STAND. COM. REP. NO. 156

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 1 1 2019 RE: S.B. No. 729

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 S.B. No. 729 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 display of candidates for the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, 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, Pono Leadership Now, eight individuals, and a petition signed by twenty individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Elections.

Your Committee finds that 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. Your Committee finds that under existing law, candidate names are placed on the ballot in alphabetical order, which results in candidates' ballot positions remaining relatively unchanged from election to election. Randomizing the names of candidates for the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, so that the order of names changes each election and,



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furthermore, so that in each election the order of names varies in each precinct, will distribute more randomly any advantage that may arise from the order of candidates' names on the ballot.

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 S.B. No. 729 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 NGCommittee Referral:Date:SB 729HWN, JDC/WAM2/5/19					
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 (WR)	Nay	Excused
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)					
KAHELE, Kaialiʻi (VC)					
IHARA, Jr., Les					
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett					
FEVELLA, Kurt		/			
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's pr Designee's Signature:					
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