



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HAWAII

TESTIMONY ON HB 545, HD1, RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION

Committee on Finance
Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 01, 2011
Time: 12:00 P.M.
Place: Conference Room 308

Testifier: Jean Aoki, LWV Legislative Committee

Chair Oshiro, Vice chair Lee, members of Committee on Finance,

It is with some reservations that The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports HB 54 which provides for voter registration through an electronic system publicly available on the website of the Office of Elections.

The bill requires registrants to provide enough information, when confirmed, to identify the individuals and to prove the place of residence of each registrant. So that is not the problem. The problem is the requirement for the possession of either a driver's license or a certificate of identification.

It does cost money to acquire a driver's license or a State Identification certificate. If you are getting the driver's license because you intend to drive, or if you need the State I.D. for some other purpose, you can also use it for registering. However, there are people who neither drive, nor need a State I.D. Requiring them to get one of these to register to vote is like imposing a poll tax which was once used as a deliberate means of disenfranchising whole groups of citizens. And in today's polarized political atmosphere nationally, it is not too far-fetched to imagine its use in disguised form. Of course, this problem could be alleviated by the State assuming the costs for the acquisition of these documents.

Since this is only one means of registering to vote, and because of the restrictions on the use of certified citizen registrars which has diminished the once-effective efforts by non-profit organizations to register voters, we feel that any additional means of registering citizens could only help increase voter participation. As long as all of the other avenues are equally available, we feel we can endorse the electronic system of registering voters. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on HB 545.

SAMPLE ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL HOURS (Survey conducted in Jan 2010)

