

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 23 2021

RE: S.B. No. 548
S.D. 1
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 548, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS BY MAIL,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend various statutory provisions to clarify and improve the administration of elections by mail;
- (2) Establish voters with special needs advisory committees at the state and county levels;
- (3) Require the Department of Public Safety and the Hawaii Paroling Authority to inform individuals on parole or probation of their right to vote and provide them with voting information; and



- (4) Require the Office of Elections and the county clerks to make a determination, as soon as practicable, of the optimal number and placement of voter service centers.

Your Committee on Conference finds that statewide elections by mail were implemented in the 2020 primary and general elections, with the State receiving a record voter turnout. Your Committee on Conference further finds that although the administration of elections by mail in the State has been generally successful, further refinement and clarification of election law is required.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the minimum requirement of four precincts in each district applies beginning with the 2022 primary election;
- (2) Requiring each county to establish a county voters with special needs advisory committee;
- (3) Specifying the process by which ballots may be forwarded by electronic transmission to voters with special needs;
- (4) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 548, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 548, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.



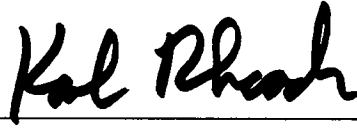
Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



MARK M. NAKASHIMA
Co-Chair



KARL RHOADS
Chair



TY J.K. CULLEN
Co-Chair



Hawai'i State Legislature

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Record of Votes of a
Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure	<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.
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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
RHOADS, Karl, Chr.	✓				NAKASHIMA, Mark M., Co-Chr.	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓				CULLEN, Ty J.K., Co-Chr.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓				WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	0	TOTAL	3	0	0	0

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:
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