

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **837**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 03 2023**

RE: S.B. No. 1189  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 1189 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 require incumbent state legislators, or the treasurer of their candidate committee, to file large contribution reports with the Campaign Spending Commission within ten days of receiving a contribution of an amount aggregating more than \$500 during a legislative session.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission.

Your Committee finds that reporting requirements are an essential safeguard to prevent the undue influence of special interests in the legislative process. By requiring timely disclosure of large campaign contributions, voters are better equipped to make informed decisions about who they choose to elect to public office. This transparency promotes the integrity of the political process and helps to maintain public trust in democratic institutions. This measure is an important step towards ensuring that the State's campaign finance laws are transparent and accountable and that the influence of big money in politics is kept in check.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing language that would have required incumbent state legislators, or the treasurer of their candidate committee, to file large contribution reports with the Campaign Spending Commission within ten days of receiving a contribution of an amount aggregating more than \$500 during a legislative session;
- (2) Inserting language that requires all state legislators, or the treasurer of their candidate committee, to file a preliminary report on February 28 of the year of a general election;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2026; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 1189, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1189, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

Recommendation:    
 Adopted    
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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