STAND. COM. REP. NO. X20

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6 , 2015

RE: H.B. No. 612 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. 612, 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 promote fairness in the conduct of postponed elections by prohibiting the public disclosure of voting results from every precinct for any ballot contest or question affected by the postponement, until voting for the postponed election has been concluded.

Common Cause Hawaii provided testimony in support of this measure. The League of Women Voters of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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

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. 612, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 612, 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.: HB 612, HD1	Committee Referral: JUD, FIN		Date: 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	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)			·	
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.			,	
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. DECOITE, Lynn				
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling			•	
7. JORDAN, Jo			1. 0.4 Sec. 1018-1020	
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				
TOTAL (15)	19			/
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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