

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 707

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 8, 2011

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

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1613, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help encourage voter participation by:

- (1) Requiring an application to vote, including a mail-in application to vote, to include an option for a permanent absentee ballot; and
- (2) Removing the time limit to request an absentee or permanent absentee ballot, provided the request is made prior to 4:30 p.m. on the seventh day prior to the election.

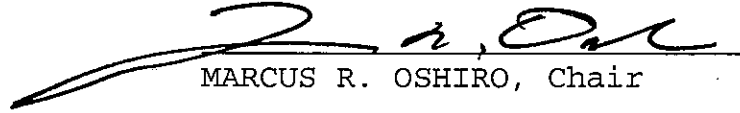
The Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans, Common Cause Hawaii, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Office of Elections and County of Maui Office of the County Clerk provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1613, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

HB1613 HD1 HSCR FIN HMS 2011-2720



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1613, HD1	Committee Referral: JUD, FIN	Date: 3/1/11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	✓			
3. CHONG, Pono	✓			
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
5. COFFMAN, Denny	✓			
6. CULLEN, Ty	✓			
7. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
8. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
9. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
10. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
11. LEE, Chris	✓			
12. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
16. RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
17. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (17)	17	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center;">_____ committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Maui Lee</u>				
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