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March 17, 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  
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SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 370, H.D. 2, Relating to Partial Public Financing of Elections.**

Tuesday, March 18, 2025  
9:45 a.m., Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. The Campaign Spending Commission (“Commission”) supports the original version<sup>1</sup> of this bill.

The purpose of the original bill is to enhance Hawaii’s partial public financing program by increasing the maximum amount of public funds available for all offices by 50% (except for the offices of Maui and Kauai Mayor which will be increased by 125%, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (“OHA”) which will be significantly enhanced by over 1,000%) to qualified candidates. It also makes a downward adjustment of the minimum qualifying contributions for certain offices because it appears that publicly financed candidates for those offices were having a difficult time raising the minimum qualifying contributions. Respectfully, the Commission is submitting this bill as an attempt to boost an existing program that is mandated by the State Constitution which has not changed and whose maximum dollar amounts have not changed since 1995.

This bill amends Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) sections as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> H.B. 370 included specific percentage increases to the maximum amount of public funds available to candidates in HRS §11-425.

- 1) HRS §11-425 by increasing the maximum amount of public funds available for all offices (except for the offices of the Mayor of the County of Kauai, Mayor of the County of Maui, and OHA trustee) by 50%. The bill also increases the maximum amount available for candidates for Mayor of the counties of Kauai and Maui by 125% by moving those offices from subsection (a) to subsection (b) and increasing the maximum amount of public funds available for a candidate for trustee of OHA from \$1,500 for the election period to 10% of the expenditure limit for each election established in HRS §11-423(d).
- 2) HRS §11-429(a) by increasing the amount of qualifying contributions required for a candidate for trustee of OHA from more than \$1,500 in the aggregate to more than \$5,500 in the aggregate.
- 3) HRS §11-429(b) by increasing matching fund payments from \$1 for each \$1 of qualifying contributions in excess of the minimum qualifying contribution amounts to \$2 for each \$1 of excess qualifying contributions.

The bill also provides a downward adjustment of the minimum amounts of qualifying contributions for the office of prosecuting attorney for the city and county of Honolulu (from \$30,000 to \$25,000), and counties of Hawaii (from \$10,000 to \$5,000) and Kauai (from \$5,000 to \$3,000), and for the office of county council for the county of Maui (from \$5,000 to \$4,000). Lastly, the original bill established two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions in the Commission and appropriated \$200,000 to fund these positions.

For illustration, here is a comparison of the present partial public funding program in contrast to the enhanced partial public funding program set forth in this bill. For a qualified Senate candidate running in District 1 in the 2026 election, the maximum amount of public funds available is \$7,269 in the primary election and another \$7,269 in the general election. In contrast, under this bill, this same candidate would receive \$10,903 in the primary election and another \$10,903 in the general election. For a qualified House candidate running in District 1 in the 2026 election, the maximum amount of public funds available is \$3,562 in the primary election and another \$3,562 in the general election. In contrast, under this bill, this same candidate would receive \$5,343 in the primary election and \$5,343 in the general election.

For a qualified candidate running for Kauai Mayor in the 2026 election, the maximum amount of public funds available is \$9,635 in the primary election and another \$9,635 in the general election. In contrast, under this bill, this same candidate would receive \$21,679 in the primary election and \$21,679 in the general election. For a qualified candidate running for Maui Mayor in the 2026 election, the maximum amount of public funds available is \$23,002 in the primary election and another \$23,002 in the general election. In contrast, under this bill, this same candidate would receive \$51,754 in the primary election and \$51,754 in the general election. Lastly, for a qualified OHA candidate in the 2026 election, the maximum amount of public funds available is \$1,500 for the election period. In contrast, under this bill, this same candidate would receive \$17,217 in the primary election and \$17,217 in the general election.

Under the bill, assuming one qualified candidate for each elective office<sup>2</sup> in the state, the maximum amount of public financing available would be \$2,353,426 in the 2026 primary election and another \$2,353,426 in the 2026 general election. As of January 31, 2025, the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund (“HECF”) balance was \$2,224,511.20. An appropriation into the HECF is likely necessary if this bill is passed. As the following table shows, recent usage of the partial public financing program has been dwindling:

<b>Election Year</b>	<b>Total Candidates Receiving Public Funds</b>	<b>Total Public Funds Disbursed</b>	<b>Number of Winning Candidates</b>
2024	10	\$52,053.09	7
2022	15	\$71,878.29	6
2020	16	\$85,361.97	3
2018	18	\$105,966.88	8
2016	28	\$202,190.49	12
2014	24	\$234,864.92	11
2012	22	\$145,696.00	9
2010	22	\$188,286.48	Not Reported
2008	23	\$144,502.00	Not Reported

In regard to the additional two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions in the measure, the Commission has not had an increase in personnel for the past 29 years despite the number of candidate committees and noncandidate committees having almost doubled in size. Currently, there are only 5 staff members who oversee 700+ committees that have anywhere from 1-3 officers who require assistance on how to comply with the various requirements of campaign finance law thereby generating hundreds of staff hours assisting committees over the phone, in-person, and by email as well as a number of enforcement actions for violations. Under HRS §11-314(7), one of the Commission’s 14 duties is to investigate and hold hearings for receiving evidence of any campaign finance violations. The Commission has no investigator on staff and has had to rely on contracts for investigative services with outside agencies.<sup>3</sup> In comparison to other State and county good government groups with compliance and enforcement duties, the Commission has had a modest budget and nominal staff despite a tremendous growth in committees, an expansion in its duties and responsibilities, and enforcement mandates. The Commission respectfully seeks your support so that the Commission may ensure that the integrity and transparency of the campaign finance process is upheld and approve our request for

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<sup>2</sup> The Commission is aware that not all elective offices appear on the ballot in an election year.

