

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1388

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 06 2017

RE: S.C.R. No. 108  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 108, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CHIEF ELECTION  
OFFICER TO CONVENE AN AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION TASK FORCE  
TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING  
AN AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Chief Election Officer to convene an automatic voter registration  
task force to determine, among other matters, the feasibility,  
cost savings, and cost impact of implementing an automatic voter  
registration system in Hawaii.


Your Committee received written comments in support of this  
measure from the Office of Elections, Common Cause Hawaii, Hawaii  
Alliance for Progressive Action, the League of Women Voters, and  
five individuals.

Your Committee finds that the registered voter turnout rate  
in Hawaii is low and that Hawaii currently ranks among the bottom  
of all states regarding the percentage of registered voters who  
turn out to vote. Your Committee further finds that the  
feasibility of establishing an automatic voter registration  
system, which may increase the registration rate and voter  
turnout, should be studied.



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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 108, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.


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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:	
SR 108, SD1	JDL, WAM	4/4/17	
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/		
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/		
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/		
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/		
HARIMOTO, Breene	/		
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/		
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/		
RIVIERE, Gil	/		
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/		
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/		
WAKAI, Glenn	/		
<b>TOTAL</b>	11		
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted			
Chair's or Designee's Signature:			
			
<b>Distribution:</b> Original                                  Yellow                                  Pink                                  Goldenrod File with Committee Report          Clerk's Office          Drafting Agency          Committee File Copy			

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes