

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

**3371**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 02 2018**

RE: H.B. No. 2247  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2247, H.D. 1, 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 clarify that campaign advertisements broadcast, televised, circulated, published, distributed, or otherwise communicated by digital means, or through the Internet or online social media, are subject to campaign finance disclosure requirements.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission and Internet Coalition.

Your Committee finds that as electronic communication and the Internet have become more integral to the daily lives of Hawaii's residents, they have been increasingly used by campaign committees, interest groups, and other entities to communicate to voters and influence elections. These communications using digital means or the Internet are not subject to the same legal standard of transparency as traditional forms of campaigning that is used to ensure fair elections. This measure will extend existing financial disclosure requirements to advertisements that are distributed electronically or through the Internet.

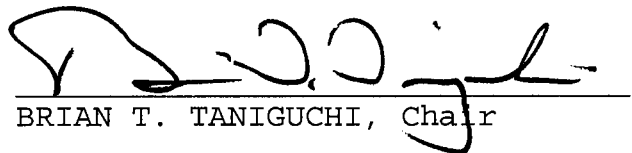


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing redundant references to the Internet and social media;
- (2) Allowing a hyperlink to a webpage containing the information required to be disclosed for advertisements distributed through electronic or digital means if including the information within the advertisement is impracticable;
- (3) Making conforming amendments to other sections of chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (4) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2035, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 2247, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2247, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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<i>HB 2247, HD1</i>	<i>JDC</i>	<i>3/15/18</i>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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