

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2312

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 03 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2048

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2048 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to extend the voter
registration deadline from thirty to fifteen days prior to each
election.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Elections; Elections Division, Office of the
County Clerk of the County of Kauai; Common Cause Hawaii; Pono
Hawaii Initiative; and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that Act 136, Session Laws of Hawaii
2019, established procedures for the State to implement a
vote-by-mail system for all elections beginning with the 2020
primary elections. Your Committee further finds that Hawaii has
the lowest voter registration in the nation. This measure will
provide the busy residents of Hawaii additional time to register
to vote by extending the period in which residents of the State
may register to vote.



Your Committee has amended this measure, as suggested by the Office of Elections, by:

- (1) Changing the fine for providing false information to \$10,000 to match class C felonies and fines for election offenses; and
- (2) Authorizing the clerk to continue sending ballot packages beyond the authorized deadlines if the clerk determines that there is reasonable time for a voter to receive and submit the ballot before the election.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2048, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2048, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

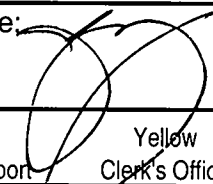


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2048	PSM, JDC	1/28/20		
<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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
HARIMOTO Breene				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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