

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

**2286**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2819  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 2819 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to move Hawaii's primary election date to the second Saturday in August and to move the deadline for filing nomination papers to the first Tuesday in June, in order to enable the State to comply with new federal deadlines for mailing absentee ballots to uniformed and overseas voters.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by one state agency and one private organization. Comments were submitted by one state agency. Written testimony presented to your Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the amendments in this measure to change the primary election date are needed in order to comply with provisions of the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, P.L. 111-84, that governs when states are required to transmit absentee ballots to uniformed and overseas voters. Your Committee also finds that further discussion may be needed regarding any statutory consistency issues.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, and providing that the measure will apply to primary elections held prior to the regularly scheduled general election held in November 2060, in order to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making other nonsubstantive changes for formatting and style purposes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2819, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2819, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

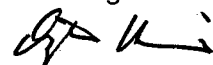
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Government Operations,

  
BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations**  
**JGO**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>GB 2019</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JGO, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/5/10</b>		
<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
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (VC)	✓			
BUNDA, Robert				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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