

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2006

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2031

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2031 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that
increased fines may apply if a noncandidate committee fails to
timely file a second preliminary general report.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Campaign Spending Commission and Common Cause Hawaii.
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure
from one individual.

Your Committee finds that noncandidate committees are
required to file a second preliminary general report on October 1
of each general election year, in addition to a preliminary
general report that is required to be filed ten days prior to a
general election. However, under existing law, a noncandidate
committee that fails to timely file a preliminary general report,
rather than a second preliminary general report, is subject to
increased fines. Implementation of this measure clarifies that
increased fines are applicable if a noncandidate committee fails
to timely file a second preliminary general report, rather than a
preliminary general report, in alignment with the increased fines
for a candidate committee's failure to timely file a second
preliminary primary report.



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. 2031 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



