

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 7, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1327

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1327 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to accommodate voters who speak the Hawaiian language by:

- (1) Requiring the chief election officer to make request forms for an absentee ballot or for permanent absentee voter status available to voters in the English or Hawaiian language; and
- (2) Requiring that absentee ballots, written in English and Hawaiian, be made available to absentee voters.

The Office of Elections and Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion.

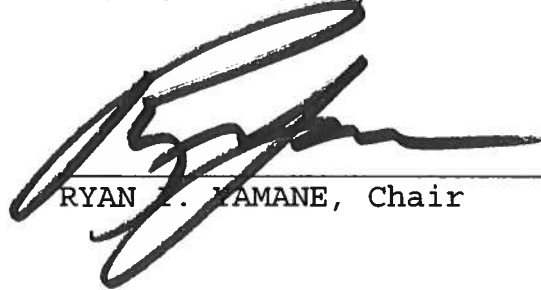
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and

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purpose of H.B. No. 1327, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1327, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, &
Hawaiian Affairs,



RYAN L. YAMANE, Chair



