

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 29, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1613
H.D. 1
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
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Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1613, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOTING,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this bill is to improve access to voter registration by:

- (1) Requiring that applications to register to vote in person or by mail include a space to request a permanent absentee ballot;
- (2) Removing the limitation that a person registered to vote may not request an absentee ballot or permanent absentee ballot in person or in writing from the clerk earlier than the 60th day prior to the election, provided the request is made no later than seven days prior to the election;



- (3) Requiring the Chief Election Officer to inform persons applying to register to vote of the option of applying for permanent absentee voter status and provide necessary forms to request the option; and
- (4) Requiring the Office of Elections to continue to use existing voter registration application forms where possible until new forms are available.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

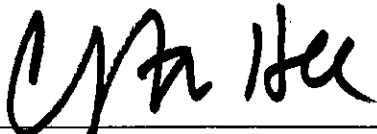
- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2011; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1613, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1613, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



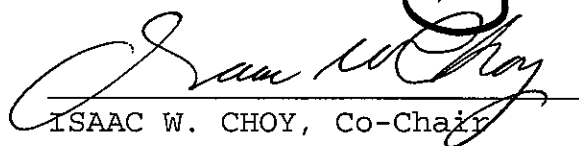
CLAYTON HEE, Chair



MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Co-Chair



GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Co-Chair



ISAAC W. CHOY, Co-Chair



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Record of Votes of a
Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
HEE, Clayton, Chr.	/	/			KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C., Co-Chr.	✓	✓		
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L., Co-Chr.	/	/			CHOY, Isaac W., Co-Chr.	/	/		
KIM, Donna Mercado				/	LUKE, Sylvia	✓	✓		
					THIELEN, Cynthia	✓	✓		
TOTAL	2			1	TOTAL	4			

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is:
 Adopted Not Adopted

House Recommendation is:
 Adopted Not Adopted

Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:


House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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