

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 163

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1048

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1048 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage more candidates to participate in public office by establishing re-employment rights for public employees who resign to seek elective office.

Your Committee finds that the ability of public employees to seek and obtain public office is restricted by requirements that upon election to office the employee must resign or be terminated in their employment. These requirements are onerous and actively discourage citizens from participating in elected office simply because they are a public employee. This measure seeks to redress the issue where public employees running for office do not get elected so there is no economic penalty for simply seeking office.

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and IMUA Alliance testified in support of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1048 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.: HB1048	Committee Referral: LAB, JUD, FIN	Date: 2/10/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	/			
2. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				/
4. HAR, Sharon E.				/
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda	/			
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
7. LOPRESTI, Matthew S.	/			
8. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	/			
9. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
11. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
12. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	/			
TOTAL (12)	10			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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