Honolulu, Hawaii **EbMAY 28** 2013 RE: H.B. No. 208 H.D. 1

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 208, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOBBYISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow the imposition of penalties on lobbyists for the failure to file a required statement or report or for negligently filing a statement or report containing a material omission or false statement.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Hawaii State Ethics Commission, the League of Women Voters-Hawaii, and a concerned individual.

Your Committee finds that the current law requires a lobbyist to act wilfully in order to be subject to penalty, and thus conceivably allows a lobbyist to claim ignorance of the requirement to file a statement or report of the lobbyist's activities and avoid any penalties. Your Committee finds that deleting the requirement that a lobbyist act wilfully in order to be subject to penalty allows for more transparency in government.

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. 208, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral: Date:			
HB208 HD1	JUD, FIN	02/20/13		
□ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold				
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				
6. ING, Kaniela				
7. JORDAN, Jo				
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
10. MORIKAWA, Dee				
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. WOODSON, Justin H.				
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth				
17. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (17)	(7			
The recommendation is: Adopted I Not Adopted did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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