STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2695

Honolulu, Hawaii FFB 2 9 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2562 S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2008 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2562, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize permanent absentee voting.

More specifically, the measure allows a registered voter to request permanent absentee voter status, in order to receive an absentee ballot for all subsequent elections conducted in that precinct. The measure appropriates an unspecified amount of funds for implementing and administering this new program.

Testimony in support of the measure was received from the State of Hawaii Office of Elections. The Elections Division, Office of the County Clerk, County of Kauai, submitted comments.

Your Committee supports the goal of encouraging voter participation, and this measure helps achieve that goal by increasing voter convenience and accessibility for all citizens in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2562, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2675

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SBZS 42 SD /	Committee Referral:		Date: 2/25/08		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)		/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne		-			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani					
FUKUNAGA, Carol		/	·		
HOOSER, Gary L.					
INOUYE, Lorraine R.					/
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MENOR, Ron					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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