

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1064

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 , 2021

RE: S.B. No. 560
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Reform, to which was referred
S.B. No. 560 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RANKED CHOICE VOTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish ranked choice
voting for special federal elections and special elections of
vacant county council seats.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Common Cause Hawaii, FairVote Action, Young Progressives
Demanding Action, Green Party of Hawai'i, Americans for Democratic
Action, and fourteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that ranked choice voting is a method of
voting that allows voters to rank their choice of candidates based
on preference from favorite to least favorite. Your Committee
believes that implementing ranked choice voting in special
elections for federal and county council offices may demonstrate
that this method of voting can ensure fairer, more efficient, and
more diverse elections.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2112, 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 Government Reform that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 560, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 560, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Government Reform,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



