

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2034

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2209

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. 2209 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI,
SECTION 4, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE THE
JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION TO DISCLOSE THE NAMES OF AND
CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING ACTIVE NOMINEES AND APPLICANTS
TO FILL JUSTICE AND JUDGE VACANCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to propose a
constitutional amendment to require the Judicial Selection
Commission to disclose the names of and certain information
regarding active nominees and applicants to fill justice and judge
vacancies.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony
regarding this measure.

Your Committee finds that the Judicial Selection Commission
recently amended its rules to share statistical information about
its processes, including general information about the total
number of applicants, the breakdown of applicants and nominees by
gender, experience, or other attributes that may be of interest to
the public, or information about trends, such as increases or
decreases in the number of applicants. This measure adopts these
rule changes by amending the state constitution to explicitly
require the disclosure of the names of and certain statistical
information regarding active nominees and applicants, thereby



increasing the transparency of the Commission's activities to the extent permitted by law.

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. 2209 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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.:* SB 2209	Committee Referral: JDL	Date: 1/27/12		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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	5			
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