

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 450

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 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 Health and Human Services, 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 candidates seeking election 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 Vote Mama Foundation, Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, and one individual.

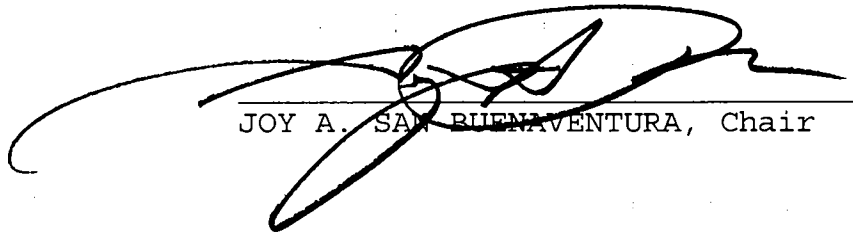
Your Committee finds that the State has shown promise regarding the representation of mothers of young children holding elected office. Presently, 6.58 percent of legislative members in the State are mothers with minor children. As running for office takes considerable time and resources outside of the full-time work week, parents with young children face greater challenges when balancing campaign activities and childcare. This measure authorizes candidates seeking election to use campaign funds for childcare and vital household dependent care costs, under certain conditions, to provide greater access and participation in the political campaign process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services 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 Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health and Human  
Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health and Human Services**  
**HHS**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 627	HHS, JDC	02/15/23		
<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
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	4		1	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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