

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 26 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2240
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2240, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require and appropriate funds for the Office of Elections to file an application with the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., (ERIC) for the State to be admitted as a member of the organization;
- (2) Require the State and each county to use the information and services made available by ERIC to verify their voter registration rolls; and



- (3) Require the Office of Elections to request an appropriation from the Legislature, beginning fiscal year 2025–2026 and each fiscal year thereafter, for the State's annual membership dues to ERIC.

Your Committee on Conference finds that ERIC, is a nonprofit organization that was formed to help states improve the accuracy of voter registration rolls by using secure data-matching tools. This measure will provide another tool for election officials to maintain the accuracy and integrity of the voter registration rolls by allowing election officials to compare the State's voter registration file and driver license and identification card file with other member states.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting legislative findings clarifying that part of the process for a state to be admitted as a member of ERIC is for that state to send mailers to its residents who have driver's licenses but are not registered to vote, encouraging them to register to vote;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$125,000 for the Office of Elections to prepare and file an application with ERIC, for the State to be admitted as a member of the organization, and for the Office of Elections to send mailers to all Hawaii residents who have driver's licenses but are not registered to vote, encouraging them to register to vote;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2240, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2240, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



DAVID A. TARNAS
Co-Chair



SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO
Co-Chair

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



KARL RHOADS
Chair



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO
Co-Chair



Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
RHOADS, Karl, Chr.	✓				TARNAS, David A., Co-Chr.	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L., Co-Chr.	✓				NISHIMOTO, Scott Y., Co-Chr.	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓				GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓	HOLT, Daniel	✓			
					SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL	3	2	2	1	TOTAL	5	2	2	2

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:
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