

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2137
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2137 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize
election officials to establish additional voter service centers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Elections; Elections Division, Office of the
County Clerk of the County of Kauai; Office of the County Clerk of
the County of Maui; Common Cause Hawaii; Pono Hawai'i Initiative;
and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in
opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that Act 136, Session Laws of Hawaii
2019, established the first vote-by-mail system for all elections
held in the State beginning with the 2020 primary election.
However, your Committee further finds that there are areas where
no voter service center will be established due to an inability to
obtain the necessary facilities or personnel to support the
operation of a voter service center for ten business days. This
measure will allow for flexible hours for additional voter service
centers, thereby ensuring that all counties are provided equal
opportunities to vote.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that for a county with more than one island in its jurisdiction, there shall be at least one voter service center on each island; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2137, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2137, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,

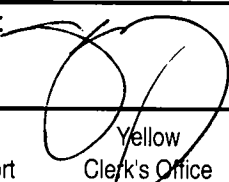


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2137	PSM, JDC/WAM	1/28/20		
<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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
HARIMOTO Breene				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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