



**To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice-Chair**

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**Date: February 25, 2008  
Conference Room 211  
10:30 am**

**Re: SB 2562, SD1 Relating to Voting**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ed Thompson, Associate State Director of Advocacy for AARP Hawaii. We are a membership organization for people 50 and older with 156,000 members in Hawaii. AARP provides access to services and information, meaningful volunteer opportunities, and the opportunity for our members to create positive change in their lives.

AARP supports SB 2562, SD1, which authorizes permanent absentee voting in Hawaii.

As our population ages, there will be more people who will have difficulty in going to the polls on Election Day. This bill will greatly assist those who have accessibility problems and allow them to continue to participate in the electoral process.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee.