

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3559

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 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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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR 99	Committee Referral: EDU/JDC	Date: 4/7/26		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
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