

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1144

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2025

**FEB 28**

RE: H.B. No. 370

H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 370, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARTIAL PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the maximum amount of funds available to candidates who qualify to participate in the partial public financing program;
- (2) Adjust the minimum amount of qualifying contributions certain candidates must receive to participate in the partial public financing program;
- (3) Increase the matching fund payments to candidates in the partial public financing program for excess qualifying contributions; and
- (4) Appropriate funds to increase the amount of funds available in the partial public financing program and for the Campaign Spending Commission to hire more staff to address the anticipated increase in participation in the financing program.

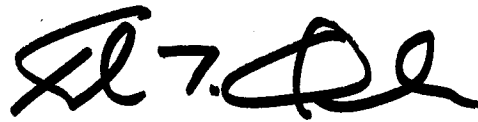


Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the League of Women Voters of Hawaii; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Kauai Women's Caucus; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Campaign Spending Commission.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the maximum amount of funds available to candidates who qualify to participate in the partial public financing program to unspecified percentages of the expenditure limit.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 370, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 370, H.D. 2.

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



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KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 370, HD1		Committee Referral: JHA, FIN		Date: 2/25/25	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
FIN Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)		/			
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)		/			
3. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada		/			
4. HOLT, Daniel		/			
5. HUSSEY, Ikaika		/			
6. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L.		/			
7. KITAGAWA, Lisa		/			
8. KUSCH, Matthias					/
9. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.		/			
10. LEE, Mike		/			
11. MIYAKE, Tyson K.		/			
12. MORIKAWA, Dee		/			
13. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann		/			
14. ALCOS III, David		/		/	
15. REYES ODA, Julie		/			/
16. WARD, Gene					/
TOTAL (16)		12	0	1	3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____					
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