

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

720

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2019

RE: S.B. No. 216
S.D. 2

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 S.B. No. 216, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require a recount of votes if a margin of victory for an election contest or a tabulation for a ballot measure is equal to or less than one hundred votes or one-half of one per cent of the votes cast, whichever is greater.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the League of Women Voters of Hawaii, the Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Office of Elections and the County Clerk of the County of Kauai.

Your Committee finds that this measure will facilitate the accurate tabulation of votes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Extending the deadline for the completion and public announcement of the results of a mandatory vote recount to seventy-two hours after the closing of polls on election day;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 216, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 216, S.D. 2.


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
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 216, SDI	Committee Referral: JDC, WAM	Date: 2/12/19		
<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 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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
INOUE, 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	11			2
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