



STATE OF HAWAII  
CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION

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February 2, 2026

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

The Honorable Representative Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

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

SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 2051, Relating to Campaign Contributions.**  
House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs  
Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 325 & Videoconference

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill<sup>1</sup>. The Campaign Spending Commission (“Commission”) supports this bill.

This is a housekeeping measure. In 2023, the Legislature amended Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) §11-351(b) to prohibit the acceptance of a cash contribution more than \$100, in the aggregate, during an election period. This bill amends HRS §11-364(a) requiring the return of an excess cash contribution to the contributor within thirty (30) days of receipt of the excess contribution. Any excess cash contribution not returned to the contributor within thirty (30) days shall be deposited into the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund. Thus, the treatment of an excess cash contribution will be consistent with other types of excess contributions.

The Commission requests that this Committee pass this bill.

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<sup>1</sup> The companion bill is S.B. No. 2529.

**HB-2051**

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Testimony for JHA on 2/3/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Beppie Shapiro	League of Women Voters of Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

**Comments:**

This is consistent with existing requirements in other circumstances. HECF needs the funds, too.