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TO: The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair
House Committee on Finance

The Honorable Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

Members of the House Committee on Finance

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SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 2054, H.D.1, Relating to the Campaign Spending
Commission's Electronic Filing System.**
House Committee on Finance
Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308 & Videoconference

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

This is a housekeeping measure. In 2025, the Legislature appropriated \$2.2 million dollars to the Commission to upgrade and modernize the Commission's electronic filing system. The updated electronic filing system will permit candidates, candidate committees, and noncandidate committees to electronically file campaign finance forms electronically and is scheduled to be implemented by December 2026. This bill amends various sections of Hawaii campaign finance law to conform filing requirements with the upgraded electronic filing system.

The Commission requests that this Committee pass this bill.



COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
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HB2054 – Pertaining to Electronic Filing
TESTIMONY

Gabriela Schneider, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters Hawaii supports HB 2054, which would require electronic filing of key campaign finance documents and filings, including:

- Electronic filing forms submitted before organizational reports
- Termination reports disclosing final contributions and expenditures
- Loan documents, replacing the current requirement to mail or deliver copies
- Fundraiser notices of intent
- Statements of intent to seek qualifying contributions for public funding
- Qualifying campaign contribution statements

Processing data electronically saves personnel time. Requiring electronic submission of these documents is a common-sense modernization that would enable the Campaign Spending Commission to process and publish submitted information more efficiently, strengthening the public's right to know who is funding candidates and when.

The League of Women Voters has long championed electronic filing requirements. In 2018, we were instrumental in requiring the U.S. Senate to file campaign finance reports electronically with the Federal Election Commission, recognizing that electronic filing improves transparency and makes donor information more accessible and searchable for voters. HB 2054 brings Hawaii's campaign finance reporting in line with that same standard.

We urge passage of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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