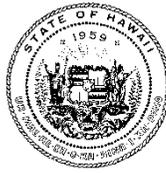


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January 31, 2023

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

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, 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 S.B. No. 167, Relating to the Campaign Spending Commission.**

Thursday, February 2, 2023
10:00 a.m., Conference Room 16 & Videoconference

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

This bill establishes an investigator position in the Commission. The Commission has five existing positions. At times, all five positions perform investigative duties. Recently, staff members have been subpoenaed to testify in contested case hearings and in a criminal proceeding regarding their roles in the investigation of those cases. This can be problematic, especially for the general counsel, who is responsible for presenting the case to the Commission where the executive director is the complainant.

The Commission requests that this committee pass this measure.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/2/2023 10:00:00 AM

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| Ingrid Peterson | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha, Committee Members!

I support this bill because we need to beef up our oversight of Campaign Spending.

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Ingrid Peterson