<sup>3</sup> Act 10, Special Session 1995, was the single year that a sum of \$70,000 was appropriated for one investigator for the Commission for FY 1995-1996 and was then sunset. This request essentially restores this position and makes it permanent.

2 new full-time permanent exempt excluded positions (i.e., an Elections Assistant and an Investigator).<sup>4</sup>

The Commission requests that this committee pass this bill with the appropriation of \$200,000 for the two full-time equivalent (2 FTE) permanent positions to be placed within the Commission restored.

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<sup>4</sup> The Commission requested these 2 full-time permanent exempt excluded positions in its FY 2025-2027 budget to which the Governor has approved – specifically, the request was for \$200,000 for FY 2026 and \$180,000 for FY 2027-2029. Notably, the Commission is an administratively attached agency with the Department of Accounting and General Services.



Committee on Judiciary  
Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard

Tuesday March 18, 2025 9:45 am Room 016  
**HB370 HD2 – RELATING TO PARTIAL PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTIONS**

TESTIMONY

Beppie Shapiro, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members: **The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports SB370 HD2 and offers a comment.** The League of Women Voters of the US believes that methods of financing political campaigns should enable candidates to compete equitably for public office and ensure that candidates have sufficient funds to communicate their messages to the public. Hawaii's Partial Public Funding Program (PPFP) is intended to support those goals.

The amount available through the PPFP to publicly funded candidates has not changed in over two decades. Inflation in media prices, postage, and labor costs make the current amounts far less than competitive. The current amounts available to qualified candidates for public funding are far below the amounts spent by privately funded candidates who won election to the same office. Not surprisingly, the number of candidates using the PPFP has decreased every year since at least 2016. The increases proposed in HB370 HD2 unquestionably offer an improvement on the status quo.

In addition, HB370 HD2 cuts the amount of qualifying contributions required to access public funding for several offices, making the program easier to access.

To enable the Campaign Spending Commission (CSC) to fulfill the requirements of this bill as well as its existing duties, SB370 added 2 positions to CSC staff; currently CSC is sadly understaffed as detailed in CSC testimony on HB370. We urge this committee to amend HD2 to restore those positions: leaving this to a rushed conference committee which may not have time to read and evaluate testimonies submitted during

public hearings may leave the Commission unable to adequately implement this valuable and popular bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

# HAWAII PATRIOT REPUBLICANS

Written Testimony in Opposition to H.B. NO. 370 H.D. 2  
Submitted to the Senate Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs  
March 12, 2025

Aloha Members of the Committee,

I write to strongly oppose H.B. NO. 370 H.D. 2. This bill, which pumps more taxpayer money into partial public campaign financing, hikes matching funds, and lowers qualifying thresholds, is a reckless giveaway that undermines fair elections, fiscal sanity, and voter choice. I stand for limited government, personal accountability, and protecting taxpayer dollars—principles that should unite us across party lines. This isn't just ideology; it's about real threats to Hawaii's democracy and economy. I urge you to vote NO, and here's why this bill fails both conservative and progressive tests.

## **1. Taxpayer Rip-Off: Draining Public Coffers**

H.B. 370 throws millions into the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund—vague sums like “\$ or so much thereof as may be necessary”—to juice up public financing and hire more bureaucrats. Boosting maximum funds to 20% of expenditure limits and doubling matching payments to \$2 per \$1 collected is a blank check for candidates, paid by hardworking taxpayers. We're not a piggy bank for politicians—especially when inflation already squeezes families.

Maine's Clean Election Act shows the cost. A [2021 Maine Citizens for Clean Elections report](#) found that public funding costs soared past \$3 million annually, with taxpayers footing the bill while private donations dried up. Democrats who fight for working-class relief and Republicans who demand fiscal restraint should reject this—our money deserves better.

## **2. Rigging Elections: Favoring Insiders**

Lowering qualifying contribution thresholds—like dropping Honolulu prosecuting attorney from \$30,000 to \$25,000 or Kauai council from \$5,000 to \$3,000—makes it easier for entrenched candidates to grab public cash, tilting the playing field. Meanwhile, jacking up funds for statewide offices (e.g., OHA to \$5,500) drowns out grassroots voices with taxpayer-subsidized megaphones. This isn't leveling the field; it's stacking the deck.

New York City's public financing bloated this way. A [2020 NYC Campaign Finance Board audit](#) revealed that well-connected incumbents scooped 70% of funds, leaving new challengers—especially minorities and outsiders—outmatched. Democrats who champion fair representation and Republicans who want honest competition should see this—it's a power grab, not progress.

