

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2468

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2669
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2669 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VACANCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the
deadline for filing nomination papers for a vacancy in the
membership of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
Affairs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Elections, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the
Office of the County Clerk of the County of Maui, and the Office
of the County Clerk of the County of Kauai.

Your Committee finds that the State risks violating federal
election laws during this year's Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board
of Trustees vacancy election. The National Defense Authorization
Act for Fiscal Year 2010, Public Law No. 111-84, requires mailing
absentee ballots to uniformed and overseas voters no later than
forty-five days prior to an election. Under existing state law,
candidates for the vacancy election may file their candidacy
papers up to fifty days prior to a general election. By placing
the deadline for candidates to file at sixty days prior to the
general election, which this measure proposes, the Office of
Elections will have a sufficient amount of time within which to
print and mail ballots to overseas and uniformed voters, and will
not be at risk of violating the federal election law.

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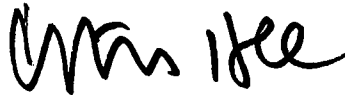


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to ensure further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2669, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2669, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



