

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1288
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1288, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORDER OF SUCCESSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address succession issues relating to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Provides that the successor to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, when the Office of the Lieutenant Governor becomes vacant, shall be a member of the same political party as the Governor;
- (2) Allows the Governor to appoint a Lieutenant Governor in the absence of an appropriate successor; and
- (3) Clarifies the order of succession when the Lieutenant Governor is temporarily absent from the State or is temporarily disabled.

Your Committee received no written comments on this measure.



Your Committee finds that the requirement that the successor to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor be of the same political party as the Governor allows for an expeditious transition of the powers and duties to the successor. Your Committee believes that this measure will provide for a more efficient execution of government services as well as ensure that policies and initiatives are not compromised upon the change in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reinserting existing statutory language that was inadvertently omitted;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1288, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1288, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB1288 HD1	JOL, WAM	3/28/14		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
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Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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