

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

776

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2009

RE: S.B. No. 619
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 619, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow an incarcerated person, who was a Hawaii resident at the time of the person's arrest, to vote by absentee ballot in Hawaii elections.

Your Committee finds that allowing an incarcerated person, who was a Hawaii resident at the time of the person's arrest, to vote by absentee ballot in Hawaii elections will help the incarcerated person achieve a more successful reentry into society and become a participating member of the community upon release.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing Section 1 in its entirety;
- (2) Allowing incarcerated persons to vote only within two years prior to their discharge from confinement;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to continue the discussions on this matter; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantative amendments.



776

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. 619, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 619, S.D. 2.

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

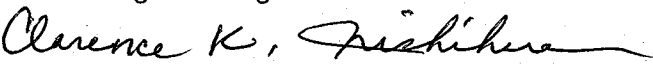


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
JGO

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB619, SPI	PSM, JGO	3/6/09		
<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			✓	
TOTAL	3		1	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
Original	Yellow	Pink	Goldenrod	
File with Committee Report	Clerk's Office	Drafting Agency	Committee File Copy	

*Only one measure per Record of Votes