

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 815

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2023

RE: S.B. No. 201  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 201 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE AND COUNTY CONTRACTORS AND GRANTEEES OF THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to extend the ban on campaign contributions from state and county contractors to grantees of the State under chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and to the owners, officers, employees, and immediate family of the government contractor or state grantee.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission, Department of the Attorney General, Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that it is common for contractors to circumvent the ban on campaign contributions from state and county contractors by having persons connected to the contractor make political contributions. A few of these situations also involve false name contributions where the contributors are reimbursed for their contributions. Grantees, similar to contractors, receive state funds and thus should be treated similarly in the context of political contributions. This measure will help to prevent the



corruption, or at least the appearance of corruption, of elected officials.

Based on concerns raised in testimony that this measure's application is overbroad, your Committee has amended this measure by removing employees of any state or county contractor from those who are banned from making campaign contributions.

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. 201, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 201, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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




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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes  
 Committee on Judiciary  
 JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<b>SB 201</b>	<b>JDC</b>	<b>2/9/23</b>		
<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)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	—	—	—
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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