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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

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

SUBJECT: Testimony on S.B. No. 443, Relating to Organizational Reports of Candidate Committees

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") §11-322(a) by deleting the requirement that candidate committees report their contributions in the organizational report. Candidate committees already disclose their contributions in periodic disclosure reports required by HRS §11-333 and HRS §11-338. Currently, the organization report contains directory-type information only and does not have space for noncandidate committees to disclose their contributions. The Commission requests that this Committee pass this measure.

¹ The companion bill is H.B. 286.

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<u>SB443</u>

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| Margaret Wille | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I strongly oppose SB 443 (as well as SB441,SB444, SB445, and SB 309). We as a community of voters seek more disclosure and openness to ensure fair elections -- and not eliminate disclosure requirements that are now legally required.

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