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STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 289

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 289 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ETHICS ADMINISTRATIVE FINES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish uniform provisions for the assessment of administrative penalties under the State Ethics Code and Lobbyist Law.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission, one member of the Kaua'i County Council, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that it is in the public interest to have an efficient and timely resolution of ethics and lobbying cases. Timely resolution of matters before the Ethics Commission promotes the fair adjudication of rights and public transparency. This measure demonstrates the Legislature's commitment to preserving the public's confidence in government institutions while minimizing the burden on respondents and any potential waste of state resources.

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. 289 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

Hal Rhook

KARL RHOADS, Chair

The Senate Thirty-Third Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary JDC

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SB 289	JDC			1/30/25	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)		V			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)					
CHANG, Stanley			/		
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