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TO:

The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair

House Committee on Judiciary

The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

House Committee on Judiciary

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Testimony on S.B. No. 2154, Relating to Organizational Reports of

Noncandidate Committees

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 325

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

This bill amends Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §11-323(a) by deleting the requirement that noncandidate committees report their contributions in the organizational report. Noncandidate committees already disclose their contributions in periodic disclosure reports required by HRS §11-335 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. 1659.