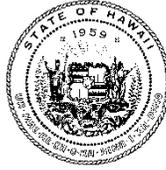


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March 12, 2026

TO: The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

The Honorable Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair
House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

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

SUBJECT: **Testimony on S.B. No. 2532, Relating to the Campaign Spending
Commission's Electronic Filing System.**
House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 325 & Videoconference

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

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

The Commission requests that this Committee pass this bill.



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SB2532 – Pertaining to Electronic Filing
TESTIMONY

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

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, 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

This bill passed the full Senate Committee on Ways and Means with a unanimous 13-0 vote, reflecting broad, bipartisan recognition that this is a common-sense modernization of Hawaii's campaign finance system. We urge the House to see it through.

Electronic filing in 2026 enhances transparency and enables 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, the League was instrumental in requiring the U.S. Senate to file electronically with the Federal Election Commission, recognizing that electronic filing ensures transparency and increases voter access to information about candidate funding.

We respectfully urge this Committee to pass SB2532 and send it to the Governor.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2026 4:27:39 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Mahalo for supporting this measure.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2026 10:05:42 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in support of SB2532 because it creates clarity for the updated policy. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2026 12:28:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cristina Holt	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and members of the Committee,

My name is Tina Holt and I am submitting testimony in support of SB2532.

Requiring electronic filing for campaign finance forms is a common-sense modernization. It means faster processing, fewer errors, and better public access to campaign finance data. The Campaign Spending Commission is asking for this upgrade themselves, and we should give them the tools they need to do their job effectively.

I urge the committee to pass SB2532. Mahalo.