

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **550**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2017

RE: S.B. No. 111
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 Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 111 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that the ballot of an absentee or military-overseas voter is deemed valid even if the voter becomes ineligible to vote after casting the ballot; and
- (2) Repeal the requirement that an absentee voter's ballot is deemed invalid if the voter returns the return envelope but dies prior to the opening of polls on the date of election.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the National Association for Uniformed Services, Hawaii Chapter. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the City Clerk, City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that this measure provides efficiency in the counting of election ballots, so that cast ballots will not need to be intercepted and segregated due to the voter becoming ineligible subsequent to casting a ballot.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Making a conforming amendment to section 15-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to reflect the repeal of section 15-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion; 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 111, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 111, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

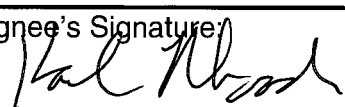
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB111	Committee Referral: JDL	Date: 2/3/17		
<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 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)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes