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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 15-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "~~§15-6 Return envelope, ballot envelope; instructions[-];~~  
4 explanations. (a) The clerk shall provide the absentee voter  
5 with the ballots, ballot envelopes, and a return envelope which  
6 shall contain a statement to be subscribed to by the voter which  
7 affirms the fact that the voter is the person voting, the  
8 instruction that the voter's ballot will be valid only if the  
9 affirmation statement is signed, and any other information  
10 prescribed by the rules promulgated by the chief election  
11 officer.

12           (b) In addition to any requirements established by the  
13 state constitution, when a question or issue is placed on the  
14 ballot, the chief election officer shall prepare a clear  
15 explanation of each question or issue which the clerk shall  
16 provide to the absentee voter."

17           SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



# S.B. NO. 7

1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Absentee Voting; Ballot Question or Issue; Explanation

**Description:**

Requires the chief election officer to provide a clear explanation for any ballot question or issue to every absentee voter.

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