

Honolulu, Hawaii  
March 15, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2508  
S.D. 2  
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. 2508, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN REPORTING LAWS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure both transparency and efficiency in the election process by changing certain deadlines for campaign spending reports of candidate committees. Specifically, this measure changes the deadline for the first preliminary report for a primary election.

The Campaign Spending Commission testified in opposition to this measure. The League of Women Voters, Americans for Democratic Action Hawaii, and Common Cause Hawaii provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure in response to concerns raised in all of the testimony submitted on this measure by expanding the requirement for candidate committees to file a supplemental report on January 31 in the year after an election, so as to require the January 31 supplemental report to be filed every year.

In addition, your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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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 S.B. No. 2508, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2508, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

  
GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



