

HB838

TESTIMONY



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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 838, HD 2
RELATING TO REAPPORTIONMENT

March 21, 2011

Chair Hee and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 838, HD 2. The purpose of this bill is to provide funding to conduct reapportionment by the Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission.

As provided for in the Hawaii State Constitution, reapportionment of the state occurs every ten years after the preceding year's national census. Article IV, Section 1. The Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission will convene in 2011 for this purpose and is supported by the Chief Election Officer who serves as the secretary to the Reapportionment Commission and provides all necessary technical assistance. Article IV, Section 2.

In recognition of this, the organization chart for the Office of Elections historically reflects five temporary positions that support the Reapportionment Commission in reapportionment years. Specifically, there is a Project Manager, Administrative Assistant, Secretary, and two Geographic Information Systems Analysts.

The conducting of reapportionment takes place during parts of Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2012. As such, the present bill is focused on obtaining an emergency appropriation \$732,430 for the conducting the work of reapportionment during Fiscal Year 2011, in addition to authorizing the creation of the temporary positions necessary to support reapportionment during Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2012. The budget for Fiscal Year 2012 in the amount of \$441,370 is separately being requested as part of the administration's biennium budget.

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A copy of the proposed reapportionment budget is attached for your consideration. As reflected in the budget, the largest expenditure will be in Fiscal Year 2011 for redistricting consultant services. The contract will involve the development of a database and spatial data structure to support the redistricting efforts for the 2011 reapportionment. Specifically, it will consist of the integration of the U.S. Census 2010 population tract data and Census 2010 TIGER/Line files into an Arc/Info GIS system that will be interfaced with the existing statewide GIS database maintained by the State. Other expenditures in Fiscal Year 2011 will be focused on personnel and computer hardware and software requirements for reapportionment. In Fiscal Year 2012, additional expenditures will exist as the reapportionment plan is introduced for public comment and changes are made to the plan in response to those comments. Specifically, the conducting of various public hearings across the state will require expenditures for the compensation of the members of the reapportionment commission and advisory councils, overtime for support staff, travel, and the publication of hearing notices

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REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION BUDGET

	Description	Projected FY11	Projected FY12
A.	PERSONAL SERVICES		
	Project Manager	28,332	56,668
	Secretary	10,000	30,000
	Administrative Assistant	12,498	37,502
	Geographic Info. Sys. Analyst	7,500	37,500
	Subtotal BJ	58,330	161,670
A1.	Overtime	0	60,000
	Commission Members (9)	0	36,000
	Advisory Council Members (16)	0	14,400
	Subtotal BJ1	0	110,400
	Total Personal Services	58,330	272,070
B.	CURRENT EXPENSES		
2900	Services On A Fee Basis	0	400
3000	Work Supplies/Materials	0	300
3200	Office Supplies	1,800	800
3400	Other Supplies		
	Software, Licenses, Maintenance	30,000	3,000
	Computer Supplies	5,500	1,500
	Paper and Ink	4,500	4,500
3700	Postage	500	1,500
3800	Telephone	1,800	1,000
3900	Printing & Binding	0	5,000
4000	Advertising	0	87,000
4109	Automobile Mileage	0	1,000

4200	Inter-State Travel	0	25,000
4300	Per Diem	0	18,000
4600	Car Rental	0	5,000
4800	Other Travel	0	800
5600	Rental of Equipment	0	5,500
5800	Repair & Maintenance	1,000	4,000
7100	Consultant Services		
	Redistricting	610,000	0
	Court Reporters	0	5,000
7700	Equipment		
	Computers & Related Equip	19,000	0
	Total	732,430	441,370