Honolulu, Hawaii

February 18, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1055 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1055 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage voter registration by accepting, for purposes of identification for voter registration, the applicant's Hawaii driver's license number or Hawaii state identification card number or, if no license or identification card has been issued, the last four digits of the applicant's social security number.

Common Cause Hawaii and one concerned individual testified in support of this measure. The Office of Elections and the City Clerk of the City and County of Honolulu provided comments.

Your Committee finds that the State's voter registration laws should conform to federal office election law which would require the State to issue a citizen an identification number for voter registration purposes if that person does not have a social security number. This change will enable and encourage those affected citizens to register.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Requiring the State to issue the applicant a unique voter registration identification number if the applicant does not have a driver's license, Hawaii state

identification card number, or social security number; and to enroll the applicant by the unique identification number in the State's computerized voter registration records; and

(2) Making the measure effective on January 1, 2018.

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. 1055, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1055, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

KARL RHOADS, Chair

State of Hawaii

House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1055	Committee Referral: JuD, FIN	Date:	2/2/16	
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. RHOADS, Karl (C)	×			-
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	(VC) X			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				
4. BROWER, Tom				<u> </u>
5. CREAGAN, Richard P.	X			
6. HASHEM, Mark J.				
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.				
8. LEE, Chris	X			
9. MORIKAWA, Dee	X			
10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	X			
11. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	X			
12. WOODSON, Justin H.				
13. McDERMOTT, Bob	<u> </u>			
14. THIELEN, Cynthia				
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TOTAL (14)	13			XI
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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