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TESTIMONY BY SETH S. COLBY, Ph.D.
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2248, S.D. 1

March 2, 2026
10:31 a.m.
Room 211 and Videoconference

RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) opposes this bill. The bill amends Section 84-17, HRS, to require all persons nominated for any position subject to Senate confirmation to file a financial disclosure statement no later than five days after being nominated for said position. The financial disclosure statements would be considered public records available for inspection and duplication.

This proposal is overly broad in the context of uncompensated volunteers. B&F has concerns that if passed, this measure will discourage qualified individuals from volunteering to serve on State boards and commissions.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
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March 2, 2026

To: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair,
The Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date: Monday, March 2, 2026
Time: 10:31 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Jade T. Butay, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: S.B. 2248 S.D. 1 RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

The **DLIR respectfully opposes** this measure due to its practical impact on the recruitment and governance of state boards and commissions. The Department appreciates the intent to strengthen transparency and reinforce confidence in the appointments process.

Advisory board and commission members are not currently required to file financial disclosure statements under §84-17. The Department has forty such members serving on a variety of boards in an unpaid, voluntary capacity as a form of civic service. These individuals typically maintain full-time employment and significant professional responsibilities while contributing their expertise to the State.

Under this measure, any nominee for a position subject to Senate confirmation, including advisory members, would be required to file an initial financial disclosure statement within five days of nomination and prior to confirmation, with that information made publicly accessible. This requirement represents a substantial new obligation for private citizens who are not career public officials and who have not previously been subject to public financial reporting. It also raises reasonable privacy concerns for individuals considering service.

This concern is particularly relevant for boards with statutory composition requirements that rely heavily on private-sector participation. The State Workforce Development Council (WDC), established under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and HRS Chapter 202, must include a majority of business representatives along with members from labor, education, and community organizations. These individuals are selected specifically because of their active leadership in industry, workforce development, and community institutions.

To address the practical realities of appointing members to such a large, federally prescribed body, a 2016 state law provides that until the Council reaches its full forty-one members, sixteen members shall constitute a quorum (HRS §202-1).

To date, the WDC has yet to reach its full complement of forty-one members. Even with this flexibility, the WDC has historically faced challenges maintaining full membership and meeting quorum due to its size and mandated representation categories. Requiring nominees to publicly disclose detailed financial information prior to confirmation may further discourage private-sector participation, particularly among individuals who prefer not to make sensitive business or investment information public.

Similar concerns apply to the Hawaii Retirement Savings Board (HRSB), established under Act 296, SLH 2022 to implement the State's retirement savings program. The HRSB must recruit members with financial, actuarial, and fiduciary expertise. Individuals with such backgrounds often maintain substantial personal investments or business interests. Public disclosure requirements imposed before confirmation may deter well-qualified candidates at a formative stage of program development.

At a time when recruitment for public service is already challenging, particularly for roles requiring specialized expertise, the proposed changes may further narrow the pool of willing and qualified nominees. For these reasons, the DLIR respectfully opposes this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important matter.

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STATE PARKS

**Testimony of
RYAN K.P. KANAKA'OLE
Acting Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Monday, March 2, 2026
10:31 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2248, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES**

Senate Bill 2248, Senate Draft 1 proposes to expand the scope of persons who are required to file financial disclosures to include certain gubernatorial nominees subject to Senate confirmation. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments.**

This measure provides that persons nominated to a position subject to Senate confirmation, excluding state court justices and judges, shall file initial financial disclosure statements prior to their first confirmation hearing. The Department is concerned that this measure may have a chilling effect on potential applicants for membership of boards and commissions affiliated with or administratively attached to the Department. Board and commission members are already statutorily required to file financial disclosures which are public records. Requiring applicants to open their finances to public scrutiny prior to Senate confirmation may discourage applicants and further narrow the pool of qualified individuals willing to serve in what are often demanding and contentious volunteer positions.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Monday, March 02, 2026

10:31 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211 and Videoconference

With Comments

Senate Bill No. 2248, SD1, Relating to Financial Disclosures

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

The Office of the Governor provides comments on S.B. No. 2248, SD1, Relating to Financial Disclosures. This measure requires nominees subject to Senate confirmation to file financial disclosures prior to their confirmation hearings or shortly after appointment, thereby narrowing the timeframe within which such disclosures must be submitted.

