

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 411

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 411 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ETHICS ADMINISTRATIVE FINES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish uniform provisions for the assessment of certain administrative penalties under the State Ethics Code and Lobbyist Law.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission.

Your Committee finds that the existing enforcement process for the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission entails the respondent to respond to a charge multiple times, which extends the process, sometimes lasting five to six months. For matters in which the facts and law are not in question, an expedited process may reduce the burden on respondents and minimize unnecessary waste of time and resources and that the timely resolution of ethics and lobbying cases before the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission enhances public trust and transparency. This measure establishes an expedited enforcement process to address violations of the ethics and lobbying laws.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this

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report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 411 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Tarnas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Tarnas" clearly distinguishable.

DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 411		Committee Referral: JHA		Date: 1/28/25	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)		✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au		✓			
4. COCHRAN, Elle					✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.		✓			
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin		✓			
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.		✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg		✓			
9. TODD, Chris		✓			
10. GARCIA, Diamond		✓			
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.		✓			
TOTAL (11)		10	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____					
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