

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

411

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2019

RE: S.B. No. 412
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 412 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) Make voter registration automatic upon an application for a new or renewed driver's license, provisional license, instructional permit, or identification card, unless the applicant declines to be registered; and
- (2) Authorize access to and electronic transmission of databases maintained by the counties or Department of Transportation to election officials and the statewide voter registration system.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Office of Elections; League of Women Voters; LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; We Are One, Inc.; Young Progressives Demanding Action; O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic



Party of Hawai'i; 'Ai Pohaku; sixty-seven individuals; and a form letter from thirty-seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that voter registration and participation are important components of a healthy democracy and steps should be taken to maximize registration and participation. Your Committee further finds that Hawaii has one of the lowest voter turnout rates in the nation. The State has made efforts to simplify registration procedures by allowing residents to register on the same day as the election. However, despite these efforts, voter participation remains low. Your Committee believes that this measure will eliminate barriers to voting and improve voter turnout by increasing opportunities for residents of Hawaii to register to vote.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 412, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 412, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

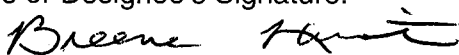
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 412	Committee Referral: TRS, JDC/WAm	Date: 2/6/19		
<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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5			
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