



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 1032, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

**BEFORE THE:**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**DATE:** Thursday, April 2, 2026

**TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 308

**TESTIFIER(S):** Anne E. Lopez, Attorney General, or  
Candace J. Park, Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Todd and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments.

This bill (1) prohibits foreign nationals, foreign corporations, and foreign-influenced business entities from making contributions, expenditures, electioneering communications, or donations for election purposes; (2) allows every business entity that makes a campaign contribution or expenditure to certify, under penalty of perjury, that it is not a foreign corporation or a foreign-influenced business entity; (3) requires noncandidate committees making only independent expenditures to obtain a certification from each top contributor certifying, under penalty of law, whether any of the funds contributed were derived from a foreign national, foreign corporation or a foreign-influenced business entity, or to specify that some funds used to pay for the advertisement may have been provided by a foreign corporation or foreign-influenced business entity; and (4) requires the Campaign Spending Commission (Commission) to revise the conditions that determine whether a business entity qualifies as a foreign-influenced business entity if the conditions are held unconstitutional by a final judgment, including all appeals.

Several provisions in this bill may be vulnerable to legal challenge. First, the definition of "foreign-influenced business entity" is expansive and may sweep in domestic businesses based on relatively low levels of foreign beneficial ownership (e.g., one percent held by a single foreign investor or five percent held in aggregate by six or more foreign investors), without a clear showing that foreign investors exercised control

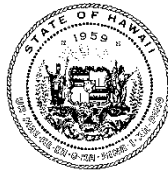
over, or directed, the entity's election-related spending. To the extent the bill restricts political spending by domestic entities with only limited foreign ownership and no demonstrated foreign control, challengers may argue that the restriction is overbroad and insufficiently tailored to the State's interests, raising First Amendment concerns.

Second, if a noncandidate committee is unable to obtain a top-contributor certification, the bill requires the committee's advertisement to state: "Some of the funds used to pay for this message may have been provided by foreign corporations or foreign-influenced business entities." This could be read as suggesting the presence of foreign funding simply because a certification was not provided, rather than because the State has identified any foreign source. This compelled and potentially misleading disclaimer could chill political participation, raising First Amendment concerns.

For these reasons, we respectfully recommend that the Committee consider amendments to (1) narrow the definition of "foreign-influenced business entity" to more clearly focus on circumstances involving foreign control or direction over election-related spending decisions, rather than relying primarily on low ownership thresholds; and (2) revise the required advertisement wording so that it accurately reflects the basis for the disclosure (for example, that a certification was not received), without implying foreign funding in the absence of supporting facts.

Section 3 of the bill proposes to amend section 11-356, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), by adding a new subsection (d) on page 8, line 10, to page 9, line 10, that permits business entities to file with the Commission a statement of certification under "penalty of perjury" that the business entity is not a foreign corporation or a foreign-influenced business entity. However, a false certification filed with the Commission pursuant to this provision would not meet the elements of perjury under section 710-1060, HRS; filing a certification with the Commission does not constitute an "official proceeding" as defined in section 710-1000 of the Hawaii Penal Code. Rather, filing a false certification with the Commission would meet the elements of an unsworn falsification to authorities under section 710-1063, HRS. Replacing the phrase "penalty of perjury" with "penalty of law," on page 8, lines 17-18, would correct this problem.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.



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

235 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET, ROOM 300  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 1, 2026

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

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

SUBJECT: **Testimony on S.B. No. 1032, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Campaign Finance.**  
House Committee on Finance  
Thursday, April 2, 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 the intent of this bill and offers the following comments.

This bill amends Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) §11-302 by adding the definitions of “business entity,” “foreign-influenced business entity,” and “foreign investor.” This bill further amends HRS §11-356 by prohibiting foreign nationals, foreign corporations, and foreign-influenced business entities from making contributions, expenditures, independent expenditures, electioneering communications, or donations to a person that is earmarked for campaign spending purpose and requires the business entity to file a statement of certification that contributions or expenditures was not made from a foreign corporation or foreign-influenced business entity. The bill also permits a noncandidate committee from including a disclaimer that funds may have been provided by a foreign corporation or foreign-influences business entity if the noncandidate committee is unable to obtain a statement of certification. Additionally, the bill amends HRS §11-393 by requiring a super PAC to obtain a certification from each of its top contributors required to by listed in the super PAC’s advertisement disclaimer that none of the funds contributed by the top contributors were derived from a foreign corporation or foreign-influenced business entity.

Section 3 of this bill requires that if a foreign-influenced business is deemed to be unconstitutional then the Commission will need to establish revised conditions so the foreign-influenced entity will be constitutional. See page 10, lines 3-12. Determining the constitutionality of entities is beyond the Commission’s expertise and we defer these issues to

the Department of the Attorney General. We respectfully request this section be amended accordingly.

The Commission notes that any contributions made in violation of this bill shall escheat to the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund. The Commission maintains that any illegal contribution should not remain with the candidate or noncandidate committee as a windfall and should be forfeited to the general fund.

The Commission requests this Committee to make the effective date of this bill January 1, 2028, to provide time for the Commission to create certification forms, establish internal administrative procedures, create educational materials, and provide educational trainings to implement this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



**House Committee on Finance  
Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Strongly Supports SB1032 SD1 HD1  
Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 2:00 PM | Conference Room 308 & Videoconference**

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee,

HAPA strongly supports SB 1032, SD2, which strengthens Hawai'i's protections against foreign influence in our elections by prohibiting foreign-influenced business entities from spending money in state elections.

Hawai'i already prohibits foreign nationals and foreign corporations from making campaign contributions. But the reality is that influence does not always come in direct or obvious ways. It often flows through complex ownership structures, where foreign investors can still shape political spending through domestic entities. That is the gap this bill addresses.

SB 1032 SD2 fixes that in a clear, enforceable way. It defines foreign-influenced business entities based on ownership and control thresholds and prohibits them from making contributions, expenditures, electioneering communications, or donations tied to elections.

This bill does not limit free speech or change who is allowed to participate in our elections as individuals. It simply ensures that Hawai'i's elections are decided by people, not influenced by foreign financial interests operating through corporate structures.

The need for this is well documented. Federal agencies have repeatedly warned that foreign actors are actively attempting to influence U.S. elections. Hawai'i should not be a back door for that influence through entities that appear domestic but are significantly shaped by foreign ownership.

Beyond protecting against interference, this bill improves transparency and accountability. It requires business entities to certify that they are not foreign-influenced before spending money in elections, and it extends similar safeguards to top contributors funding independent expenditures. That creates a clear standard and a paper trail that strengthens public trust.

At its core, this bill is about protecting the integrity of our democracy and ensuring that political power in Hawai'i remains with the people who live here.

HAPA respectfully urges this committee to pass SB 1032, SD2.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Frederick'.

Anne Frederick, Executive Director  
Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action

Testimony of Matson, Inc.  
Comments on SB1032, SD1  
Before the Committee on Finance  
April 2, 2026

Dear Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee:

Matson, Inc. (Matson) appreciates the opportunity to provide **comments** on SB1032, SD1, which seeks to prohibit foreign entities and foreign-influenced businesses from making political contributions or expenditures.

Section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 (46 U.S.C. §55102) requires that companies that transport cargo between United States ports must be owned and operated by U.S. citizens or entities with at least 75 percent beneficial ownership held by U.S. citizens. With respect to ownership, section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 requires a corporation engaged in coastwise trade to be: incorporated/established under the laws of the United States or of a state; have its chief executive officer be a U.S. citizen; its chairman of the board or management committee be a U.S. citizen, and no more of its directors or management committee members be noncitizens than a minority of the number necessary to constitute a quorum. Matson proudly complies with the requirements of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920. When federal laws require U.S. ownership of a corporation, it can be reasonably inferred that such a corporation is not foreign influenced.

Furthermore, under the Williams Act and Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) regulations, shareholders that beneficially own more than 5 percent of a public company are required to report their ownership publicly on either a Schedule 13G or Schedule 13D. Schedule 13G is for passive investors who do not intend to influence control of a company. Schedule 13D requires more detailed disclosures and is for investors with an intent to effect or influence control of a company. In February 2025, the staff in the SEC’s Division of Corporation Finance issued updated Compliance and Disclosure Interpretations emphasizing that an investor’s ability to report on short-form Schedule 13G depends on whether its activities suggest an intent to influence control of the company. Thus, any foreign entity seeking to influence a publicly-traded company, including with respect to political contributions or expenditures, is already required under federal laws to disclose its ownership position.

Accordingly, we request that your Committee consider amending the measure to exempt (1) U.S. companies that are subject to federal laws requiring minimum levels of beneficial ownership by U.S. citizens and (2) publicly traded U.S. companies that do not have a foreign investor who has disclosed an intent to influence the company under U.S. federal securities laws.

Thank you for considering our comments.

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 12:00:05 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jocelyn Medearis-Viera	Free Speech For People	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Chris Todd, Vice Chair Jenna Takenouchi, and Members of the Hawaii House Finance Committee:

On behalf of Free Speech For People, we request that you postpone the hearing on SB1032 as it is an outdated version of the reform bill for which we have been advocating that would bar foreign-influenced entities from spending in elections in Hawai'i. SB2982 was introduced this year by Senator Chris Lee, and we believe this is a much stronger version and the proper vehicle to pass this type of reform. We respectfully request that you schedule SB2982 for a hearing and postpone the hearing on SB1032.

Thank you for your consideration.



## **Committee on Finance**

### **HULI PAC Strongly Supports SB1032 SD2 HD1**

**Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 2:00 PM | Conference Room 308 & Videoconference**

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee,

HULI PAC strongly supports SB1032 SD2 HD1, which prohibits foreign-influenced business entities from spending money in Hawai'i's elections.

Most people assume this is already illegal. It is not. A company can have significant foreign ownership and still pour money into our campaigns as long as it holds a U.S. address. That is a gap that should have been closed a long time ago.

Our elections should be decided by the people who live here. Not by foreign governments or foreign investors operating through domestic corporate structures. SB1032 makes that expectation enforceable. It defines foreign-influenced business entities based on clear ownership thresholds and prohibits them from making contributions, expenditures, or electioneering communications in state elections. Any business that does want to spend money in our elections must certify under penalty of perjury that they are not foreign-influenced.

This bill has minimal fiscal impact. It uses existing enforcement infrastructure and creates a straightforward certification process that places the burden where it belongs, on the entities spending money, not on the state.

Our democracy belongs to the people of Hawai'i. This bill helps keep it that way.

For these reasons, HULI PAC strongly urges your support of SB1032 SD2 HD1.

Mahalo,

HULI PAC



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**To:** Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee

**Hearing Date/Time:** 04-02-26 2:00 PM

**Place:** Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308

**Re:** Testimony in SUPPORT of [SB1032 SD2](#)

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Indivisible Hawai'i, I thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB1032 SD2.

Foreign influence does not always come directly—it often flows through domestic entities with foreign ownership. This bill closes that loophole by ensuring that those entities cannot spend money in our elections.

It does not change who can participate as individuals. It simply protects our elections from outside financial influence.

This is about integrity, transparency, and public trust.

We thank you for your support and urge you to advance SB1032 SD2.

Mahalo nui loa,

Marlene Thom

Indivisible Hawai'i Good Government and Secure Elections Team

*The mission of the 14-chapter Indivisible Hawai'i Statewide Network (IHSN) is to protect Hawai'i and democracy by defending civil rights, communities and values, most importantly, Hawai'i's Constitutionally protected spirit of Aloha. In October 2025, IHSN with other partners turned out over 22,000 residents on all major islands to say No Dictators! and to stand up for democracy. This call-to-action was part of Indivisible national's mobilization of more than 7 million across the country as the voice of the people, committed to election integrity and to evolving as a place of equity, opportunity and peace.*

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 1:38:39 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **strong support** of SB1032. This legislation is crucial for safeguarding the integrity of our electoral process. By strengthening restrictions on foreign contributions and closing dangerous loopholes, SB1032 ensures that our political decisions remain in the hands of Hawai‘i’s residents—not foreign corporations, not foreign investors, and not anonymous dark money flowing from outside our shores.

**The Problem: A Loophole Big Enough for Foreign Influence**

The U.S. Supreme Court’s *Citizens United* decision opened a dangerous door. While foreign entities remain prohibited from directly contributing to U.S. elections, the ruling created a massive loophole: foreign-influenced corporations—including U.S. subsidiaries of foreign companies and publicly traded corporations with significant foreign ownership—can spend unlimited sums to influence our elections.

