

Honolulu, Hawaii

January 31, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1854
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1854 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOBBYISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to eliminate outdated references to criminal mens rea when an individual fails to file a lobbying report or files a report containing false information or omitted factual material so that the Hawaii State Ethics Commission (Commission) need not prove wilfulness in commission of the violation.

In addition, this measure clearly allows the Commission to impose an administrative fine or restitution, or both, pursuant to a settlement agreement reached prior to conclusion of a contested case.

The Commission, Common Cause Hawaii, League of Women Voters, and an individual testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1854, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1854, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



H5CR16-18

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1854	Committee Referral: LAB, JUD	Date: 25 JAN 2018
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to:		
<input checked="" 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)		

LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)	✓			
2. HOLT, Daniel (VC)				✓
3. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
6. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL (7)	6	0	0	1

The recommendation is:

☒ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted

If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Rep Cindy Evans

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