

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 381
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 381, S.D. 1, 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 amend provisions relating to the public funding program for Hawaii county council elections.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Limits the number of candidates in the comprehensive public funding pilot project to twenty-five per election cycle; and
- (2) Changes the funding formula for the public funding pilot project to average the amount of money spent by winning candidates in the last two election cycles for all county district races.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Occupy Hilo Media Team and one individual.

The pilot comprehensive public funding program for elections to the Hawaii County Council was established by Act 244, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, and tests the viability of comprehensive public funding of elections by limiting comprehensive public



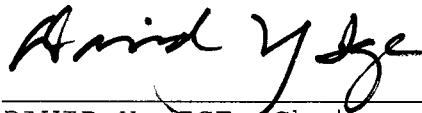
funding to a single county for three election years. Your Committee finds that in the past, there may have been inequities in the funding structure of the pilot project and that this measure will equalize the stipends provided across the county districts in a more equitable manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the term "election cycle" to "election period" and providing a definition for that term; and
- (2) Recasting the proposed language for the purposes of style and clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 381, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 381, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



