

HB-709

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Comments:

long overdue, as the council district 4 race highlights. the elections law also must clarify what the definition of a delivered vote is, per the supreme court decision. there are too many grey areas in the law and they should be addressed now.

HB 709 Late

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To: The House Committee on Judiciary
From: Brodie Lockard for the Common Cause Hawaii Board
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019, 2:00 pm

In support of HB 709

Dear JUD Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and Committee Members—

Common Cause Hawaii supports HB 709.

The 2018 Honolulu City Council election makes it very clear that an automatic recount in a very close election should be mandatory. A recount would avoid

- Voters' loss of confidence in the electoral system
- Acrimony among candidates and their supporters
- Time wasted by the office in question
- Inefficiency and confusion in the body of which the office is a part, e.g., the City Council
- Time and money wasted in the court system
- Time and money wasted on a special election

Please pass HB 709 and save all of the trouble caused by a contested election.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Brodie Lockard
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