



RESOLUTION

URGING THE CLERK OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF EARLY WALK-IN VOTING LOCATIONS.

WHEREAS, the right to vote is critical to democratic governance and the election services associated with voting constitute a core governmental function in a democracy; and

WHEREAS, the civic rights of Hawaii's citizens to govern through representational government via voting for elected officials should be encouraged and supported as much as reasonably possible; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, only 44.5 percent of eligible Hawaii citizens turned out to vote according to the United States Elections Project; and

WHEREAS, turnout among younger voters continues to be below average and improving the ease and convenience of voting may increase participation among these voters; and

WHEREAS, according to the State Office of Elections, approximately 46 percent of all ballots cast in Honolulu in 2012 were absentee, which includes early walk-in voting; and

WHEREAS, according to the Elections Division of the Clerk of the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu Hale and Kapolei Hale will be the only locations for early walk-in voting in 2014 for both the primary and general elections; and

WHEREAS, the City should increase access to voting by opening a greater number of early voting sites at convenient locations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that this body urges the Clerk of the City and County of Honolulu to increase the number of early walk-in voting locations; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Clerk of the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii Office of Elections.

INTRODUCED BY:

Stanley Chang

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

January 29, 2014
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION 14-26, CD1

Introduced: 01/29/14 By: STANLEY CHANG

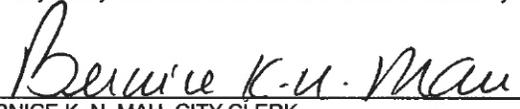
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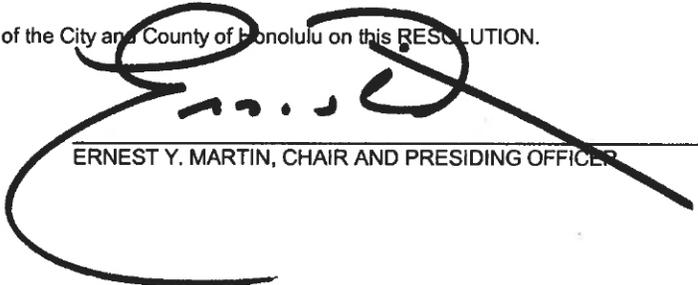
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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

02/04/14	EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS	CR-28 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED IN CD1 FORM.
02/19/14	COUNCIL	CR-28 AND RESOLUTION 14-26, CD1 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, CHANG, FUKUNAGA, HARIMOTO, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, PINE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK


ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER