

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1756

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1756, H.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 increase the transparency of the electoral system by amending the campaign spending law to, among other things:

- (1) Define the term "matching payment period";
- (2) Make housekeeping revisions that neither enlarge nor curtail the duties of the Campaign Spending Commission;
- (3) Amend the filing requirements for candidate committee reports by changing the deadline for the first preliminary report for a primary election, and requiring that the January supplemental report be filed annually;
- (4) Ensure greater clarity and specificity by requiring noncandidate committees to include in their reports:
 - (A) Contributions made and the amount, date, and the name and address of the candidate committee or noncandidate committee to which the contribution was made; and

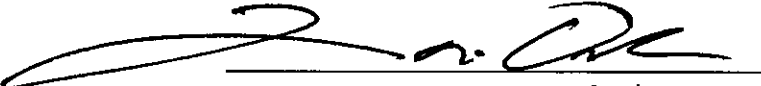


- (B) For independent expenditures, the name of the candidate who is supported or opposed by the expenditure, and whether the expenditure supports or opposes the candidate; and
- (5) Establish the deadline for the filing of the voluntary expenditure limits affidavit.

The Campaign Spending Commission and Americans for Democratic Action Hawaii supported this measure. The League of Women Voters of Hawaii commented on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1756, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



