

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

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Committee Meeting Held
February 4, 2014

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs, to which was referred Resolution 14-26 entitled:

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

introduced on January 29, 2014, reports as follows:

The purpose of this Resolution is to urge the Clerk of the City and County of Honolulu to increase the number of early walk-in voting locations.

Your Committee received oral testimony from the president of the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii (ASUH) in support of the Resolution and three written testimonies; two from the ASUH and one from State Representative Takashi Ohno, in support of the Resolution.

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Your Committee amended the Resolution to a CD1 version that makes the following changes:

1. Removes references to adding early voting locations on University of Hawaii campuses by:
 - a) amending the 7th WHEREAS clause, and
 - b) removing the second BE IT RESOLVED clause.
2. Adds the State of Hawaii, Office of Elections to the BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED clause.
3. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 14-26, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 14-26, CD1. (Ayes: Anderson, Chang, Fukunaga, Harimoto, Kobayashi, Manahan, Martin, Pine, Menor - 9; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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RESOLUTION

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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

ATTACHMENT TO CR-28



RESOLUTION

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