

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 9, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2397
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 Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2397 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRIMARY ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure compliance with the federal National Defense Authorization Act that requires states to mail absentee ballots to uniformed and overseas voters no later than 45 days prior to federal elections by:

- (1) Moving the date of the primary election to the second Saturday of August; and
- (2) Requiring nomination papers to be filed not later than 4:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday in June of an election year.

The Office of Elections supported this bill. The Campaign Spending Commission submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date to January 1, 2011.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2397, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second



Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2397, H.D. 1, and
be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



JON R. KI KARAMATSU, Chair



