

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

643

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2017

RE: S.B. No. 327
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.B. No. 327, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to modernize the State's voter registration operations.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Requires that databases containing driver's license and civil identification card information be transmitted electronically to election officials and the statewide voter registration system;
- (2) Requires the Office of Elections to become a member of the Electronic Registration Information Center and share information with the counties, pursuant to the terms of the membership agreement;
- (3) Requires the Office of Elections and each county office that administers elections to verify their respective voter registration rolls; and
- (4) Appropriates funds to the Office of Elections to join the Electronic Registration Information Center.



Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Elections, Common Cause Hawaii, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and one individual. Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Office of the County Clerk, County of Kauai.

Your Committee notes that the Electronic Registration Information Center is a nonprofit organization that helps states improve the accuracy of voter registration rolls by using secure data-matching tools. Your Committee finds that membership in the Electronic Registration Information Center would help to improve the accuracy of voter registration rolls maintained by the Office of Elections and the respective county clerks' offices, which, in turn, is likely to result in greater efficiency and cost savings in administering Hawaii's voter registration systems.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 327, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

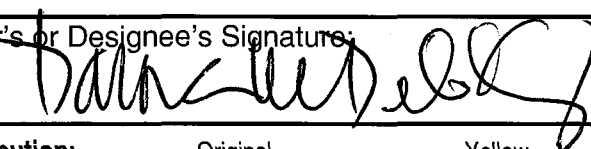


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 327, SD1	Committee Referral: SDL, WAM	Date: 2/22/17		
<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	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				/
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
TOTAL	10			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