STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3559

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 8 2026

RE: S.R. No. 99
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Judiciary, to which was referred S.R. No. 99 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO STUDENTS ON HOW TO PREREGISTER TO VOTE PRIOR TO REACHING VOTING AGE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to provide information to students on how to preregister to vote before reaching voting age.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Elections, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, and League of Women Voters of Hawai'i County.

Your Committees find that longstanding barriers to civic participation that disproportionately affect women and marginalized groups can be addressed by facilitating voter registration and preregistration in high schools. Research and best practices indicate that early exposure to civic education and accessible registration opportunities increase lifelong voter engagement. This measure therefore promotes active and informed participation in democratic governance by all students.



Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 99, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 99, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Education and Judiciary,

KARL RHOADS, Chair

DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair

The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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SR 99	EDU/DPC	04/07/26

☐ The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.

If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

☐ Pass, unamended 2312 ☑ Pass, with amendments 2311 ☐ Hold 2310 ☐ Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				✓
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha				✓
TOTAL	3			2

Recommendation: ☑ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: Michelle N Kidani

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SB 99	EDU/JDL	4/7/26

☐ The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.

If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

☐ Pass, unamended 2312 ☑ Pass, with amendments 2311 ☐ Hold 2310 ☐ Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	4	—	—	1

Recommendation: ☑ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: Mike Gabbard

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