State	Days Per year	Elementary School	Hours Students are in Class	Hrs Per wk	Hrs Per Day	High School	Hours Students are in Class	Hrs Per wk	Hrs Per Day
Hawaii	163-180	Aikahi	7:55am-2:05pm MTRF 7:55am-12:30pm W	29.3	5.9	Kaliua	8:20am-1:50pm MTRF 8:20am-1:20pm W	27.7	5.5
Alabama	180	North Birmingham	8:00am-3:00pm	35.0	7.0	Akron East	8am-3:12pm	36.0	7.2
Alaska	-	Abbott Loop	9:00am-3:30pm	32.5	6.5	Bartlett	7:30am-2pm	32.5	6.5
Arizona	180	ACE	7:45am-2:45pm	35.0	7.0	Alhambra	7:45am-2:37pm	34.3	6.9
Arkansas	182	Springhill	8:00am-3:30pm	37.5	7.5	J.D. Leftwich	7:55am-3:15pm	36.7	7.3
California	190	Adams	9:05am-3:35pm MTRF 9:05am-12:50pm W	29.8	6.0	Abraham Lincoln	8:00am-3:04pm	35.3	7.1
Colorado	173	Denver	7:40am-2:20pm	33.3	6.7	Boulder	7:30am-3:00pm MTRF 7:30am-2:05pm W	36.6	7.3
Connecticut	181	Andover	8:30am-3:00pm	32.5	6.5	Amity Regional	7:34am-2:18pm	31.3	6.3
Delaware	-	Anna P. Mote	8:50am-3:35pm	33.8	6.8	Alexis I. DuPont	7:40am-2:25pm	33.8	6.8
Florida	-	Mamie Agnes	8:30am-3:00pm	32.5	6.5	Alonso Sr	7:24am-3:05pm	38.4	7.7
Georgia	180	Ashford Park	7:45am-2:15pm	32.5	6.5	Clarke Central	8:35am-2:35pm	30.0	6.0
Idaho	180	Amity	8:40am-3:15pm	32.9	6.6	Borah	7:50am-2:56pm	35.3	7.1
Illinois	180	Louisa May Alcott	7:55am-1:45pm MWRF 7:55am-2:15pm T	29.7	5.9	Auburn	9:15am-3:20pm	30.4	6.1
Indiana	180	Abraham Lincoln	8:50am-3:40pm MTRF 8:50am-3:15pm W	33.8	6.8	Arlington	7:30am-2:30pm	35.0	7.0
Iowa	180	Brubaker	8:35am-3:20pm	33.8	6.8	Ames	7:50am-3:05pm MTRF 9:15am-3:05pm W	34.8	7.0
Kansas	-	Adams	9:00am-4:10pm	35.8	7.2	Abilene	7:55am-3:05pm	35.8	7.2
Kentucky	180	Able	7:45am-2:35pm	34.2	6.8	Ballard	7:40am-2:20pm	33.3	6.7
Louisiana	174	Allce N Boucher	8:30am-3:30pm	35.0	7.0	Alexandria	7:19am-2:34pm	36.3	7.3
Maine	185	Fred P Hall	8:50am-3:00pm MTRF 8:50am-2:00pm W	29.8	6.0	Cheverus	8:00am-2:20pm	31.7	6.3
Maryland	186	Beall	8:50am-3:05pm	31.3	6.3	Atholton	7:20am-2:10	34.2	6.8
Massachusetts	180	Alice B. Beal	8:50am-3:30pm	33.3	6.7	Barnstable	7:25am-2:00pm	32.9	6.6
Michigan	178	Bar Nunn	8:50am-3:30pm	33.3	6.7	Cadillac	8:00am-2:50pm	34.2	6.8
Minnesota	175	Anderson	7:00am-1:45pm	33.8	6.8	Arlington	7:30am-2:00pm	32.5	6.5
Mississippi	180	Baker	7:45am-2:15pm	32.5	6.5	Callaway	8:20am-3:30pm	35.8	7.2
Missouri	176	Alfred L Renner	8:45am-3:30pm	33.8	6.8	Rock Bridge Sr	7:50am-3:00pm	35.8	7.2
Montana	180	Emerson	8:25am-3:00pm	32.9	6.6	Capital	8:00am-2:20pm	31.7	6.3
Nebraska	180	Ackerman	8:45am-3:30pm MTRF 8:45am-2:00pm W	32.3	6.5	Allen	8:15am-3:35pm	36.7	7.3
Nevada	180	Aggie Roberts	8:55am-3:16pm	31.8	6.4	Arbor View	7:00am-1:30pm	32.5	6.5
New Hampshire	180	Bakersville	8:35am-2:35pm	30.0	6.0	Belmont	7:25am-2:15pm	34.2	6.8
New Jersey	182	Atlantic Highlands	8:25am-2:45pm	31.7	6.3	Abraham Clark	8:12am-2:42pm	32.5	6.5
New Mexico	180	Acoma	9:00am-3:40pm MTRF 9:00am-1:40pm W	31.3	6.3	Bloomfield	8:24am-3:36pm	36.0	7.2
New York	180	Arbor Hill	9:05am-3:35pm	32.5	6.5	Albany	7:50am-3:50pm	40.0	8.0
North Carolina	180	Allenbrook	7:30am-1:45pm	31.3	6.3	Alleghany	8:00am-2:55pm	34.6	6.9
North Dakota	173	Bennett	8:20am-2:42pm	31.8	6.4	Burke Central	8:30am-3:25pm	34.6	6.9
Ohio	180	Alpine	9:00am-3:30pm	32.5	6.5	Anderson	7:20am-2:15pm	34.6	6.9
Oklahoma	175	Arthur	8:30pm-3:00pm	32.5	6.5	Berryhill	8:00am-2:35pm	32.9	6.6
Oregon	177	Abernethy	8:45am-3:00pm	31.3	6.3	Corvallis	7:40am-3:10pm	37.5	7.5
Pennsylvania	180	Lincoln	8:30am-2:50pm	31.7	6.3	Altoona Area	8:00am-2:55pm	34.6	6.9
Rhode Island	180	Narragansett	9:00am-3:30pm	32.5	6.5	Barrington	7:40am-2:11pm	32.6	6.5
South Carolina	181	Daniel Island	7:20am-2:20pm	35.0	7.0	Alken	8:00am-3:15pm	36.3	7.3
South Dakota	176	Canyon Lake	8:10am-2:50pm	33.3	6.7	Centerville	8:15am-3:20pm	35.4	7.1
Tennessee	180	AB Hill	8:30am-3:15pm	33.8	6.8	Alcoa	8:00am-3:00pm	35.0	7.0
Texas	175	Anderson Mill	7:45am-2:45pm	35.0	7.0	Anderson	9:00am-4:15pm	36.3	7.3
Utah	180	Backman	8:00am-2:40pm MTWR 8:00am-12:20pm F	31.0	6.2	American Fork	7:45am-1:15pm M 7:45am-2:15pm TWRF	31.5	6.3
Vermont	176	CP Smith	8:10am-2:30pm	31.7	6.3	Burlington	8:05am-3:00pm	34.6	6.9
Virginia	183	Bay View	8:55am-3:15pm	31.7	6.3	McLean	7:20am-2:10pm	34.2	6.8
Washington	180	Adams	9:15am-3:20pm	30.4	6.1	Ballard	8:05am-2:35pm	32.5	6.5
West Virginia	186	Bonham	8:30am-3:00pm	32.5	6.5	Buffalo	8:03am-3:27pm	37.0	7.4
Wisconsin	180	Clara Barton	7:45am-2:25pm	33.3	6.7	Almond	8:10am-3:20pm	35.8	7.2
Wyoming	-	Cottonwood	8:45am-3:30pm	33.8	6.8	Central	7:30am-3:28pm MTF 8:00am-3:26pm WR	38.8	7.8
AVERAGE				32.7	6.5			34.6	6.9

Late Testimony: Melawic Bailley 277-5121

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