

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 07 2016

RE: S.R. No. 41
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.R. No. 41 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS TO
PROVIDE A STATUS UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HAWAII'S NEW
VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Office of Elections to provide the Legislature a status update on
the implementation of the new voter registration system.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Elections and one individual. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Office of the City
Clerk, City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii allocated \$4,000,000 of
funds provided pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002
(HAVA) for a new voter registration and election management
system. This measure requests a status update on the
implementation of the new voter registration system to ensure that
the project is being properly managed and will be ready for use
for the 2018 elections.

Your Committee notes the comments from the Office of the City
Clerk of the City and County of Honolulu that the migration from
the existing voter registration system, which the Office of the
City Clerk manages, to the Office of Election's new statewide



voter registration and election management system may pose a variety of problems. Success in this migration and shift in responsibilities will depend on the Office of Elections and its vendors to properly develop, refine, and administer the new management software that governs processes that are not the operational or legal responsibilities of the Office of Elections, such as voter registration, vote by mail, or early voting. Your Committee believes that the counties are essential stakeholders in the transition and migration from the existing to the new voter registration system and has concerns about whether the Office of Elections will be able to meet the new system's scheduled implementation date.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Office of Elections, in addition to submitting a status update prior to the Regular Session of 2017, to submit a preliminary status update to the Legislature no later than July 1, 2016;
- (2) Adding the Chairperson of the Elections Commission and the County Clerks of each county to the list of recipients; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 41, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 41, S.D. 1.

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


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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<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
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	/			
GABBARD, Mike				/
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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