

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 23, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2493
S.D. 1
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 Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2493, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure as received by your Committee is to amend the state campaign spending law by, among other things:

- (1) Defining the term "matching payment period";
- (2) Amending the filing dates for candidate committee reports for the preliminary primary and supplemental reports;
- (3) Requiring noncandidate committee reports to show total contributions received and made by noncandidate committees; and
- (4) Increasing the campaign expenditure limit of the prosecuting attorney.

Prior to the hearing your Committee provided a Proposed Draft for review and comment, and accepted testimony on the Proposed Draft. As amended the purpose of this measure is identical to the measure as received by your Committee except that the Proposed Draft:

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- (1) Removes the requirement that noncandidate committee reports include the name of the candidate who is supported or opposed by the expenditure and whether the expenditure supports or opposes the candidate;
- (2) Adjusts the criteria for the base amount of public funding available for qualifying candidates for the comprehensive public funding program for the County of Hawaii Council primary and general elections; and
- (3) Changes the effective date to delay the implementation of the adjusted criteria for the base amount of public funding for the Comprehensive Public Funding Program for the County of Hawaii Council primary elections until January 1, 2013.

Common Cause testified in support of this measure. The Campaign Spending Commission provided comments.

After further consideration, your Committee has adopted the Proposed Draft.

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 S.B. No. 2493, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2493, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



