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TO: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

The Honorable Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

FROM: Barbara U. Wong, Executive Director
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara Wong", written over the printed name and title.

SUBJECT: Testimony on H.B. No. 2003, HD3, Relating to Campaign Spending¹

Wednesday, March 24, 2010
9:35 a.m. in Conference Room 016

Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill, which was introduced at the Campaign Spending Commission's (Commission) request to recodify the campaign finance law.²

We strongly support this bill, which would take effect on "November 3, 2010 and apply to reporting periods beginning after November 2, 2010."³

¹ HB 2003, HD3 was referred only to JGO. This bill is the only vehicle remaining.

² SB 2251 and HB 2003 were introduced at the Commission's request as companion bills to recodify the campaign law. SB 2252 and HB 2004 also were introduced to make several substantive changes to the law.

The Senate passed SB 2251, SD1 and SB 2252, SD2. The bills were referred to JUD and FIN, but JUD did not schedule a hearing on the bills.

HB 2003 and HB 2004 were referred to JUD and FIN. JUD passed HB 2003, HD1 and HB 2004, HD1. FIN held a hearing on both bills, but did not pass HB 2004, choosing to insert certain provisions of that bill into HB 2003, HD2. The House subsequently passed this HB 2003, HD3.

³ HB 2003, HD3, section 12.

The Senate and House passed their versions of the recodification bills. While there are some differences in HB 2003, HD3 and SB 2251, SD1, there appears to be only a few substantive differences. Our recommendations regarding HB 2003, HD3 are listed as follows:

- Amend the definition of "election period" in §11-C (page 9), to clarify the election period in a special election.⁴
- Amend §11-D, entitled Campaign spending commission established; composition (pages 17-18), to make a change requested by the Chief Justice, who emphasized the necessity to reinstate the sentence that is in the current law, "The judicial council shall meet and expeditiously select additional persons for the list of nominees whenever the number of the eligible nominees falls below five."⁵
- Amend §11-G, entitled Duties of the commission (pages 18-20), including the reinstatement of wording in the current statute that Commission staff may be dismissed at the Commission's pleasure.⁶

⁴ Ramseyer changes to the definition of "election period" in HB 2003, HD3.

"Election period" means:

- (1) The two-year time period between the day after the general election through the day of the next general election if a candidate is seeking nomination or election to a two-year office; [or]
- (2) The four-year time period between the day after the general election through the day of the next general election if a candidate is seeking nomination or election to a four-year office[-];
- (3) For a special election, the period between the day after the general election for that office through the day of special election.

⁵ Ramsyer changes to the HB 2003, HD3:

§11-D Campaign spending commission established; composition.

(a) There is established a campaign spending commission, which shall be placed within the department of accounting and general services for administrative purposes.

(b) The commission shall consist of five members representing the general public and who are appointed by the governor from a list of ten nominees submitted by the judicial council. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled from the list of nominees or by the reappointment of a commissioner whose term has expired, subject to the limit on length of service imposed by section 26-34. The judicial council shall meet and expeditiously select additional persons for the list of nominees whenever the number of the eligible nominees falls below five. Notwithstanding section 26-34, appointments to the commission shall not be subject to the advice and consent of the senate.

⁶ Ramseyer changes to the HD3.

§11-G Duties of the commission. The duties of the commission under this part are to:

- (1) Develop and adopt forms required by this part;
- (2) Adopt and publish manuals for all candidates, candidate committees, and noncandidate committees, describing the requirements of this part, including uniform and simple methods of recordkeeping;
- (3) Preserve all reports required by this part for at least ten years from the date of receipt;
- (4) Permit the inspection, copying, or duplicating of any report required by this part pursuant to rules adopted ~~[under chapter 91]~~ by the commission under chapter 91; provided that this paragraph shall not apply to the sale or use of information under section 11-CC;
- (5) Ascertain whether any candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate committee, or party has failed to file a report required by this part or has filed a substantially defective or deficient report ~~[-and to].~~ The commission shall notify these persons by first class mail that a fine may be assessed for the failure to file, or the filing of a substantially defective or deficient report shall be corrected and explained, and that a fine may be assessed. All fines collected under this section shall be deposited in the general fund of the State;
- (6) Hold public hearings;
- (7) Investigate and hold hearings for receiving evidence of any violations pursuant to subpart JJJ of this part;
- (8) Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91;
- (9) Request the initiation of prosecution for the violation of this part pursuant to section 11-JJJ;
- (10) Administer and monitor the distribution of public funds under this part;

