

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

693

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1541

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B.
No. 1541 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOTING MORE THAN ONCE DURING
AN ELECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to specify that
Hawai'i voters are prohibited from casting more than one ballot
during an election, even if one of those ballots is cast in an
election outside of Hawai'i.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the League of Women Voters of Hawaii and three individuals.
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure
from West Hawaii GOP and six individuals. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that existing law prohibits voters from
voting again after having already voted. However, the law does
not expressly address the possibility that a person could cast a
single vote in Hawai'i and an additional vote in another state or
territory of the United States. This measure will make it clear
that Hawai'i voters can only vote once during an election and
strengthen voter protection.

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. 1541 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	4	—	—	1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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