

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 732
H.D. 1

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. 732 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPLAINTS ALLEGING VIOLATIONS OF CAMPAIGN SPENDING LAWS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow the Campaign Spending Commission to treat a respondent's failure to explain or otherwise respond to a complaint alleging a violation of campaign spending laws as a presumption that a violation has occurred.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct.

Your Committee finds that this measure implements one of the recommendations made by the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct established by the House of Representatives in House Resolution No. 9, Regular Session of 2022. This measure would allow the Campaign Spending Commission to timely and efficiently address campaign finance violations, which is especially critical in election years.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

2023-2082 HB732 HD1 HSCR HMSO



- (1) Clarifying that the presumption of a violation is rebuttable; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 732, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 732, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



