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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The chief election officer shall develop
2 and implement a voting by mail pilot program using absentee
3 ballots only for all federal, state, and county primary,
4 general, and special elections as the exclusive means for
5 casting ballots in the county of Hawaii beginning with the 2010
6 primary election and continuing through all elections including
7 the general election in 2014.

8 In developing and implementing the pilot program, the chief
9 election officer shall use, as a guide and to the extent
10 possible, the statutory provisions on absentee voting in chapter
11 15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, including but not limited to
12 section 15-14(b) and any rules adopted pursuant to that section.

13 (b) The chief election officer may adopt rules under
14 chapter 91 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

15 (c) The chief election officer shall submit a report of
16 any findings and recommendations, including any proposed
17 legislation, to the legislature no later twenty days prior to



1 the convening of the regular session of 2015. The chief
2 election officer shall also submit interim reports to the
3 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
4 the regular sessions of 2011 through 2014.

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

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Report Title:

Elections; Voting By Mail

Description:

Establishes a vote by mail election pilot program for all federal, state, and county elections in the county of Hawaii in 2010 through 2014.

