
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY
ON THE FACTORS ATTRIBUTABLE TO LOW VOTER TURNOUT IN
ELECTIONS IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, citizen participation in the electoral process is
2 essential for a functioning, thriving democracy, where citizens
3 actively choose the persons they believe are most suited to
4 represent their interests in the political process; and
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6 WHEREAS, when the electorate opts out of their
7 responsibility to vote, democracy declines and public confidence
8 and support of the government is undermined; and
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10 WHEREAS, the impetus for mail-in elections in Hawaii was
11 largely based on data showing increased voter turnout in other
12 states that implemented mail-in voting; and
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14 WHEREAS, there is a need for data on the factors
15 influencing low voter turnout in Hawaii; and
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17 WHEREAS, data on factors influencing low voter
18 participation in Hawaii could better inform policy formation and
19 the crafting of more successful solutions for inspiring voter
20 participation; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, of the
23 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
24 2020, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to
25 conduct a study on the factors attributable to low voter turnout
26 in elections in the State; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
29 Bureau is requested to collaborate with the Office of Elections
30 and any other agencies or organizations for the purposes of this
31 study; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
 2 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and
 3 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
 4 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 5 the Regular Session of 2021; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 8 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative
 9 Reference Bureau and Chief Election Officer.

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