



STATE OF HAWAII
CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION

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January 22, 2024

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 E. Izumi-Nitao, Executive Director
Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: **Testimony on S.B. No. 2213, Relating to Campaign Contributions.**

Friday, January 26, 2024
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.

This is a housekeeping measure. In 2023, the Legislature amended Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) §11-351(b) to prohibit the acceptance of a cash contribution more than \$100, in the aggregate, during an election period. This bill amends HRS §11-364(a) requiring the return of an excess cash contribution to the contributor within thirty days of receipt of the excess contribution. Any excess cash contribution not returned to the contributor within thirty days shall be deposited into the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund. Thus, the treatment of an excess cash contribution will be consistent with other types of excess contributions.

The Commission requests that this Committee pass this bill.

SB-2213

Submitted on: 1/22/2024 3:07:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/26/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Golojuch Jr	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Why is a person that doesn't have a credit card or checking account not allowed to donate to campaign as long as the campaign gathers all the required information from the donor and issues a receipt?