## **3. Undermining Voter Choice: Subsidizing Losers**

Doubling matching funds to \$2 per \$1 for excess contributions means taxpayers prop up candidates who can't fundraise on their own merits. Why should we bankroll campaigns voters don't support? Public financing should reward broad backing, not pad weak players. The bill's vague “more participation” claim lacks proof—Hawaii's current system works without this bloat.

Arizona's public funding flop proves it. A [2018 Arizona Auditor General report](#) showed that increased matching funds went to fringe candidates with little support, wasting \$2.5 million on losers while diluting

voter influence. Democrats who value voter empowerment and Republicans who hate waste should agree—this distorts democracy.

#### **4. No Proven Need: Fixing What Ain't Broke**

The bill cites a \$2.07 inflation rise since 1995 to justify more funds, but where's the crisis? No data shows candidates can't compete under current caps or that voters distrust elections due to funding. Hawaii's partial financing has balanced access and accountability for decades—why overhaul it with no evidence of failure?

Connecticut's public financing expansion backfired here. A [2019 Connecticut Office of Legislative Research analysis](#) found no boost in voter turnout or trust despite doubled funding, just higher costs—\$10 million yearly—with no clear gain. Republicans demand necessity; Democrats demand results—this bill has neither.

#### **5. Bureaucratic Bloat: More Jobs, Less Oversight**

Adding unspecified FTE positions to the Campaign Spending Commission—again, funded by taxpayers—grows government without proving need. The bill assumes more staff equals better enforcement, but it's a recipe for inefficiency and cronyism. Hawaii's election funding process runs fine now; piling on bureaucrats risks waste, not improvement.

Seattle's public funding program bloated this way. A [2021 Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission report](#) showed that extra staff doubled administrative costs to \$1.2 million, with no drop in violations—just more red tape. Democrats who want lean government and Republicans who hate bureaucracy should say no—this is excess, not progress.

#### **6. Corruption Risk: Inviting Abuse**

More public money and lower thresholds invite fraud—candidates gaming the system with fake contributions to unlock bigger payouts. The commission's stretched resources (even with new hires) can't police this flood of cash. Hawaii's tight rules have kept abuse in check; this opens the door wide.

Wisconsin's old public funding system crashed on this reef. A [2016 Wisconsin Government Accountability Board report](#) documented rampant "pass-through" schemes—donors funneled cash to qualify candidates, pocketing refunds—costing millions before it was scrapped. Democrats who demand clean elections and Republicans who distrust handouts should fear this—it's a scandal waiting to happen.

#### **Conclusion: Vote NO for Fairness, Freedom, and Fiscal Sense**

H.B. NO. 370 H.D. 2 is a disaster. Maine burned cash, NYC favored insiders, Arizona propped up losers, Connecticut wasted effort, Seattle bloated bureaucracy, and Wisconsin bred corruption. This bill robs taxpayers, rigs elections, and risks fraud—all without proof it's needed. Republicans demand limited government; Democrats demand equity and trust. This fails us all. Protect Hawaii's voters—vote NO.

Sincerely,

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## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB370 HD2, RELATING TO PARTIAL PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTIONS

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

March 18, 2025

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i **SUPPORTS** HB370 HD2, RELATING TO PARTIAL PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTIONS. Pursuant to the platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and Resolution 2024-21, the Party supports full public-financing of elections and policies that will get the State of Hawai'i closer to that objective.

This measure would update the amount of public funds that a candidate running for public office can receive, while lowering the amount that a candidate would need to raise in order to qualify for the Partial Public Funding Program. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i supports this measure as it will bring the existing program much closer to meeting the current standards around campaign expenditures. The party also supports providing more resources to the Campaign Spending Commission to address the growth of the program. This will encourage more members of our community to participate in our electoral process, enhancing the accessibility and inclusivity of our democracy.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in Support of HB370 HD2, RELATING TO PARTIAL PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTIONS. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Democratic Party of Hawai'i at [legislation@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:legislation@hawaiidemocrats.org).



**Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Strongly Supports: HB370  
Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 9:45am; Conference Room 016**

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

HAPA strongly supports HB370, which increases the partial public campaign financing available for all state and county elective offices.

Our state's public financing system has not been updated for 30 years. The value of the dollar has more than doubled since then with inflation. With that, this leaves our public financing system inadequate in today's political landscape. Therefore, HB370 would address this by increasing the maximum amount of public funds available to candidates across various offices and makes public financing a more viable option for candidates.

Recent data also highlights the urgent need for campaign finance reform. For example, since 1994, incumbents in the Hawai'i House have spent an average of \$57,883 per election, while challengers spent only \$16,500 when adjusted for inflation. This disparity has resulted in a 90% reelection rate for incumbents over the past decade.

The proposed changes in HB 370 align with other reform efforts in the state. In 2023, lawmakers passed many recommendations from the Foley Commission, including strengthening penalties for government fraud and reforming lobbying practices. However, some of the toughest reform measures, such as full public financing of elections and prohibiting campaign contributions during legislative sessions, have yet to be enacted.

The bill also includes provisions for additional staffing at the Campaign Spending Commission, allocating \$200,000 for two full-time positions. This funding is necessary for the effective implementation and oversight of the expanded program. This is particularly important as the Commission has not received additional personnel in decades, even though campaign finance laws have become increasingly complex.

