

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

812

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 124
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 124, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Office of Elections to implement a system of elections by mail, starting with the 2016 primary elections in counties with a population of less than 100,000, then expanding to all counties in 2018 to cover all federal, state, and county primary, general, and special elections.

The Office of Elections, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Disability and Communication Access Board, Common Cause Hawaii, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and three concerned individuals supported this measure. The Office of the County Clerk, County of Maui; Office of the County Clerk, County of Hawaii; Office of the City Clerk, City and County of Honolulu; and the Office of the County Clerk, County of Kauai commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

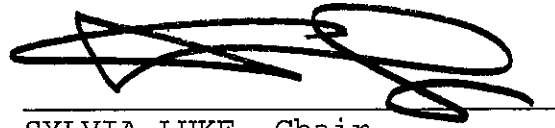
- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 124, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 124, H.D. 2.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



