

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 16, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2445
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2445 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to permit a candidate who has filed nomination papers to use election campaign funds to make charitable donations or to award scholarships after the candidate is declared to be duly elected to office pursuant to section 12-41 or section 12-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, because the candidate is unopposed.

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii testified in opposition to this measure. The Campaign Spending Commission provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure to make it effective on January 1, 2017, so as not to interfere with processes already in motion for the 2016 election.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2445, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2445, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



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

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



