

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2825

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 5 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2313  
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 S.B. No. 2313, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCING FOR CANDIDATES TO ELECTED OFFICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish, require legislative reports regarding, and appropriate moneys for a comprehensive system of public financing for candidates seeking state or county elected office.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission, a member of the Hawaii County Council, Free Access Coalition, Kupuna for the Moopuna, Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action, Kauai Women's Caucus, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Clean the Pacific, 350Hawaii, Sierra Club of Hawaii, Indivisible Hawaii Statewide Network, Democratic Party of Hawaii, Green Party of Hawaii, Imua Alliance, Association of Hawaiians for Homestead Lands, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

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

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Your Committee finds that the updated election campaign public financing structure proposed by this measure will help support more extensive candidate participation in elections, ensure fair competition, and hold elected officials accountable to all voters rather than to a handful of major donors.

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 S.B. No. 2313, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

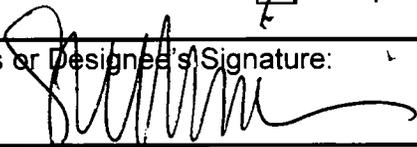
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2013, SDI	UDC, WAM	3/2/2016		
<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			
<b>TOTAL</b>	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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