

## Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct

Dear Chairman Tarnas and Members of the Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on bills recommended to the House of Representatives (House) by the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct (Commission). The origin and justification of these bills is extensively discussed in the Commission's December 1, 2022 Final Report (Report) submitted to the House pursuant to HR 9.

The bills recommended by the Commission are a package that would increase transparency and accountability in state and county government and help restore public trust in government which has been severely eroded in the past few years by highly publicized instances of corruption and misconduct in state and county government.

With that in mind, I would like to comment on all the Commission bills in this testimony and submit it for each bill for your consideration.

First, I would like to commend the House for creating the Commission. It has been an honor to carry out the mandate of the House and serve with the distinguished and learned members the House appointed to the Commission. The members of the Commission worked very hard over a period of nine months, reaching out to public officials, community leaders, experts in various fields within the Commission's mandate and held extensive public hearings in drafting the bills recommended to the House. These public hearings are summarized in the Report at 13-18 and Appendix B of the Report which contains the Commission's minutes of these public meetings. The notice of the Commission's meetings with a link to a video recording of each meeting and testimony submitted and documents considered at each meeting can be found at the House webpage's a link to the Commission under House Special Committees.

The following is the list of bills recommended by the Commission with brief summaries and citations to the relevant parts of the Commission's Report where they are discussed.

HB 705 – Requires each house of the Legislature to post a report of the legislative allowance expenditures for each member of the respective house on the Legislature's website. The purpose of this bill is to "increase transparency and ease of access to information related to expenditure of taxpayer monies." Report at 28.

HB 706 – Requires all members of the Legislature to disclose certain relationships with lobbyists or lobbying organizations in their financial disclosures. The purpose of this bill is to "increase transparency and potentially uncover conflicts or self-dealing." Report at 28.

HB 707 – Makes it a class C felony to make false, fictitious or fraudulent claims against the state or a county, or any of their department or agencies, disqualifying a person from holding elective public office for a period of 10 years upon conviction of making a false, fictitious or fraudulent claim. This bill is modeled after the federal false claims statute. Report at 21. This bill comes

with two others – HB 710 (false statement) and HB 711 (fraud) which are also modeled after federal statutes. Federal, state and county law enforcement officials testified before the Commission that state and county law enforcement need statutes as their federal counterpart have to root out corruption in state and county government rather than always relying on federal enforcement to do this job.

HB 708 – Amends the information in the statement of expenditures reports that lobbyists and other individuals are required to file with the State Ethics Commission to include the identity, by bill number, resolution number or other similar identifier, of the legislative or administrative action that was commented on, supported by or opposed by the person filing the statement. Report at 28. As with other bills in the Commission’s package, this bill would increase transparency and expose any potential conflict of interest.

HB 709 – Requires a lobbyist training course to be designed and administered by the State Ethics Commission, makes the training course mandatory for all lobbyists who are required to register and renew their registration with the State Ethics Commission. The Commission found “that more education and training can be done to ensure that lobbyists have notice of the law, understand the application of the law, and comply with legal requirements.” Report at 29.

HB 710 – Is modeled after the federal false statement statute by establishing a class C felony offense for a person who dealing with state or county government to knowingly or willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up a material fact; makes materially false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation; or makes or uses any false writing or document known to have materially false information; and disqualifies a person from holding public office for a period of 10 years upon conviction of making a false statement. Report at 20. As with HB 707 on false claims, federal, state and county law enforcement testified before the Commission this bill is necessary for state and county law enforcement to root out corruption and misconduct in state and county government rather than always relying on federal law enforcement to do this job.

HB 711 – Is the last of three bills recommended by the state and county law enforcement coalition and is modeled after the federal fraud criminal statute in making it a class B felony for a person to obtain financial benefit or other gain by means of false statements, misrepresentations, concealment of important information or deception, and prohibiting a person convicted of fraud from being a candidate for public office for a period of 10 years. Report at 20.

HB 712 – Would encourage public boards to maintain any electronic audio or visual recording of a board meeting as a public record on the board’s website regardless of whether written minutes of the meeting have been posted and to submit a copy of the recording to the State Archives. Report at 27. A similar bill in the last regular session of the Legislature was supported by the Commission, passed by the Legislature but vetoed by the Governor (SB 3172, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1). Report at 10. The Commission has attempted to address the concerns raised by the Governor in this bill.

HB 715 – Prohibits lobbyists from making prohibited gifts to legislators and state employees with administrative fines imposed for violations. Report at 33.

HB 716 – Requires the Office of Elections to prepare a voter information guide to educate voters on each candidate’s positions and their candidate statements and provide ballot question analyses and appropriates funds for the preparation and distribution of guides and analyses. The Commission found “Hawaii’s voter turnout is well below the national average for each election” and “registered voters may not have access to or be aware of information on the candidates or issues on the ballots.” Report at 34.

HB 717 – Prohibits under certain circumstances legislators and state employees from hiring or promoting relatives or household members and from making or participating in certain other employment-related decisions and from awarding a contract to or otherwise taking official action on a contract with a business if the legislator’s or employee’s relative or household member is an executive officer of or holds a substantial ownership interest in the business, and imposing administrative fines for violations. Report at 29.

HB 718 – Authorizes the Campaign Spending Commission to serve preliminary determinations of probable cause via first class mail instead of certified mail, establishes a presumption of receipt when mailed to the address contained in a candidate or committee organizational report. Report at 21.

HB 719 – Imposes a cap on charges for the reproduction of certain government records; waives the cost of duplication of government records provided to requestors in electronic format; imposes a cap on charges for searching for, reviewing and segregating records; provides a waiver of fees when the public interest is served by record disclosure; and appropriates funds to carry out the provisions of this act. Report at 27. A similar bill was supported by the Commission and passed by the Legislature last regular session (SB 3252, SD2, HD2, CD1) and vetoed by the Governor. Report at 10. The Commission has attempted in this bill to address concerns raised by the Governor.

HB 720 – Increases the amount of partial public financing available for all offices up for election in varied amounts with a downward adjustment of the minimum amounts of qualifying contributions for county prosecuting offices. The Commission noted “that increased amounts of partial public funding of elections proposed in this bill are intended as a floor, or a minimum level. If fiscal resources are or become available, the Commission encourages the Legislature to be bold and devote additional fiscal resources to further the purpose of this bill and to seek additional permanent funding sources for future elections. Implementation of this proposal would assist in diminishing the impact and influence resulting from Citizens United.” Report at 32.

HB 721 – Eliminates the use of campaign funds to purchase up to two tickets for an event or fundraiser held by another candidate or committee. The Commission found “that this practice is commonplace amongst legislators and gives the appearances of impropriety since the

campaign funds of the purchaser/candidate are likely contributions made to the purchaser/candidate and not to the candidate holding the event or fundraiser.” Report at 33-34.

HB 722 – Expands the reach of the requirement to file a notice of intent to hold a fundraiser or fundraiser event by removing the current \$25 threshold. The Commission stated this bill would further public transparency and improve public confidence in campaigns. Report at 33.

HB 723 – Expands application of the Sunshine Law to legislatively appointed bodies, including task forces, working groups, special committees, and select committees. This bill would also require each chamber of the legislature to hold public hearings on its rules on a biennial basis. The Commission concluded given “the strict legislative timetable and deadlines mandated under Article III of the Hawaii State Constitution” it was not practical to apply the Sunshine Law to the Legislature. This bill would “better effectuate the spirit and intent of the Sunshine Law.” Report at 26.

HB 724 – Amends the prohibition against contributions to a candidate committee or noncandidate committee by state and county contractors by including state and county grantees and owners, officers and immediate family members of a state or county contractor or state or county grantee. Report at 33.

HB 725 – Establishes the Office of Public Advocate and codifies rights of the public with respect to the conduct and operation of the Legislature and its members. This bill would also specify procedures for the investigation and reporting of alleged violations of the public’s rights. “The Commission offers this proposal as an aspirational starting point for how the public and legislators can best engage with each other in a respectful and transparent manner during the legislative process. Collectively, the 13 rights of the public embody ideals of respect, fairness, openness, and dignity in the legislative process. The rights also require that official legislative business be conducted in a transparent and honest manner and that decisions be based on the merits of the legislation.” Report at 26-27.

HB 726 – Prohibits state and county elected officials from soliciting and accepting campaign contributions during any regular or special session of the Legislature, including any legislative recess days, holidays and weekends. This bill if enacted “would reduce the negative perception of legislators soliciting or accepting contributions from individual or organizations that have an interest in matters pending before the legislature during session.” Report at 32.

HB 727 – Limits the permitted uses of campaign funds to only those purposes that are directly related to the campaign of candidates. Report at 33.

HB 728 – Provides funds to county ethic boards “in an effort to ensure that these boards have adequate resources to continue their operations and pursue their respective missions.” Report at 30.

HB 729 – Requires the Campaign Spending Commission to publish on its website the names of candidate committees and noncandidate committees who fail to properly file an organizational report. The Commission found that this bill “would improve compliance and also bring awareness of noncompliance to the public.” Report at 28.

HB 730 – Limits the amount of cash contributions a candidate, candidate committee or noncandidate committee can accept in the aggregate in each election period to \$100 with a receipt required for each contribution. Report at 33.

HB 731 – Provides that a person waives the right to a contested case hearing if that person fails to request a contested case hearing within 20 days of the Commission’s preliminary determination. It would also allow the Campaign Spending Commission to file its final order with the Circuit Court of the First District for confirmation as a civil judgment, enforceable and collectible as any other judgment issued in circuit court. Report at 21.

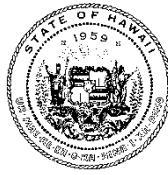
HB 732 – Authorizes the Campaign Spending Commission to presume that a violation of a campaign spending law has occurred if a respondent fails to explain or otherwise respond to a complaint alleging a campaign spending violation. Report at 21.

HB 733 – Increases the amount of fine for campaign spending law violations that may be assessed against a noncandidate committee making only independent expenditures and that has received at least one contribution of more than \$10,000 or spent more than \$10,000 in an election period. It authorizes the Campaign spending Commission to order that the payment of a fine assessed against a noncandidate committee, or any portion thereof, be paid from the personal funds of an officer of the noncandidate committee. Report at 34.

HB 796 – Proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit a person from serving as a member of the Legislature for more than 16 years during that person’s lifetime. “The Commission discussed this proposal at great length and considered the testimony received and personal viewpoints of each commissioner. The Commission looked at similar provisions for guidance and debated the well-balanced pros and cons of this proposal, which was reflected in the slim 4-3 margin by which the Commission adopted the motion to adopt this proposal.” Report at 35. Despite a turnover in the House of Representative of over 50% and the Senate of more than 33% in the last decade, “people feel a proposal like this is necessary and that a limit on the duration of holding state elected office may reduce the potential for corruption and allow for the periodic infusion of fresh ideas and services to constituents.” Id.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel R. Foley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized 'F' at the end.

Respectfully submitted, Judge Daniel Foley (ret.)



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION**

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February 21, 2023

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: Tony Baldomero, Associate Director for *TB*  
Kristin Izumi-Nitao, Executive Director  
Campaign Spending Commission

SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 721, Relating to Candidate Committee Expenditure.**

Wednesday, February 22, 2023  
2:00 p.m., Conference Room 325 & Videoconference

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill, which was submitted by the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct ("CISC"). The Campaign Spending Commission ("Commission") supports this bill.

This bill amends Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §11-381 to prohibit the use of campaign funds to purchase up to two tickets for an event or fundraiser held by another candidate or committee by repealing paragraph (6) of subsection (a). Paragraph (6) is inconsistent with HRS §11-382(1), which prohibits the use of campaign funds to support the campaigns of other candidates. The Commission believes that members of the public assume that contributions made to a candidate are used by that candidate for the candidate's own campaign for elective office.

This Committee passed unamended the Commission's version of this bill (H.B. No. 94) on February 1, 2023.

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 9:14:21 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maki Morinoue	HULI PAC	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha members of this committee,

I am so grateful for this opportunity.

One of the fundamental principles driving campaign spending regulation is that campaign donations should be used only for the purpose of election activities. **Donors are supposed to give money to candidates for the purpose of helping them get elected - not for the purpose of allowing their donation to be used to help other candidates get elected.**

Allowing legislators to use their own campaign funds to purchase a couple of tickets to attend another candidates campaign event sounds reasonable until you learn of the abuse.

**Fortunately, this bill before the legislature [HB721](#)- will eliminate this practice.**

[HB721](#) is part of a package of bills being proposed by the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct (CISC)

Please support this bill and guide Hawai'i State to align more with our state motto and positively impact our next generation.

Aloha

Maki Morinoue

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**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 11:32:08 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dave Mulinix	Our Revolution Hawaii	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Committee,

On behalf of Our Revolution Hawaii's 5,000 members and supporters statewide, we stand in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB721 that eliminates the use of campaign funds to purchase up to two tickets for an event or fundraiser held by another candidate or committee.

