

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 5 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2454
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2454, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Governor, in filling vacancies in the Senate, House of Representatives, and United States Senate, to select a replacement from a list of three prospective appointees nominated by the political party of the prior incumbent. In addition, this measure requires prospective appointees to be registered members of the nominating political party for at least six months prior to the appointment.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure would promote an element of fairness in filling legislative vacancies without compromising the integrity of the election process.

Your Committee has amended this measure in accordance with testimony received from two individuals to extend the amount of time a political party has to present its list of appointees to the Governor from twenty days to thirty days.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to



this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2454, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2454, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

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




COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2454 HD1, SD1	TGO, JHW	4-03-06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to:				
<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	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
HANABUSA, Colleen (C)	/			
HEE, Clayton (VC)		/		
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
IHARA, Jr., Les		/		
WHALEN, Paul			/	
TOTAL	2	2	1	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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