



House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair
Honorable Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair

RE: Testimony with Comments on H.B. 2106, Relating to Financial Disclosures
Hearing: February 19, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ben Creps. I am a staff attorney at the Public First Law Center, a nonprofit organization that promotes open government in Hawai`i.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony with comments **supporting the intent** of H.B. 2106 and **recommending a clarifying amendment**.

As written, the inclusion of “commissions, and agencies” at page 8, line 3 may cause confusion about the subject of the disclosure requirement – the Agribusiness Development Corporation, for example, is an agency. We thus recommend removing that language.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify with comments on H.B. 2106.

