
HOUSE 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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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 3 Session of 2014, that the Office of Elections is requested to
 4 increase the number of early walk-in voting locations; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Elections is
 7 further requested to especially consider the University of
 8 Hawaii system campus locations for additional early walk-in
 9 voting locations; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 12 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Election Officer.
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