

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

275

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2009

RE: S.B. No. 619
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 619 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow an incarcerated person, who was a Hawaii resident at the time of the person's arrest, to vote by absentee ballot in Hawaii elections.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by five private organizations and ten individuals. Testimony in opposition of this measure was submitted by two state agencies. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

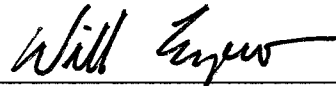
Your Committee finds that allowing an incarcerated person, who was a Hawaii resident at the time of the person's arrest, to vote by absentee ballot in Hawaii elections facilitates the person's awareness and knowledge of the social policies that are important to the residents of Hawaii. This will help the person achieve a more successful reentry and be a participating member of the community upon release.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that the incarcerated person shall only be permitted to vote in Hawaii's elections by absentee ballot.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 619, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 619, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety and
Military Affairs,

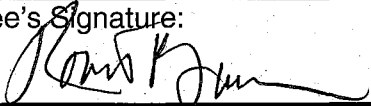


WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 619	Committee Referral: PSM, JGO	Date: 2-12-09		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
BUNDA, Robert (VC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GABBARD, Mike				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
HEMMINGS, Fred				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes