

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2740**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 21 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2333

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2333 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION AUDITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the Chief Election Officer to use accurate copies of paper ballots, rather than the originals, when conducting a precinct audit of an electronic voting system's tally.

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

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Young Republicans and sixty-one individuals.

Your Committee finds that existing law requires the Chief Election Officer, as a condition of using an electronic voting system to create an electronic tally of ballots, to audit the vote counts in ten percent of the precincts where an electronic voting system was used and select the precincts to audit at random. Your Committee also finds that existing law requires the Chief Election Officer to conduct the audit of the randomly selected precincts by comparing electronic tally amounts against the original paper ballots. This measure will increase the efficiency of the audits without compromising their precision by using accurate copies of



paper ballots, rather than the original paper ballots, to conduct the audits.

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. 2333 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, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2333	Committee Referral: JDC	Date: 02/01/24		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
TOTAL	4	0	1	0
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