

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

531

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 508
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 508 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ETHICS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the maximum penalties for a violation of Chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Standards of Conduct (Ethics Code);
- (2) Clarify that a fine may be assessed or restitution ordered in a settlement agreement under the Ethics Code;
- (3) Remove the intent of the respondent as an element of the civil violation of Chapter 97, HRS, (Lobbyist Law); and
- (4) Increase the maximum penalties for a violation of the Lobbyist Law.

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission, Common Cause Hawaii, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and an individual testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations provided comments.

HB508 HD1 HSCR JUD HMS 2017-2088



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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

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



SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 508	Committee Referral: JUD, FIN	Date: 2/9/2017		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (C)	/			
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				/
4. BROWER, Tom	/			
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
6. LEE, Chris	/			
7. MORIKAWA, Dee				/
8. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	/			
9. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	/			
10. McDERMOTT, Bob	/			
11. THIELEN, Cynthia	/			
TOTAL (11)	9			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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