

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2181

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2181 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VACANCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the provision in section 17-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, concerning the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to specify that:

- (1) When a vacancy for an unexpired term occurs no later than seventy-five days prior to the next special election held in conjunction with a general election, the nomination papers shall be filed not later than the sixtieth day prior to that special election, subject to certain exceptions; and
- (2) When a vacancy for an unexpired term occurs after seventy-five days prior to the next special election held in conjunction with a general election, the Board of Trustees or the Governor shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy in the prescribed manner.

The Office of Elections, the Elections Division of the Office of the Kauai County Clerk, and the Office of the Maui County Clerk testified in support of this measure.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs offered comments on the measure.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2181 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



