STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1497

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

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RE: S.B. No. 560

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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 560, H.D. 1, 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 for vacant county council seats.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from FairVote Action, Americans for Democratic Action Hawaii, Common Cause Hawaii, Green Party Hawaii, Young Progressives Demanding Action, and twelve individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

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.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Providing that in situations where there is a tie between candidates for the most votes in the final round, the candidate chosen by lot shall be declared the winner; 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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 560, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 560, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-first Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date	7 .1-	1
SB 560 HD1	GVR, JHA	FIN	3-23-	~
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)		_		
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8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.			-	
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9. TAKUMI, Roy M.				
10. TODD, Chris			<u> </u>	
10. TODD, Chris				
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
12. WARD, Gene				
TOTAL (12)	9			1
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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