

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2590

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2992
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B.
No. 2992 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 clarify that the definition of "advertisement" as it relates to campaign finance law does not include signs, banners, bumper stickers, and other sundry items.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission.

Your Committee finds that signs and banners are a common component of political campaigns, including organized advertising by candidates, committees, or grassroot political activities. Due to the size and manner of construction of some signs and banners, especially for those signs and banners that are handmade, it creates a potentially untenable situation when considering the disclosures required under campaign finance law. Your Committee further finds that the blanket removal of signs and banners from the definition of "advertising" may lead candidate and noncandidate committees to believe that expenditures for campaign signs and banners need not be reported on the Campaign Spending Commission's electronic filing system, which could reduce transparency in campaign financing.

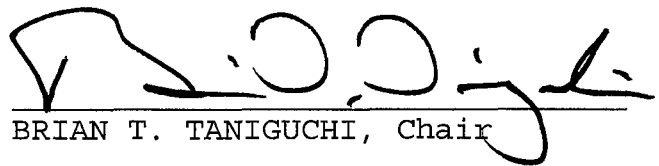


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing language amending the definition of "advertisement" as it relates to campaign finance law; and
- (2) Adding language exempting signs and banners from the requirement that campaign advertisements contain the name and address of the candidate, candidate committee, noncandidate committee, or other person paying for the sign or banner and notice of whether or not the sign or banner has the approval of the candidate; provided that signs and banners advocating passage or defeat of an issue or question on the ballot are required to contain the name and address of the candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate committee paying for the sign or banner.

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 S.B. No. 2992, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2992, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 2992</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">JDC</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/20/18</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <small>2312</small></div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <small>2311</small></div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold <small>2310</small></div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit <small>2313</small></div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-left: 20px;">Karl Rhoads</div>				
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