

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1760-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 , 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2162
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2162, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RANKED CHOICE VOTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to implement the use of ranked-choice voting for special elections held for congressional races in the State and vacant county council seats.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, Common Cause Hawaii, Americans for Democratic Action Hawaii, FairVote Action, League of Women Voters, and thirteen individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the existing plurality voting method in special elections allows a candidate to win an election without a majority of votes when there are more than two candidates for the office. However, ranked-choice voting is an election method that provides voters the ability to rank candidates in order of preference and has been used effectively in other jurisdictions.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the process in the event that there is a three-way tie between candidates for the most votes;
- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2222, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2162, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2162, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,

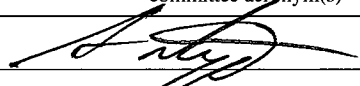


MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: SB2162, SD1	Committee Referral: JHA, FIN	Date: 3-15-22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	✓			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	✓			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
11. WARD, Gene			✓	
TOTAL (11)	9	0	1	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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