STAND. COM. REP. NO. 113

Honolulu, Hawaii

## MAR 2 1 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1513

H.D. 1 S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 1513, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION OFFENSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the range of fines for election fraud.

Currently, fines may be imposed in an amount "not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000." This measure increases the range of fines to "not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000."

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the League of Women Voters and a concerned individual.

Your Committee finds increased fines appropriate for the conduct deemed election fraud under section 19-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), such as threatening to inflict or inflicting injury, damage, or loss to induce or compel a person to vote or refrain from voting or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or party (section 19-3(4), HRS), or voting or attempting to vote in the name of another person, living or dead, or in a fictitious name (section 19-3(5), HRS).

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Deleting obsolete words "in hard labor" from the phrase "imprisoned at hard labor not more than two years."; and
- (2) Changing the effective date from January 1, 2050, to upon approval.

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. 1513, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1513, H.D. 1, 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.

Mayton HEE, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

## Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary and Labor JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* Committee Referral: Date:  HB 1513 HD1				
HB 1513 HD1 502 3/9/07				
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.				
If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is:				
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	<b>V</b>			
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (VC)				/
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	V			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
TOTAL	3		TO THE	2-
Recommendation:  Adopted	Not Adopted			
Chair's or Designee's Signature:  Clerence & Crisheler				
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\*Only one measure per Record of Votes