

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 3, 2012

RE: H.C.R. No. 161
H.D. 1

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.C.R. No. 161 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A VOTER PARTICIPATION TASK FORCE ON VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTER TURNOUT IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Attorney General to convene a voter participation task force on voter registration and voter turnout in Hawaii.

Common Cause Hawaii and the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii testified in support of this measure. The League of Women Voters testified in support with comments. The Disability and Communications Access Board and one individual offered comments.

Your committee amended this measure to:

(1) Change the convener from the Lieutenant Governor to the Chief Elections Officer;

(2) Include a representative of the Disability and Communications Access Board and one disabled person on the task force;

(3) Changing the title of the House Concurrent Resolution to reflect the Chief Elections Officer as the convener; and

(4) Make nonsubstantive changes for the purpose of clarity, style and consistency.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 161, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 161, H.D. 1.

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



GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



