

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1055  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 1055, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to conform the  
voter registration statutes to the requirements of the federal  
Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) by:

- (1) Requiring on an application to register to vote, a  
Hawaii driver's license number or a Hawaii state  
identification card number or, if no license or  
identification card has been issued, the last four  
digits of the applicant's social security number; and
- (2) If the applicant does not have a social security number,  
requiring the State to assign the applicant a unique  
number for voter registration purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from Common Cause Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on  
this measure from the Office of Elections and Office of the City  
Clerk, City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that section 303 of HAVA requires  
applicants for voter registration for federal office elections to  
provide a driver's license number, if one has been issued, or if



none has been issued, the last four digits of the applicant's social security number. Section 303 also includes a special rule for applicants without a driver's license or social security number, which requires the State to assign the applicant a number that will serve to identify the applicant for voter registration purposes. This measure conforms state election laws for voter registration to the same requirements of the federal election law.

Your Committee notes that this measure requires the State to assign the applicant a unique number for voter registration purposes if the applicant does not have a social security number; however, it is unclear whether an election official or county clerk would be authorized to assign a unique voter registration number under the new statewide voter registration system that is scheduled to be ready for use for the 2018 election.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting references to the State as the entity required to assign a unique number for voter registration and requiring an election official or county clerk to assign the number;
- (2) Changing the effective date from upon its approval to January 1, 2018, to align with the scheduled implementation of the new statewide voter registration system; and
- (3) 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 Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1055, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1055, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



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

  
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GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary and Labor**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HB 1055 HD2</i>	Committee Referral: <i>JDL</i>	Date: <i>3/18/16</i>		
<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				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
SLOM, Sam			/	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>6</i>		<i>1</i>	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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