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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP ON  
AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION.

1           WHEREAS, the legislature finds that every eligible person  
2 should be able to register to vote in a convenient and secure  
3 way that is beneficial to new voters and administrators alike;  
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6           WHEREAS, key voter registration improvements can ensure  
7 state election systems are secure and efficient, safeguard  
8 votes, and save money; and

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10           WHEREAS, in the 2024 primary election, for example, the  
11 State experienced its lowest turnout in sixty-five years, with  
12 only 32.1 percent of registered voters filling out a ballot; and

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14           WHEREAS, to improve statewide voter turnout, the  
15 Legislature must enact measures that strengthen the right to  
16 vote; and

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18           WHEREAS, in 2021, Hawaii established automatic voter  
19 registration to increase the State's historically low voter  
20 participation rates; and

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22           WHEREAS, the automatic voter registration system  
23 established by the Legislature was an opt-in system that places  
24 the responsibility for registration on the part of individual  
25 voters, which fails to fully include the total potential  
26 population of new voters; and

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28           WHEREAS, changing the State's automatic voter registration  
29 system from an opt-in to an opt-out model would maximize  
30 democratic participation by making voter registration as  
31 streamlined as possible; now, therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
3 of 2025, that the Office of Elections is requested to convene a  
4 working group on automatic voter registration; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
7 to make recommendations regarding changing the State's automatic  
8 voter registration system to an opt-out system; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
11 to consist of the following members:

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- 13 (1) The Chief Election Officer of the Office of Elections  
14 or the Chief Election Officer's designee, who is  
15 requested to serve as the chairperson of the working  
16 group;
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  - 18 (2) The Director of Transportation or the Director's  
19 designee;
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  - 21 (3) The Director of the Department of Customer Services of  
22 the City and County of Honolulu or the Director's  
23 designee;
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  - 25 (4) A representative from Common Cause Hawaii;
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  - 27 (5) A representative from the League of Women Voters; and
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  - 29 (6) A representative from the Institute for Responsive  
30 Government; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
33 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
34 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
35 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
36 of 2026; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
39 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Election Officer,  
40 Director of Transportation, Director of the Department of  
41 Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu, Executive  
42 Director of Common Cause Hawaii, President of the League of



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1 Women Voters, and Executive Director of the Institute for  
2 Responsive Government.

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