STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1965

Honolulu, Hawaii

## APR 2 1 2023

RE: H.C.R. No. 87

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.C.R. No. 87 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE COST AND PERSONNEL REQUIRED TO PREPARE AND DISTRIBUTE A VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Office of Elections to prepare and submit a proposal to the Legislature on the cost and personnel required to prepare and distribute a voter information guide.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Elections.

Your Committee finds that the public needs access to information on candidates for elected office and ballot questions in a clear, standardized format. There is increasing demand for access to information in a digital format. Voters with specialneeds require adaptive technology to access digital information, and voters may require ballot information to be made available in their native language. This measure will encourage the Office of Elections to prepare to provide voters with candidate information in a printed format, digital format, and screen reader-accessible



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format for voters with special needs who are unable to read standard print due to disability, and a translation of the digital voter information in various languages.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 87, and recommends its adoption.

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

KARL RHOADS, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee	Committee Referral:		Date:	
HCR 87	JDC			4/20/23	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye 🖊	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)					
GABBARD, Mike (VC)		V/			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.		$V_{\prime}$	<u> </u>		
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.		V			
AWA, Brenton	$\checkmark$				
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Recommendation:					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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