

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2200

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2117  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2117, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ABSENTEE BALLOTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to facilitate the absentee voting process by allowing:

- (1) A permanent absentee voter to temporarily receive a ballot at an alternate address within an election cycle; and
- (2) A voter to receive and return an absentee ballot by electronic transmission, if the voter requires a ballot within five days of an election or would otherwise not be able to return a ballot by the close of polls.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Elections, the County of Maui Office of the County Clerk, and the County of Kauai Office of the County Clerk.

Your Committee finds that this measure will benefit absentee voters who need to replace a spoiled ballot near the date of an election or who may have been called away, such as for a family emergency, and are unable to receive or return a ballot by mail by the close of polls on election day.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2117, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



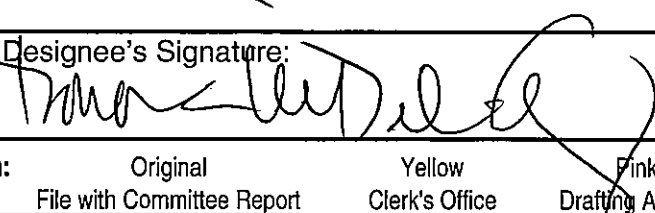
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2117, SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>SDL, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/11/16</b>		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				/
HARIMOTO, Breene				/
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>3</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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