We ask that you amend HB370 to align with the original amounts allocated for the program in SB345 to pass the strongest version of this bill possible. By matching the funding amounts and raising the expenditure limits, we will get closer to making the partial public funding program a viable option.

We urge you to support HB370 with amendments as you have the opportunity to respond to public sentiment for an equitable and transparent electoral system.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Frederick', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Anne Frederick, Executive Director



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# Testimony in Support of HB370

Submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee  
by Evan Weber, Managing Director, Our Hawai'i, 3/17/2025

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Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and all Committee members,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify before you today. On behalf of Our Hawai'i's over 38,000 members and supporters across the pae 'āina, we write in support with amendments of House Bill 370, which expands the state's Partial Public Financing Program to reduce the influence of big money in politics and make elections more accessible to everyday people. **In order to make this reform truly effective, the expenditure limit for candidates for office must also be raised.**

In the historic 1978 Hawai'i Constitutional Convention, the public financing of elections was established as a key part of our constitution, stating that a public campaign fund could dilute "the effective influence of money and large contributors" and "equalize opportunity for all to participate meaningfully in the political process."

In the years that followed, public funding of elections played a meaningful role in major races up and down the ballot in Hawaii's local elections. But in recent decades, with rising costs, and the flood of unlimited political spending unleashed by the US Supreme Court's Citizens United decision in 2009, our public financing programs have not kept up with the reality of modern political campaigns. In fact, we have not made adjustments to our public campaign finance system since 1995 — before most people were using personal computers or cell phones.

The result of this is that we have seen an increase in big money in politics, and a declining use of our public financing system. **Why? Primarily because the campaign spending cap you must abide by when you opt in to taking public funds is too low to run and win an average campaign.**

**The Judge Foley Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct put forward HB370 as a "floor, or minimum level"** in reforming our system. And it does that — modestly increases the amount of funds available to candidates for the first time since 1995. But HB370 does not address the fundamental flaw of our current partial public finance system — the insufficient expenditure caps.

HB370 is certainly a better upwards adjustment than nothing, but as it stands the campaign **expenditure limits it forces candidates to abide by are simply too low for State House and State Senate seats.**

For example, the **current average expenditure limit for the upcoming 2026 election for a State House race is \$23,632**, for the primary or the general election. That means if you want to receive public funds, you have to agree to spend less than \$23,632 on your election.

However, the median amount spent by State House primary winners in 2024 was **\$31,311.60**, and the average amount spent in winning primary races was **\$37,473.95**. That means **currently, if you are a State House candidate who wants to do the right thing by opting into our public**

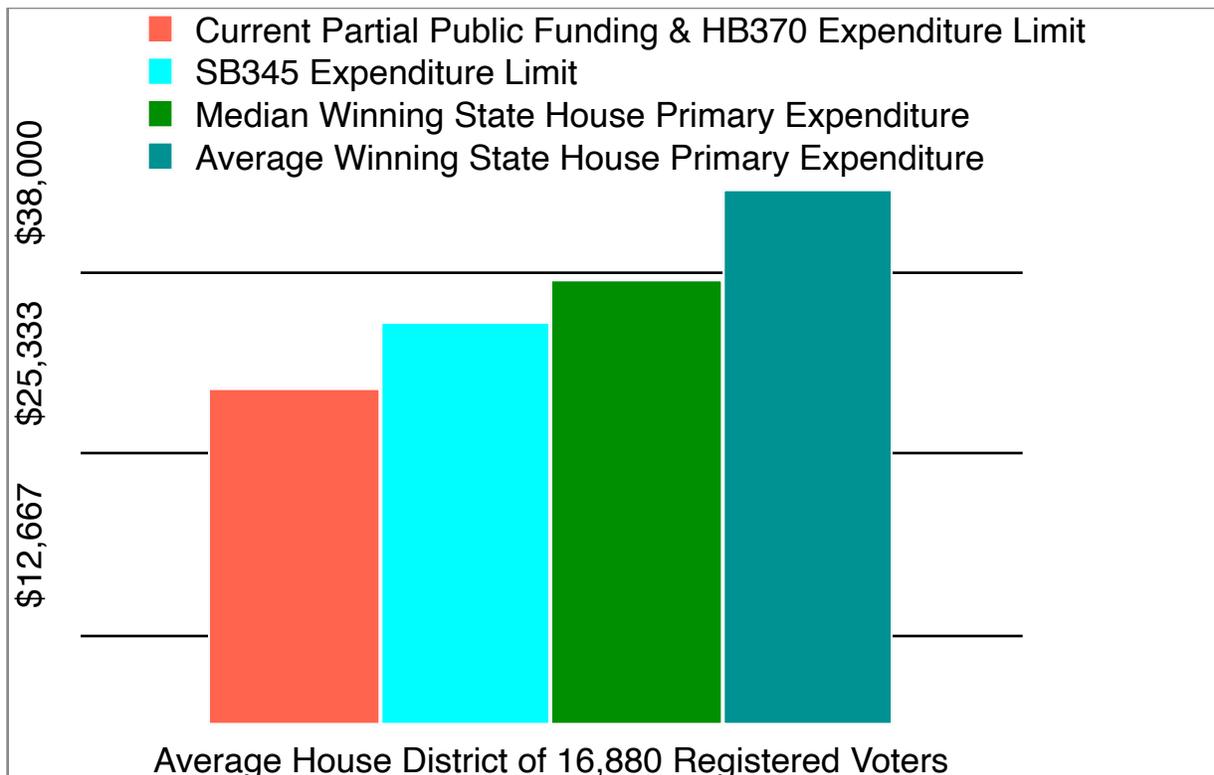


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**financing system, you have to agree to run on less than what it takes on average to win a race.**

