

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1065

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19

, 2021

RE: S.B. No. 597  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Reform, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 597, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow 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 Common Cause Hawaii, Young Progressives Demanding Action,  
American Association of University Women of Hawaii, and six  
individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure  
from the Campaign Spending Commission.

Your Committee finds that parenthood and care for one's  
dependents should not be barriers to running for political office.  
This measure will reduce the cost barrier for running a campaign  
for political office by allowing candidates more flexibility in  
the use of their campaign funds.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a definition for "vital household dependent care"; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Reform that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 597, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 597, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Government Reform,



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ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-first Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Government Reform**

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 597, SDR	GVR, JHA, FIN	3-17-27		
<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="" 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)				
GVR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
2. WILDBERGER, Tina (VC)	✓			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	✓			
4. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.				✓
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda				✓
6. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
7. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
8. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
9. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	7	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input 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: <span style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; font-variant: small-caps;">T. Winger</span>				
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