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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS THURSDAY, 7/2/20, 10:15 am, AUDITORIUM

HB2738 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE **TESTIMONY**

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

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii fully supports HB2738 HD1 SD1 which specifies campaign finance reporting changes which support the prohibition against foreign nationals and corporations attempting to influence elections in Hawaii.

We have seen in recent national elections actions by foreign actors to influence the outcome of elections. These actions were not easily attributable to the foreign actors who engaged in them. Federal officials have warned that foreign actors intend to interfere with the 2020 elections.

HB2738 HD1 SD1 makes three sensible changes which together provide a stronger defense against foreign interference than current law. HB2738 HD1 SD1 is a timely and appropriate response to a new reality which could seriously compromise our democracy.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

<u>HB-2738-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 7/1/2020 9:08:10 AM

Testimony for WAM on 7/2/2020 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

this is a no brainer. why are foreigners meddling in our elections?