

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2050
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2050, H.D. 1, 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 by making certain amendments to applicable law.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Increases the aggregate expenditure limits for candidates whose campaigns are partially publicly financed;
- (2) Increases the maximum amount of public funding available to candidates;
- (3) Changes the minimum qualifying contribution requirements for candidates for certain offices; and
- (4) Appropriates an unspecified sum into the Hawaii election campaign fund.



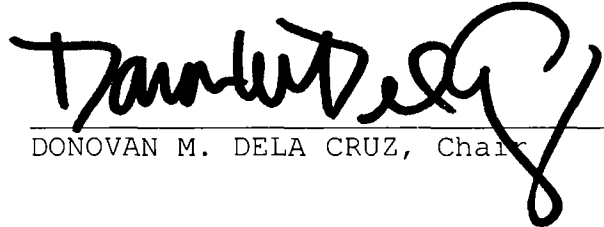
Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Campaign Spending Commission, Imua Alliance, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and seven individuals.

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

Your Committee finds that significant amendments to the amounts available to candidates in Hawaii's partial public financing program were last made in 1995. Your Committee also finds that inflation has subsequently affected the value of the dollar, so that it takes approximately \$2.12 in today's dollars to match the purchasing power of one dollar from 1995. Your Committee believes that the amendments made by this measure are necessary to account for inflation and to ensure sufficient financing for qualifying candidates for public office.

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. 2050, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

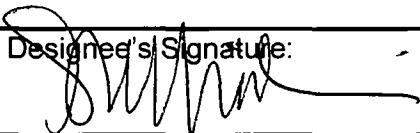


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2050, HD1, SD1	JDC, WAM	4/6/2026		
<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			
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
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	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:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes