

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2801
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2801 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enable persons to register
to vote on election day.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Elections, Hawaii Government Employees
Association, The League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and an
individual.

The Office of the City Clerk for the City and County of
Honolulu submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that this measure removes a barrier to
voter registration and has the potential to increase voter
participation while establishing reasonable safeguards against
fraud and misrepresentation in the election process.

Your Committee has amended this measure to postpone
implementation of walk-in voter registration to 2010 to allow the
Office of Elections time to prepare for the changes required by
this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report,

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your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2801, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2801, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



