

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 540

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 25 2015

RE: S.B. No. 622
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 622 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the
Elections Commission to conduct a performance evaluation of the
Chief Election Officer after each election and submit a written
report regarding the evaluation to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Common Cause Hawaii,
and one individual.

Your Committee finds that during the 2012 and 2014 elections,
concerns were raised about the performance of the Chief Election
Officer. This measure requires a performance evaluation of the
Chief Election Officer after each election to assist in
maintaining the integrity and efficiency of elections.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised in the written
testimony submitted by the League of Women Voters of Hawaii that
requiring a performance evaluation to be conducted after each
election may be problematic due to the relatively short period of
time between a primary election and general election.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Requiring that the Elections Commission conduct a performance evaluation of the Chief Election Officer after each general election rather than each election and report on other evaluation after the general election results; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

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. 622, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 622, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

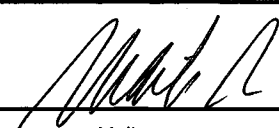


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 622	JDL	2/4/15		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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