

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1362

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2013

RE: H.B. No. 321  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 321, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase participation in elections by facilitating voter registration.

Specifically, this measure authorizes voter registration at absentee polling places notwithstanding the expiration of the regular voter registration deadline, which is thirty days prior to the election.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from three individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Hawaii Women's Coalition.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has the lowest voter turnout rate in the nation. This measure seeks to remove barriers to voting by providing a means for voter registration notwithstanding the close of the general county register.


Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Amending the provision allowing challenges to a voter's registration under this measure pursuant to the procedures set forth in section 11-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to include the procedures under that section for challenging registration prior to Election Day; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and consistency.

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. 321, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 321, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 321, HD1, SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JDL, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3-27-13</b>		
<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		✓		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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