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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read  
3 as follows:

4                   "PART       .   ELECTIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL

5       §11-       Elections advisory council; creation; composition.

6       (a) There is established an elections advisory council under  
7 the office of elections, to be appointed by the chief election  
8 officer.

9       (b) The elections advisory council shall be composed of  
10 representatives from the following entities, who shall be  
11 selected by the entity:

- 12       (1) Alu Like;
- 13       (2) Association of Clerks and Election Officers of Hawaii;
- 14       (3) Association of Information Technology Professionals;
- 15       (4) Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii;
- 16       (5) Common Cause of Hawaii;
- 17       (6) Hawaii Newspaper Agency;



1           (7)   Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants;  
2           (8)   Hawaii State Bar Association;  
3           (9)   Honolulu Community Media Council;  
4           (10)   Information Systems Audit and Control Association;  
5           (11)   League of Women Voters;  
6           (12)   Office of Hawaiian affairs;  
7           (13)   Auditor;  
8           (14)   Office of the Ombudsman;  
9           (15)   Democratic Party of Hawaii;  
10          (16)   Hawaii Green Party;  
11          (17)   Libertarian Party of Hawaii;  
12          (18)   Natural Law Party of Hawaii; and  
13          (19)   Republican Party of Hawaii;  
14   provided that the chief election officer may appoint other  
15   entities to be represented on the elections advisory council, if  
16   the chief election officer determines that another entity is  
17   appropriate and would contribute to the work of the council.  
18   Any appointed entity may relinquish its membership by written  
19   notice to the chief election officer.  
20           Section 26-34 shall not apply to this section. The members  
21   shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for



1 expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the  
2 performance of their duties.

3 (c) Members of the elections advisory council shall serve  
4 temporarily for each primary and general election, and shall  
5 dissolve on the day after the general election.

6 **§11- Duties of the elections advisory council.** The  
7 elections advisory council shall serve as an advisory group to  
8 assist the chief election officer, as follows:

- 9 (1) Provide the chief election officer with comments and  
10 recommendations on matters pertaining to federal,  
11 state, and county elections;
- 12 (2) Provide the chief election officer with comments and  
13 recommendations on adopting rules and procedures;
- 14 (3) Serve as the core group of the official elections  
15 observer team to watch over the counting center team  
16 activities to ensure adherence to rules and procedures  
17 on election day;
- 18 (4) Conduct logic and accuracy tests to verify that the  
19 ballot counting program is making accurate counts; and
- 20 (5) Observe other election-related activity, as authorized  
21 by the chief election officer or designated  
22 representative."



1 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Elections Advisory Council

**Description:**

Establishes the elections advisory council to advise the chief election officer.

