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TO: The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair House Committee on Government Reform

The Honorable Tina Wildberger, Vice Chair House Committee on Government Reform

Members of the House Committee on Government Reform

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

SUBJECT: Testimony on H.B. No. 1427, Relating to Reports filed with the Campaign Spending Commission

Friday, February 9, 2022 09:30 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), 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.