STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1733

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 2 2013

H.B. No. 92 RE:

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 92 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- Provide that the ballot of an absentee or military-(1)overseas voter is valid even if the voter becomes ineligible to vote after casting the ballot; and
- (2) Repeal section 15-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which invalidates the cast ballot of an absentee voter who has died prior to the opening of the polls on election day, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Elections; Ho'ākea Communications; Military Officers Association of America, Hawaii Chapter; and National Association for Uniformed Services, Hawaii Chapter.

Your Committee finds that voters who in good faith cast their ballots while eligible to vote should have their ballots counted even if they become ineligible after casting their ballots. measure is an important recognition of the selfless service of our deployed military personnel.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs



that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 92, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

WILL ESPERO. Chai

The Senate Twenty-Seventh Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs PSM

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.						
If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313						
Members		Aye	Aye (WF	VR) Nay		Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)		/				
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)						
GALUTERIA, Brickwood						
GREEN, Josh						/
SLOM, Sam						/
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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^{*}Only one measure per Record of Votes