

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3096

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2420
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Labor and Government Operations, to which
was referred H.B. No. 2420, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ETHICS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish
restrictions on the participation in partisan political activities
of certain state employees and officers who regularly engage in
adjudicatory, regulatory, law enforcement, or investigatory
duties.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii State Ethics Commission, Common Cause Hawaii, and
one individual.

Your Committees find that the State should ensure that state
officials work to promote the best interests of the people of
Hawaii. Your Committees support efforts to protect state
officials and the public from coercion by high-level state
employees and likewise, support efforts to ensure that state
programs are administered in a non-partisan fashion.

Your Committees further find that this measure as introduced
contained penalty provisions. Without penalty provisions, this
measure lacks teeth and does not act as a strong deterrent to



employees who may otherwise commit violations; therefore, your Committees believe that the penalty provisions should be reinserted.


Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Reinserting the penalty provision that imposes an administrative fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation by any officer or employee who violates the prohibitions on political participation; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor and Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2420, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2420, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Labor and
Government Operations,


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



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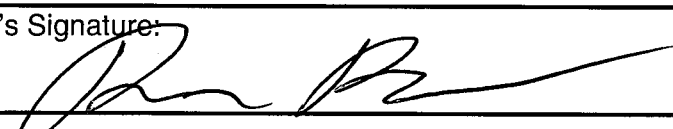
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HB2420, HD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>LBR/GVO, JDC</i>	Date: <i>3/20/18</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley			✓	
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	1		✓	
TOTAL	3		2	
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Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">J. Kalani English</div>				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				X
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
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