

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

830

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2019

RE: S.B. No. 197

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. 197 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 establish an exemption from the prohibition against using election campaign funds to make charitable donations to or award scholarships during the period from the filing of nomination papers to the date of the general election for candidates who are already declared elected to office after running unopposed in an election or who would be unopposed in the general election.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that campaign finance law already allows candidates to use campaign funds to make charitable donations and award scholarships with the restriction that a candidate cannot make donations or award scholarships between the date that the candidate files nomination papers to the date of the general election. Your Committee additionally finds that this restriction is not necessary in the case of candidates who are already declared elected to office after running unopposed in an election or who would be unopposed in the general election. This measure will allow charitable donations and the award of scholarships in these specific circumstances.



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. 197 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*

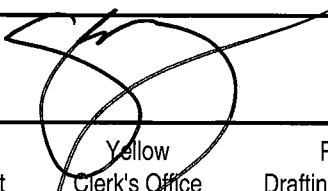
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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 197</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JDC</b>	Date: <b>2/12/19</b>		
<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				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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