

STATE OF HAWAI'I CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION

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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

Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: Testimony on H.B. No. 1427, HD 1, Relating to Reports filed with the

Campaign Spending Commission

Thursday, March 17, 2022 9:35 a.m., Conference Room 016 & 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), in order 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 S.B. No. 2040.