

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2541

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2541, 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 facilitate participation in elections by:

- (1) Requiring all elections, beginning with the 2020 primary election, to be conducted by mail; and
- (2) Authorizing the Chief Election Officer or County Clerk to allow any election prior to the 2020 primary election to be conducted by mail, in whole or in part, using the procedures and facilities specified in the measure.

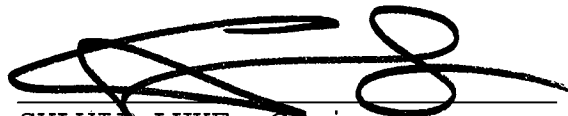
The Elections Division of the Office of the County Clerk of the County of Kaua'i, Elections Division of the Office of the County Clerk of the County of Hawai'i, Office of the County Clerk of the County of Maui, Office of the City Clerk of the City and County of Honolulu, Common Cause Hawaii, Young Progressives Demanding Action - Hawai'i, Sierra Club of Hawai'i, National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii, American Association of University Women of Hawaii, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities



of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, and several individuals testified in support of this measure. An individual testified in opposition. The Office of Elections, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and two individuals provided comments.

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. 2541, 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



