

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1647

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2025

RE: H.B. No. 370
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 370, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARTIAL PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to facilitate the partial public financing of elections.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Increases the amount of funds available to candidates who qualify to participate in the partial public financing program;
- (2) Provides for the adjustment of the amount of minimum qualifying contributions required for certain offices;
- (3) Increases matching fund payments for excess qualifying contributions; and
- (4) Appropriates moneys.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission, Free Access



Coalition, Our Hawaii, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action, ACLU of Hawaii, Green Party of Hawaii, Democratic Party of Hawaii Education Caucus, and numerous individuals.

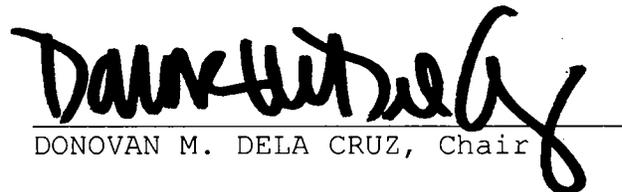
Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committee recognizes that since at least 2016, the number of candidates participating in the Partial Public Funding Program has decreased every year. Your Committee also recognizes that the amount of funds available to candidates through the program has not increased in more than twenty years. Accordingly, your Committee believes that increasing the amount of funds available to candidates, as proposed by this measure, will strengthen the program and increase candidate participation in the program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 370, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

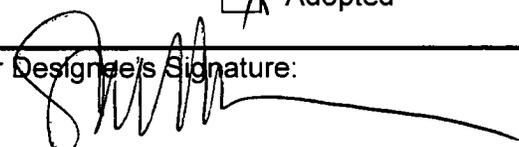
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB370 HDZ SDI	Committee Referral: JDC, WAM	Date: 4/1/2025		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn				X
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
Distribution: Original Yellow Pink Goldenrod File with Committee Report Clerk's Office Drafting Agency Committee File Copy				

***Only one measure per Record of Votes**