

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

189

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 11, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 59

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Legislative Management, to which was referred H.B. No. 59 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 bill is to ensure that candidates for legislative office are familiar with the problems and concerns of the jurisdictions that they seek to represent. This bill proposes to amend the Hawaii Constitution by:

- (1) Increasing the state residency requirement for these candidates from three to five years; and
- (2) Requiring residency in the senatorial or representative district for at least 12 months prior to a general election.

The Ironworkers Stabilization Fund Local 625 testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Restoring the three-year state residency requirement;



- (2) Correcting a nonsubstantive error in the title to read:
"PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION
RELATING TO RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE
LEGISLATURE"; and
- (3) Making other technical, nonsubstantive amendments for
style and clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Legislative Management that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 59, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 59, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Legislative
Management,



JAMES KUNENE TOKIOKA, Chair