- §11-Q in HB 2003, HD3 (Ballot issue committee; contributions and expenditures) (pages 30-31) is not in SB 2251, SD1. We recommend that the Committee keep this language in HB 2003, HD3. The House added this section after drawing the language from section 1 of HB 2004, HD 1. The language in §11-Q was also included by the Senate in section 1 of SB 2252, SD1.
- Amend §11-T, entitled Time for candidate committee to file preliminary, final, and supplemental reports (pages 36-39), to clarify the requirement for new candidates to file a supplemental report.⁷
- We recommend separate sections for contribution limits to candidate committees (§11-KK, pages 57-58) and noncandidate committees. This was the Senate's approach in SB 2251, SD1.

(11) Employ or contract, without regard to chapters 76, 78, and 89 and section 28-8.3, persons it finds necessary for the performance of its functions, including a full-time executive director, and to fix their compensation and at pleasure to dismiss such persons;

(12) Conduct random audits and field investigations, as necessary; and

(13) File for injunctive relief when indicated.

⁷ Ramseyer changes to HB 2003, HD3.

§11-T Time for candidate committee to file preliminary, final, and supplemental reports. (a) The candidate and treasurer of the candidate committee of each candidate whose name shall appear on the ballot in the immediately succeeding election shall file preliminary, final, and supplemental reports.

(1) The filing dates for preliminary reports are:

(A) July 31 of the election year;

(B) Ten calendar days prior to a primary, first special, or first nonpartisan election; and

(C) Ten calendar days prior to a general, second special, or second nonpartisan election; provided that this preliminary report does not need to be filed by a candidate who is unsuccessful in a primary, first special, or first nonpartisan election or a candidate who is elected to office in the primary, first special, or first nonpartisan election.

Each preliminary report shall be current through June 30 for the report filed on July 31 and current through the fifth calendar day before the filing deadline of other preliminary reports;

(2) The filing date for the final primary report is twenty calendar days after a primary, first special, or first nonpartisan election. The report shall be current through the day of the applicable election;

(3) The filing date for the final election period report is thirty calendar days after a general, second special, or second nonpartisan election. The report shall be current through the day of the applicable election. The final election period report shall be filed by a candidate who is unsuccessful in a primary, first special, or first nonpartisan election or a candidate who is elected to office in the primary, first special, or first nonpartisan election; and

(4) The filing dates for supplemental reports are:

(A) January 31 after an election year; and

(B) July 31 after an election year.

The report shall be current through December 31 for the report filed on January 31 and current through June 30 for the report filed on July 31.

(b) A candidate and treasurer of the candidate committee of each candidate with a deficit or surplus whose name will not appear on the ballot in the immediately succeeding election shall file a supplemental report every six months on January 31 and July 31 until:

(1) The candidate's name appears on the ballot and then is subject to the reporting requirements in subsection (a); or

(2) The committee's registration is terminated as provided in section 11-P.

The report shall be current through December 31 for the report filed on January 31 and current through June 30 for the report filed on July 31.

(c) The candidate and treasurer of a candidate committee who files an organizational report shall file supplemental reports until required to file a first preliminary primary report.

~~{(e)}~~ (d) A candidate and treasurer of the candidate committee of each candidate shall continue to file all reports until the committee's registration is terminated as provided in section 11-P.

Another section would have to be added to HB 2003, HD3 for contribution limits to noncandidate committees because the House "collapsed" those provisions in §11-KK.

We recommend that HB 2003, HD3 be amended by: (1) adopting the Senate's approach in SB 2251, SD1, which had separate sections for contribution limits to candidate committees (§11-HH, pages 53-54) and noncandidate committees (§11-II, page 54); and (2) adding language drawn from the House versions of the recodification bill and (3) adding language clarifying the ability of corporations and companies to make independent expenditures.

