

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2533

H.D. 2

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. 2533, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage fair elections by establishing a public funding program beginning for elections to the State House of Representatives, with the 2016 election.

This measure also repeals provisions under the existing partial public financing program specifically applicable to candidates for the Office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Senator, and State Representative pertaining to campaign expenditure limits, maximum amounts of public funding, and minimum amounts of qualifying contributions.

Progressive Democrats of Hawai'i, Common Cause Hawaii, Open Law Alliance, and several individuals provided testimony in support of this measure. Several individuals provided testimony in opposition to this measure. The Campaign Spending Commission, Voter Owned Hawaii, Americans for Democratic Action-Hawaii, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and an individual provided comments on this measure.

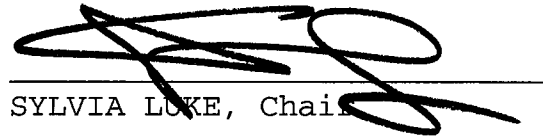


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Appropriating an unspecified amount from the general fund to the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, for the purpose of facilitating further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2533, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2533, H.D. 2.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



