

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1110

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2011

RE: H.B. No. 716
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 716, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish new
election deadlines to be consistent with Act 126, Session Laws of
Hawaii 2010, which revised the state primary election date to
comply with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
2010, P.L. 111-84.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Elections, Office of the County Clerk of the
County of Maui, and League of Women Voters.

Your Committee finds that during the 2010 Regular Session,
the Legislature passed Act 126, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, to
meet a federal mandate requiring that absentee ballots be mailed
to uniformed and overseas voters no later than forty-five days
prior to elections for federal office. This mailing deadline
necessitated an amendment to Hawaii's primary election date, to
allow for sufficient time between the primary and the general
election to generate and mail the absentee ballots within this
time period. The change of the primary election date also
requires other statutory amendments for consistency with the new
primary date and to provide sufficient time for the Office of
Elections to prepare and send the federal absentee ballots.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 716, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 716, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,




CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 716, HDI	Committee Referral: JDL	Date: 3/28/11		
<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
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes