

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3416

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2072  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2072, H.D. 1, 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) Require certain solicitations that reference disasters to include a disclosure; and
- (2) Deem violators guilty of a class C felony.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that natural disasters present an opportunity for persons to fraudulently solicit contributions for disaster relief victims during a state of emergency declared by the Governor. Your Committee believes that deceptive solicitations of contributions connected to disasters should be discouraged. This measure provides the State with a means to



prosecute persons, including candidate committees, engaging in charitable fraud and theft in the wake of an emergency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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 H.B. No. 2072, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2072, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



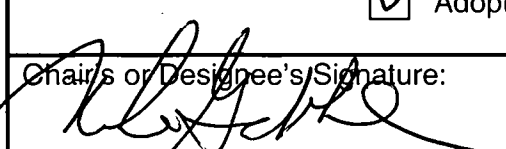
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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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**JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 2072 HDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JDC</b>	Date: <b>5</b> <b>03 / <del>18</del> / 24</b>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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