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Comments:

PLEASE PASS THIS BILL.

We need more transparency in financing of election campaigns. Whenever laws and political decisions don't make sense, I tell myself, "Follow the money." Mystery solved.

Why do people (human or corporate) give money to politicians? We expect them to pass laws in our best interests.

I want to know what moneyed interests are backing which candidates. Now that money can "talk" freely to influence our elections, I want to know: Is their money from corporate persons? Rich private individuals? Or from lots of little human citizens like me? I want to know.

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Comments:

Transparency for Independent Campaign Expenditures. HB2376 is a big step in improving transparency for money in politics. We know this is going to be a big year for campaign spending, and here in Hawaii, corporations and Super PACs are already registering for 2012. Unfortunately Hawaii's disclosure laws are out of date in the new post-Citizens United v. FEC era, and we deserve to know where all this money is coming from and where it is going. This bill will require more "persons" to report their campaign spending, improve the reporting by noncandidate committees (PACs and SuperPACs), add late expenditure reports to shine light on money spent just before an election, and improve the disclosures at the end of campaign advertisements.