With foreign investors now owning an increasing share of U.S. stock, this is not a hypothetical concern. A corporation with substantial foreign ownership can pour millions into independent expenditures, issue ads, and electioneering communications with no meaningful disclosure of its foreign ties. Voters are left in the dark about who is actually funding the messages they see. And candidates are left vulnerable to influence from interests that do not represent Hawai‘i’s people.

**What SB1032 Does**

SB1032 closes this loophole with clear, enforceable provisions:

- **Prohibits foreign entities and foreign-influenced business entities** from making contributions, expenditures, electioneering communications, or donations for election purposes. This closes the gap that allows foreign-owned corporations to spend freely in our state elections.
- **Requires certification from business entities** that contribute or expend funds in a state election. Before spending money to influence our elections, a business entity must certify that it is not—and will not become—a foreign corporation or foreign-influenced business entity during that election cycle. This creates accountability and transparency where currently there is none.

- **Mandates certification from top contributors** for noncandidate committees making independent expenditures. If a committee is spending money to influence an election, voters deserve to know whether that money ultimately traces back to foreign sources. This provision requires each top contributor to certify that no funds came from foreign entities or foreign-influenced businesses.
- **Includes a constitutional safeguard** in the event that the definition of "foreign-influenced business entity" is challenged in court. If any provision is held unconstitutional, the Campaign Spending Commission is required to establish revised conditions that remain constitutional. This ensures the law can adapt and remain effective even in the face of legal challenges.

### **Why This Matters for Hawai‘i**

Hawai‘i is not immune to the flood of outside money reshaping elections across the country. Our islands are home to some of the most expensive real estate and most sought-after development opportunities in the world. Foreign investors have significant economic interests here. When those interests can funnel money into our elections through corporate structures designed to obscure their origins, our democratic process is compromised.

This bill ensures that when a corporation spends money to influence a Hawai‘i election, voters know—and the candidates know—whether that money is coming from foreign-controlled sources. It restores transparency. It protects accountability. And it reaffirms a basic principle: elections in Hawai‘i should be decided by the people of Hawai‘i.

### **Closing the Door on Dark Money**

Corporate spending in elections has surged post-*Citizens United*, often through undisclosed channels. Dark money—spending by organizations that do not disclose their donors—has become a defining feature of modern campaigns. SB1032 takes a direct aim at this problem by requiring certifications from those who fund electioneering communications. It creates a paper trail. It establishes accountability. And it gives the Campaign Spending Commission the tools it needs to enforce the law.

Our democracy depends on the principle that those who govern derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. When foreign-influenced corporations can spend unlimited sums to shape our elections, that principle is undermined. Hawai‘i has an opportunity to lead by closing this loophole and protecting the integrity of our electoral process.

I urge this Committee to pass SB1032 and send a clear message: Hawai‘i's elections belong to Hawai‘i's people.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 3:17:41 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christine L. Andrews, J.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully request your support of this measure.

Mahalo.

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 8:57:25 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jesse Hutchison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm writing in strong support. Thank you!

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 8:02:13 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kathleen Dickson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of SB1032. There can be no legitimate reason for foreign entities or POTENTIAL foreign entities to contribute to campaign funds, PERIOD. Further, corporate monies need to be removed from campaigns entirely. We are supposed to have a government of, by, and FOR the people who are citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Kathleen "Kate" Dickson, Waikiki 96815

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 7:51:26 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
john savino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT SB1032

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 6:19:39 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tina Even	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of this bill.

Thanks

Tina Marie Even

Indivisible Member

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 6:40:27 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Younghee Overly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to support SB1032 which would prohibit campaign donations by foreign corporations.

Younghee Overly, a member of Indivisible Hawaii

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 6:42:07 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mark Van Horne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support this measure. Foreign entities should have no right to contribute to a domestic campaign.

Thank you.

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 8:35:39 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha!

Hawai'i must remain free of foreign meddling in our elections. Foreign corporations' influence must be banned. Please support SB1023 SD2 HD!.

Mahalo!

Eileen Cain, Honolulu

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 7:40:40 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lily Troy MD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB1032

make a common campaign fund and every candidate gets only that "allowance " share of money to spend on campaigns

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 6:44:18 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tim Huycke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB1032.

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 9:03:09 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Belinda Pate	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Limiting foreign corporation influence makes sense for both sides of the aisle.

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 9:39:27 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brodie Lockard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 7:03:42 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James E Raymond	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you. I am a member of Indivisible Windward.

