



Senate Committee on Judiciary
Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

RE: Testimony with Comments on S.B. 2246, Relating to Financial Disclosures
Hearing: February 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.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 S.B. 2246 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 S.B. 2246.

