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HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS AND ALL COUNTY CLERKS TO PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTE "I VOTED" STICKERS DURING ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, Hawaii has one of the lowest voter turnout rates in the country with only 58.4 percent of registered voters participating in the 2016 general election; and

WHEREAS, other states that provide "I Voted" stickers during elections have incentivized citizens to exercise their civic right to vote by returning to the tradition of a historically communal voting experience; and

WHEREAS, individuals publicly display the stickers in public areas and on social media to show voter pride; and

WHEREAS, stickers displayed in public and on social media provide advertisement to the general public of election day, which encourages and reminds individuals to participate in their government by voting; and

WHEREAS, the high visibility of "I Voted" stickers on election day is a social motivator and creates positive peer pressure to vote thereby increasing voter turnout rates; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, that the Office of Elections and all county clerks are urged to purchase and distribute "I Voted" stickers during elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Election Officer,

Chairperson of the Elections Commission, and the Clerk of each county.

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