

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 12, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2004  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2004 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to make various amendments to campaign finance laws by, among other things:

- (1) Clarifying the law as it pertains to contributions to ballot issue committees;
- (2) Defining "automated phone call";
- (3) Repealing a provision requiring the Elections Commission (Commission) to adopt a code of fair campaign practices as a part of its rules;
- (4) Requiring that contributions be deposited in a depository institution located in the state;
- (5) Imposing an unspecified limit on contributions and expenditures to a noncandidate committee;
- (6) Requiring expenditures greater than \$1,000 in the aggregate in a two-year election period to go solely through the noncandidate committee;



- (7) Authorizing the Commission to assess fines for untimely, defective, or deficient reports; and
- (8) Requiring certain candidate information to appear on web pages or be stated at the beginning of an automated phone call.

The Campaign Spending Commission, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and Hawaii Transportation Association supported this bill. The Americans for Democratic Action-Hawaii Chapter and Common Cause Hawaii offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing provisions relating to limitations on contributions and expenditures to a noncandidate committee;
- (2) Clarifying the requirements for information that must be placed on every website that contains an advertisement, including defining a "home page of a web site"; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2004, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2004, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

  
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JONI KIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



