

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **549**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2017

RE: S.B. No. 444

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 444 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS OF
NONCANDIDATE COMMITTEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal the
requirement of reporting contributions in the organizational
reports of noncandidate committees and noncandidate committees
that make only independent expenditures.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Campaign Spending Commission.

Your Committee finds that existing law requires noncandidate
committees to disclose their contributions in periodic disclosure
reports pursuant to sections 11-335 and 11-338, Hawaii Revised
Statutes. The Campaign Spending Commission indicated in its
written testimony that the organizational report of a noncandidate
committee contains only directory-type information that does not
have space for a noncandidate committee to disclose contributions.
Thus, this measure deletes an unnecessary requirement.

Your Committee notes that while this measure may appear to
reduce the public availability of information concerning campaign
contributions, the statutory revisions contained in this measure
relate only to organizational reports and have no adverse impact
on full public disclosure of campaign contributions. This measure
is intended only to address statutory redundancy and to allow the



Campaign Spending Commission to process initial organizational reports more efficiently.

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

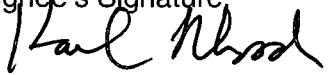
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 444	Committee Referral: JDL	Date: 2/2/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes