

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 381
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 381 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Limit the number of certified candidates that the Campaign Spending Commission certifies to participate in the pilot comprehensive public funding for elections to the Hawaii council program under Act 244, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008 (Act 244); and
- (2) Amend the formula for computing the base amount of public funding for the primary and general elections by using the average amount spent by the winning candidates in the previous two elections for every district, rather than the same district, reduced by ten percent.

The Campaign Spending Commission submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that the pilot comprehensive public funding for elections to the Hawaii council program under Act 244 tests the viability of comprehensive public funding of elections by limiting comprehensive public funding to a single county for three election years. According to the testimony submitted by the



Campaign Spending Commission, in 2010 and 2012, only eight candidates were funded under Act 244 during each election year. In anticipation that this measure may increase participation in the pilot program, the Commission requested an appropriation to fund the pilot program.

Furthermore, the Commission commented that this measure provides certified candidates with the same amount of public funding no matter which district they run in rather than in the same district of the winning candidate in the previous two elections. Under this measure, the base amount of public funding for the 2014 elections for certified candidates in all districts will be \$13,106.10 for the primary election and \$3,237.97 for the general election.

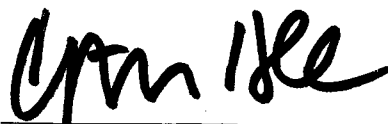
Your Committee believes that the possible fiscal impact of this measure merits further discussion by your Committee on Ways and Means if that Committee chooses to schedule this measure for a hearing.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 381, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 381, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	3		1	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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