Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2014

H.B. No. 452 RE: H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 452 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION FRAUDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make it an election fraud for any person who, before or during an election, knowingly publishes, distributes, or otherwise promotes false information about the time, date, place, or means of voting, which impedes, prevents, or otherwise interferes with a voter's electoral rights.

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- Clarifying that the new election fraud offense applies (1)to every person who knowingly publishes, distributes, or otherwise communicates false information about the time, date, place, or means of voting with the purpose of impeding, preventing, or otherwise interfering with the free exercise of the elective franchise; and
- Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, (2) consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 452, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 452, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

KARL RHOADS, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-seventh Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:	c locks	
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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	A	A (YVD)	TAT:	
	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)			*****	
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)				
3. BELATTI, Della Au	· ·			
4. BROWER, Tom				
5. CREAGAN, Richard			-	
6. ITO, Ken				
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.				
8. LEE, Chris				
9. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
10. TSUJI, Clift		-		
11. WOOLEY, Jessica				
12. MCDERMOTT, Bob				. •
13. THIELEN, Cynthia				

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TOTAL (13)	9			7
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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