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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. (a) The chief election officer shall plan and  
2 implement a pilot program to have all federal, state, and county  
3 primary, general, or special elections taking place in 2010 to  
4 be done through a one hundred per cent vote by mail system.

5           (b) Any one hundred per cent vote by mail system  
6 implemented under the pilot program shall include the following:

7           (1) Consideration of the voting system used in the state  
8 of Oregon and whether that system, or parts of that  
9 system, is applicable to this state; and

10          (2) Appropriate procedures and policies to:

11           (A) Ensure the confidentiality of the mail-in ballot,  
12 and to ensure that the mail-in ballots are kept  
13 physically safe;

14           (B) Ensure that the mail-in ballot is distributed to  
15 every eligible voter in the state, whether by  
16 mail or otherwise;

17           (C) Provide eligible voters with access to  
18 replacement mail-in ballots in cases where the





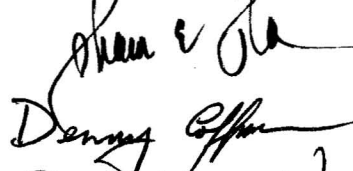
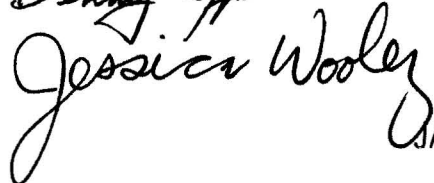
1 original mail-in ballot is lost, destroyed,  
 2 or spoiled;  
 3 (D) Allow for drop-off of complete mail-in  
 4 ballots in designated collection sites; and  
 5 (E) Ensure that mail-in ballots are completed  
 6 correctly by the voter, and that the ballots are  
 7 accurately counted and results conveyed in a  
 8 timely manner.

9 (c) By July 1, 2011, the chief election officer shall  
 10 submit a final report on the pilot program, detailing the  
 11 benefits of the 100 per cent vote by mail system, including any  
 12 cost savings, as well as issues and problems that arose in the  
 13 planning and implementation of the system. The final report  
 14 shall include recommendations on whether to make permanent a 100  
 15 per cent vote by mail system in Hawaii, and details on how best  
 16 to plan and implement this system on a permanent basis.

17 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



**Report Title:**

Mail-In Voting; Pilot Project

**Description:**

Establishes a pilot project to implement 100% voting by mail for 2010 elections.

