

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

157

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 2019

RE: S.B. No. 728
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 Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.B. No. 728 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN
AFFAIRS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to align the
partial public funding expenditure limit and maximum amount of
public funds available for candidates running for the Board of
Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs with the maximum limit
and amount imposed on candidates running for the office of
lieutenant governor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Democratic Party of Hawaii -
Hawaiian Affairs Caucus, Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Council for
Native Hawaiian Advancement, and eight individuals. Your
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from
one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Campaign Spending Commission.

Your Committee finds that candidates running for the Board of
Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs who voluntarily agree
to participate in the partial public funding program run statewide
campaigns but are provided substantially less partial public
funding than other statewide candidates. This measure seeks to



increase the partial public funding expenditure limit and maximum amount of public funds available for candidates for these Board of Trustees candidates. However, your Committee received testimony indicating that this measure, if enacted, would increase the expenditure limit for Board of Trustees candidates by seven hundred percent. Rather than proceed with such a significant increase, your Committee finds that a more reasonable approach to addressing the funding imbalance for Board of Trustees candidates is to increase only the \$1,500 cap on the maximum amount of public funds available to Board of Trustees candidates, leaving the partial public funding expenditure limit unamended.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing language to align the partial public funding expenditure limit for candidates for the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs with the limit imposed on candidates running for the office of lieutenant governor;
- (2) Increasing the maximum amount of public funds available in each election to each Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs candidate from ten percent to fifteen percent of the expenditure limit established in section 11-423(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, which the Campaign Spending Commission has indicated in testimony will increase the maximum amount from \$1,500 to \$21,383 per candidate, per election; and
- (3) Increasing the amount a candidate for the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs must raise to qualify for public funds from \$1,500 to \$5,000; and
- (4) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 728, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 728, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

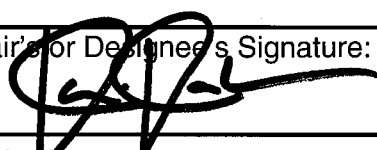


MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB728</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HWN, JDC/WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/5/19</i>		
<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
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (VC)	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5			0
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