**SB345 makes progress towards addressing this by increasing expenditure caps by 20% across the board, while also increasing the maximum amount of matching funds available to candidates to support them to run competitive races without having to be over reliant on private funds.**



While campaign finance reform progress has been made in recent years, it is not enough. On April 17th, 2024 the New York Times dropped a [bombshell exposé on the front page of the New York Times](#), exposing to the world the deep culture of pay-to-play corruption that has existed at high levels of Hawai'i political leadership. With just days left in the legislative session, Hawaii Lawmakers did not act to correct these real problems of corruption or the crisis of public trust they have exacerbated. Now, you all have the opportunity to act.

Expanding public financing will allow more grassroots candidates—those without deep-pocketed backers—to run competitive campaigns. It will free elected officials from the constant pressure of fundraising and instead allow them to focus on what truly matters: delivering for their constituents.

This bill does not radically upend our system; instead, it improves an existing, underutilized program. Incumbents will still be able to compete, and the overall partisan makeup of the legislature will not significantly shift. What will change is who has influence—moving power away from big donors and lobbyists and back to the people.



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The people of Hawai'i are tired of a system where wealthy donors call the shots. Expanding public financing won't fix everything overnight, but it is a necessary step toward a government that truly represents the people—not just those who can afford to bankroll campaigns.

Mahalo nui loa for your leadership and commitment to restoring trust in our democracy. Together, we can move toward a brighter future for Hawai'i.

### **Additional Comments:**

We support any version of partial public financing reform that raises the expenditure limits for State House and State Senate seats to competitive enough levels for candidates to want to participate in the program.

If costs are of concern to lawmakers, it is important to understand that they are driven largely by the very expensive races at the top of the ticket, Governor and Lieutenant Governor's races. If these races did not have their matching proportions or expenditures limits increased, it could improve projected costs.

Finally, we've attached a table demonstrating projected costs at different match and expenditure limit levels for consideration.

**SB 345 at a 20% increase in expenditure limits and up to 67% matched**

Office	Estimated Participants per seat	Average registered voters in District	expenditure maximum multiplier	expenditure limit	% of cap	Max match per election	Primary & General combined	Cost for all seats	Frequency (Elections per 10 years)	Average Annual Cost	Annual Cost per resident
Gov	1	839,618	\$3.00	\$2,518,854.00	67.0%	\$1,687,632.18	\$3,375,264.36	\$3,375,264.36	2.5	\$843,816.09	\$0.58
LG	1	839,618	\$1.68	\$1,410,558.24	67.0%	\$945,074.02	\$1,890,148.04	\$1,890,148.04	2.5	\$472,537.01	\$0.33
State Senator	25	33,585	\$1.68	\$56,422.33	67.0%	\$37,802.96	\$75,605.92	\$1,890,148.04	3	\$567,044.41	\$0.39
State Rep	51	16,880	\$1.68	\$28,358.40	67.0%	\$19,000.13	\$38,000.26	\$1,938,013.06	5	\$969,006.53	\$0.67
HI Mayor	1	131,358	\$2.40	\$315,259.20	67.0%	\$211,223.66	\$422,447.33	\$422,447.33	2.5	\$105,611.83	\$0.07
HI Attorney	1	131,358	\$1.68	\$220,681.44	67.0%	\$147,856.56	\$295,713.13	\$295,713.13	2.5	\$73,928.28	\$0.05
HI Council	9	14,595	\$1.68	\$24,520.16	67.0%	\$16,428.51	\$32,857.01	\$295,713.13	5	\$147,856.56	\$0.10
HNL Mayor	1	548,261	\$2.40	\$1,315,826.40	67.0%	\$881,603.69	\$1,763,207.38	\$1,763,207.38	2.5	\$440,801.84	\$0.30
HNL Attorney	1	548,261	\$1.68	\$921,078.48	67.0%	\$617,122.58	\$1,234,245.16	\$1,234,245.16	2.5	\$308,561.29	\$0.21
HNL Council	9	60,918	\$1.68	\$102,342.24	67.0%	\$68,569.30	\$137,138.60	\$1,234,247.41	2.5	\$308,561.85	\$0.21
Maui Mayor	1	91,138	\$2.40	\$218,731.20	67.0%	\$146,549.90	\$293,099.81	\$293,099.81	2.5	\$73,274.95	\$0.05
Maui Council	9	91,138	\$1.68	\$153,111.84	67.0%	\$102,584.93	\$205,169.87	\$1,846,528.79	5	\$923,264.40	\$0.64
Kauai Mayor	1	46,980	\$2.40	\$112,752.00	67.0%	\$75,543.84	\$151,087.68	\$151,087.68	2.5	\$37,771.92	\$0.03
Kauai Attorney	1	46,980	\$1.68	\$78,926.40	67.0%	\$52,880.69	\$105,761.38	\$105,761.38	2.5	\$26,440.34	\$0.02
Kauai Council	7	46,980	\$1.68	\$78,926.40	67.0%	\$52,880.69	\$105,761.38	\$740,329.63	5	\$370,164.82	\$0.26
OHA	9	839,618	\$0.24	\$201,508.32	67.0%	\$135,010.57	\$270,021.15	\$2,430,190.34	2.5	\$607,547.58	\$0.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$5,197,764.22</b>	<b>\$10,395,528.45</b>	<b>\$19,906,144.67</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$6,276,189.72</b>	<b>\$4.34</b>

**SB 345 at a 30% increase in expenditure limits and up to 35% matched**

Office	Estimated Participants per seat	Average registered voters in District	expenditure maximum multiplier	expenditure limit	% of cap	Max match per election	Primary & General combined	Cost for all seats	Frequency (Elections per 10 years)	Average Annual Cost	Annual Cost per resident
Gov	1	839,618	\$3.25	\$2,728,758.50	35.0%	\$955,065.48	\$1,910,130.95	\$1,910,130.95	2.5	\$477,532.74	\$0.33
LG	1	839,618	\$1.82	\$1,528,104.76	35.0%	\$534,836.67	\$1,069,673.33	\$1,069,673.33	2.5	\$267,418.33	\$0.18
State Senator	25	33,585	\$1.82	\$61,124.19	35.0%	\$21,393.47	\$42,786.93	\$1,069,673.33	3	\$320,902.00	\$0.22
State Rep	51	16,880	\$1.82	\$30,721.60	35.0%	\$10,752.56	\$21,505.12	\$1,096,761.12	5	\$548,380.56	\$0.38
HI Mayor	1	131,358	\$2.60	\$341,530.80	35.0%	\$119,535.78	\$239,071.56	\$239,071.56	2.5	\$59,767.89	\$0.04
HI Attorney	1	131,358	\$1.82	\$239,071.56	35.0%	\$83,675.05	\$167,350.09	\$167,350.09	2.5	\$41,837.52	\$0.03
HI Council	9	14,595	\$1.82	\$26,563.51	35.0%	\$9,297.23	\$18,594.45	\$167,350.09	5	\$83,675.05	\$0.06
HNL Mayor	1	548,261	\$2.60	\$1,425,478.60	35.0%	\$498,917.51	\$997,835.02	\$997,835.02	2.5	\$249,458.76	\$0.17
HNL Attorney	1	548,261	\$1.82	\$997,835.02	35.0%	\$349,242.26	\$698,484.51	\$698,484.51	2.5	\$174,621.13	\$0.12
HNL Council	9	60,918	\$1.82	\$110,870.76	35.0%	\$38,804.77	\$77,609.53	\$698,485.79	2.5	\$174,621.45	\$0.12
Maui Mayor	1	91,138	\$2.60	\$236,958.80	35.0%	\$82,935.58	\$165,871.16	\$165,871.16	2.5	\$41,467.79	\$0.03
Maui Council	9	91,138	\$1.82	\$165,871.16	35.0%	\$58,054.91	\$116,109.81	\$1,044,988.31	5	\$522,494.15	\$0.36
Kauai Mayor	1	46,980	\$2.60	\$122,148.00	35.0%	\$42,751.80	\$85,503.60	\$85,503.60	2.5	\$21,375.90	\$0.01
Kauai Attorney	1	46,980	\$1.82	\$85,503.60	35.0%	\$29,926.26	\$59,852.52	\$59,852.52	2.5	\$14,963.13	\$0.01
Kauai Council	7	46,980	\$1.82	\$85,503.60	35.0%	\$29,926.26	\$59,852.52	\$418,967.64	5	\$209,483.82	\$0.14
OHA	9	839,618	\$0.26	\$218,300.68	35.0%	\$76,405.24	\$152,810.48	\$1,375,294.28	2.5	\$343,823.57	\$0.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$2,941,520.80</b>	<b>\$5,883,041.60</b>	<b>\$11,265,293.31</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$3,551,823.78</b>	<b>\$2.46</b>

**SB345 at a 30% increase in expenditure limits and up to 22.5% matched**

Office	Estimated Participants per seat	Average registered voters in District	expenditure maximum multiplier	expenditure limit	% of cap	Max match per election	Primary & General combined	Cost for all seats	Frequency (Elections per 10 years)	Average Annual Cost	Annual Cost per resident
Gov	1	839,618	\$3.25	\$2,728,758.50	22.5%	\$613,970.66	\$1,227,941.33	\$1,227,941.33	2.5	\$306,985.33	\$0.21
LG	1	839,618	\$1.82	\$1,528,104.76	22.5%	\$343,823.57	\$687,647.14	\$687,647.14	2.5	\$171,911.79	\$0.12
State Senator	25	33,585	\$1.82	\$61,124.19	22.5%	\$13,752.94	\$27,505.89	\$687,647.14	3	\$206,294.14	\$0.14
State Rep	51	16,880	\$1.82	\$30,721.60	22.5%	\$6,912.36	\$13,824.72	\$705,060.72	5	\$352,530.36	\$0.24
HI Mayor	1	131,358	\$2.60	\$341,530.80	22.5%	\$76,844.43	\$153,688.86	\$153,688.86	2.5	\$38,422.22	\$0.03
HI Attorney	1	131,358	\$1.82	\$239,071.56	22.5%	\$53,791.10	\$107,582.20	\$107,582.20	2.5	\$26,895.55	\$0.02
HI Council	9	14,595	\$1.82	\$26,563.51	22.5%	\$5,976.79	\$11,953.58	\$107,582.20	5	\$53,791.10	\$0.04
HNL Mayor	1	548,261	\$2.60	\$1,425,478.60	22.5%	\$320,732.69	\$641,465.37	\$641,465.37	2.5	\$160,366.34	\$0.11
HNL Attorney	1	548,261	\$1.82	\$997,835.02	22.5%	\$224,512.88	\$449,025.76	\$449,025.76	2.5	\$112,256.44	\$0.08
HNL Council	9	60,918	\$1.82	\$110,870.76	22.5%	\$24,945.92	\$49,891.84	\$449,026.58	2.5	\$112,256.64	\$0.08
Maui Mayor	1	91,138	\$2.60	\$236,958.80	22.5%	\$53,315.73	\$106,631.46	\$106,631.46	2.5	\$26,657.87	\$0.02
Maui Council	9	91,138	\$1.82	\$165,871.16	22.5%	\$37,321.01	\$74,642.02	\$671,778.20	5	\$335,889.10	\$0.23
Kauai Mayor	1	46,980	\$2.60	\$122,148.00	22.5%	\$27,483.30	\$54,966.60	\$54,966.60	2.5	\$13,741.65	\$0.01
Kauai Attorney	1	46,980	\$1.82	\$85,503.60	22.5%	\$19,238.31	\$38,476.62	\$38,476.62	2.5	\$9,619.16	\$0.01
Kauai Council	7	46,980	\$1.82	\$85,503.60	22.5%	\$19,238.31	\$38,476.62	\$269,336.34	5	\$134,668.17	\$0.09
OHA	9	839,618	\$0.26	\$218,300.68	22.5%	\$49,117.65	\$98,235.31	\$884,117.75	2.5	\$221,029.44	\$0.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$1,890,977.66</b>	<b>\$3,781,955.31</b>	<b>\$7,241,974.27</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$2,283,315.29</b>	<b>\$1.58</b>

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/13/2025 8:03:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Judge Daniel Foley (ret.)	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Mr. Chairman and members of the Judiciary Committee,

As former chair of the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct (Commission), I submit this testimony in support of HB 370 HD2 RELATING TO PARTIAL PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTIONS.

The Commission proposed this bill to the Legislature "because public funding expands the reach of many small donors and can relieve candidates of the need to rely on the support of special interest groups or large donors." Commission December 1, 2022 Final Report at page 32.

Judge Daniel Foley (ret.)

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 3:59:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marcia Kemble	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Greetings Committee Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing in STRONG support of HB370, which will modernize and improve Hawaii’s partial public financing program for elections. By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Marcia Kemble

Makiki

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 4:50:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Frank Schultz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this initiative.

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 4:21:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Culbertson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB370, which will modernize and improve Hawaii’s partial public financing program for elections.

By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

We ask that you please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditure limits that were included in SB 345. By doing this, we can pass a strong viable partial public funding program for Hawaii.

Mahalo nui loa!

R A Culbertson

Honokaa

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 4:36:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Susan Stayton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Susan Stayton, and I am writing in support of HB370, which will modernize and improve Hawaii’s partial public financing program for elections.

By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

We ask that you please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditure limits that were included in SB 345. By doing this, we can pass a strong viable partial public funding program for Hawaii.

It is vitally important to our democracy that we remove the influence of big money from our legislative process. This bill will go a long way to help this goal.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Susan, Lawai, Kauai

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 4:47:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kimdonghyeon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

My name is kimdonghyeon, and I am writing in support of HB370, which will modernize and improve Hawai'i's partial public financing program for elections.

By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

We ask that you please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditure limits that were included in SB 345. By doing this, we can pass a strong viable partial public funding program for Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Kimdonghyeon

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:35:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Elisa W Johnston	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to strongly support HB370 and its increased limits for funding and qualifying contribution. Please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditures limits in SB345.

Mahalo nui loa for your service!

Elisa W. Johnston

Makiki

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 6:35:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lorna Holmes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lorna Holmes, and I am writing in support of HB370, which will modernize and improve Hawaii's partial public financing program for elections.

By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

We ask that you **please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditure limits that were included in SB 345**. By doing this, we can pass a strong viable partial public funding program for Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Dr. Lorna Holmes, Honolulu 96817

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 6:35:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB370, which will modernize and improve Hawaii’s partial public financing program for elections.

By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

We ask that you please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditure limits that were included in SB 345. By doing this, we can pass a strong viable partial public funding program for Hawaii. Mahalo.

