

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 568

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 345

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 345 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to postpone from 2010 to 2014 the commencement of the pilot project for comprehensive public funding of Hawaii County Council elections.

The County of Hawaii Office of the County Clerk, a member of the Hawaii County Council, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Americans for Democratic Action, Hawaii Chapter, Progressive Democrats of Hawaii, Common Cause Hawaii, and many concerned individuals opposed this measure. The Campaign Spending Commission offered comments.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised by the Campaign Spending Commission that the provisions in Act 244, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, relating to equalizing funds for participating candidates in comprehensively publicly funded county council elections, may raise issues of constitutionality.

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. 345 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



JOH RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



