STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2556

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 - 2006

RE: S.B. No. 1061

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1061 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit lobbyists who lobby the legislature, the principal, client, or agent of such a lobbyist, and a political action committee on which the lobbyist sits from making a contribution to a member of the legislature, the governor, and lieutenant governor while the legislature is in session.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Hawaii State Ethics Commission, the League of Women Voters, and Life of the Land.

Your Committee finds that this measure will increase public confidence in the legislature and the state government by decreasing the appearance of "quid pro quo" arrangements between lobbyists and legislators. This will enhance public trust in government and help eliminate actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

Your Committee further finds that this measure should withstand constitutional challenges for free speech and equal protection because the limitation in this measure is only during the legislative session and is not a complete ban, but rather a proper limitation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1061 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 and Hawaiian Affairs,

COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*	Committee Referral:		Date:	1 . /	
SB 1061	JHW		2	124/	06
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is to:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit (2312) (2311) (2310) (2313)					
Members		Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
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HEE, Clayton (VC)					
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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^{*}Do <u>not</u> list more than one measure per Record of Votes.