The Office of the Governor believes that this measure may have potential adverse effects on the recruitment of gubernatorial nominees who are subject to confirmation. The pool of qualified candidates is often limited, and imposing additional timing requirements for financial disclosures could create an undue burden on the nomination and confirmation process.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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

Committee: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Bill Number: SB 2248 SD1
Hearing Date/Time: March 2, 2026, 10:02 a.m.
Re: Testimony in Support of SB 2248 SD1

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2248 SD1, which promotes governmental transparency and strengthens public confidence in the State's appointments process by requiring nominees subject to Senate confirmation to file financial disclosure statements **before** their confirmation hearings.

Under current law, many appointed officials are not required to file financial disclosures until **after** their appointment, which can delay disclosure until after confirmation proceedings have concluded. This timing limits the public's ability to review and provide input on perceived conflicts of interest. SB 2248 SD1 corrects this gap by requiring nominees to submit disclosures within a short timeframe after nomination or before the first confirmation hearing, thereby enabling meaningful public review and informed legislative consideration.

The measure also advances consistency, clarity, and enforceability in Hawai'i's financial disclosure framework. By extending disclosure requirements to nominees for Senate-confirmed positions and ensuring more uniform reporting standards, this measure helps establish clearer expectations and more effective oversight of reported financial interests. The bill further provides nominees with clear standards for compliance, along with guidance and support in completing required financial disclosures, helping reduce confusion and promote accurate reporting. At the same time, the measure strengthens enforcement mechanisms in cases of omission or noncompliance, ensuring that disclosure requirements are meaningful and consistently applied..

In addition, the bill makes important technical amendments to Hawai'i's disclosure laws and helps ensure transparency about legislative income from lobbyists and lobbying organizations, thereby supporting the integrity of the legislative process and public confidence in governmental decision-making.

February 27, 2026

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Financial disclosure requirements are a cornerstone of ethical governance. They help identify potential conflicts of interest, promote accountability, and reinforce public trust in government. Requiring disclosures prior to confirmation ensures that transparency meaningfully informs the confirmation process rather than occurring only after the fact.

For these reasons, the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission respectfully urges the Committee to **pass SB 2248 SD1**.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

/S/ Robert D. Harris

Robert D. Harris

Executive Director and General Counsel

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**TESTIMONY OF
GARY S. SUGANUMA, DIRECTOR OF TAXATION**

TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. No. 2248, S.D.1, Relating to Financial Disclosures

BEFORE THE:

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Monday, March 2, 2026

TIME: 10:02 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 211

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

The Department of Taxation (DOTAX) offers the following comments regarding S.B. 2248, S.D.1, for your consideration.

S.B. 2248, S.D.1, amends section 84-17(b) through (d), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), by adding language requiring nominees for State positions that are subject to Senate confirmation, other than state court justices and judges, to file financial disclosure statements no later than five days after nomination or before the first confirmation hearing, whichever occurs first, and subjects the financial disclosure statements to public inspection and duplication.

The bill has an effective date of January 1, 2027.

DOTAX notes that finding qualified candidates to serve on boards and commissions can be challenging. Although DOTAX appreciates the intent of this bill, the expanded financial disclosure requirements may discourage qualified candidates from serving, especially on boards and commissions that are comprised of uncompensated volunteers such as the Tax Review Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.



**Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Supports SB2248 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 2248, SD1, relating to financial disclosures.

Public confidence in the appointments process depends on transparency. Under current law, financial disclosure statements for gubernatorial nominees are often not available until after their confirmation hearings have already taken place. That means the public and senators are being asked to evaluate nominees without full access to information about potential conflicts of interest.

SB 2248 addresses this directly. It requires nominees to positions subject to Senate confirmation to file financial disclosure statements no later than five days before their first confirmation hearing. It also updates legislative disclosure requirements to align with existing lobbyist reporting standards.

The fiscal impact of this bill is minimal. It requires no new infrastructure or significant administrative resources. It simply adjusts the timeline for disclosures that are already required by law.

The cost of maintaining the status quo is far greater. When conflicts of interest go unexamined before confirmation, the public loses its most meaningful opportunity to weigh in. SB 2248 ensures that transparency happens when it can actually make a difference.

