



STATE OF HAWAII
CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION

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February 18, 2020

TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

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

SUBJECT: **Testimony on S.B. No. 2146, Relating to Campaign Finance Reports**

Thursday, February 20, 2020
9:15 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 measure amends HRS §11-340(c) to make clear that the increased fine (not to exceed \$300 per day) for the late-filing of preliminary reports only applies to the reports due ten days before a primary, general, or special election. This measure is necessary due to the additional preliminary reports mandated by the Legislature last session. The Commission urges this Committee to pass this measure without amendments.

¹ The companion bill is H.B. No. 1705, which has been extensively amended in HD 1. As such, the Commission prefers the language in S.B. No. 2146.

Statement Before The
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
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in consideration of
SB 2146
RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS

Chair RHOADS, Vice Chair KEOHOKALOLE, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

Common Cause Hawaii supports SB 2146, which would clarify that preliminary primary and preliminary general reports are due 10 days before the primary or general election.

Common Cause Hawaii is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to reforming government and strengthening democracy through improving our campaign finance system with laws that amplify the voices of everyday Americans by requiring strong disclosures and making sure everyone plays by the same commonsense rules.

Common Cause Hawaii supports SB 2146 as a measure to clarify when primary and preliminary general reports are due before the primary or general election. Clarification of any ambiguity will increase transparency in the system.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2146, and Common Cause Hawaii respectfully urges the Committee members to pass SB 2146 out of your Committee. If you have further questions of me, please contact me at sma@commoncause.org.

Very respectfully yours,

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Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Beppie Shapiro	Testifying for League of Women Voters Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

The Hawaii League of Women Voters supports this bill which removes any ambiguity about due dates for preliminary election reports by candidate committees. We fully support this bill.