

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2019

RE: S.B. No. 138

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 S.B. No. 138 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to add a campaign spending report filing deadline of October 1st during a general election year for candidates and candidate committees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission and League of Women Voters of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that current, accurate information about candidate spending is important to ensuring a well-informed electorate. Your Committee further finds that currently, after the final primary report that is due twenty days after the primary election, a voter will not be able to access more current information about a candidate's spending until the filing of the preliminary general report due ten days before the general election. Your Committee additionally finds that, because absentee ballots are mailed to voters approximately twenty-one days before a general election, voters who choose to vote by mail may not have access to current campaign finance information at the time that they cast their vote. This bill will add a campaign spending report filing deadline at the beginning of October to



ensure that voters receive current candidate spending information before they receive their absentee ballots.

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 S.B. No. 138 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,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 138	Committee Referral: JDC	Date: 2/12/19		
<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 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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
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