

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **495**

Honolulu, Hawaii  
**February 15**, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 360  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 360 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC FUNDING FOR ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Pilot Comprehensive Public Funding Program (Program) for elections to the Hawaii County Council established under Act 244, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, by:

- (1) Limiting the number of council candidates per election cycle eligible for the Program to twenty-five; and
- (2) Changing the candidate funding formula for the Program to be the average of the amount, reduced by 10 percent, that was spent by winning, program-funded council candidates in the previous two election cycles.

Two concerned individuals supported this measure. The Campaign Spending Commission offered comments on the measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reducing the limit of council candidates per election period eligible for the Program to fifteen;

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- (2) Appropriating an unspecified amount to fund the Program;  
and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes 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. 360, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 360, 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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KARL RHOADS, Chair



