

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 598

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 22 2021

RE: S.B. No. 406
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 406 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION STAFF,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that Campaign Spending Commission personnel includes staff and that the staff may initiate complaints on behalf of the Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Common Cause Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the assistance of staff is valuable to the functions of the Campaign Spending Commission, including the initiation of the complaint process. Your Committee further finds that members of the Commission are appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the Judicial Council, but that Commission staff are not subject to this appointment process.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that staff of the Campaign Spending Commission may initiate complaints but are not members of the Commission; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 406, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 406, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



