

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 2020

RE: S.B. No. 3070

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. 3070 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:

- (1) Increase the maximum amount of public funds available to certain state candidates in each election; and
- (2) Increase the amount of voluntary state income tax check-off contributions that may be designated for the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the League of Women Voters, Common Cause Hawaii, and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission and Department of Taxation.

Your Committee finds that the State made major reforms to campaign spending laws in 1995 to bring about fair election processes, including setting candidate spending limits, making public funding available to qualified candidates, and leveling the playing field for newcomers to the political process. Your Committee further finds that the expenditure limit amounts have not changed since 1995. This measure increases those amounts to provide a more competitive playing field to candidates who



voluntarily agree to limit campaign expenditures. In addition, this measure increases the tax check-off contribution that tax payors may designate to the Hawaii Campaign Election Fund.

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. 3070 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,

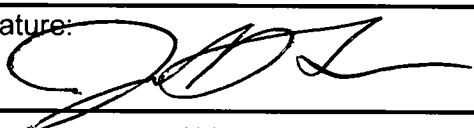


KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3070	Committee Referral: JDC	Date: 2/7/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado				/
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	A			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes