

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1520
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1520, 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 clarify that the five-year statute of limitations for criminal prosecutions of campaign finance violations begins upon discovery of the offense by the Campaign Spending Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission, Indivisible Hawai'i, Windward Coalition, Imua Alliance, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, and twenty-one individuals.

Your Committee finds that campaign finance violations are often concealed and may involve falsified reporting or complicated financial arrangements that are not immediately noticed. When the statute of limitations expires before violations are discovered, enforcement becomes impossible and misconduct goes unchecked. By strengthening the deterrent power of the State's campaign finance laws to ensure accountability, this measure restores and maintains public confidence that the State's elections are fair.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of March 22, 2075, to encourage further discussion; 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. 1520, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1520, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.		✓		
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	4	1	—	—

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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