Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14 , 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2015 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2015 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPARENCY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide greater transparency when a newspaper chooses to endorse a candidate by requiring the newspaper to disclose the aggregate amount spent on advertisements by a candidate and candidate's committee.

The Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu testified in support of this measure. The Campaign Spending Commission provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the newspaper shall disclose the aggregate amount spent on advertisements with that newspaper;
- (2) Requiring disclosure only if the aggregate amount spent on advertisements with the newspaper exceeds \$100,000; and
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.

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. 2015, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2015, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

NISHIMOTO, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2015	Committee Referral:	Date:	02/01/2	2018
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (C)				
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A	. (VC)			
3. BROWER, Tom				
4. LEE, Chris				6
5. MORIKAWA, Dee				
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
7. MCDERMOTT, Bob				
8. THIELEN, Cynthia				
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TOTAL (8)				2
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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