

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1669

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2019

RE: H.B. No. 168

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B.  
No. 168 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF  
BALLOTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize a  
voter with special needs to request that a ballot be forwarded by  
electronic transmission at any time.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Office of Elections, Disability and Communication Access  
Board, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, O'ahu County Committee on  
Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and  
Common Cause Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that increased voter participation  
improves the accuracy of elections. Your Committee further finds  
that some voters with special needs find it prohibitively  
difficult to request an absentee ballot within the established  
window of time or to receive an absentee ballot through the mail.  
Your Committee additionally finds that electronic transfer of  
absentee ballots will better facilitate the participation of these  
voters in elections.



Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that special needs includes a disability.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 168, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 168, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary**  
**JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 168</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JDC</b>	Date: <b>3/12/19</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 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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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