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**TAKAMINE NEVER FACED FINANCE VIOLATION**

The finding of the Campaign Spending Commission made clear the Friends of Dwight Takamine campaign committee followed the law, and there were not any grounds for a violation. The assertion of wrongdoing, held out as fact, proved inaccurate because the Takamine campaign had in fact self-reported and returned a contribution from the Iron Workers Local 625 within the required 30-day window when it was discovered that a donation had inadvertently exceeded allowable limits.

“I was taken aback after seeing the headlines that the campaign faced violations since we had never been placed under investigation with respect to the handling of the inadvertent, excess contribution by the Iron Workers Local 625 or any other concern for that matter,” stated Curtis Takai, campaign treasurer for the organization. “The Takamine campaign strongly believes in both the spirit and the letter of campaign finance rules, including the transparency that the law seeks to promote,” said Takai.

“It’s unfortunate that the newspaper stories that were printed and the headlines that were used were not accurate. While we cannot undo all the harm that was done, we remain committed to running a fair and positive campaign, putting the interests of the people first,” said Dwight Takamine.

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The Friends of Dwight Takamine is the campaign organization supporting Democratic Representative Dwight Takamine’s bid for the State Senate in District One on Hawai‘i Island

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