

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2475

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2052
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2052 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the
mailing of absentee ballots to all registered voters residing in
population areas of less than five hundred voters in lieu of
operating polling places for voters in those areas.

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

Your Committee finds that in a normal reapportionment year,
attempts are made to line up boundaries to avoid areas being
unnecessarily divided on the basis of county council, state
representative, state senator, and congressional district lines,
and to avoid small population pockets that require the development
of their own unique ballot types. A ballot type contains the
specific contest, questions, or issues that voters who reside in
that specific area are entitled to vote on.

However, due to the invalidation of the 2011 legislative
reapportionment plan, the Reapportionment Commission has a limited
amount of time to redraft the plan. As such, the boundary lines

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may not line up with each other so as to avoid small population pockets. Given the small number of voters in each of these possible population pockets and the financial resources and personnel required to establish and operate a polling place for these pockets, this measure allows the county clerk to mail an absentee ballot to each registered voter who resides in a population pocket of less than five hundred voters in lieu of operating a polling place.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to ensure further discussion; and
- (2) 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 S.B. No. 2052, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2052, 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,

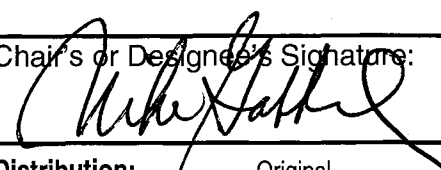


CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB2052	JDL	2-22-12		
<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	3	-	-	2
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