

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2939

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2251

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 H.B. No. 2251 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the county clerk of any county to mail absentee ballots to all registered voters residing in population areas of less than one hundred thousand voters on an island county that is not contiguous with the county seat of government.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Elections, Office of the County Clerk of the County of Kauai, Office of the County Clerk of the County of Maui, and League of Women Voters of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure addresses the logistical and administrative issues associated with establishing polling places in areas on an island county that are not contiguous with the county seat of government. For the island of Niihau, these issues include the delivery and return of ballots, voting machines, and associated election materials in addition to the recruitment of on-island precinct officials to operate the polling place. Authorizing the county clerk to mail absentee ballots to registered voters residing in such areas encourages more eligible voters to register and participate in voting.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report,

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your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2251, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

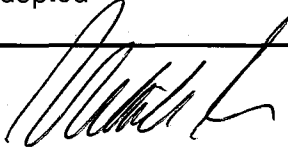


CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2251	Committee Referral: JDL, WAM	Date: 3/13/12		
<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
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5			
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