

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1289

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1490  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1490, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the prohibition of contributions by state and county contractors under Hawaii's campaign finance laws to include officers or board members of a contractor, including contractors who provide goods or utilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Common Cause Hawaii, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Bankers Association.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's campaign finance law already prohibits contributions to election campaigns by contractors, suppliers, and other entities under contract to state or county governmental agencies. Your Committee further finds that owners and executives of these entities can continue making contributions which are attributable to their roles in the companies which receive government funds. Your Committee additionally finds that this has the potential to erode public



trust by creating the appearance of a "pay to play" arrangement in state politics. This measure will eliminate that appearance in the case of officers and executives of contractors.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing board members of contractors from the prohibition; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 1490, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1490, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



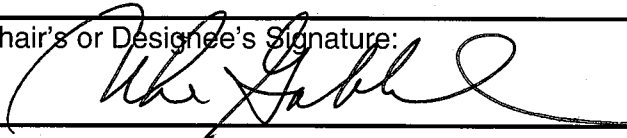
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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary**  
**JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1490, HD2	JDC, WAM	3/15/19		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	—	—	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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