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:56:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
KEALA FUNG	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Keala Fung, and I am writing in support of HB370, which will modernize and improve Hawaii's partial public financing program for elections.

By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

We ask that you please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditure limits that were included in SB 345. By doing this, we can pass a strong viable partial public funding program for Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Keala Fung, Honolulu

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:17:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Megan Deets	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this Bill.

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:19:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
cheryl hendrickson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Increasing the amount of public funding and providing higher matching rates means that more candidates, especially those without large financial backers, can afford to run for office.

With stronger public financing, elected officials can focus more on community concerns rather than on fundraising from large donors.

Lowering the financial barriers helps bring new voices, including grassroots candidates, into the political process.

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:51:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shay Chan Hodges	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB370, which will modernize and improve Hawaii’s partial public financing program for elections.

By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

We ask that you please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditure limits that were included in SB 345. By doing this, we can pass a strong viable partial public funding program for Hawaii.

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:52:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Melissa Barker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Members,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you support HB370 which will improve Hawaii's partial public financing program for elections. By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

Please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditure limits that were included in SB 345. By doing this, we can pass a strong viable partial public funding program for Hawaii.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Melissa Barker

Kapaa, HI

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:21:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
gordon b peterson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB370, which will improve Hawaii’s partial public financing program for elections.

By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements encourages more candidates to participate. This bill is a needed step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

Please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditure limits that were included in SB 345. Together we put in place an improved public funding program for Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Gordon Peterson

Princeville HI

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:36:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Noelle Lindenmann	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Noelle Lindenmann, and I am writing in support of HB370, which will modernize and improve Hawaii’s partial public financing program for elections.

By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

We ask that you please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditure limits that were included in SB 345. By doing this, we can pass a strong viable partial public funding program for Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Noelle Lindenmann, Kailua-Kona

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:02:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, as a citizen who is in favor of getting big money out of politics, I am writing in STRONG support of HB370, which will modernize and improve Hawai'i's partial public financing program for elections. It's a great start to getting dark money and corporate away from our elections, and back to way our democracy should be, one vote for one person. By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program.

This bill is a significant step towards reducing the influence of big money in our election process. Reducing influence of outside money will help keep all of our elections, and governmental functioning itself, free and fair. Mahalo

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:06:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Pamela Elders	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Pam Elders, and I am writing in support of HB370, which will modernize and improve Hawaii's partial public financing program for elections.

By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

I am writing also to ask that you please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditure limits that were included in SB 345. By doing this, we are on the way to a strong viable partial public funding program for Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Pam Elders

Laupahoehoe, Hawaii 96764

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:38:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas Kevin Kekoa Dolan-Ma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Thomas, and I am writing in support of HB370, which will modernize and improve Hawaii's partial public financing program for elections.

By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

We ask that you please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditure limits that were included in SB 345. By doing this, we can pass a strong viable partial public funding program for Hawaii.

Big money must be exited from our election process!

Mahalo for your consideration!

Thomas Kevin Kekoa Dolan-Ma

Kaka'ako

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:38:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kevin Faccenda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in support of HB370, which will modernize and improve Hawaii’s partial public financing program for elections.

By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

We ask that you please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditure limits that were included in SB 345. By doing this, we can pass a strong viable partial public funding program for Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Kevin Faccenda, Honolulu

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 1:29:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Danelle Guion	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Danielle Guion, and I am writing in support of HB370, which will modernize and improve Hawaii's partial public financing program for elections.

By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

I ask that you please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditure limits that were included in SB 345. By doing this, we can pass a strong viable partial public funding program for Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony,

Danielle Guion, Makakilo, Hawai'i

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 2:36:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ann Dorsey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge you to support HB370, which will modernize and improve Hawaii’s partial public financing program for elections. Please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditure limits that were included in SB 345. By doing this, we can pass a strong viable partial public funding program for Hawaii.

By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

Thank you

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 2:41:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel R Freund	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

it's time to update this program, which serves to open our political system to new ideas and new voices from those who are not backed by big money.

- Dan Freund, Kapaa

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:18:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keila Paahana	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:36:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
pamela burrell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

I supportH B370 HD2.

With stronger public financing, elected officials can focus more on community concerns rather than on fundraising from large donors.

Please consider this bill.

pamela Burrell, Kalihiwai, Kaua'i,96754

**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:10:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lisa Seikai Darcy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lisa Darcy from Kula, Maui, HI, and I am writing in support of HB370, which will modernize and improve Hawaii’s partial public financing program for elections. I am learning about how complex it is to become a public servant and these complexities need to be updated to ensure a stronger process for elections. This seems like a common sense update.

By increasing the funding limits and adjusting qualifying contribution requirements, this measure reflects the economic realities of today and encourages more candidates to participate in the program. This bill is a significant step toward reducing the influence of big money in our election process.

After learning about the impacts of SB 345, please amend the bill to match the increased funding and expenditure limits that were included in SB 345. I believe this inclusion will create a strong viable partial public funding program for Hawaii.

Mahalo in advance for your time and consideration.

Lisa Darcy

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**HB-370-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 1:35:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2025 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Glenn Choy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. Thank you