

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 137

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. 137 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
LAW,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the amount of the fine that may be assessed against a noncandidate committee for campaign spending law violations in certain circumstances; and
- (2) Allow the Campaign Spending Commission to order that payment of a fine assessed against a noncandidate committee be paid from the personal funds of an officer of the noncandidate committee.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission.

Your Committee finds that the campaign spending laws are often extremely difficult to enforce against large political action committees. Your Committee further finds that the structure and considerable financial resources of these organizations insulates them from effective enforcement in many situations. This measure increases the ability of the Campaign Spending Commission to assess effective penalties against large



political action committees for violations of campaign spending laws.

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. 137 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
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| Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 137 | Committee Referral: JDC, WAM | Date: 2/8/19 | | |
| <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 | | | | ✓ |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted | | | | |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature: | | | | |
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