

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 29, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2156
H.D. 2
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
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Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 2156, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to reform the campaign finance laws relating to the use of campaign funds and the financing of the Campaign Spending Commission's operations. Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Increases the options available to candidate committees and noncandidate committees in their use and disposition of campaign funds;
- (2) Repeals the use of the Hawaii election campaign fund for the operating expenses of the Campaign Spending Commission; and



- (3) Appropriates general funds to the Campaign Spending Commission for operating expenses.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the amendment that allowed a candidate, treasurer, or candidate committee to make donations from campaign funds to private schools;
- (2) Deleting the provisions that allowed a deceased candidate's committee to use campaign funds to make donations to certain types of organizations, return the residual funds to the contributors, or both;
- (3) Deleting the amendment that would have repealed the use of Hawaii election campaign funds for Campaign Spending Commission operating expenses;
- (4) Deleting the appropriation for the Campaign Spending Commission's operating expenses; and
- (5) Making it take effect upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2156, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2156, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.


Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN,
Chair


KARL RHOADS, Co-Chair


JILL N. TOKUDA, Co-Chair


SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Co-Chair



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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure	<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.
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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C., Chr.	✓				RHOADS, Karl, Co-Chr.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N., Co-Chr.	✓				NISHIMOTO, Scott Y., Co-Chr.	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓	KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	✓			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	✓				MCDERMOTT, Bob				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓								
TOTAL	4	0	0	1	TOTAL	3	0	0	1

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:
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