

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2162  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1  
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2162, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

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 on Conference finds that the existing plurality voting method in special elections allows a candidate to win an election without a majority of votes when there are more than two candidates for the office. Your Committee on Conference further finds that ranked choice voting provides voters with the ability to rank candidates in order of preference and has been used effectively in other jurisdictions in the nation and the world.



Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 1, 2023.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2162, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2162, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



MARK M. NAKASHIMA  
Co-Chair

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



KARL RHOADS  
Chair



SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO  
Co-Chair



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN  
Co-Chair



Record of Votes of a  
Conference Committee

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: <b>SB 2162, SD 1, HD 1</b>	Date/Time: <b>04/28/22</b> <span style="float:right;">2:25 pm</span>
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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
RHOADS, Karl, Chr.	✓				NAKASHIMA, Mark M., Co-Chr.	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C., Co-Chr.	✓				NISHIMOTO, Scott Y., Co-Chr.	✓			
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett	✓				MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt			✓						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A = Aye                      WR = Aye with Reservations                      N = Nay                      E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 
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