tony Baldomero, Associate Director for *TB*
Kristin Izumi-Nitao, Executive Director
Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: **Testimony on S.B. No. 1220, Relating to Public Office.**

Friday, February 17, 2023
9:30 a.m., Conference Room 16 & Videoconference

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

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit a person convicted of certain felony offenses against public administration from becoming a candidate for or holding public office for twenty years from the date of the person's final discharge. The Commission supports the enhancement of criminal penalties for offenses involving public corruption. If enforced, the Commission believes that criminal penalties are the most effective remedies to deter public corruption.

The Commission requests that this Committee pass this bill.

SB-1220

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 9:32:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/17/2023 9:35:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Victor K. Ramos | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

OPPOSE: Leave the law as is. No exceptions if convicted of a felony.

SB-1220

Submitted on: 2/15/2023 11:59:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/17/2023 9:35:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Dara Carlin, M.A. | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Stand in Support

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Submitted on: 2/15/2023 11:27:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/17/2023 9:35:00 AM

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| lynne matusow | Individual | Comments | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I agree with the premise, but perhaps 20 years is too long. If enacted this will hopefully be a deterrent to officials who commit crimes.