

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

949

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MARCH 20**, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 508

S.D. 1

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 508, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the effectiveness of noncandidate committee reports by requiring an additional preliminary report. In addition to filing the preliminary report 10 days before the general election, another report must be filed on October 1 of a general election year.

Your Committee finds that the additional noncandidate committee report proposed by this measure will increase disclosure of noncandidate committee activity between the primary and general elections. The additional report will assist the voting public to become more knowledgeable about the entities seeking to influence their votes and especially aid the increasing numbers of voters who vote well in advance of election day and prior to the current report deadline.

The Campaign Spending Commission, Common Cause Hawaii, The League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure to be effective upon its approval.

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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. 508, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 508, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



