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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF EARLY  
WALK-IN VOTING LOCATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, the right to vote is critical to democratic  
2 governance and the election services associated with voting  
3 constitute a core governmental function in a democracy; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the civic rights of Hawaii's citizens to govern  
6 through representational government via voting for elected  
7 officials should be encouraged and supported as much as  
8 reasonably possible; and  
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10 WHEREAS, in 2012, only forty-four and one-half per cent of  
11 eligible Hawaii citizens turned out to vote, according to the  
12 United States Elections Project; and  
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14 WHEREAS, turnout among younger voters continues to be below  
15 average, and improving the ease and convenience of voting may  
16 increase participation among these voters; and  
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18 WHEREAS, according to the Office of Elections,  
19 approximately forty-six per cent of all ballots cast in Honolulu  
20 in 2012 were absentee, which includes early walk-in voting; and  
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22 WHEREAS, according to the Elections Division of the Clerk  
23 of the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu Hale and Kapolei  
24 Hale will be the only locations for early walk-in voting in 2014  
25 for both the primary and general elections; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the State should increase access to voting by  
28 opening a greater number of early voting sites at convenient  
29 locations, such as University of Hawaii system campus locations;  
30 now, therefore,



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 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 3 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 4 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Office of  
 5 Elections is requested to increase the number of early walk-in  
 6 voting locations; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Elections is  
 9 further requested to especially consider the University of  
 10 Hawaii system campus locations for additional early walk-in  
 11 voting locations; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Election  
 15 Officer.

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