

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 548
S.D. 1
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B.
No. 548, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS BY MAIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the State's election laws to clarify and improve the administration of elections by mail;
- (2) Establish a Statewide Voters with Special Needs Advisory Committee and County Voters with Special Needs Advisory Committees within each county;
- (3) Require the Department of Public Safety and Hawaii Paroling Authority to inform individuals on parole or probation of their eligibility to vote and provide them with information on how to register and vote; and
- (4) Require the Office of Elections and the county clerks to make a determination, as soon as practicable, of the optimal number and placement of voter service centers.



Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Elections, Disability and Communications Access Board, LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Community Alliance on Prisons, and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Honolulu Elections Division of the City and County of Honolulu, Elections Division of the Office of the County Clerk of the County of Kaua'i, Common Cause Hawaii, AARP Hawai'i, and seven individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 548, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 548, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

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


SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



Ms. A. 9.2.1867

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 548, SDI, HDI		Committee Referral: JHA, FIN		Date: 4-1-2021
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	/			
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)	/			
3. BRANCO, Patrick Pihana	/			
4. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.	/			
5. HOLT, Daniel	/			
6. ILAGAN, Greggor	/			
7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
8. MARTEN, Lisa	/			
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
10. PERRUSO, Amy A.				/
11. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	/			
12. TAM, Adrian K.	/			
13. WILDBERGER, Tina	/			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
15. McDERMOTT, Bob	/			
TOTAL (15)	14	0	0	1
The recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: [Signature]				
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