



# HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

*Komikina Ho'opono Kulekele o Hawai'i Moku'āina*

Committee: Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Bill Number: SB 2247 SD1  
Hearing Date/Time: March 2, 2026, 10:02 a.m.  
Regarding: Testimony in Support

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Moriwaki, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of S.B. 2247 SD1. This measure would prohibit certain executive branch nominees to compensated, Senate-confirmed positions from engaging in specified campaign fundraising activities. The Legislature has recognized that public confidence in state government depends on assurance that procurement decisions are made free from political influence. Even absent actual misconduct, the perception that fundraising relationships could influence contract awards or contract management can undermine trust in the fairness and integrity of governmental decision-making. This measure proposes narrow restrictions to a defined group of senior executive branch officials whose roles likely affect procurement decisions.

The proposed safeguards are consistent with core ethics principles that governmental authority – particularly authority involving the expenditure of public funds – must remain independent from political financial considerations. Clear separation between **procurement authority** and **campaign fundraising** helps protect vendors, public officials, and the public from circumstances that could reasonably call the objectivity of contracting decisions into question.

For these reasons, the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission respectfully supports this measure as a targeted measure to reduce pay-to-play risk and strengthen public confidence in the State's public government.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony and for your consideration of this measure.

Very truly yours,

/S/ Robert D. Harris  
Robert D. Harris  
Executive Director and General Counsel



STATE OF HAWAII  
CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION

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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 27, 2026

TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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

SUBJECT: **Testimony on S.B. No. 2247, S.D.1, Relating to Political Fundraising by Executive Branch Employees.**  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Monday, March 2, 2026, at 10:02 a.m.  
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

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

This bill adds a new section to part II of Chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes prohibiting executive branch employees appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate from organizing, attending, hosting, or soliciting contributions for any political fundraiser for any candidate for elective office or from soliciting contributions from any individual or entity. The prohibition is effective from the date of Senate confirmation until the covered position ends. The Commission supports this bill which we believe will prevent “pay -to-play” practices, or at least the appearance of these practices and represents a step towards improving public confidence in government.

The Commission requests that this committee pass this measure.



**Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Supports SB2247 SD1  
Monday, March 2nd, 10:31 AM in Conference Room 211 & Videoconference**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action supports SB 2247, SD1, relating to political fundraising by executive branch employees.

Public confidence in government depends on knowing that procurement and contract decisions are made free from political influence. When high-level executive branch employees with authority over state contracts participate in political fundraising, it creates at minimum the appearance of pay-to-play politics. That perception alone erodes public trust.

SB 2247 is narrowly tailored. It applies only to Governor-nominated, Senate-confirmed executive branch employees in compensated positions and prohibits them from organizing, hosting, attending, or soliciting funds for political fundraisers. It does not restrict their right to vote, make personal political contributions, or express political opinions as private citizens.

The fiscal implications of this bill are minimal. It places a behavioral restriction on a small, clearly defined group of officials and does not require new infrastructure, staffing, or significant administrative resources to implement.

The cost of inaction, however, is far greater. Pay-to-play dynamics, whether real or perceived, undermine the integrity of public procurement and ultimately cost the people of Hawai'i far more than any administrative burden this bill might create.

We respectfully urge support for SB 2247, SD1.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Frederick', is positioned above the typed name.

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



Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Maki Morinoue, and I strongly support **SB2247**.

Public trust is the foundation of democracy. When executive branch officials who oversee procurement and state contracts participate in political fundraising, it creates a dangerous perception — whether intentional or not — of pay-to-play politics. Even the appearance of impropriety erodes confidence in government.

SB2247 is a straightforward, common-sense reform. It prohibits certain executive branch employees — those nominated or appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and who may influence contracts or procurement — from engaging in political fundraising. This is not about limiting free speech. It is about protecting the integrity of public service.

When the same officials responsible for awarding contracts are also raising campaign money, the public reasonably questions whether decisions are based on merit or political access. Vendors may feel pressured. Competitors may feel shut out. Communities lose faith.

Good governance requires clear boundaries.

SB2247 helps:

- Reduce the risk of conflicts of interest
- Protect procurement from political influence
- Strengthen public confidence in contract decisions
- Demonstrate that Hawai'i values transparency and fairness

This bill does not accuse anyone of wrongdoing. It prevents the conditions that allow corruption to take root.

If we want to rebuild trust in government, we must eliminate systems that invite doubt. Hawai'i deserves leadership that is above reproach — where contracts are awarded based on public good, not political proximity.

Please pass SB2247 and take a meaningful step toward restoring integrity in government.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Maki Morinoue, HULI PAC, Hawai'i Island

**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.

**SB-2247-SD-1**

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

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

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

Comments:

SUPPORT

**SB-2247-SD-1**

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

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

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

Comments:

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**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/25/2026 1:01:58 PM

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

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*

**SB-2247-SD-1**

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

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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

**SB-2247-SD-1**

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

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

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

Comments:

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

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

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

**SB-2247-SD-1**

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

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Charlene K. Rowley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo,

Charlene Kiana Rowley, Kula Maui

**SB-2247-SD-1**

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

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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

**SB-2247-SD-1**

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

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 11:57:16 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ANDREW ISODA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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*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.*

*{Insert additional comments here}*

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

*Mahalo,*

*Andrew Isoda  
Lahaina, Mau'i*

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 1:05:08 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ted Bohlen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 1:53:27 PM

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

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

Comments:

Please support.

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 3:51:58 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 5:37:01 PM

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

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

Comments:

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

*I urge you to support SB 2247.*

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

*Thank you*

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 8:55:59 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
C.Yamamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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*{Insert additional comments here}*

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

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 10:11:43 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 10:54:01 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/27/2026 8:21:50 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yvette Kay	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

*I am writing in support of SB 2247.*

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

*Mahalo,*

*Yvette Kay*

*Kailua Kona, HI*

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/27/2026 1:45:15 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2026 10:02:00 AM

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

Comments:

SUPPORT!

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/27/2026 2:39:06 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2026 10:02:00 AM

<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 support of SB2247 SD1. When officials who oversee contracts or procurement participate in campaign fundraising activities, it can create the appearance of pay-to-play politics, even if no wrongdoing occurs. This bill creates guardrails so this does not take place. Mahalo for your consideration.

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/27/2026 4:10:20 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2026 10:02:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amara Karuna	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, 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.*

*Please support this important bill.*

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

*Mahalo*

*Amara Karuna, Pahoa, HI*

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/27/2026 4:29:45 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2026 10:02:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Diane Ware	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

*I am writing in support of SB 2247. I am very concerned about ethics and pay to play at legislature and in government in general.*

*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*

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

*Mahalo,*

*Diane Ware*

*Volcano HI 96785 Moku o Ka'u*

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 12:58:29 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2026 10:02:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Von Kaanaana	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good governance starts with fair play. Pay to play politics in Hawai'i need to end and our representatives need to be held accountable for unfair approach to democracy.

SB 2247 prohibits certain executive branch employees who are nominated or appointed by the Governor that require Senate confirmation and who may have influence over procurement and state contracts from participating in political fundraising activities.

When officials who oversee contracts or procurement participate in campaign fundraising activities, it can create the appearance of pay-to-play politics, even if no wrongdoing occurs.

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 4:10:37 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2026 10:02:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tanya Aynessazian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in strong support of SB2247.

This bill is a simple, common-sense safeguard to protect public trust. When executive branch officials participate in political fundraising, it creates the appearance of pay-to-play politics — even if no actual wrongdoing occurs. That perception alone is damaging.

No developer or contractor should ever feel that writing a campaign check could influence access to a state contract. And the public should never have reason to question whether public dollars are being awarded based on merit or political connections.

SB2247 draws a clear and narrow line. It applies only to those executive branch employees who require Senate confirmation and who have influence over procurement and contracts.

Ethics laws are not only about preventing corruption — they are about preserving confidence in our institutions. This bill is a preventive guardrail that strengthens integrity before problems arise.

I respectfully urge your support.

To: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means

From: Veronica Moore, Individual Citizen

Date: March 1, 2026

RE: Senate Bill 2247 SD1  
Measure Title: RELATING TO POLITICAL FUNDRAISING BY EXECUTIVE  
BRANCH EMPLOYEES.  
Report Title: State Ethics Commission Package; Contributions; Solicitation

To All Concerned,

My name is Veronica Moore and I support Senate Bill 2247 SD1. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Veronica M. Moore

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 11:55:06 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2026 10:02:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Regina Gregory	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

support

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 8:13:30 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2026 10:02:00 AM

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

Comments:

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

I am writing in support of SB 2247.

Please support this bill which 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.

This bill helps stop the graft.

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

Mahalo,

Susan Bambara, Kurtistown

**SB-2247-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/2/2026 12:25:11 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2026 10:02:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gregory Misakian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2247 SD1.

Gregory Misakian