STAND. COM. REP. NO. 120

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 7, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1327 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2019 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1327 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to accommodate voters who speak the Hawaiian language by:

- (1) Requiring the chief election officer to make request forms for an absentee ballot or for permanent absentee voter status available to voters in the English or Hawaiian language; and
- (2) Requiring that absentee ballots, written in English and Hawaiian, be made available to absentee voters.

The Office of Elections and Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and

purpose of H.B. No. 1327, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1327, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs,

RYAN . AMANE, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The THIRTIETH Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs

ill/Resolution No.: HB 1327 Committee Referral: WLH, JUD, FIN Date: 02/01/19				
☐ 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)				
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4. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
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6. WILDBERGER, Tina				
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TOTAL (7)	5	0	0	2
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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