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CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION


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TO: The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

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

SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 463, Relating to Elections.**

Wednesday, February 8, 2023
2:00 p.m., Conference Room 325 & Videoconference

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. The Campaign Spending Commission (“Commission”) offers the following comments on this bill.

This bill amends Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) §11-321(g) by requiring noncandidate committees to register with the Commission by filing an organizational report within ten days of receiving contributions or making expenditures of more than \$100, in the aggregate, in a two-year election period. Presently, noncandidate committees are required to register and file reports only after receiving or spending more than \$1,000, in the aggregate, in an election period.

Under this bill, a person would be required to register and file reports with the Commission, even if the person made just one expenditure in the amount of \$100.01 in a two-year election period. Subjecting that person to all of the requirements of the Campaign Finance Law appears to be unduly burdensome for such little activity. A noncandidate committee cannot be treated like a candidate committee because the latter must register with the Commission within ten days of filing nomination papers even if the candidate has not spent a dime to date.

The Commission requests that this committee seek the advice of the Department of the Attorney General before making a decision on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 2:50:54 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/8/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in full support. The public needs to see who the real poeple are backing candidates when they are part of non candidate committees.