

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 5, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 1899  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, &  
Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1899 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AND OVERSEAS CIVILIAN  
ABSENTEE VOTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to strengthen absentee voting  
procedures for members of the uniformed services, Department of  
Defense employees, and their family members serving overseas, by  
adopting absentee ballot procedures recommended by the Federal  
Voting Assistance Program.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, The League of Women Voters  
of Hawaii, Oahu Veterans Council, and American Civil Liberties  
Union of Hawaii testified in support of this bill. The Office of  
Veterans Services supported the intent of this measure. The  
Office of Elections and the Honolulu City Clerk offered comments.

Your Committee notes that issues were raised about the 45-day  
deadline for transmitting absentee ballots by electronic means.  
Election offices may be unable to comply with this provision due  
to the current timing of primary and general elections. Other  
questions were raised about definitions of the terms "household  
family member" and "next covered election."



Your Committee finds that the provisions contained in this measure warrant further discussion, and thus has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the term "household family member" which is covered under the definition of "absent uniformed services voter;"
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2112; and
- (3) Making other technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1899, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1899, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Revitalization, Business, &  
Military Affairs,



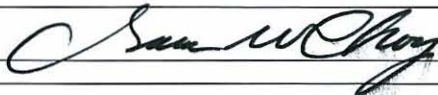
ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 1899</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EBM, JUD, FIN</b>	Date: <b>Jan-26, 2010</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EBM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
2. CHOY, Isaac W. (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B.				✓
4. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
5. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
6. TAKAI, K. Mark	✓			
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				✓
8. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
9. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
10. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
11. WARD, Gene				✓
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>3</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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