



STATE OF HAWAII
CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION


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February 3, 2025

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. 255, Relating to Campaign Contributions.**

Wednesday, February 5, 2025
9:15 a.m., Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. The Campaign Spending Commission ("Commission") supports this bill.¹

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.

¹ The companion bill is H.B. No. 369.

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January 29, 2025

**TESTIMONY OF ADDISON BULOSAN
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON
SB 255, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS,
SB 260, RELATING TO JUDICIARY,
SB 279, RELATING TO DANGEROUS DRUGS, AND
SB 281, RELATING TO TORTURE
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Wednesday, February 5, 2025
9:15 a.m.
Conference Room 016
Via Videoconference**

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of SB 255, Relating to Campaign Contributions, SB 260, Relating to Judiciary, SB 279, Relating to Dangerous Drugs, and SB 281, Relating to Torture. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a member of the Kaua'i County Council.

I wholeheartedly support the intent of SB 255, SB 260, SB 279, and SB 281, which would greatly affect the Kaua'i community.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 255, SB 260, SB 279, and SB 281. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188 or via email to cokcouncil@kauai.gov.

Sincerely,

ADDISON BULOSAN
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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SB-255

Submitted on: 1/31/2025 9:25:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/5/2025 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

In full support. this is a no brainer.

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SB-255

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 6:17:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/5/2025 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brodie Lockard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a terrific idea! What an appropriate, easy way to help the Hawaii election campaign fund!