We respectfully urge support for SB 2248, 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 am testifying on behalf of HULI PAC. HULI PAC is a grassroots organization dedicated to endorsing and supporting leaders of integrity who prioritize the 'āina and people of Hawai'i Island.

HULI PAC strongly supports **SB2248**.

SB2248 is a straightforward but powerful transparency reform. It requires gubernatorial nominees who are subject to Senate confirmation — except judges — to file their financial disclosure statements **before** their confirmation hearings. This closes a clear loophole in current law, where disclosures may become public only after hearings have already taken place.

Transparency must come **before power is granted, not after**. Senators and the public deserve the opportunity to review potential financial conflicts before a confirmation vote. Without timely disclosure, meaningful vetting is weakened, and public trust suffers.

SB2248 ensures that nominees who may oversee state policy, contracts, or regulatory decisions are transparent about their financial interests from the outset. This is not about suspicion — it is about good governance and preventing conflicts before they arise.

The bill also makes modest, technical updates to align legislative disclosure requirements with information already reported in lobbyist expenditure reports. This improves consistency, clarity, and accountability without creating unnecessary burden.

Public service requires public trust. SB2248 strengthens that trust by ensuring openness at the front end of the confirmation process.

Please pass SB2248 and reaffirm Hawai'i's commitment to transparency and integrity in government.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Maki Morinoue
HULI PAC
Hawai'i Island

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 9:34:05 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruta Jordans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

"The purpose of this Act is to promote governmental transparency and strengthen public confidence in the State's appointments process by requiring that nominees to certain state positions requiring senate confirmation file financial disclosure statements prior to their confirmation hearings." If we want to strengthen public confidence in our legislators this bill is vitally important. Please support SB2248.

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2026 11:35:07 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 SB2248**, which would require gubernatorial nominees subject to Senate confirmation—except judges—to file financial disclosure statements **before** their confirmation hearings. This bill closes a significant transparency loophole and aligns disclosure requirements across branches of government.

Currently, disclosures often become public after confirmation hearings have already occurred. This means that senators and the public are asked to evaluate a nominee's fitness for office without access to information about potential conflicts of interest, financial entanglements, or outside commitments. By the time disclosures are released, the confirmation vote may already be a foregone conclusion. SB2248 fixes this by ensuring that financial disclosures are available **before** hearings begin—giving both decision-makers and the public the information they need to make informed judgments.

Timely disclosure is essential to meaningful oversight. Confirmation hearings are not mere formalities; they are opportunities to scrutinize whether a nominee is qualified, independent, and free from undue influence. Financial disclosure is a cornerstone of that scrutiny. Delaying it until after the hearing renders the process backward: asking questions without answers, then providing answers after the questions have already been asked.

The bill also aligns legislators' disclosure requirements with information already reported in lobbyist expenditure reports. This improves consistency and clarity across our ethics and transparency laws. When reporting requirements are mismatched, conflicts can slip through the cracks. By harmonizing these standards, SB2248 ensures that both sides of the lobbying relationship—those seeking influence and those in a position to grant it—are held to comparable disclosure standards.

Transparency is not a burden; it is the price of public trust. Nominees for high-level positions should expect to have their backgrounds and interests examined. That examination should happen in the light, not after the fact. SB2248 simply ensures that the public's right to know is exercised **before** a lifetime appointment or major policy role is confirmed.

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

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2026 12:24:59 PM

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

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

Comments:

SUPPORT

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2026 12:57:52 PM

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

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

Comments:

TY!

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2026 1:04:11 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 Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and Members of the Committee,

I am in strong support of SB2248

This is a straightforward fix for transparency. It makes sure financial disclosures are available before confirmation hearings, when they matter most. This strengthens public trust, improves legislative oversight, and aligns disclosure rules with information already reported elsewhere.

Mahalo!

Georgia Hoopes, Kalaheo

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2026 5:13:31 PM

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

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

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, STRONGLY SUPPORT

2248 SB RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES.

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 7:11:05 AM

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

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

Comments:

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

I am in strong support of SB2248.

This is a straightforward fix for transparency. It makes sure financial disclosures are available before confirmation hearings, when they matter most. This strengthens public trust, improves legislative oversight, and aligns disclosure rules with information already reported elsewhere.

