STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1247

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 1 9 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1116

H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1116, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the candidates for the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to be displayed on the ballot by residency and non-residency requirements and to randomize the order of candidate names within those groupings and among precincts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Elections and one individual.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, names of candidates for the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs are placed on the ballot in alphabetical order. However, ballot order has been shown to affect election outcomes and the first name on the ballot generally has an advantage over names listed further down the ballot. To mitigate any advantage that may arise from the order of candidate names on the ballot, this measure requires that the names of candidates for the Board of

Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs be randomized on individual ballots and also randomly rotated between precincts.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1116, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair

The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Hawaiian Affairs HWN

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:		
HB 1116, HDI	HWN, JOC/WAM			03/14/19		
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.						
If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313						
Members		Aye	Aye (W	(R)	Nay	Excused
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)						
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (VC)						
IHARA, Jr., Les						
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett		,				
FEVELLA, Kurt						
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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