

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2011

RE: H.B. No. 681
H.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 681, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MILITARY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow active-duty members of the United States Army Reserve and National Guard to participate meaningfully in state government by permitting those members of the Armed Forces wishing to run for elected office to file nomination papers and take oaths by certified mail.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense.

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, continue to have repercussions today. Thousands of military service members, many of whom have already completed one tour of duty, are still being deployed to volatile areas of the world. In the ten years since the September 11 terrorist attacks, millions of American troops have been ordered overseas, and thousands of soldiers from the Schofield Barracks-based 25th Infantry Division have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Your Committee finds that the State bears a special responsibility to its citizen-soldiers in the Army Reserves and National Guard. In particular, active-duty reservists and

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national guardsmen who wish to run for elected office should be allowed to file nomination papers and take their oaths by mail.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 681, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and
Military Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs
PGM

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 681, HD 1	Committee Referral: PGM, JDL	Date: 3/15/11		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)				✓
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
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TOTAL				
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