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TO: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

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

SUBJECT: Testimony on S.B. No. 438, Relating to the Failure to File a Report with the Campaign Spending Commission

Thursday, February 2, 2017
9:00 a.m., Conference Room 016

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

This bill amends Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §11-340(f) by requiring the Commission to publish on its website the names of noncandidate committees who fail to file or correct a report. The Commission is already required to publish the names of candidate committees who fail to file or correct a report. The Commission requests that this Committee pass this measure.

¹ The companion bill is H.B. 281.



Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Chair Gilbert .C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads

Tuesday 02/02/2017 at 9:00 AM in Room 016
SB438 – Relating to Campaign Finance

TESTIMONY — SUPPORT
Corie Tanida, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

Dear Chair Keith Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee:

Common Cause Hawaii supports SB438 which would require the Campaign Spending Commission (“the Commission” or “CSC”) to publish the names of noncandidate committees who fail to file a report or do not file a correct report within the time allowed by the Commission.

Given rise of noncandidate committees and the increasingly important role that money in politics plays as a result of the 2010 U.S. Supreme Court *Citizens United* decision, we believe that publishing the names of noncandidate committee violators in addition to candidate committees will increase transparency and will allow the public to access much needed information.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony supporting SB438.