

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2832

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2579
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2579, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish new penalties for failing to file required campaign spending reports or for filing substantially defective or deficient reports.

In addition, the measure provides that campaign spending penalties and fines shall be deposited into the general fund rather than the Hawaii election campaign fund.

The State Campaign Spending Commission and the League of Women Voters of Hawaii submitted comments on the measure.

Your Committee finds that by establishing the fines assessed on committees for failure to file or for filing a substantially defective report will encourage more timely disclosure and thereby support a central pillar of campaign spending law. Your Committee further finds that fines imposed for failure to file a corrected report electronically within a certain amount of time will also serve to increase compliance with the law.

Your Committee has amended the measure to:

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- (1) Clarify that all fines for failing to file a campaign spending report are imposed on the candidate committee, rather than the individual candidate;
- (2) Delete unnecessary language concerning the revisor of statutes renumbering new sections; and
- (3) Make technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and style.

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. 2579, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2579, S.D. 2.

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




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB2579, SD1	JDL, WAM	2/25/08		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul	/			
TOTAL	11	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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