

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 9, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 862

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 862 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve and update Hawaii's ethics laws by requiring the Hawaii State Ethics Commission to:

- (1) Retain financial and gift disclosure statements in electronic form for an additional ten-year period past the initial six-year retention period currently required;
- (2) Preserve lobbying reports in electronic form for an additional ten-year period past the initial four-year retention period currently required; and
- (3) Develop rules regarding records retention and archiving procedures for the disclosure statements and lobbying reports.

The Honolulu Police Department, Americans for Democratic Action, and Common Cause Hawaii testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii State Ethics Commission testified in opposition to this measure.

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

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



GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



