

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3231

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2139

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2139 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VACANCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend filing deadlines for candidates attempting to fill vacant state senate seats.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Elections.

Your Committee finds that under existing law if a vacancy occurs after the close of candidate filing, a candidate who has already filed will find themselves in a situation where they cannot withdraw and file for the special vacancy election because the ability for a candidate to withdraw for any reason is limited to the day immediately following the close of filing. This measure amends filing deadlines to coincide with the close of candidate filing, and additionally enables a single special election to be held in conjunction with the general election in certain circumstances and conforms deadlines to the federal requirements of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your



Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.
No. 2139 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



