

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3020**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2609
S.D. 1

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. 2609 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to include the agent of a candidate among the persons prohibited from providing assistance to a voter at voter service centers and in the use of absentee ballots.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Elections and Common Cause Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the integrity of state elections is essential to the protection of democracy. This measure provides an extra safeguard to that integrity by prohibiting the agent of a candidate from providing voting assistance at voter service centers and in the use of absentee ballots.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Defining the agent of a candidate as a person who receives compensation from the candidate, candidate's committee, or is an official officer of the candidate's committee;



- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2021, to allow the Office of Elections to prepare materials; and
- (3) 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 Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2609, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2609, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2609	Committee Referral: JDC	Date: 2/20/2020		
<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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
GABBARD, Mike				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
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