STAND. COM. REP. NO. 310

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2

, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1581

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1581 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote electoral transparency and accountability by requiring candidates for President and Vice President of the United States (U.S.) to publicly disclose no later than 50 days before a general election, their federal income tax returns for the five most recent taxable years that a return has been filed.

Common Cause Hawaii and several individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of the Attorney General, Tax Foundation of Hawaii, and League of Women Voters of Hawaii provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making the requirement to release tax returns also apply with respect to Presidential electors under section 14-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Adding a severability clause;

- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (4) 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 H.B. No. 1581, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1581, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-ninth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.:			ate:	
HB 1581	Jub	Jup 02/24/2017		2017
☐ 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)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (C)			i julija Nastavana	
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A	. (VC)			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				
4. BROWER, Tom				
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				
6. LEE, Chris				
7. MORIKAWA, Dee				
8. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.				
9. OSHIRO, Marcus R.			***************************************	
10. McDERMOTT, Bob				
11. THIELEN, Cynthia				
				
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TOTAL (11)				
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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