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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION AND NEIGHBORHOOD
COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO
REJECT IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ELECTRONIC ELECTION SYSTEM, AND
TO CONTINUE USING PAPER BALLOTS.

1 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu neighborhood board
2 elections in May 2009, are expected to be carried out in a
3 different manner than previous elections which were conducted by
4 mail; and

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6 WHEREAS, due to a lack of funds from the Honolulu City
7 Council, the Neighborhood Commission recommended electronic
8 voting instead of mail out ballots for the next neighborhood
9 board election, as well as the cessation of the mailing of
10 candidate profiles to those registered to vote in neighborhood
11 board elections; and

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13 WHEREAS; studies have found that switching from paper
14 ballots to internet or telephone voting decreases the number of
15 the potential voters due to concerns regarding a lack of
16 security and oversight; and

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18 WHEREAS, there is movement across the nation to return to
19 paper ballot voting unless the electronic voting system prints
20 out a paper ballot; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
24 House of Representatives concurring, that the Neighborhood
25 Commission and Neighborhood Commission Office are requested to
26 reject the implementation of any voting system with questionable
27 security, or which is not likely to increase voter
28 participation; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Neighborhood Commission and
31 the Neighborhood Commission Office are requested to support the



1 continuation of paper ballots, and that all O'ahu neighborhood
2 board chairpersons be so informed; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Honolulu City Council is
5 requested to appropriate funds for the Neighborhood Commission
6 Office budget in order to ensure paper ballots may be used for
7 the next neighborhood board election and for purposes of
8 synchronization with other elections; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Neighborhood
12 Commission, the Neighborhood Commission Office, and to the
13 Honolulu City Council.
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OFFERED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel H. Slone", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and stylized.