The language in the different bills is shown below to provide background information and context for the Committee regarding our recommendation regarding contribution limits.

SB 2251, SD1	HB 2003, HD1	HB 2003, HD2	HB 2003, HD3	Recommendations
<p>§11-HH Contributions to candidate committees; limits.</p> <p>(a) No person shall make contributions to:</p> <p>(1) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a two-year office or to a candidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$2,000 during an election period;</p> <p>(2) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-year nonstatewide office or to a candidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$4,000 during an election period; or</p> <p>(3) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-year statewide office or to a candidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$6,000 during an election period.</p> <p>(b) For purposes of this section, the length of term of an office shall be the usual length of term of the office as unaffected by reapportionment, a special election to fill a vacancy, or any other factor causing the term of the office the candidate is seeking to be less than the usual length of term of that office.</p>	<p>§11-JJ Contributions to candidate committees; limits. (a) No person shall make contributions to:</p> <p>(1) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a two-year office or to a candidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$2,000 during an election period;</p> <p>(2) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-year nonstatewide office or to a candidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$4,000 during an election period; or</p> <p>(3) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-year statewide office or to a candidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$6,000 during an election period.</p> <p>(b) For purposes of this section, the length of term of an office shall be the usual length of term of the office as unaffected by reapportionment, a special election to fill a vacancy, or any other factor causing the term of the office the candidate is seeking to be less than the usual length of term of that office.</p>	<p>§11-KK Contributions to candidate committees; limits. (a) No person, <u>including a noncandidate committee</u>, shall make contributions to:</p> <p>(1) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a two-year office or to a candidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$2,000 during an election period;</p> <p>(2) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-year nonstatewide office or to a candidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$4,000 during an election period; or</p> <p>(3) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-year statewide office or to a candidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$6,000 during an election period.</p> <p>(b) For purposes of this section, the length of term of an office shall be the usual length of term of the office as unaffected by reapportionment, a special election to fill a vacancy, or any other factor causing the term of the office the candidate is seeking to be less than the usual length of term of that office.</p>	<p>§11-KK Contributions to candidate committees; limits.</p> <p>(a) No person, <u>including a noncandidate committee</u>, shall make contributions to:</p> <p>(1) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a two-year office or to a candidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$2,000 during an election period;</p> <p>(2) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-year nonstatewide office or to a candidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$4,000 during an election period; or</p> <p>(3) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-year statewide office or to a candidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$6,000 during an election period.</p> <p>(b) For purposes of this section, the length of term of an office shall be the usual length of term of the office as unaffected by reapportionment, a special election to fill a vacancy, or any other factor causing the term of the office the candidate is seeking to be less than the usual length of term of that office.</p>	<p>§11-KK Contributions to candidate committees; limits (pages 57-58)</p> <p>(a) No person, including a noncandidate committee, shall make contributions to:</p> <p>(1) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a two-year office or to a candidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$2,000 during an election period;</p> <p>(2) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-year nonstatewide office or to a candidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$4,000 during an election period; or</p> <p>(3) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-year statewide office or to a candidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$6,000 during an election period.</p> <p>(b) For purposes of this section, the length of term of an office shall be the usual length of term of the office as unaffected by reapportionment, a special election to fill a vacancy, or any other factor causing the term of the office the candidate is seeking to be less than the usual length of term of that office.</p>

SB 2251, SD1	HB 2003, HD1	HB 2003, HD2	HB 2003, HD3	Recommendations
		<p>(c) A company shall make all contributions and expenditures greater than \$1,000, in the aggregate in a two-year election period solely through the company's noncandidate committee in accordance with paragraph (a)(1). A company's noncandidate committee may make a contribution to a party in accordance with the same conditions and restrictions as applicable to a "person." The noncandidate committee shall register with the commission pursuant to section 11-K.</p> <p>(d) For purposes of this section, "company" means a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, financial institution, or any other entity engaged in business.</p>	<p>(c) No person shall make contributions to a noncandidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$1,000 in an election. This subsection shall not apply to ballot issue committees.</p> <p>(d) For purposes of this section, "company" means a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, financial institution, or any other entity engaged in business.</p>	<p>(c) A company shall make all contributions and expenditures greater than \$1,000, in the aggregate in a two-year election period solely through the company's noncandidate committee in accordance with paragraph (a)(1). The noncandidate committee shall register with the commission pursuant to section 11-K.</p> <p>(d) For purposes of this section, "company" means a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, financial institution, or any other entity engaged in business.</p>
<p>§11-II Contributions to noncandidate committees; limits. No person shall make contributions to a noncandidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$1,000 in an election. This section shall not apply to ballot issue committees.</p>	<p>HB 2003, HD1 deleted the provision in its entirety.</p> <p>HB 2004, HD1 also amended current law as follows:</p> <p>(b) [No person or any other entity shall make contributions to a noncandidate committee, in an aggregate amount greater than \$1,000 in an election.] <u>A company shall make all contributions and expenditures greater than \$1,000 in the aggregate in a two-year election period solely through the company's noncandidate committee in accordance</u></p>	<p>HD 2 also deleted this provision.</p>	<p>The same language that is in SB 2251, SD1 regarding contributions to a noncandidate committee was included in §11-KK(c) of the HD3 (above).</p>	<p>§11-__ (new section beginning at page 58) Contributions to noncandidate committees; limits</p> <p>No person shall make contributions to a noncandidate committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$1,000 in an election[-]; <u>provided that in the case of a corporation or company using funds from its own treasury for independent expenditures, there shall be no limits on contributions to the corporation or company</u></p>

SB 2251, SD1	HB 2003, HD1	HB 2003, HD2	HB 2003, HD3	Recommendations
	with paragraph (a)(1). The noncandidate committee shall register with the commission pursuant to section 11-194.			noncandidate committee. This subsection shall not apply to ballot issue committees.

- Finally, we recommend adding a new Part IV and V which consists of several sections drawn from SB 2252, SD1 (which was passed by the Senate). While most of this language is already in HB 2003, HD3 and SB 2251, SD1 (the recodification bills), these same amendments should be made to the current statutes with effective dates before November 3, 2010 (the effective date of the recodification in section 12 of HB 2003, HD3). These sections would:
 - Clarify the law relating to ballot issue committees (effective upon approval); and
 - Remove references to "penalties" and replace them with the term "fines;" and clarify that the Commission has discretion regarding fines (effective retroactive to July 8, 2008).

PART IV

SECTION __.⁸ Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§11- Ballot issue committee; contributions and expenditures. (a) A ballot issue committee shall receive contributions or make expenditures only for or against any issue appearing on the ballot at the next applicable election.

(b) A ballot issue committee is prohibited from receiving contributions or making expenditures to influence the nomination or election of a candidate to office.

(c) A ballot issue committee shall return all surplus funds to the contributors or donate funds to a community service, educational, youth, recreational, charitable, scientific, or literary organization within ninety days after the election for which the issue appeared on the ballot. Surplus funds that are not returned or donated within ninety days after the election for which the issue appeared on the ballot shall escheat to the Hawaii election campaign fund.

(d) Every ballot issue committee shall terminate its registration with the commission by filing a termination report to be approved as provided in section 11-213. The termination report shall be filed within ninety days after the election for which the issue appeared on the ballot."

⁸ SB 2252, SD1, section 1; and HB 2004, section 1.

PART V

SECTION ⁹ Section 11-193, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) the duties of the commission under this subpart are:

- (1) To develop and adopt reporting forms required by this subpart;
- (2) To adopt and publish a manual for all candidates and committees, describing the requirements of this subpart, including uniform and simple methods of recordkeeping;
- (3) To preserve all reports required by this subpart for at least ten years from the date of receipt;
- (4) To permit the inspection, copying, or duplicating of any report required by this subpart pursuant to rules adopted by the commission; provided that no information or copies from the reports shall be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for any commercial purpose;
- (5) To ascertain whether any candidate, committee, or party has failed to file a report required by this subpart or has filed a substantially defective or deficient report[; in violation of section 11-213.5, and to notify these persons by first class mail that their failure to file or filing of a substantially defective or deficient report must be corrected and explained, and that a [penalty] fine may be assessed[~~—All penalties collected under this section shall be deposited in the general fund of the State~~];
- (6) To hold public hearings;
- (7) To investigate and hold hearings for receiving evidence of any violations;
- ~~[(8) To adopt a code of fair campaign practices as a part of its rules;~~
- ~~[(9)]~~ (8) To establish rules pursuant to chapter 91;
- ~~[(10)]~~ (9) To request the initiation of prosecution for the violation of this subpart pursuant to section 11-229;
- ~~[(11)]~~ (10) To administer and monitor the distribution of public funds under this subpart;
- ~~[(12)]~~ (11) To suggest accounting methods for candidates, parties, and committees, as the commission may deem advisable, in connection with reports and records required by this subpart;
- ~~[(13)]~~ (12) To employ or contract, without regard to chapters 76, 78, and 89 and section 28-8.3, and, at pleasure, to dismiss persons it finds necessary for the performance of its functions, including a full-time executive director, and to fix their compensation;

