

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20 2014

RE: H.B. No. 420
H.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 Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 420, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII STATE
CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF THE NAMES OF JUDICIAL
NOMINEES, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to propose a
constitutional amendment to require the Judicial Selection
Commission to publicly disclose the names of all nominees to fill
a vacancy in the Office of the Chief Justice, Supreme Court,
Intermediate Appellate Court, Circuit Courts, or District Courts
when presenting those names to the Governor or Chief Justice.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the League of Women Voters of Hawaii and one individual.
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure
from the Department of the Attorney General. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Judicial Selection
Commission.

Your Committee finds that on November 15, 2011, the Judicial
Selection Commission amended its rules to disclose the list of
judicial nominees to the public at the same time the names are
transmitted to the Governor or Chief Justice, as applicable, to
appoint a justice or judge to fill a vacancy on the state bench.
This measure adopts this rule change by amending the Hawaii State
Constitution to explicitly require the disclosure of the names of

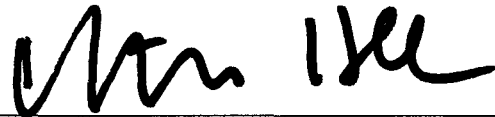
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the judicial candidates, thereby increasing the transparency of the judicial selection process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 420, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



