STAND. COM. REP. NO. 830

Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 05 2021

RE: S.B. No. 560

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 560 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RANKED CHOICE VOTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish ranked choice voting for special federal elections and special elections of vacant county council seats.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Americans for Democratic Action, Common Cause Hawaii, FairVote Action, The Libertarian Party of Hawaii, and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the League of Women Voters of Hawaii and one individual.

Your Committee finds that numerous candidates often run in special elections for federal or county council offices, which often results in the election of a candidate by a mere plurality of votes. Your Committee recognizes that conducting these elections by ranked choice voting would result in the election of candidates who receive a clear majority of votes.

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. 560 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

KARL RHOADS, Chair

The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:	
SB 560	psm.	JDC	C	02/24/2021	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)		V			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)		√			
ACASIO, Laura		Ĵ			
GABBARD, Mike		٧			
KIM, Donna Mercado		V			
LEE, Chris		V			
FEVELLA, Kurt		V			
					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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