

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2877**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 17 2016

RE: S.C.R. No. 40
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 40 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PETITIONING CONGRESS FOR A
LIMITED AMENDMENTS CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING A
FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES
CONSTITUTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to petition the
United States Congress to call a convention for the purpose of
proposing a free and fair elections amendment to the United States
Constitution pursuant to Article V of the United States
Constitution.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Wolf PAC and twelve individuals. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney
General.

Your Committee finds that free and fair elections are a
cornerstone of representative democracy. The stated intention of
the framers of the United States Constitution was that the United
States Congress be dependent on the people alone. Since the
nation's founding, developments in media technology and the social
and economic makeup of the United States have resulted in a
perceived and actual increase in the influence of powerful
economic actors over the political process. The exact nature of
these developments could not have been anticipated by the framers

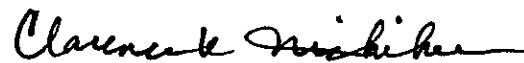


of the United States Constitution, and your Committee finds that it is appropriate and necessary to amend the United States Constitution to address the circumstances brought about by those developments. Your Committee notes that a convention to propose amendments pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution has never occurred in the nation's history, and that it is prudent to take steps to narrow the scope of the convention if possible.

Your Committee has amended this measure by identifying and clarifying the three specific areas of concern that the proposed constitutional convention is requested to address.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 40, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 40, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SCR 40</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">PSM, JDL</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3/10/16</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			/
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">Will Espero</div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

*Only one measure per Record of Votes