

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1325

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1217
H.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 H.B. No. 1217, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Make the inclusion of an affidavit application for voter registration mandatory for all driver's license and identification card applications;
- (2) Automatically register applicants who elect to register to vote; and
- (3) Require the Department of Transportation, the counties, and election personnel to share pertinent information for voter registration purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Office of Elections, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Pono Hawai'i Initiative, Sierra Club of Hawai'i, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations, Transform Hawai'i Government, AVR Hawaii, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i, Common Cause Hawaii, Hawaii Women's Coalition, and seventeen individuals. Your



Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that in Hawaii fewer than four out of ten eligible voters participated in the 2018 elections, the lowest voter turnout rate in the nation. Your Committee believes that improving access to voting is fundamental to the democratic process. Automatic voter registration eliminates unnecessary barriers to voting caused by the time and effort needed for antiquated methods. This measure will create a more efficient, convenient, and modernized registration system for residents of the State and encourage more residents to uphold their civic duty to vote.

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 H.B. No. 1217, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

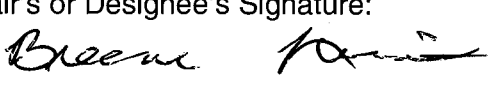
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB1217, HD1	Committee Referral: TRS, JDC	Date: 3/15/19		
<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 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
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3			2
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