Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2 , 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1755
       H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

    Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No.
1755, H.D. 1, entitled:

    "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

    The purpose of this measure is to modify voter registration
and related procedures by, among other things:

    (1)   Allowing online voter registration, and establishing
           that using the electronic application for registration
           constitutes consent by the applicant for confirmatory
           information to be obtained from other government
           databases regarding the applicant's information;

    (2)   Amending record keeping requirements affecting the
           maintenance of voters' names, affidavits of
           registration, and the use of tabulating cards, computer
           tapes, the register, and voter lists;

    (3)   Deleting requirements that the county clerk maintain
           segregated records for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
           registered voters, and the requirement that a person
           voting for the Board of Trustees of the Office of
           Hawaiian Affairs affirm that the person is Hawaiian;

(4) Deleting the requirement that the county clerk prepare a list of all registered voters in each precinct to be posted at the precinct polling place on election day;

(5) Appropriating $500,000 from the general fund for the planning, designing, and implementation of an online voter registration system; and

(6) Requiring the Chief Election Officer and county clerks to consider and report on the feasibility of using the last four digits of the social security number in lieu of using that number in its entirety in voter registration and record keeping.
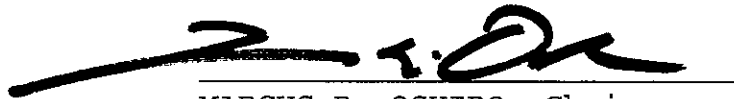
The Elections Division of the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kauai, Americans for Democratic Action Hawaii, and five individuals supported this measure. The Office of Elections, The Office of the County Clerk of the County of Maui, Common Cause Hawaii, and the League of Women Voters of Hawaii commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Deleting the appropriation amount;

(2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, for the purpose of facilitating further discussion; and

(3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1755, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1755, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1755, HD1	Committee Referral: JUD, FIN	Date: 2/24/12

☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ☐ Pass, unamended (as is) ☒ Pass, with amendments (HD) ☐ Hold
☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	✓			
3. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
4. CULLEN, Ty	✓			
5. GIUGNI, Heather	✓			
6. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
7. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
8. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
9. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
10. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.				✓
11. LEE, Chris	✓			
12. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.		✓		
16. RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
17. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (17)	15	1	0	1

The recommendation is: ☒ Adopted   ☐ Not Adopted
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ Marilyn B. Lee _____

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