

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 467
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B.
No. 467 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II OF
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to propose an amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution to allow the Legislature to enact laws establishing limitations on moneys expended by any independent expenditure committee to influence the outcome of a state election.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Americans for Democratic Action Hawai'i and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission.

Your Committee finds that large political action committees can spend large amounts of money to effect the outcome of a state election. Your Committee further finds that due to the structure and considerable financial resources of these organizations, their spending on state elections should be limited. This measure will curb the spending of noncandidate committees that do not have contribution and expenditure limits.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that this measure proposes an amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution to allow the State to limit moneys expended by any noncandidate committee making only independent expenditures to influence the outcome of a state election;
- (2) Specifying that the question on the ballot be "Shall the Hawaii State Constitution be amended to allow the Legislature to enact laws establishing limitations on moneys expended by any noncandidate committee making only independent expenditures to influence the outcome of a state election?"; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 467, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 467, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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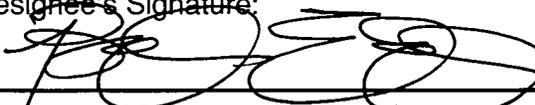
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)				✓
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	4	-	-	1

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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