

SB-2247-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2026 11:32:13 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2026 10:31:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Caron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee,

I am writing in **strong support of SB2247**, which would prohibit certain executive branch employees—specifically those nominated or appointed by the Governor requiring Senate confirmation who may have influence over procurement and state contracts—from participating in political fundraising activities. This bill is a targeted, sensible reform to prevent even the appearance of pay-to-play politics in Hawai‘i government.

When officials who oversee contracts or procurement participate in campaign fundraising, it creates the appearance of impropriety. Even when no actual wrongdoing occurs, the perception that access to state contracts can be bought through campaign contributions erodes public trust. A developer seeking a contract should never feel—nor should the public ever suspect—that their donation to an official's fundraiser might influence the outcome. SB2247 draws a bright line between those who control the purse strings and those who ask for campaign dollars.

This bill targets the specific roles where influence is most concerning. It applies only to executive branch employees who require Senate confirmation and who have influence over procurement and contracts. These are the positions where the risk of perceived favoritism is highest. The bill does not broadly restrict all appointed officials—only those with direct sway over how public dollars are spent.

Perception matters as much as reality in a healthy democracy. Government ethics are not only about avoiding actual corruption; they are about maintaining public confidence that decisions are made fairly and impartially. When the public believes that contracts are awarded based on merit rather than connections, trust in institutions grows. When that trust is damaged, democracy itself suffers.

SB2247 is a preventive measure, not a punitive one. It does not assume wrongdoing; it simply removes the temptation and the appearance of conflict before either can take root. It is a common-sense guardrail that aligns Hawai‘i with best practices in good governance.

I urge you to pass this bill. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2026 12:24:15 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT

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Submitted on: 2/25/2026 12:57:24 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Douglas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TY!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Georgia L Hoopes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 2247.

This bill sets reasonable limits on political fundraising by high-level executive branch employees who have influence over state contracts. When officials with procurement authority attend or host fundraisers, it can create the appearance of pay-to-play politics, even if no misconduct occurs.

Government decisions about contracts and public resources should be free from political pressure or the perception of favoritism. Please support SB 2247.

Mahalo,

Georgia Hoopes, Kalaheo

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Submitted on: 2/25/2026 5:10:51 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, STRONGLY OPPOSE

2247 SB RELATING TO POLITICAL FUNDRAISING BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH
EMPLOYEES.

OPPOSE CAMPAIGN DONATIONS

PERSONAL AUDIT OF ELECTED OFFICIAL REASON CORRUPTION

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Submitted on: 2/26/2026 7:12:50 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noelle Lindenmann	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Transparency and trust are lacking in our government today, and this is a step towards regaining that trust.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony,

Noelle Lindenmann, Kailua-Kona

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Submitted on: 2/26/2026 8:05:16 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charlene K. Rowley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Mahalo,

Charlene Kiana Rowley, Kula Maui

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Submitted on: 2/26/2026 8:59:57 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lori Poaipuni	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly urge you to support the ban on fundraising in the Executive Branch. Money directly influences decisions made and those with the highest amount, benefits the most. The people at the top are not the ones struggling to support their families, put gas in their cars or clothes on their backs.

What is happening in the highest level of government on the mainland is a disgrace. Blatantly showing that people do not matter, money does.

Money needs to get out of politics. Decisions should be made for the benefit of the PEOPLE, your constituents.

Again, I strongly urge you to vote in support of SB2247. Let Hawai'i be the example.

Mahalo,

Loriann Poaipuni

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Submitted on: 2/26/2026 11:46:43 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lindsay Roth	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

My name is Lindsay Roth, and I am a licensed clinical social worker and small business owner on Hawai‘i Island. I am writing in strong support of SB2247.

In my clinical work, I witness daily how public policy shapes mental health outcomes. When systems are transparent, accountable, and aligned with community well-being, people feel safer. When systems lack oversight or prioritize profit over people, the downstream effects show up in anxiety, burnout, housing instability, family stress, and community mistrust.

SB2247 represents an important step toward strengthening integrity and public trust in Hawai‘i’s institutions. Policies that reinforce accountability and fairness are not abstract — they directly impact the psychological well-being of our communities. When residents believe that governance reflects shared values rather than special interests, it increases civic engagement, stability, and hope.

As a clinician, I also understand that prevention is more effective than crisis response. Thoughtful legislation that addresses systemic issues upstream reduces the long-term emotional and economic costs our communities otherwise carry.

I respectfully urge you to pass SB2247. Hawai‘i deserves governance that reflects transparency, responsibility, and care for future generations.

Mahalo for your time and service.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Roth, LCSW
Hawai‘i Island

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ANDREW ISODA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo,

*Andrew Isoda
Lahaina, Mau'i*

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Bohlen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gary Hooser	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
pamela burrell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I support improving the ethics of our elections!

Thank you for introducing this bill.

Pamela Burrell, Kalihiwai, Kaua'i

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann Dorsey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

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Thank you

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
C.Yamamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Cory Harden	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

People's faith in government has taken a hit with Cullen and English taking bribes. And we still don't know who got \$35,000 in a paper bag. Please support this bill to restore people's faith a bit.

mahalo,

Cory Harden, Hilo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eileen Cain	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Senators,

To avoid any appearance of undue influence or corruption, employees in the Executive Branch of government need to be barred for fundraising for any candidate.

Mahalo,

Eileen Cain

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Yvette Kay	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo,

Yvette Kay

Kailua Kona, HI