

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3162

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2656

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 2656 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the definition of "immediate family" to include reciprocal beneficiaries for the purpose of the campaign financing laws.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; The Gay and Lesbian Education and Advocacy Foundation; and two individuals. Comments were received from the Campaign Spending Commission.

Under current law, campaign contributions from a candidate's "immediate family" are exempt from certain contribution limits. This measure makes these exemptions available to reciprocal beneficiaries, thus enabling them to participate and contribute to the election process as would a candidate's immediate family.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2656, 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 and  
Labor,



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BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary and Labor**  
**JDL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 2656</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JDL</b>	Date: <b>3/12/08</b>		
<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
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T. (C)	✓			
HEE, Clayton (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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