HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 1480

A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 14, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION, TO ENSURE THAT NO BILL BECOMES LAW IF IT NO LONGER REFLECTS IT ORIGINAL PURPOSE.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to propose an 1 2 amendment to article III, section 14, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to ensure that no bill shall become law if the 3 4 bill has been altered or amended during the legislative process 5 to such an extent that the bill no longer reflects its original 6 purpose. 7 SECTION 2. Article III, section 14, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows: 8 9 "BILLS; ENACTMENT 10 Section 14. No law shall be passed except by bill. No 11 bill shall become law if it has been so altered or amended 12 during its passage through either house that the bill no longer 13 reflects its original purpose. Each law shall embrace but one 14 subject, which shall be expressed in its title. The enacting 15 clause of each law shall be, "Be it enacted by the legislature 16 of the State of Hawaii.""



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1 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall 2 be as follows: 3 "Shall a bill that becomes law retain its original purpose 4 throughout the legislative process?" 5 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is 6 underscored. 7 8 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of 9 10 the State of Hawaii. 11

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Description:

Amends the constitution to ensure that no bill becomes law if the legislative process has so altered or amended the bill that it no longer reflects its original purpose.

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