⁹ SB 2251, SD1, section 2, §11-E (pages 15-17); SB 2252, SD1, section 3 (pages 3-7); HB 2003, HD3, section 2, §11-G (pages 18-20)

~~[(14)]~~ (13) To do random audits, field investigations, as necessary;
~~[(15)]~~ (14) To file for injunctive relief when indicated; and
~~[(16)]~~ (15) To render advisory opinions upon the request of any candidate, candidate committee, noncandidate committee, or other person or entity subject to this chapter, as to whether the facts and circumstances of a particular case constitute or will constitute a violation of the campaign spending laws. If no advisory opinion is rendered within ninety days after all information necessary to issue an opinion has been obtained, it shall be deemed that an advisory opinion was rendered and that the facts and circumstances of that particular case do not constitute a violation of the campaign spending laws. The opinion rendered or deemed rendered, until amended or revoked, shall be binding on the commission in any subsequent charges concerning the candidate, candidate committee, noncandidate committee, or other person or entity subject to this chapter, who sought the opinion and acted in reliance on it in good faith, unless material facts were omitted or misstated by the persons in the request for an advisory opinion. Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow the commission to issue rules through an advisory opinion."

SECTION __.¹⁰ Section 11-213.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (a) through (e) to read as follows:

"(a) True and accurate reports shall be filed with the commission on or before the due date specified in this subpart. ~~[Any committee that is required to file reports under this subpart shall be subject to the penalties in this section if the report is not filed by the due date or if the report is substantially defective or deficient.]~~ The commission may assess a fine against a committee that is required to file a report under this subpart if the report is not filed by the due date or if the report is substantially defective or deficient, as determined by the commission.

(b) The ~~[penalty]~~ fine for not filing a report by the due date, if assessed, shall ~~[be]~~ not exceed \$50 per day for the first seven days, beginning with the day after the due date of the report, and shall not exceed \$200 per day thereafter~~[,]; provided that:~~

(1) In the aggregate, the fine shall not ~~[to]~~ exceed twenty-five per cent of the total amount of contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the report; ~~[provided that the]~~ and

(2) The minimum [penalty] fine for a report filed more than four days after the due date, if assessed, shall be \$200.

(c) Subsection (b) notwithstanding, if a candidate's committee does not file the second preliminary primary report or the preliminary general

¹⁰ SB 2251, SD 1, section 2, §11-E (pages 15-17); SB 2252, SD1, section 3 (pages 3-7); HB 2003, HD3, section 2, §11-G (pages 18-20)

report or if a noncandidate committee does not file the preliminary primary report or the preliminary general report by the due date, the fine, if assessed, shall ~~be~~ not exceed \$300 per day[;]; provided that:

(1) In the aggregate, the fine shall not ~~to~~ exceed twenty-five per cent of the total amount of contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the report; [provided that the] and

(2) The minimum [penalty] fine, if assessed, shall be \$300.

(d) If the commission determines that a report is substantially defective or deficient, the commission shall notify the candidate's committee by first class mail that:

(1) The report is substantially defective or deficient; and

(2) A [penalty] fine may be assessed.

