

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2318

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2417
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2417 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal the cap on the amount of campaign funds candidates may donate to any community service, educational, youth, recreational, charitable, scientific, or literary organization, or public school or library.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Common Cause Hawaii, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission.

Your Committee finds that candidates are currently permitted to donate campaign funds to any community service, educational, youth, recreational, charitable, scientific, or literary organization, or public school or library up to twice the maximum amount that one person may contribute to that candidate. Candidates should have the option to spend their campaign funds towards the betterment of the community. This measure allows candidates to donate more of their campaign monies to community organizations and schools.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Increasing the cap on the amount of campaign funds candidates may donate to any community service, educational, youth, recreational, charitable, scientific, or literary organization, or public school or library to \$6,000 for a candidate to a two-year office, \$12,000 for a candidate to a four-year nonstatewide office, and \$18,000 for a candidate to a four-year statewide office; 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. 2417, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2417, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2417	Committee Referral: JDC, WAM	Date: 02-08-22		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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)	✓			
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura		✓		
GABBARD, Mike		✓		
KIM, Donna Mercado		✓		
LEE, Chris	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓		
TOTAL	3	4	-	-
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes