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TO: The Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Kristin Izumi-Nitao, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: **Testimony on S.B. No. 2532, Relating to the Campaign Spending
Commission's Electronic Filing System.**
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Friday, February 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.¹ The Campaign Spending Commission ("Commission") supports this bill.

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

The Commission requests that this Committee pass this bill.

¹ The companion bill is S.B. No. 2054.



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SB2532 – Pertaining to Electronic Filing
TESTIMONY

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

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters Hawaii strongly supports SB2532, which would require electronic filing of key campaign finance activities including:

- Electronic filing forms (before filing organizational reports)
- Termination reports (disclosing final contributions and expenditures)
- Loan documents (instead of mailing/delivering copies)
- Fundraiser notices (notice of intent to hold fundraisers)
- Statements of intent to seek qualifying contributions for public funding
- Qualifying campaign contribution statements

Electronic filing in 2026 is a no-brainer that enhances transparency. SB2532 is a common-sense modernization that would enable the Campaign Spending Commission to incorporate submitted information more efficiently and quickly, supporting the public's right to know.

The League of Women Voters has long championed electronic filing requirements. In 2018, it was instrumental in requiring the U.S. Senate to file electronically with the Federal Election Commission, recognizing that electronic filing ensures transparency and increases access for voters to determine funding for candidates.

We note that all agencies would need to update their electronic systems periodically, and that requires the public to adjust.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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