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February 1, 2021

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 Rei Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: Testimony on S.B. No. 403, Relating to Reports filed with the Campaign Spending Commission.

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 9:30 a.m., Via Videoconference

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

This measure amends Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §11-334(a) by amending paragraph (1)(E) to exempt candidates who either lose or are elected into office in a primary election from filing preliminary general reports. These candidates will not be on the ballot in the general election. This measure also amends HRS §11-339 by amending subsections (b) and (c) to make them consistent with subsection (a). In subsection (a), for a candidate or noncandidate committee to be required to file only the final election period report, the committee's aggregate contributions **and** aggregate expenditures must total \$1,000 or less in an election period.

The Commission urges this Committee to pass this measure.

¹ The companion bill is H.B. No. 143.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

Please pass this bill.