Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 3 2017

RE: S.B. No. 412

S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 412, 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 change the source of funding for the Campaign Spending Commission's operating expenses from the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund to the general revenues of the State.

This measure also appropriate general funds for the Commission's operating expenses.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission, League of Women Voters, Common Cause Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Campaign Spending Commission operates on revenue derived from the \$3 state income tax checkoff, interest generated from the principal, and funds that escheat to the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund. However, these revenues are not sufficient to fund the Campaign Spending Commission as the Commission has been operating at a net deficit for the past ten fiscal years. Your Committee believes that without a change in the source of funding, the Commission will not be able to run the

public funding program for eligible candidates in the 2018 elections.

Additionally, your Committee notes that its preference is to use the General Appropriations Act as the funding vehicle for the appropriation in this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriation from \$505,585 to an unspecified amount to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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. 412, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 412, S.D. 2.

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

JILL N TOKUDA, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:	
SB 412,501	SOL,	WAM	7	1281	17
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members	_	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)			,	•	
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ENGLISH, J. Kalani					
GALUTERIA, Brickwood					
HARIMOTO, Breene					
INOUYE, Lorraine R.					
KAHELE, Kaiali'i			:		
RIVIERE, Gil					
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.					
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.					
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