(e) If the corrected report is not filed with the commission's electronic filing system on or before the fourteenth day after the notice of deficiency has been mailed, the [penalty] fine, if assessed, for a substantially defective or deficient report shall ~~be~~ not exceed \$50 per day for the first seven days, beginning with the fifteenth day after the notice was sent, and shall not exceed \$200 per day thereafter[;]; provided that:

(1) In the aggregate, the fine shall not ~~to~~ exceed twenty-five per cent of the total amount of contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the report; [provided that the] and

(2) The minimum [penalty] fine for not filing a corrected report more than eighteen days after the notice was sent, if assessed, shall be \$200."

SECTION ____.¹¹ Section 11-215, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(c) The [penalty] fine for violating this section shall ~~be a fine~~ not ~~to~~ exceed \$25 for each advertisement that lacks the required disclaimer and shall be no more than \$5,000 in the aggregate."

SECTION ____.¹² Section 11-228, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

"(a) In the performance of its required duties, the commission may render a decision or issue an order affecting any person violating any provision of this subpart or section 281-22 that ~~shall~~ may provide for

¹¹ SB 2251, SD 1, section 2, §11-WW (page 68); SB 2252, SD1, section 6 (page 12); HB 2003, HD3, section 2, §11-YY (page 72)

¹² SB 2251, SD 1, section 2, §11-HHH (pages 74-76); SB 2252, SD1, section 7 (pages 12-13); HB 2003, HD3, section 2, §11-JJJ (page 78-80)

the assessment of ~~[an administrative]~~ a fine in the manner prescribed as follows:

- (1) If a natural person, an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for each occurrence or an amount equivalent to three times the amount of an unlawful contribution or expenditure~~[-, whichever is greater]~~; or
- (2) If a corporation, organization, association, or labor union, it shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 for each occurrence; and
- (3) Whenever a corporation, organization, association, or labor union violates this subpart, the violation shall be deemed to be also that of the individual directors, officers, or agents of the corporation, organization, association, or labor union, who have knowingly authorized, ordered, or done any of the acts constituting the violation."

2. By amending subsection (g) to read:

"(g) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person who, prior to the commencement of proceedings under this section, has paid or agreed to pay the penalties prescribed by sections 11-213.5 and ~~[11-215(e)]~~ 11-215(e)."

SECTION __. ~~[This]~~ Parts I, II, and III of this Act shall take effect on November 3, 2010, and shall apply to reporting periods beginning after November 2, 2010. Part IV shall take effect upon approval. Part V shall take effect retroactive to July 8, 2008.

CONCLUSION

We strongly support this bill and urge the Committee to pass the bill which is drawn from H.B. No. 128, CD2 which was passed by the 2009 Legislature but vetoed by the Governor.¹³

Our final point is that a recodification of the campaign finance laws is long overdue. The current campaign finance laws have their genesis in Act 185, Session Laws of Hawaii 1973. Over the past

¹³ We met with Linda Smith, the Governor's Senior Policy Adviser, and a member of her staff prior to the start of the 2010 session to brief her on the contents of this bill and to further address the four concerns in the Governor's statement of objections to H.B. 128 CD2.

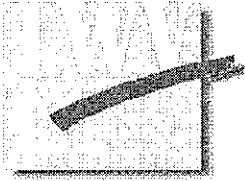
- Concern: having 2 nominees to select Commissioners from rather than 10; Changed "2" back to "10". This was also discussed with the Chief Justice's office and they will not oppose this year.
- Concern: removing competitively bid contracts from contribution prohibition. Change: this version of the bill does not have the exception for competitively bid contracts (§11-II in HB 2003, HD3, pages 54-56).
- Concern: Collapse of 11-200 and 11-206 into one section, (§11-UU in HB 2003, HD3, pages 67-68); Explained the purpose of the change, that a candidate may change from 11-200 to 11-206 funds by merely filing a new organizational report.
- Concern: increase from 20% to 30% in the amount of nonresident contributions permitted in each reporting period; Staff left this language in HB 2003 and SB 2251 after explaining our concerns with the constitutionality of the current law and that this increase would take effect after the general election on November 2, 2010. The language as introduced has not been changed in this or any other version of the bill.

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thirty-seven years, numerous amendments have been made to the campaign finance laws in a piecemeal fashion and, apparently, with little regard to the laws as a whole. The result is laws that are unorganized, difficult to read, and inconsistent in some areas. The current laws are in Part XII, subpart B of HRS chapter 11.

This bill organizes the campaign finance laws into a new part of HRS chapter 11, with ten subparts. Long and involved sections are divided into shorter sections with clear titles for quick reference. All the laws on one subject are grouped together, in contrast to the current laws that require a reader to search through the whole subpart for laws that may apply to that subject.

This bill is a product of the work of the Campaign Spending Commission's Blue Ribbon Recodification Committee (Committee). The Committee completed its work in 2008 after meeting regularly for nine months. The Committee was comprised of the Commission's staff and seventeen volunteer attorneys experienced in campaign finance law who represented diverse interests.



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HAWAII

TESTIMONY ON HB 2003, HD3 RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCING

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
Wednesday, March 24, 2010
9:30 am
Conference Room 016

Testifier: JoAnn Maruoka

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine, and Committee members,

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii wants to see a good recodification bill to reorganize the campaign spending laws, one that helps to ensure integrity and transparency and prevent abuses. While HD3 is an improvement over the misguided HD1, it still needs language to close ethical loopholes and preclude undue influence of money in our political system. To that end, we strongly recommend that you include the following in HB 2003. Cutting short the possibilities of influence-peddling will go far in restoring public trust.

- **Limit Corporate Donations to Candidates.** Prohibit or set a low aggregate limit on money transferred from a corporation's treasury to its PAC.
- **Ensure Transparency for Any Corporate Donations.** Require corporations to make all donations through a PAC and subject to proper reporting
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We urge you to include these straightforward, important fixes that are in the best interest of Hawaii's citizens.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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March 22, 2010

To: Chair Brian Taniguchi
Vice Chair Dwight Takamine
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

From: Americans for Democratic Action/Hawai'i
Barbara Polk, Legislative Chair

Subject: **Comments on HB 2003 Relating to Campaign Financing**

Americans for Democratic Action, Hawaii Chapter, believes that it is very important to pass a recodification of the campaign spending law. The law has become disjointed and cumbersome, difficult for candidates, candidate and non-candidate committees, and the general public to understand and follow faithfully. The Campaign Spending Commission has done an excellent job of recodification and we support it in large part.

However, as we watched this effort move through the legislature last year, we were dismayed to see it amended in ways that are not in the public interest and strongly urge you to stay with the recommendations of the Campaign Spending Commission. Specifically, we have the following concerns:

1. Retain the statement of policy recommended by the Campaign Spending Commission that makes clear that the purpose of the law is to ensure the integrity and transparency of election financing.
2. Remove the option for corporations to donate to political candidates directly from their treasuries. As we have stated previously, since corporations cannot formulate policy independent of their officers and board members, corporate contributions in effect give those people an unfair advantage in influencing elections.
3. If any corporate treasury donations are to be permitted, it is essential that they be channeled through a PAC, to insure the transparency of these donations.

4. Change the section on the use of campaign funds to retain current law limiting the amounts that candidates or legislators can give to community groups. Allowing legislators to “seed the community” by making donations of other people’s money gives them an unfair advantage over new candidates who have not raised substantial war chests. This law was changed only five years ago to limit such donations after abuses by certain candidates in the past. Please do not open this potential for abuse again.

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6. Maintain the existing restriction to 20% of contributions from out-of-state persons. There is no reason why our elections should be funded by people who are not part of the state.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

From: wild@aloha.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 1:04 PM
To: JGO Testimony
Subject: HB2003 HD3

Subject: HB2003 HD3 - Wed 3/24/10 at 9:30AM in Room 016

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine, and Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, a Maui and Hawai'i Island based non-profit organization, to submit comments on HB2003 HD3.

I urge you to address the public's growing concern about the undue influence of money in our political system. Please take this opportunity to revitalize, not degrade, Hawaii's campaign finance laws. This issue affects all of us, as individuals, as communities and as organizations working to secure a healthy, sustainable future for Hawai'i.

Toward this end, I urge you to include the following in HB2003:

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo for your kind consideration,

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President,
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From: cbphd@hawaii.rr.com
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From: Cathy Kawano-Ching [ckawano-ching@punahou.edu]
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 4:45 AM
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Thank you for your attn and support of this message.

