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February 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 S.B. No. 466, Relating to Campaign Finance.**

Friday, February 10, 2023
9:35 a.m., Conference Room 16 & Videoconference

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. The Campaign Spending Commission (“Commission”) offers the following comments on this bill.

This bill adds a new section to Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to prohibit a noncandidate committee from making any expenditure¹ on the day of any election and during the two-week period preceding any election. If this measure simply seeks to ban expenditures made by noncandidate committees during the stated time period, then the measure will accomplish that. However, if the measure seeks to prohibit noncandidate committees from making contributions to candidates during the stated time period, then “contribution” must be added to the measure. If the intent of the measure is to prohibit an activity that is paid for by the expenditure, then bill needs to be amended to prohibit the activity (*e.g.*, dissemination of advertisements) during the stated time period.

¹ The Commission assumes that independent expenditures are not included in the prohibition since that may raise a constitutional issue.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 2:46:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/10/2023 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robin Miyajima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support limits on campaign spending, which is why I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:43:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/10/2023 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Kagemoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB466. Thank you Chair Rhoads for giving this bill a hearing. Thank you to Senator San Buenaventura for introducing. I appreciate the opportunity to testify.