

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1044

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 852

H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 852, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ETHICS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote integrity in state government and provide additional clarity and consistency in the administration and enforcement of Hawaii's ethics laws by:

- (1) Increasing fines for the failure to timely file financial disclosure statements;
- (2) Allowing the State Ethics Commission (Commission) to notify, by e-mail or first-class mail rather than by registered mail with return receipt requested, those individuals who fail to timely file their financial disclosure statements; and
- (3) Directing the Commission to publish the names of individuals who fail to file their financial disclosure statements by the statutory deadline.

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission, Common Cause Hawaii, and League of Women Voters of Hawaii testified in support of the measure.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Permitting the Commission to also provide notice by in person service;
- (2) Deleting the provision relating to the Commission's authority to adjust its forms and procedures to implement this measure;
- (3) Deleting the severability clause; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 852, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 852, H.D. 2.

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


SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair



