

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 51
S.D. 1
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Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 51, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the fine that may be assessed for a violation of:

- (1) An organizational report requirement by a noncandidate committee;
- (2) Advertisement disclosure requirements by a noncandidate committee; and
- (3) The requirement that certain top contributors to noncandidate committees making only independent expenditures be identified in advertisements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the candid disclosure of the source of financing for candidate advertisements can help to inform the

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electorate, frame the debate, and rebuild public trust in the process. Reporting and disclosure requirements for advertising about candidates are critical to evaluating the content and message being aired and meaningful fines are one way to enforce those requirements.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 51, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 51, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



