

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 708

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2023

RE: S.B. No. 627

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. 627 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize election candidates to use campaign funds for child care and vital household dependent care costs under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission, Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, Vote Mama Foundation, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that individuals who take on primary child and other dependent caregiving roles offer important, unique insights into policymaking. However, the high cost of child and dependent care may prohibit individuals, particularly those from working class backgrounds, from seeking office. Recognizing that child care obligations weigh heavily on an individual's decision to run for election, in 2018, the Federal Election Commission authorized federal candidates to spend campaign funds on child care expenses. This measure therefore aligns state statute with federal regulations to help support child caregivers running for office in the State and extend the same treatment to other vital household dependent caregivers.



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. 627 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



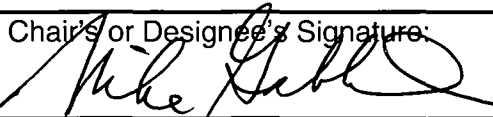
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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 627</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HHS, JDC</b>	Date: <b>2/24/23</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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			✓	<del>MS</del>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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