

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2024

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RE: S.B. No. 3243
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 3243, 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:

- (1) Prohibit foreign entities and foreign-influenced business entities from making contributions, expenditures, electioneering communications, or donations for election purposes;
- (2) Require every business entity that contributes or makes an expenditure to a state election to file a statement of certification regarding its limited foreign influence; and
- (3) Require noncandidate committees making only independent expenditures to obtain a statement of certification from each top contributor required to be listed in an advertisement.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission; League of Women Voters of



Hawaii; International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 142; Free Speech For People; and four individuals.

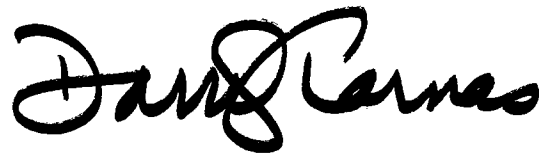
Your Committee finds that the State has a compelling interest in securing its democratic self-governance from foreign influence. This measure will protect the integrity of Hawaii's elections and boost public trust in elected representatives.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the preamble;
- (2) Deleting language related to foreign-influenced business entities;
- (3) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) 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. 3243, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3243, 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



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: SB3243, SD1	Committee Referral: JHA, FIN	Date: 3-14-24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (VC)	✓			
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.	✓			
4. GANADEN, Sonny		—		
5. HOLT, Daniel	✓			
6. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
7. ILAGAN, Greggor	✓			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	.	✓		
9. MIYAKE, Tyson K.	✓			
10. SOUZA, Kanani		—		
TOTAL (10)	7	3	—	—
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>Greggor Ilagan</i>				
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