

Honolulu, Hawaii
January 29, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 452
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 452 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION FRAUDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make it an election fraud for any person who, before or during an election, knowingly publishes, distributes, or otherwise promotes false information about the time, date, place, or means of voting, which impedes, prevents, or otherwise interferes with a voter's electoral rights.

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Clarifying that the new election fraud offense applies to every person who knowingly publishes, distributes, or otherwise communicates false information about the time, date, place, or means of voting with the purpose of impeding, preventing, or otherwise interfering with the free exercise of the elective franchise; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 452, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 452, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