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 9:31:57 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gail Morrison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As an individual and member of Indivisible Hawaii, I believe in prohibiting foreign entities and foreign-influenced business entities from making contributions, expenditures, electioneering communications, or donations for election purposes.

Mahalo, Gail Morrison, Honolulu

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 10:57:19 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kahi Pacarro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in full support of Bill SB1032. Let us local decide the decisions being made. Unfortunately many elected leaders, not all of you...feel beholden to those that fund your campaigns. This is not how democracy works. To remove this inconsistency with the goals of our forefathers, we need to pass legislation that reduces undue influence and gets our elected leaders to understand that they are beholden to each individual in their district and the state broadly. NOT FOREIGNERS. I love foreigners, don't get me wrong. I just don't think they have a right to be contributing to campaigns and influencing our government.

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 11:24:55 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in favor of SB1032 which states that while we are a state of many nationalities, the elections should be determined and influenced by the people of Hawai'i. Banning any foreign monies and corporations from our electoral processes is a way to limit the scope of Citizens United which says unlimited corporate dollars is protected speech. Mahalo.

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 11:28:41 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Roger Hamada	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Given the foreign influences which have helped elect U.S. presidents in 2016 and 2024, our state must take steps to ensure that untoward foreign interests do not influence local elections by making campaign contributions either directly or via surrogate entities.

Thank you for accepting my testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB1032 SD2 HD1.

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 12:10:12 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marcela Montalto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I super strongly support this bill

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 1:23:18 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tanya Aynessazian	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I support the passage of SB1032 SD2, which would prohibit corporate political spending by foreign-influenced business entities in Hawai‘i. This measure helps protect Hawai‘i’s elections from foreign influence and ensures that our democracy is shaped by the people of Hawai‘i—not outside entities seeking to influence our political system.

This bill strengthens existing safeguards by prohibiting foreign-influenced businesses from making campaign contributions or expenditures, and by requiring businesses to certify that they do not have foreign ownership before participating in political spending. These provisions increase transparency and accountability for both candidates and voters. The bill also improves disclosure requirements in political advertising by requiring top contributors to clearly identify their funding sources.

Across the country, there is growing momentum to protect democratic self-governance in this way. I strongly support and encourage Committee members to support this important measure. Thank you.

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 5:43:50 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ann Dorsey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee,

I urge you to support SB1032 SD2.

Foreign influence does not always come directly—it often flows through domestic entities with foreign ownership. This bill closes that loophole by ensuring those entities cannot spend money in our elections.

It does not change who can participate as individuals. It simply protects our elections from outside financial influence.

This is about integrity, transparency, and public trust.

Please pass SB1032 SD2.

Thank you

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 6:21:48 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Georgia L Hoopes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee,

I strongly support SB1032 SD2.

Foreign influence does not always come directly—it often flows through domestic entities with foreign ownership. This bill closes that loophole by ensuring those entities cannot spend money in our elections.

It does not change who can participate as individuals. It simply protects our elections from outside financial influence.

This is about integrity, transparency, and public trust.

Please pass SB1032 SD2.

Mahalo,

Georgia Hoopes, Kalaheo

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 6:22:39 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel R Freund	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We all want what's best for Hawaii. The same cannot be necessarily said for foreign interests. Please advance this bill to **keep foreign money out of our political process.**

- Dan Freund, Kapaa

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 7:57:39 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ruta Jordans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

One more way to keep foreign entities out of Hawaiian elections. Foreign influence does not always come directly—it often flows through domestic entities with foreign ownership. This bill closes that loophole by ensuring those entities cannot spend money in our elections.

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Please pass SB1032 SD2.

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 8:04:20 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello Chair Chris Todd, Vice Chair Scot Z. Matayoshi Takenouchi, and members of the Committee,

My name is Nanea Lo. I strongly support SB1032 SD2.

Foreign influence does not always come directly—it often flows through domestic entities with foreign ownership. This bill closes that loophole by ensuring those entities cannot spend money in our elections.

In Hawai‘i, where our economy is deeply connected to global investment and tourism, it is especially important to ensure that political power remains in the hands of the people who live here. Without clear guardrails, foreign-influenced corporations can indirectly shape our policies, priorities, and leadership through financial contributions—undermining the voices of local communities.

This measure is a proactive step to safeguard our democratic process. It increases transparency around election spending and helps ensure that decisions affecting Hawai‘i’s future are made by those who are rooted in and accountable to our communities.

It does not change who can participate as individuals. It simply protects our elections from outside financial influence.

This is about integrity, transparency, and public trust.

Please pass SB1032 SD2.

Me ke aloha ‘āina,  
 Nanea Lo, 96826  
 Sierra Club of Hawai‘i Member  
 Hawai‘i Workers Center Board Member  
 Clean Elections Hawai‘i Member  
 Honolulu Tenants Union Member  
 350 Hawai‘i Member  
 Carbon Cashback Hawai‘i Member  
 Hawai‘i Tax Fairness Coalition Member



**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 8:18:51 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Pamela Elders	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB1032 SD2.

Free and fair elections are threatening by foreign influence which often flows through domestic entities with foreign ownership. SB 1032 is designed to close that loophole by ensuring those entities cannot spend money in our elections.

Elections should reflect the will of the people. Undue foreign influence in legislative decision-making weakens trust in our process. People wonder if their opinion or their vote really matters. SB 1032 tips the scale to the people where it belongs.

It does not change who can participate as individuals. It simply protects our elections from outside financial influence.

This is about integrity, transparency, and public trust.

Please pass SB1032 SD2.

Mahalo

Your Name, Town

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 8:52:07 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marcia Kemble	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Greetings Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support of SB 1032 SD2, relating to campaign finance. Hawai'i's elections must reflect the voices of Hawai'i's people — not corporate interests shaped by foreign state actors or foreign capital. Current law leaves a loophole that allows foreign-influenced corporations to participate in political spending, which can undermine our democratic self-governance. By closing this loophole and protecting our elections from foreign influence, SB 1032 SD2 helps ensure that our democratic process remains fair, transparent, and determined by the people who live here.

Mahalo for your attention.

Marcia Kemblr

Makiki

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 10:10:22 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Serafina Gajate	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee,

I strongly support SB1032 SD2.

This is about integrity, transparency, and public trust.

Please pass SB1032 SD2.

Mahalo

Serafina Gajate

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 11:08:50 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lynn Muramaru	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee,

I strongly support SB1032 SD2.

Foreign influence does not always come directly—it often flows through domestic entities with foreign ownership. This bill closes that loophole by ensuring those entities cannot spend money in our elections.

From the last election, Hawai'i residents saw through the out-of-state super pac money that supported a candidate's failed election. Please continue to keep these financial backing from foreign entities, out of Hawai'i.

It does not change who can participate as individuals. It simply protects our elections from outside financial influence.

This is about integrity, transparency, and public trust.

Please pass SB1032 SD2.

Mahalo nui,

Lynn Muramaru, Honolulu

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 11:09:57 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB1032 SD2.

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Please pass SB1032 SD2.

Mahalo

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 11:16:14 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Beth McDermott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee,

I write in STRONG support SB1032 SD2.

Foreign influence does not always come directly—it often flows through domestic entities with foreign ownership. This bill closes that loophole by ensuring those entities cannot spend money in our elections.

Foreign corporations have no place in our democracy

Protect our elections from outside foreign influence please. We need our community to believe in the integrity of our election system, Now more than ever.

Please pass SB1032 SD2.

Mahalo

Beth McDermott

Honolulu

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/2/2026 3:16:56 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kimdonghyeon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee,

I strongly support SB1032 SD2.

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Please pass SB1032 SD2.

Mahalo

donghyeon kim

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/2/2026 6:01:16 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Melissa Barker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to ask that you support SB1032 SD2 which prohibits business entities with significant foreign ownership from making political contributions or expenditures in state elections.

It does not change who can participate as individuals. It simply protects our elections from outside financial influence.

We need integrity, transparency, and public trust in our elections.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Melissa Barker

Kapaa, HI

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/2/2026 7:31:30 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Noelle Lindenmann	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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This is about integrity, transparency, and public trust.

Please pass SB1032 SD2.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony,

Noelle Lindenmann, Kailua-Kona

**SB-1032-HD-1**

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Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Megan Deets	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Please pass SB1032 SD2.

Mahalo

Megan Deets, Kapaa, Kauai

**SB-1032-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/2/2026 9:39:35 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Susan Douglas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee,

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*{Insert additional comments here}*

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