

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 480

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1215

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 1215 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION RELATED TO RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to propose a constitutional amendment to require candidates for the state Senate or House of Representatives to be a resident of the legislative district from which the person is a candidate for a period of not less than twelve consecutive months prior to the next succeeding general election.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from The League of Women Voters of Hawaii. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that a candidate for legislative office should possess adequate knowledge of the district the candidate seeks to represent. Your Committee believes that requiring that the candidate reside in the district the candidate seeks to represent for at least twelve months prior to the general election would help facilitate an understanding of the concerns and interests of the district's constituency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations that is attached

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to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1215 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Government Operations,

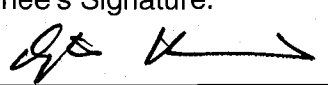


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
8B1215	JGO	2/11/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (VC)	✓			
BUNDA, Robert	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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