

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 740

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 577
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 577, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to replenish and establish a consistent source of funding for the Hawaii election campaign fund and establish that the operations of the Campaign Spending Commission shall be paid for with general funds.

The measure provides funding resources for the Hawaii election campaign fund by:

- (1) Depositing various campaign spending fine realizations into the Hawaii election campaign fund; and
- (2) Funding the operating expenses of the Campaign Spending Commission through the general fund.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the League of Women Voters Hawaii, Common Cause Hawaii, and five individuals. Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services. The Campaign Spending Commission submitted written comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that the Campaign Spending Commission is a vital state agency; accordingly, it is crucial that the Campaign

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Spending Commission is adequately funded. The Hawaii election campaign fund, the source of funding for the Campaign Spending Commission, has been significantly depleted. Your Committee believes that new means of financing must be explored to ensure adequate support for the Campaign Spending Commission going forward.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the provision requiring the general fund to pay for the operating expenses of the Commission; and
- (2) Requiring the Commission to conduct a study regarding the sustainability of its operations and finances and to report its findings and recommendations to the 2016 Legislature.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 577, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 577, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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| Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB577 SD1</div> | Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">JDL, WAM</div> | Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/27/15</div> | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____ | | | | |
| The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div> | | | | |
| Members | Aye | Aye (WR) | Nay | Excused |
| TOKUDA, Jill N. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne | ✓ | | | |
| DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. | ✓ | | | |
| ENGLISH, J. Kalani | ✓ | | | |
| GALUTERIA, Brickwood | ✓ | | | |
| HARIMOTO, Breene | ✓ | | | |
| INOUE, Lorraine R. | ✓ | | | |
| RIVIERE, Gil | ✓ | | | |
| RUDERMAN, Russell E. | ✓ | | | |
| SLOM, Sam | ✓ | | | |
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| Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div> | | | | |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">  </div> | | | | |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.7em; margin-top: 2px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div> | | | | |

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