

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2019

RE: H.B. No. 626
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 626, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VACANCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend procedures for the filling of vacancies in the representation of districts of this State in the United States House of Representatives.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Chief Election Officer to issue a proclamation for a special election for a vacancy not later than fourteen days after the vacancy occurs;
- (2) Requires the special election for the vacancy to be conducted by ranked choice voting; and
- (3) Establishes provisions for the Governor to appoint individuals to temporarily fill vacancies.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from FairVote Action, Americans for Democratic Action Hawaii, the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and the Oahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities Committee.

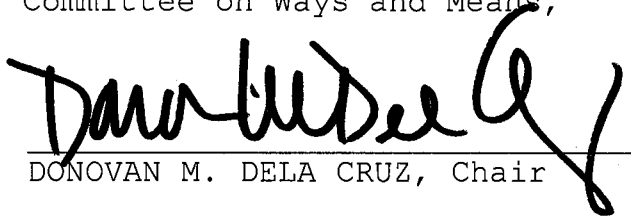


Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Office of Elections, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure will help minimize the effect that a vacancy in the United States House of Representatives may have and will ensure that residents of the State continue to have a voice in matters of national importance.

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 H.B. No. 626, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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




DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB626, SD1	Committee Referral: JDC, WAM	Date: 3/28/19		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	12			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes