



LATE TESTIMONY

Tuesday, March 1, 2011, 12:00 PM
State Capitol Room 308

House Committee on Finance

HB 1368, HD1 RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Chair Marcus R. Oshiro, Vice Chair Marilyn B. Lee and Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments to the Finance Committee. My name is Dante Carpenter and I am the Chairman of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i strongly supports the intent of HB 1368, HD1 RELATING TO ELECTIONS. This measure defines a party candidate and modifies the withdrawal process. Further, it clarifies the filing process and provides original jurisdiction to resolve challenges to an individual's candidacy.

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i shares the concerns set forth by HB 1368, HD1, however recommends the committee consider incorporating portions of SB 1206 RELATING TO ELECTIONS which succinctly addresses the heart of the major concern. Amending language per Section I clearly states: "The death, withdrawal, or disqualification of a party candidate before the close of the filing period, as provided by section 12-6, shall not be deemed to create a vacancy if another party candidate remains eligible for election in the primary election."

Thank you again for this opportunity to comment on HB 1368, HD1.