Strengthening public trust is something that is needed at this time, please support this bill.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony,

Noelle Lindenmann, Kailua-Kona

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 8:07:09 AM

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

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

Comments:

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

I am in strong support of SB2248

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Mahalo,

Charlene Kiana Rowley, Kula Maui

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 11:59:25 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:

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

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Mahalo,

*Andrew Isoda
Lahaina, Mau'i*

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 1:06:29 PM

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

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

Comments:

SUPPORT

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 1:54:31 PM

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

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

Comments:

Please support

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 5:38:44 PM

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

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,

I urge you to support SB2248

This is a straightforward fix for transparency. It makes sure financial disclosures are available before confirmation hearings, when they matter most. This strengthens public trust, improves legislative oversight, and aligns disclosure rules with information already reported elsewhere.

Thank you

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 9:30:52 PM

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

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

Comments:

I am in strong support of SB2248.

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SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 10:16:48 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

This is a no-brainer. Why would you wait till after confirmation hearings to learn what you needed to know going into the hearings?

mahalo,

Cory Harden, Hilo

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SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2026 10:58:35 PM

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

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

Comments:

Aloha, Senators,

Please vote for SB2248 SD1 so that full financial disclosures will be available to all, including legislators, in advance of any confirmation hearings. In this way, legislators will be able to see any conflicts of interest before confirming any candidate.

Mahalo,

Eileen Cain,

Honolulu

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2026 8:23:36 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 in strong support of SB2248

This is a straightforward fix for transparency. It makes sure financial disclosures are available before confirmation hearings, when they matter most. This strengthens public trust, improves legislative oversight, and aligns disclosure rules with information already reported elsewhere.

Mahalo,

Yvette Kay

Kailua Kona, HI

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2026 11:29:36 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcia Kemble	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Greetings Committee Members,

I am in strong support of SB2248. This is a straightforward fix for transparency. It makes sure financial disclosures are available before confirmation hearings, when they matter most. This strengthens public trust, improves legislative oversight, and aligns disclosure rules with information already reported elsewhere.

Mahalo for your attention.

Marcia Kemble

Makiki

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2026 1:44:30 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Brandt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT!

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2026 1:52:08 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in support of SB2248 SD1 because I believe that transparency before confirmation is common sense and a vital part of a representational democracy. Mahalo for your consideration.

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2026 4:12:15 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 in strong support of SB2248

This is a straightforward fix for transparency. It makes sure financial disclosures are available before confirmation hearings, when they matter most. This strengthens public trust, improves legislative oversight, and aligns disclosure rules with information already reported elsewhere.

Transparency is important to me.

Mahalo,

Amara Karuna, Pahoa, HI

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2026 4:33:53 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diane Ware	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am in strong support of SB2248 to increase ethical standards.

This is a straightforward fix for transparency. It makes sure financial disclosures are available before confirmation hearings, when they matter most. This strengthens public trust, improves legislative oversight, and aligns disclosure rules with information already reported elsewhere.

Mahalo,

Volcano HI 96785-0698

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 4:12:50 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tanya Aynessazian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a basic transparency step. It makes sure financial disclosures are available before confirmation hearings, when they're most needed. Why aren't we doing this already?

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 7:03:31 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Culbertson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am in strong support of SB2248

This is a straightforward fix for transparency. It makes sure financial disclosures are available before confirmation hearings, when they matter most. This strengthens public trust, improves legislative oversight, and aligns disclosure rules with information already reported elsewhere.

Sincerely,

R A Culbertson

Honokaa

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 2248 SD1
Measure Title: RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES.
Report Title: State Ethics Commission Package; Financial Disclosures;
Requirements

To All Concerned,

My name is Veronica Moore and I support Senate Bill 2248 SD1. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Veronica M. Moore

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 11:54:31 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Regina Gregory	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

support

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 8:16:49 PM

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

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

Comments:

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

I am in strong support of SB2248

This is a straightforward fix for transparency. It makes sure financial disclosures are available before confirmation hearings, when they matter most. This strengthens public trust, improves legislative oversight, and aligns disclosure rules with information already reported elsewhere.

Honest, transparent government is a right and an honor to uphold. Please support this bill.

Mahalo,

Susan Bambara, Kurtistown

SB-2248-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/2/2026 12:27:22 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Greg Misakian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2248 SD1.

Gregory Misakian