STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3231

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 2 8 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2139

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2139 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VACANCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend filing deadlines for candidates attempting to fill vacant state senate seats.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Elections.

Your Committee finds that under existing law if a vacancy occurs after the close of candidate filing, a candidate who has already filed will find themselves in a situation where they cannot withdraw and file for the special vacancy election because the ability for a candidate to withdraw for any reason is limited to the day immediately following the close of filing. measure amends filing deadlines to coincide with the close of candidate filing, and additionally enables a single special election to be held in conjunction with the general election in certain circumstances and conforms deadlines to the federal requirements of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your

Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2139 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary,

KARL RHOADS, Chair

The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2(39	Committee Referral:			Date: 2/14/1010	
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 (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)					
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)					
GABBARD, Mike					
KIM, Donna Mercado					
FEVELLA, Kurt					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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^{*}Only one measure per Record of Votes