

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2252
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, to
which was referred S.B. No. 2252 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enact requirements for
ballot issue committees' contributions and expenditures.

This measure also:

- (1) Defines "automated phone call", and clarifies the definitions of "advertisement" and "ballot issue committee";
- (2) Deletes the requirement that the Campaign Spending Commission adopt a code of fair campaign practices as part of its rules;
- (3) Clarifies the requirements for monetary contributions deposited into a depository institution;
- (4) Imposes limits on corporate contributions and expenditures to the company's noncandidate committee;
- (5) Changes to "fines" all references to "penalties" in the provisions relating to violations of reporting and advertising requirements, clarifies that the imposition



of these fines are discretionary, and clarifies the limits of those fines; and

- (6) Requires certain information required under existing law to be included on every web page containing an advertisement and to be stated at the beginning of automated phone calls.

Your Committee received written testimony in support of this measure from one state agency, one nonprofit entity, and one community entity. Partial opposition was received from one political entity. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that this measure is intended to update campaign spending laws to keep abreast with current issues relating to campaign financing, particularly with regard to ballot issue committees and automated phone calls which are currently unregulated.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting section 5, relating to campaign contribution limits from corporations and companies, as this issue is addressed in another measure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2252, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2252, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Government Operations,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.: SB 2252	Committee Referral: JGO	Date: 2/22/10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (VC)	✓			
BUNDA, Robert				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes