



STATE OF HAWAII
CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION

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TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Kristin Izumi-Nitao, Executive Director
Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 369, Relating to Campaign Contributions.**

Tuesday, April 1, 2025
10:01 a.m., Conference Room 211 & 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 (30) days of receipt of the excess contribution. Any excess cash contribution not returned to the contributor within thirty (30) 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.