

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2819  
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B.  
No. 2819, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to meet federal requirements  
relating to mailing absentee ballots to certain voters.

The bill accomplishes this by changing the date of the  
primary election to the second Saturday of August. This measure  
also changes the deadline for filing nomination papers to the  
first Tuesday in June.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure  
from The League of Women Voters of Hawaii. Written comments  
received by the Committee may be viewed on the Legislature's  
website.

Your Committee finds that lengthening the time between the  
state primary and general elections will allow the State to comply  
with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010,  
which requires states to mail absentee ballots to uniformed and  
overseas voters no later than forty-five days prior to the  
elections for federal office. Current law, which allows for only  
forty-five days between primary and general elections, makes it  
impossible for the State to meet the federal deadlines.



Your Committee amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and style.

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. 2819, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2819, S.D. 2.

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

  
DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2819 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JGO, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-23-10</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HEE, Clayton				/
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
TOTAL	9	0	0	3
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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