We agree that the strength and stability of our democratic government rely upon the public's trust in government institutions, including the expectation that officers act ethically with prudence, integrity, and sound judgement. In fact trust in politicians is at an all time low, and the manipulation of funding is one of the big concerns that hinder trust in government.

We support the intent of this bill to improve standards of conduct relating to the use of campaign funds to purchase up to two tickets for an event or fundraiser held by another candidate or committee. This is not a fair, just or democratic process.

Please support and pass HB721.

Mahalo,

Dave Mulinix, Cofounder & Hawaii Statewide Organizer

Our Revolution Hawaii

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 8:15:57 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gary Hooser	Pono Hawaii Initiative	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Committee Chair and Members,

Please accept this testimony in strong support.

One of the fundamental principles driving campaign spending regulation is that campaign donations should be used only for expenses directly related to supporting the election of the candidate receiving the funds. **Donors are supposed to give money to candidates for the purpose of helping them get elected - not for the purpose of allowing their donation to be used to help other candidates get elected.**

Thank you in advance for giving this measure your positive consideration and for passing it out, as is.

Gary Hooser

Pono Hawaii Initiative

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/20/2023 9:49:48 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christopher Dean	Clean The Pacific	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Ya, I'm against bribery.

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/22/2023 11:30:09 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joseph Kohn MD	We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support HB721

[www.WeAreOne.cc](http://www.WeAreOne.cc)

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/17/2023 10:14:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I think this proposal will have a chilling effect on building positive relationships among candidates and legislators. Purchasing only two tickets is already a limitation and should have minimal impact on legislative decision making.

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/20/2023 10:52:31 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

If I donate money to a candidate it is for that person's campaign, not to help another candidate. Campaign funds should not be spent on someone else's fundraiser. If I want to give to that other person I will do so. There should not be an intermediary. Please support this bill.

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/20/2023 3:22:56 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas Brandt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support!

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/20/2023 3:42:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
TOM DIGRAZIA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 721. It will help curb another campaign finance abuse long overlooked by level the campaing financing field.



**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/20/2023 3:49:00 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
pamela burrell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

HB721 would have donors give money to candidates of their choice only..not to help other candidates get elected.

please consider the measure

pamela burrell, Kalihiwai, Kaua'i

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/20/2023 4:11:34 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joe Wilson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in strong support of HB721.

I also support all of the recommendations put forward by the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct as well as public financing for all candidates seeking election to state and county public offices in Hawai'i.

Joe Wilson

North Shore O'ahu

House District 47 / Senate District 23

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/20/2023 4:16:16 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christopher Boscole	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support HB 721 Help improve transparency in campagin finance reform

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/20/2023 5:06:17 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
irene kloepfer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. Please pass HB721. It's past time that we get money and corruption out of politics. Transparency in everything is needed for the public to trust again

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/20/2023 9:21:26 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kim Coco Iwamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am testifying in strong support of HB721, which eliminates the use of campaign funds to purchase up to two tickets for an event or fundraiser held by another candidate or committee.

This loophole has allowed corporate lobbyists and other monied interests to max out contributions to a particular candidate with a heated election challenge and then funnel another max contribution through a candidate that does not have a challenger in their election. They simply write a max contribution to the unchallenged candidate and then say to that candidate: hey let's go to this other candidates fundraiser - they are have a difficult race. It's that simple and legal.

Please amend HB721 to exclude the use of campaign funds to pay for printing and postage of official newsletters from the candidates official government office. Legislators have liberally interpreted permitted uses of campaign funds, HRS Section 11-381 (8), "[t]o pay for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the candidate's duties as a holder of an office," to include using campaign funds to pay for their official newsletters which often have the official state seal on them. This mixing of campaigning funds and office holding confuses the electorate constituent -- is this a campaign material since it is clearly "paid for by candidate campaign name" but why is the official state seal on it?

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/20/2023 9:26:41 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Elizabeth Hansen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

Please support this bill.

Mahalo

Elizabeth Hansen, Hakalau HI 96710

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/20/2023 9:28:11 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rodger Hansen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

Please support this bill.

Mahalo

Elizabeth Hansen, Hakalau HI 96710

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 4:03:31 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Elaine Wender	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support.

Elaine Wender



**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/20/2023 9:34:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rexann Dubiel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please...pass this bill. Honesty is imperative to democracy.

No opportunities for unfair campaign practices.

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 8:27:03 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 8:22:47 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Hunter Heavilin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This legislation promotes greater accountability and transparency in campaign finance by prohibiting the use of campaign funds for expenses that are not directly related to a candidate's own campaign.

Allowing candidates to use campaign funds to purchase tickets for events held by other candidates or committees can create potential conflicts of interest and undermines the public's trust in our democratic process. By eliminating this practice, HB721 ensures that campaign funds are used solely for the benefit of the candidate and their campaign, as intended. I urge the legislature to support HB721 and to continue its efforts to improve transparency and accountability in campaign finance in Hawaii.

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 10:36:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
janice palma-glennie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

aloha,

all laws supporting democracy-supportive reform like campaign finance, transparency in elections and use of campaign funds, etc deserve and need your support. HB721 is such a bill.

please use your integrity to help stop this legal but deceptive tactic for disbursing campaign money.

mahalo,

janice palma-glennie

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 12:33:56 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marion McHenry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB721. I support all the bills proposed by the Commission to improve standards of conduct. It is imperative that our state legislature pass these important reforms to restore public trust in our state government.

Sincerely,

Marion McHenry

Princeville, Kauai

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 3:28:19 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha JHA Chair, Vice Chair & Committee, I support HB721 because it levels the election playing field, The way it now stands incumbants have a distinct advvantange and this is the way we get entrenched power which is not good for our democracy.

Aloha JHA Chair, Vice Chair & Committee, i support HB721 and HB726 because it starts to level the election playing field. There is so much abuse in the election cycle. Hawaii needs good governance, not status quo disrespect for the election cycle processes. Please pass this bill so our Senators and Representatives can learn to be more ethical! The Commission wants to improve the Standards of Conduct (CISC) by a series of bills eg [HB721](#), [HB726](#) - **AND all CISC Commission recommendations on this agenda**. A few more of these good bills are listed below.

[HB705](#) - Requires legislators to post for public review how they spend their “legislative allowance”

[HB706](#) - Requires legislators to disclose relationships with lobbyists or lobbying organizations

[HB707](#) - Disqualifies a person from holding elective office for ten years upon conviction of making a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim.

[HB708](#) - Requires lobbyists to disclose for public review the exact bills or actions they are attempting to influence.

Please pass all the above CISC bills to clean up our corrupt democratic system!!

Mahalo for your consideration.

tlaloc tokuda

Kailua Kona HI 96740

I understand that HB 271 and HB 726 are a part of a package of bills proposed by the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct (CISC) and are aimed at eliminating quid pro quo practices in the legislature. HB 271 prohibits using campaign funds to beef up the campaign war chests of other legislators. HB 726 prohibits receiving or soliciting campaign contributions during regular or special sessions on bills before or being voted on by the legislature.

I strongly support these bills and all of the bills proposed by the commission including but not limited to:

HB705 – which requires legislators to publicly disclose their “legislative allowance”

HB706 – which requires legislators to disclose relationships with lobbyists or lobbying organizations

HB707 - which disqualifies a person from holding elective office for ten years upon if convicted of making a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim.

HB708 – which requires lobbyists to disclose for public review exactly which bills or actions they are attempting to influence.

Mike Lillie  
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**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 4:41:29 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eileen McKee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support HB721. Please let's make this happen.

Mahalo for considering my testimony.

Eileen McKee, Kihei



**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 4:42:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Barbara L. George	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL AND OTHERS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION TO IMPROVE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT (CISC), ALONG WITH PUBLICLY FUNDED ELECTIONS!!!

**HB-721**

Submitted on: 2/22/2023 10:27:26 AM

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Comments:

HB721 and HB726 are crucial in helping to curtail political favoritism and "good ole boy" mentality.

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Comments:

I'm very shocked some of the bills that come through, I simply say this if I were to give a candidate \$1000 a donation directly to them for them to run for office or to run for office why would they be allowed at all ever to use that money to purchase and or support another neighbor candidate or a member pier candidate taking money that was given to them by a supporter so they can go to another candidates fundraiser and probably cost anywhere from what 250-1000+ dollars per Ticket, I am very glad that this hopefully is being dealt with and hopefully this passes with flying colors and support because this is not where I would want my money to go. If I donate it to my candidate there's no way in hell why??

I Support this Bill