STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1061

Honolulu, Hawaii

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S.B. No. 400 RE:

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Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Reform, to which was referred S.B. No. 400, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that heightened fines may be assessed to a candidate committee or noncandidate committee if the candidate committee or noncandidate committee fails to timely file the preliminary primary report or preliminary general report that is due ten calendar days before a primary or general election.

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

Your Committee finds that this measure will improve the timely filing of reports by candidate committees and noncandidate committees to the Campaign Spending Commission, which is necessary for transparency and accountability in the election system.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of calendar days that a candidate committee or noncandidate committee must file its preliminary primary report or preliminary general report to the Campaign Spending Commission before a primary or general election to an unspecified number of calendar days;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should it deliberate on this measure, to look at whether requiring a candidate committee or noncandidate committee to file its preliminary primary or preliminary general report to the Campaign Spending Commission ten days before a primary or general election is too aggressive and as such may not be practical.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Reform that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 400, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 400, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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

ANGUS L.K. McKELVEY, Chair

## State of Hawaii

## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Government Reform**

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 400 SD 2 GVR JHA FIN 3-5-21				
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
GVR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	/			
2. WILDBERGER, Tina (VC)	7			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	7			
4. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.	~			
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8. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	1			
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9. WARD, Gene		,		
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The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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