STAND. COM. REP. NO. 173 -12

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7 , 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2251

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2251 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote efficiency and accessibility in the elections process by authorizing the county clerk of a county with a population of less than 100,000 to mail an absentee ballot to all properly registered voters on an island of the county that is not contiguous with the county seat of government.

The Office of Elections, Office of the County Clerk of the County of Kauai, Elections Division, and League of Women Voters of Hawaii testified in support of the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2251 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

HB 2251	Committee Referral:  JUD, FIN	Date:	1/31/	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)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	(C) U		<del></del>	
2. RHOADS, Karl (VC)				
3. BROWER, Tom			····	
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	~			
5. CARROLL, Mele				
6. COFFMAN, Denny				
7. HERKES, Robert N.				
8. ITO, Ken				
9. LUKE, Sylvia				
10. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	/		·	
11. SOUKI, Joseph M.	/			
12. TSUJI, Clift				
13. FONTAINE, George R.				
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				
15. THIELEN, Cynthia				
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TOTAL (15)	14	0	9	
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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