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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTIES TO OPEN ADDITIONAL VOTER SERVICE CENTERS FOR  
THE 2020 ELECTIONS TO PROVIDE AMPLE ELECTION SERVICES TO  
VOTERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS.

1           WHEREAS, starting with the 2020 primary election, Hawaii  
2 registered voters will no longer be voting at traditional  
3 polling places, such as schools and community centers; and  
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5           WHEREAS, instead all elections statewide will be conducted  
6 by mail; and  
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8           WHEREAS, under the vote-by-mail election system, ballots  
9 will be automatically mailed to all registered voters in the  
10 State; and  
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12           WHEREAS, Act 136, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, which  
13 enacted vote-by-mail uniformly statewide, also establishes voter  
14 service centers to receive personal delivery of mail-in ballots,  
15 accommodate voters with special needs, offer same-day  
16 registration and voting, and provide other election services;  
17 and  
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19           WHEREAS, despite the transition to a completely new all-  
20 mail-in election system, only eight voter service centers are  
21 planned to open in the State for the 2020 elections; and  
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23           WHEREAS, in past years, election officials have staffed  
24 about two hundred thirty polling locations across the State on  
25 election day; and  
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27           WHEREAS, while mail-in voting is convenient and can save  
28 money, ease administrative burdens, and provide flexibility for  
29 voters, having only eight voter service centers for the upcoming  
30 elections will broadly limit a citizen's constitutional right to



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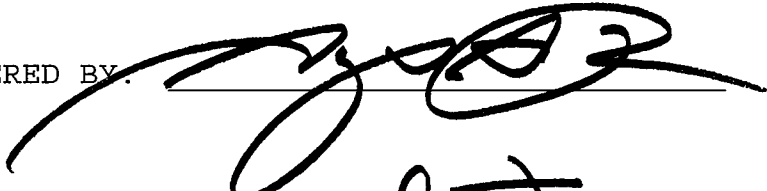
1 vote, especially since this year will be the first election for  
2 which Hawaii has implemented statewide vote-by-mail; and  
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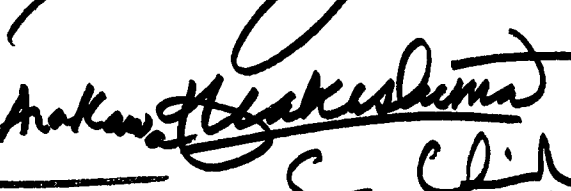
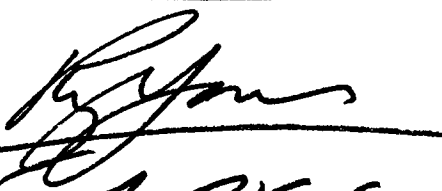
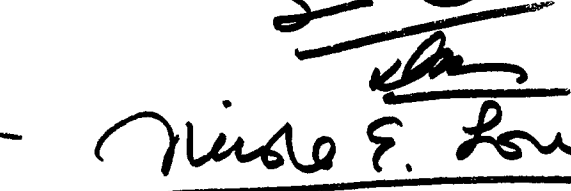
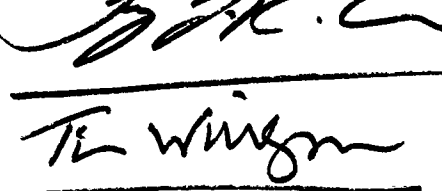
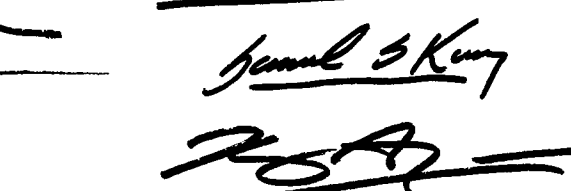


4 WHEREAS, Hawaii's already low voter turnout could be worse  
5 if election officials do not properly implement the new vote-by-  
6 mail system; and  
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8 WHEREAS, additional voter service centers are needed in  
9 case unexpected issues arise and to help residents get used to  
10 the new vote-by-mail system; now, therefore,  
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
13 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
14 2020, the Senate concurring, that the counties are urged to open  
15 additional voter service centers for the 2020 elections to  
16 provide ample election services to voters in their respective  
17 jurisdictions; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Election  
21 Officer, City Clerk of the City and County of Honolulu, and the  
22 County Clerks of the respective Counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and  
23 Maui.  
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