#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 471

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 15, OF THE HAWAI`I STATE CONSTITUTION TO ENACT A SUPERMAJORITY VOTING REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION PROPOSING TO RAISE OR CREATE TAXES OR FEES.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to propose an
 amendment to Article III, section 15, of the Constitution of the
 state of Hawai`i to enact a two-thirds supermajority requirement
 for passage of legislation proposing to raise either taxes or
 fees.
 SECTION 2. Article III, section 15, of the Constitution of
 the State of Hawai`i is amended to read as follows:

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### "PASSAGE OF BILLS

9 Section 15. No bill shall become law unless it shall pass
10 three readings in each house on separate days. No bill shall
11 pass third or final reading in either house unless printed
12 copies of the bill in the form to be passed shall have been made
13 available to the members of that house for at least forty-eight
14 hours.

15 Every bill when passed by the house in which it originated,16 or in which amendments thereto shall have originated, shall



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1	immediately be certified by the presiding officer and clerk and
2	sent to the other house for consideration.
3	Any bill pending at the final adjournment of a regular
4	session in an odd-numbered year shall carry over with the same
5	status to the next regular session. Before the carried-over
6	bill is enacted, it shall pass at least one reading in the house
7	in which the bill originated.
8	Passage of legislation proposing to increase the rates for
9	any tax collected by the State or to enact a new tax shall
10	require a two-thirds vote of all members to which each house is
11	entitled. Passage of legislation proposing to increase fees or
12	to create new fees that are charged by the State or any agency
13	or entity controlled by the State shall require a two-thirds
14	vote of all members to which each house is entitled."
15	SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
16	be as follows:
17	"Shall`the Constitution be amended to include a two-thirds
18	supermajority voting requirement for the legislature to pass
19	laws increasing or creating taxes or fees?"
20	SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored.



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SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
 compliance with Article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
 the State of Hawaii.

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### Report Title:

Taxation; constitutional amendment

### Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment to include a two-thirds supermajority voting requirement for the legislature to pass laws that increase or create taxes and fees.

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