

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

173

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 7, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 198

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 198 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ABSENTEE VOTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase efficiency in voting and election operations by requiring the absentee ballot for a voter requesting permanent absentee status to be mailed to:

- (1) The mailing address contained on the voter's most recently completed affidavit on application for voter registration; or
- (2) A different mailing address if the voter submits a temporary mailing authorization for the absentee ballot.

The Office of Elections, Office of the County Clerk of the County of Kauai, Office of the County Clerk of the County of Maui, Office of the County Clerk of the County of Hawaii, and the League of Women Voters of Hawaii supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

HB198 HD1 HSCR JUD HMS 2013-1712



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 198, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 198, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

*Karl Rhoads*

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KARL RHOADS, Chair



