
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS AND CLERKS OF THE COUNTIES TO
PROVIDE INFORMATION FACTSHEETS ABOUT PROPOSED COUNTY
CHARTER AMENDMENTS, STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, AND
BALLOT INITIATIVES THAT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IN STATEWIDE
AND COUNTY ELECTIONS.

1 WHEREAS, an informed electorate is essential for the
2 development and maintenance of a healthy and robust democracy;
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5 WHEREAS, to be an informed voter it is necessary to have
6 relevant, factual, objective, and accessible information; and
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8 WHEREAS, ballots are not limited to candidates for public
9 office and may include proposed amendments to a county's
10 charter, the State Constitution, or direct ballot initiatives;
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13 WHEREAS, many voters arrive at polling places unaware that
14 there may be additional measures on the ballots for the voter to
15 consider and vote on; and
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17 WHEREAS, currently, the text of each proposed ballot
18 measure is made available in advance and at each polling place,
19 but absent further explanation, the text of the measure may not
20 provide enough information to voters to make an informed
21 decision when voting; and
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23 WHEREAS, it would benefit voters to have more information
24 available to make an informed decision on ballot measures;
25 now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



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1 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Office of Elections and
2 Clerks of the Counties are urged to provide information
3 factsheets about proposed county charter amendments, state
4 constitutional amendments, and ballot initiatives, to be made
5 available to voters in the State and counties at each polling
6 place on Election Day, on the Office of Elections and Clerk of
7 the county's websites, at early voting polling places statewide,
8 and by mail; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chair
12 of the Elections Commission, Office of Elections, Chief Election
13 Officer, and the Clerks of the County of Kauai, County of Maui,
14 County of Hawaii, and City and County of Honolulu.
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