

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1064

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 1 - 2019

RE: S.B. No. 427
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 427, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RANKED CHOICE VOTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish ranked choice voting as the method of voting in certain elections.

Specifically, this measure requires that the following elections be determined by ranked choice voting:

- (1) Any federal election not held on the date of a regularly scheduled primary or general election; and
- (2) Any special election for a vacant seat on a county council.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, FairVote Action, and two individuals.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from one individual.



Your Committee finds that special elections for vacant federal office and county council seats often involve many candidates and result in situations in which a candidate wins by a mere plurality of votes. Accordingly, your Committee finds that this measure is intended to ensure that these elections are conducted so that the winning candidate wins by a majority of the votes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 427, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 427, S.D. 2.

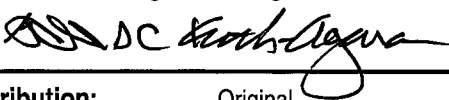
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB427, SD1	JDC, WAM	2/28/19		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene		X		
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.		X		
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.		X		
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	9	3		1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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