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TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, 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 H.B. No. 1473, Relating to Campaign Finance.**

Tuesday, March 1, 2016
11:02 a.m., Conference Room 308

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

This measure proposes to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §11-381(a)(6) by deleting the authorization for a candidate to use campaign funds to purchase two tickets to another candidate's fundraising events. In place of the deleted language, the measure would allow a candidate to use campaign funds to make contributions to another candidate up to the contribution limits established by HRS §11-357. This measure thus removes the only condition (i.e., have a fundraiser with tickets issued) imposed upon a candidate in order to receive campaign funds contributed to another candidate. This use of campaign funds already goes against the public policy established in HRS §11-382(1) which prohibits the use of campaign funds to support another candidate, which of course this measure also seeks to amend.

If this Committee intends on passing this measure, the bill should be amended by adding a Section 3 that provides:

"SECTION 3. Section 11-342, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a subsection (d) as follows:

'(d) The notice of intent to hold a fundraiser for a candidate or candidate committee, and any materials used to promote a fundraiser for a candidate or candidate committee, must include a disclaimer that contributions received by the candidate may be used by that candidate to make contributions to other candidates.'"

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The Commission requests that this Committee hold this measure, or in the alternative, to pass it with the proposed amendment to HRS §11-342 so that it is clear to potential contributors that their contributions to a candidate may in fact go to other candidates, who may not directly represent the contributors.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
christine trecker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am quite certain that I speak for many campaign donors by opposing this bill's amendment to the HRS, Section 11-381 relating to how candidates can use their campaign funds. When I donate money to a candidate it is that candidate alone that I want to benefit. Under no circumstances would I logically assume or want that candidate to use my contribution to his or her campaign to support another candidate committee of their choosing. I urge you to oppose HB 1473.

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