

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2038

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 05 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2231
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 S.B. No. 2231 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt unpaid board or commission members whose financial disclosure statements are not public records from the daily late disclosure fee.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Common Cause Hawaii and Ho'omana Pono, LLC. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Ethics Commission.

Your Committee finds that Article XIV of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii requires that all board and commission members who wield "significant discretionary or fiscal powers" file financial disclosure statements to promote transparency and accountability. State government relies on hundreds of private individuals to come forward and volunteer their time to serve on various boards or commissions. By and large these volunteers are required to submit financial disclosures. However, when these individuals are subjected to fines for filing their financial disclosure late, it serves as a deterrent for volunteering their time, energy, and service to the State.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making a clarifying amendment in the purpose section.

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. 2231, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2231, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2231	JDC, WAM	2/1/18		
<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.	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
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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