STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3025

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 2 8 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2144

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2020 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2144 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REPORTS OF CANDIDATE COMMITTEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require that committee reimbursements to individuals other than the candidate be itemized in candidates' committee reports submitted to the Campaign Spending Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission, Common Cause Hawaii, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, only reimbursements to the candidate are required to be itemized in candidate expenditure reports. Often, individuals other than the candidate are reimbursed for campaign costs. Your Committee finds that requiring itemization of committee reimbursements to other individuals, in addition to those made to the candidate, will allow a reasonable person to determine the ultimate intended recipient of the expenditure and its purpose, thereby increasing transparency in campaign spending.

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. 2144 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

KARL RHOADS, Chair

The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:		
SB 2144	JDC			2/11/20		
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 (W	'R)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)						
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)						
GABBARD, Mike						
KIM, Donna Mercado						
FEVELLA, Kurt						
TOTAL		4				1
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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^{*}Only one measure per Record of Votes