

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1153

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2019

RE: S.B. No. 560
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. 560, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make updates to the elections process.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires, beginning with the 2022 primary election, that all elections to be conducted by mail, with some accommodations;
- (2) Authorizes the electric transmission of ballots to and from voters in certain circumstances;
- (3) Requires the establishment of voter service centers to receive the personal delivery of election ballots and provide other voting services;
- (4) Establishes that when a tie occurs for a contested office, the result shall be determined by the drawing of lots;



- (5) Makes appropriations for costs relating to conducting elections by mail; and
- (6) Requires the Office of Elections to submit reports to the Legislature prior to the convening of each Regular Session from 2020 through 2025 regarding the Office's implementation of this measure.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Elections; Disability and Communication Access Board; Office of the County Clerk, County of Hawaii; Office of the County Clerk, County of Maui; Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; League of Women Voters of Hawaii; Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii; and three individuals.

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

Your Committee finds that an increasing number of voters in the State are choosing to submit their votes by mail or vote early. Accordingly, your Committee believes that it is appropriate for the State to transition to a system that primarily utilizes voting by mail, which will reduce the cost of conducting elections while also increasing the efficiency and accuracy of vote tabulation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Correcting a reference to Act 182, Session Laws of 2018;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 560, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 560, 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

Record of Votes
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| Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 560, SD 1 | Committee Referral: JDC, WAM | Date: 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 |
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| TOTAL | 12 | | | 1 |
| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted | | | | |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:  | | | | |
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