Aloha, Palani Luke

From: John Cheever [jcheever@punahou.edu]
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 8:30 AM
To: JGO Testimony
Subject: HB2003 HD3

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Our democracy depends on your vigilance.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

From: paul.mckimmy@gmail.com
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Subject: Clean Up Campaign Laws!

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Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 10:07 AM
To: JGO Testimony
Subject: HB2003 HD3 - Wed 3/24/10 at 9:30AM in Room 016

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important piece of legislation.

P.S. Corporations do not vote, only people vote.

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March 22, 2010
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Sincerely

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To: JGO Testimony
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Richard Weil
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There is much lamentation in the islands about our ability to clean up our own politics and restore our democratic process. Ensuring that these six initiatives are required, maintained or included in HB2003 is a step in the right direction in the effort to "get our own house back into order," and begin making politics (and politicians) work for the constituents, not the fundraising. The existing restrictions help prevent abuses and level the playing field for all candidates. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo nui for all that you do for the State of Hawaii!

Sincerely,
Annie Kamiya
Kaimuki Resident
Honolulu, HI

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Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 11:39 AM
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From: Jim Haley [haleyj001@hawaii.rr.com]
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To: JGO Testimony
Cc: Nikki Love
Subject: HB2003

Dear Legislators,

In 1949 I witnessed truly transparent government in action at a polling place on O'ahu. As voters approached the polling place folks would give them a beer and remind them who to vote for. You knew who the beer giver was and his purpose. Today, it is much, much more complex and we need the law to mitigate undue influence at a variety of levels.

HB 2003 identifies these different levels and must be passed into law. BTW, today it is against the law to give out beer around polling places. Please, continue to keep elections fair and open.

Aloha,

Jim Haley

Ola Hawaii 2020

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I would like to your stance on the legislation.

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Citizens United v. FEC literally scared me. We need you as our representatives to deal with our concern about the influence of money in the political system.

Please do not make Hawaii's campaign finance laws have little to no integrity!

Do what is the right thing by including the following in HB2003:

- 1) Establish a ban or low aggregate limit on money transferred from a corporation's treasury to its PAC.
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- 4) The current restrictions on donating from campaign funds deflect abuse and make it fair for all candidates. Keep Them!

Thank you.

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Sincerely

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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine, and Committee Members: I am writing to submit comments on HB2003 HD3 for the Senate JGO hearing 3/24/10 at 9:30 a.m. The recent Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. FEC raised serious concerns about our current democratic process. The influence of money in campaign spending and political advertising undermines the integrity of the democratic concept where each person has an equal voice in government. I urge you to address the public's growing concern about the undue influence of money in our political system. Please take this opportunity to revitalize, not degrade, Hawaii's campaign finance laws. I urge you to include the following in HB2003: 1) Limit Corporate Donations to Candidates. Establish a ban or low aggregate limit on money transferred from a corporation's treasury to its PAC. 2) Ensure Transparency for Corporate Donations. Require corporations to make all donations through a PAC and subject to proper reporting, 3) Keep Our Pay-To-Play Law Intact. Maintain the existing prohibition on government contractors from donating to campaigns. 4) Policy of Transparency and Integrity. Keep the Campaign Spending Commission's recommended language that specifies the purpose of the law is to ensure the integrity and transparency, and that any ambiguity be construed in favor of transparency. 5) Mainland Contributions. Maintain the current 20% limit, so that candidates focus on raising funds from their own districts and in our own state. 6) Maintain Existing Restrictions on Donations from Campaign Funds. Campaign funds should not be used for seeding the community. The existing restrictions help prevent abuses and level the playing field for all candidates. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Sincerely

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I urge you to maintain the integrity of our campaign finance limits, which reflect on your own integrity. The undue influence of money in our elections destroys the trust of the people in you, the officeholders of our state government, contrary to the Supreme Court's opinion in Citizens United v. FEC. It is crucial for you to maintain our trust in you, by not degrading Hawaii's campaign finance laws and including the following in HB2003:

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Thank you for insuring our trust in you.

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From: Joannie Pan [truly.joannies@gmail.com]
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JOAN PAN
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You are free to be all that you can be!

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