

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **1158**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 17 2023

RE: H.B. No. 130
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 130, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VALIDATION OF BALLOTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to change the deadline for the validation of ballots following an election.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Elections and League of Women Voters of Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that section 11-106, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides that voters have five business days after the election to cure their ballots. Currently, the Statehood Day holiday for the Primary Election and Veterans' Day holiday for the General Election make the time required for the County Elections Divisions to validate ballots up to nine calendar days after the election. This does not align with the deadline in section 11-108(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, of seven days after an election for the clerks to complete the validation process. This measure will align the deadline by which voters have to cure any deficiency with their return envelope with the deadline for the county election divisions to validate ballots.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 130, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB130 HD1	Committee Referral: JDC	Date: 3/9/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
TOTAL	4	—	1	—
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes