STAND. COM. REP. NO. Honolulu, Hawaii , 2015 RE: H.B. No. 124 H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 124, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Office of Elections to implement a system of elections by mail, starting with the 2016 primary elections in counties with a population of less than 100,000, then expanding to all counties in 2018 to cover all federal, state, and county primary, general, and special elections.

The Office of Elections, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Disability and Communication Access Board, Common Cause Hawaii, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and three concerned individuals supported this measure. The Office of the County Clerk, County of Maui; Office of the County Clerk, County of Hawaii; Office of the City Clerk, City and County of Honolulu; and the Office of the County Clerk, County of Kauai commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 124, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 124, H.D. 2.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral		Date:		
HB 124, HD1	JUD, FIN		2/27/15		
□ 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)					
FIN Members	Aye	es Ayes (W	(R) Nays	Excused	
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)		/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)					
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.	1		i i		
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.					
5. DECOITE, Lynn					
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling					
7. JORDAN, Jo					
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	/				
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand		/			
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.					
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/				
12. TOKIOKA, James Kunane		/			
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/				
14. POUHA, Feki	/		/		
15. WARD, Gene					
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TOTAL (15)	13	(
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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