

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1499

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1499, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII
CONSTITUTION REGARDING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to propose an amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution to provide that freedom of speech does not include the expenditure of money to influence elections.

IMUAlliance testified in support of this measure. Several concerned individuals testified in opposition to 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. 1499, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

HSCR 903-14

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1499, HD1	Committee Referral: JUD, FIN	Date: 2/19/2014		
0 The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) 0 Pass, with amendments (HD) 0 Hold 0 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)		/		
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
6. ING, Kaniela	/			
7. JORDAN, Jo		/		
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
10. MORIKAWA, Dee	/			
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				/
14. WOODSON, Justin H.	/			
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth		/		
17. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (17)	12	3		1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted 0 Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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