

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2162

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2669

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 2669 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VACANCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the  
deadline for filing nomination papers for a vacancy in the  
membership of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian  
Affairs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Office of Elections; Office of the County Clerk, County  
of Kauai; and Office of the County Clerk, County of Maui. Your  
Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of  
Hawaiian Affairs.


Your Committee finds the State risks violating federal  
election laws during this year's Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board  
of Trustees vacancy election. The National Defense Authorization  
Act for Fiscal Year 2010, Public Law No. 111-84, requires mailing  
absentee ballots to uniformed and overseas voters no later than  
forty-five days prior to an election. Under existing state law,  
candidates for the vacancy election may file their candidacy  
papers up to fifty days prior to a general election. By placing  
the deadline for candidates to file at sixty days prior to the  
general election, which this measure proposes, the Office of  
Elections will have a sufficient amount of time within which to  
print and mail ballots to overseas and uniformed voters, and will  
not risk violating the federal election law.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2669 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,



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BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA, Chair



