STAND. COM. REP. NO. -16

Honolulu, Hawaii March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1653 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1653, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Adopt elections by mail for the entire State by expanding the procedures used for absentee voting to transition all voters to permanent absentee status by 2022. The transition to all mail elections will occur incrementally as follows: the County of Kauai in 2018; the County of Hawaii and County of Maui in 2020; and all counties in 2022; and
- (2) Require that a person who registers to vote acknowledge that providing false information is a class C felony.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, County of Hawaii Office of the County Clerk, County of Kauai Office of the County Clerk, County of Maui Office of the County Clerk, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, and an individual provided testimony in support of this measure. The Office of Elections, City and County of Honolulu Office of the City Clerk, and an individual provided comments.



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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1653, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB1653 HD1	JUD, FIN 02/25/			
□ The committee is reconsidering its previ	ous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, u	namended (as is) 🛛 🗖 Pas	s, with amendments (HD) 🛛 Hol	d
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FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	6			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. DeCOITE, Lynn				
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				
7. JORDAN, Jo				
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				
11. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
12. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
15. POUHA, Feki				
16. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (16)	- 15			1
The recommendation is: Adop	oted 🖸 Not Adopt	ed		<u>_!</u>
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	2_0	· ·		
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