

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

459

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1380  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1380 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the campaign financing opportunities for candidates running for a county office beginning in 2022 by establishing and appropriating funds for a comprehensive public funding program.

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Common Cause Hawaii, Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and two individuals testified in support of this measure. The Libertarian Party of Hawaii and Honolulu County Republican Party testified in opposition. The Campaign Spending Commission provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Lowering the number of qualifying names and specifying the number of contributions required for the application for certification from 200 names to 100 names with a qualifying contribution of \$5;



- (2) Establishing the maximum amount of public funds available to a certified candidate for a county election;
- (3) Allowing incumbents who are certified for public funding to remain in the public funding program for successive elections without resubmitting an application for certification;
- (4) Changing its effective date to January 28, 2081; and
- (5) 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. 1380, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1380, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: HB1380	Committee Referral: JUD, FIN	Date: 2/4/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	/			
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (VC)	/			
3. BROWER, Tom	/			
4. CREAGAN, Richard P.	/			
5. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
6. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	/			
7. MORIKAWA, Dee	/			
8. SAY, Calvin K.Y.				/
9. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
10. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
11. THIELEN, Cynthia				/
TOTAL (11)	9			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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