

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 855

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 8, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 638  
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. 638, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure public support and confidence in elected officials by requiring the use of the instant runoff voting method for elections for county offices in which no primary election is held, and in special elections that would normally be subject to a runoff election if a candidate was not elected by majority vote in the initial special election.

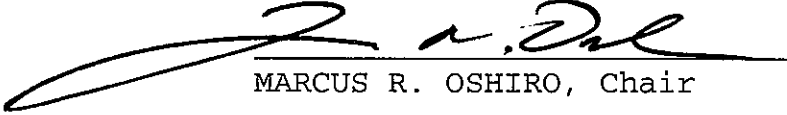
Common Cause Hawaii, Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. A concerned individual opposed this bill. The Office of Elections and FairVote offered comments.

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. 638, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

HB638 HD1 HSCR FIN 2011-2861



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

  
MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



