

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 18 , 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2300

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Reform, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 2300 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow candidates seeking  
election to use campaign funds for child care costs or vital  
household dependent care costs under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, Common  
Cause Hawaii, Women's Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i,  
Vote Mama Foundation, American Association of University Women of  
Hawaii Hilo, Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, Great  
Wāhine Run, and seven individuals. Your Committee received  
comments on this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission.

Your Committee finds that costs for caretaking in Hawaii are  
cost-prohibitive for many candidates with dependents. Without  
structural support, children can be a serious barrier to running  
for office, a barrier that often falls heaviest on women and  
working families. Your Committee further finds that parenthood  
and care for one's dependents should not be barriers to running  
for political office. This measure will reduce the associated  
cost burdens for running a campaign for political office by

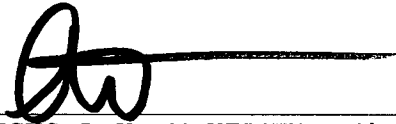


providing candidates with some flexibility in how they use campaign funds for a limited purpose.

Your Committee additionally finds that this measure will mirror the federal elections process, which also allows campaign funds to be spent on needed child and dependent care, that was passed by overwhelming bipartisan support in Congress.

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. 2300 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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



Record of Votes of the Committee on Government Reform

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SB 2300</b>	Committee Referral: <b>GVR, JHA, FIN</b>	Date: <b>3-16-22</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	✓			
3. COSTALES, Luella	✓			
4. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.	✓			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
6. MIZUNO, John M.				✓
7. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
8. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
9. WARD, Gene				✓
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>T. Wing</i></u>				
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