

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 17, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2118
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2118 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make housekeeping amendments to partial public campaign financing laws by:

- (1) Requiring a candidate who has voluntarily agreed to limit campaign expenditures to notify the Office of Elections, rather than the Chief Election Officer, if the candidate exceeds the expenditure limit; and
- (2) Repealing provisions relating to an obsolete tax deduction, including the requirement to notify campaign contributors upon exceeding expenditure limits.

The Department of Taxation, Campaign Spending Commission, and Office of Elections testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reinstating the requirement that candidates who have exceeded the expenditure limit notify all campaign contributors within 30 days of the overage; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2118, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2118, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2118	Committee Referral: JUD, FIN	Date: 3/11/14		
<input 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)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	X			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)	X			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				X
4. BROWER, Tom	X			
5. CREAGAN, Richard	X			
6. ITO, Ken				X
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.				X
8. LEE, Chris	X			
9. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	X			
10. TSUJI, Clift	X			
11. WOOLEY, Jessica	X			
12. MCDERMOTT, Bob	X			
13. THIELEN, Cynthia	X			
TOTAL (13)	10			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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