



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 10, 2018

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1259**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

I am transmitting herewith SB2992 SD1 HD1 CD1, without my approval and with the statement of objections relating to the measure.

SB2992 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2992

Honorable Members  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 2992, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Campaign Finance."

The purpose of this bill is to exempt signs and banners from the requirement that campaign advertisements contain the name and address of the person who paid for the advertisement and whether the advertisement has been approved by the candidate. Signs and banners advocating the passage or defeat of a ballot issue are still required to contain the name and address of the candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate committee paying for the sign or banner.

This bill is objectionable because exempting signs and banners from election law disclaimer requirements will reduce transparency in campaign finance. It is important to be able to identify the sources of campaign materials, including signs and banners, and to identify whether the advertisement was approved by the candidate.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 2992 without my approval.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Y. Ige". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 11-391, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3           "(a) Any advertisement that is broadcast, televised,  
4 circulated, published, distributed, or otherwise communicated,  
5 including by electronic means, shall:

6           (1) Contain the name and address of the candidate,  
7 candidate committee, noncandidate committee, or other  
8 person paying for the advertisement;

9           (2) Contain a notice in a prominent location stating  
10 either that:

11           (A) The advertisement has the approval and authority  
12 of the candidate; provided that an advertisement  
13 paid for by a candidate, candidate committee, or  
14 ballot issue committee does not need to include  
15 the notice; or

16           (B) The advertisement has not been approved by the  
17 candidate; and



1           (3) Not contain false information about the time, date,  
2           place, or means of voting.  
3   For the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2), signs and banners  
4   shall not be considered advertisements; provided that signs and  
5   banners advocating the passage or defeat of an issue or question  
6   on the ballot shall contain the name and address of the  
7   candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate committee paying  
8   for the sign or banner."

9           SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

10          SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

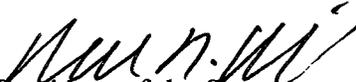
APPROVED this                    day of                    , 2018

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: May 1, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the  
Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2018.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2992, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives