

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1233

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2023

RE: H.B. No. 141
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 141, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to, beginning January 1, 2025, require each state legislator to include within the legislator's disclosure of financial interests the names of certain lobbyists with whom the legislator has a relationship.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission, Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, All Hawaii News, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the public has a right to know who is in a position to influence legislators' decisions. Requiring additional disclosures that include identification of business relationships with lobbying groups will assist in identifying potential conflicts of interest, as well as ensure greater public confidence in the integrity of legislators.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adding language that specifies that each member of the legislature shall disclose the name of any person that is subject to section 97-3, Hawaii



Revised Statutes, and that is a client of the member, member's partner, or member's employer, who is on the lobbyist list and not just a client with a lobbyist, where the client provided at least \$5,000 of income during the preceding calendar year.

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. 141, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 141, 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,




KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 141 HD1	Committee Referral: JDC	Date: 3/14/23		
<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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	•			✓
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes