

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

121

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 955

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 955 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require financial disclosure statements of state agency executive directors to be public records available for inspection and duplication.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Ethics Commission, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, directors of state departments are required to publicly disclose their financial disclosure statements although departmental executive directors are not. This measure will require executive directors of every state agency and department to also publicly disclose their financial disclosure statements, which will increase government transparency and openness and foster public trust in state officials.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this



report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 955 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Government
Operations,



LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Government Operations
GVO

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 955</i>	Committee Referral: <i>GVO, JDC</i>	Date: <i>11/31/2019</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 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
THIELEN, Laura H. (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>
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