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TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

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

SUBJECT: **Testimony on S.C.R. No. 40, S.D. 1, Requesting the Campaign Spending Commission to Study and make Recommendations regarding a \$250 Cap on Campaign Contributions and on Establishing a Process for the Refunding of Campaign Contributions**

Thursday, April 16, 2015
2:00 p.m., Conference Room 325

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. The Campaign Spending Commission ("Commission") believes that the legislation that the proposed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 40 ultimately seeks may be unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable. Thus, if this resolution passes, as part of the study required, the Commission will seek an opinion from the Attorney General regarding potential legislation concerning the matters to be studied.

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kellen Smith	Wai'anae Neighborhood Board Hawaiian Affairs Committee Chair	Support	No

Comments: Aloha members of the Judiciary Committee, I would like to offer an amendment to this resolution that I am supporting. Please include the following language, "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any contributor to a political candidate shall not receive a contract from the State; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT no politicians shall sit on the board of directors or hold employment with any organizations or corporations that make a contribution to that candidate." Mahalo nui loa for your time, Kellen Smith Hawaiian Affairs Committee Chair for the Wai'anae Neighborhood Board