STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii March 2, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1401 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

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Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1401, 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 reduce the logistical issues related to conducting elections at polling places by:

- Requiring all elections statewide to be conducted by mail beginning with the 2020 primary election;
- (2) Providing places for personal delivery of mail-in ballots during the postal "service gap" period in the final week before an election;
- (3) Establishing a limited number of voter service centers that would remain open on the day of an election; and
- (4) Appropriating funds for the program.

The Office of Elections; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Office of the County Clerk, County of Kauai; Office of the County Clerk, County of Maui; Office of the County Clerk, County of Hawaii; Americans for Democratic Action; League of Women Voters; Common Cause Hawaii; and three individuals testified in support of this

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measure. Two individuals opposed this measure. The Office of the City Clerk commented on this measure.

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. 1401, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance** 

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Bill/Resolution No.: Committee	e Referral: UND / F1	N Date	2-23-	2017
$\theta$ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision				·····
The recommendation is to: $\not$ Pass, unamended $\theta$ Pass short form bi		s, with amendments nmit for future publi		
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. CHOY, Isaac W.				
5. DeCOITE, Lynn				
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega			m of dialogues	
7. HOLT, Daniel				
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				
11. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
12. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.				
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. QUINLAN, Sean			None -	
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.			<u>.</u>	
16. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				
17. WARD, Gene				
TOTAL (17)	14	2	đ	
The recommendation is:  Ø  Adopted  Ø  Not Adopted    If joint referral,				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	J.K.	Ce		
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