
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO DETERMINE METHODS OF ENSURING THE ACCURACY OF MAILING ADDRESSES IN VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS.

1 WHEREAS, a thriving democracy is largely dependent on
2 government services and processes that promote effective citizen
3 participation; and

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5 WHEREAS, accurate mailing addresses in voter registration
6 records are essential to ensuring that voters receive absentee
7 ballots and notices of polling place assignments; and

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9 WHEREAS, voter registration records may contain incorrect
10 mailing addresses for various reasons, including the failure of
11 voters to provide notifications of address changes,
12 redistricting that alters voter districts, or errors in data
13 entry or recordkeeping systems; and

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15 WHEREAS, Hawaii's low voter turnout rate, typically one of
16 the worst in the nation, underscores the need to ensure that
17 voter registration records contain accurate and up-to-date
18 information that allows Hawaii's citizens to exercise their
19 right to vote; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
23 Session of 2014, that the Chief Election Officer is requested to
24 convene a task force to determine methods of ensuring the
25 accuracy of mailing addresses in voter registration records; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Election Officer is
28 requested to invite the following parties to participate as
29 members of the task force:

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31 (1) The County Clerk of each county, or their respective
32 designees;

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34 (2) A representative from the League of Women Voters of
35 Hawaii;



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- 2 (3) A representative from Common Cause Hawaii; and
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- 4 (4) Any other party that the Chief Election Officer may
- 5 invite at the Chief Election Officer's discretion; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
8 investigate the various causes of incorrect mailing addresses in
9 voter registration records, including redistricting, failure to
10 update changes of address, and errors attributable to data entry
11 or recordkeeping systems; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
14 consider alternative methods of identifying the mailing address
15 of voters, such as by use of the tax map key system or by a
16 physical description of the boundaries of the property; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
19 explore methods of updating or improving voter registration
20 systems to ensure the accuracy of mailing addresses in voter
21 registration records, including systems that:

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- 23 (1) Compare registration lists with other data sources,
- 24 such as motor vehicle and National Change of Address
- 25 records;
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- 27 (2) Implement proven techniques and security protocols
- 28 that use established data sources to track voter
- 29 information and identify inaccurate records; and
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- 31 (3) Minimize the occurrence of errors that result from
- 32 manual data entry of voter registration information,
- 33 including by allowing voters to personally submit
- 34 information online; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
37 submit its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
38 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
39 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
42 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Election Officer, the
43 County Clerk of each county of the State of Hawaii, the

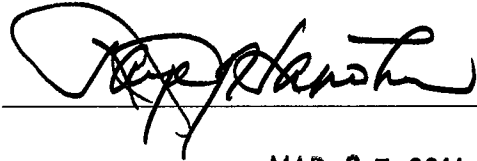


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1 President of the State Board of the League of Women Voters of
2 Hawaii, and the Executive Director of Common Cause Hawaii.

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