

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 06** , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 92

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 92 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the fine for campaign spending law violations that may be assessed against a noncandidate committee that makes only independent expenditures and has received at least one contribution of more than \$10,000 or spent more than \$10,000 in an election period; and
- (2) Authorize the Campaign Spending Commission to order that the fine, or any portion of the fine, assessed against a noncandidate committee be paid from the personal funds of the officers of the noncandidate committee.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission, Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure implements one of the recommendations made by the Commission to Improve Standards of

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Conduct established by the House of Representatives in House Resolution No. 9, Regular Session of 2022. This measure attempts to reduce the influence of money in determining political outcomes at the state level by increasing the fine imposed for campaign spending law violations by certain noncandidate committees and allowing officers of a noncandidate committee to be held personally liable for fines assessed against noncandidate committees.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 92 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary &  
Hawaiian Affairs,



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DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



