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March 16, 2023

TO: The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, 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. 51, SD 1, Relating to Campaign Finance.**

Friday, March 17, 2023
2:00 p.m., Conference Room 325 & Videoconference

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

This bill amends three sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) to (1) increase the amount of fines that may be assessed against a noncandidate committee for violations of organizational report violations, (2) increase the amount of fines that may be assessed against noncandidate committees for violations of advertisement disclaimer requirements, and (3) increase the fines for advertisements that fail to identify the top three contributors to the advertisements paid by noncandidate committees making only independent expenditures.

The Commission requests that this committee pass this measure.

SB-51-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 2:06:55 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Beppie Shapiro	League of Women Voters Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii believes increasing fines for violations of reporting laws and advertisement will increase compliance with these laws.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 1:45:51 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is an important bill to help restore faith and trust in government. In the last few years, we have seen violations by non candidate committees. Please move this bill forward.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 7:38:34 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this Bill.