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**TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 838
RELATING TO REAPPORTIONMENT**

February 4, 2011

Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 838. 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. In 2001, these personnel were located at the State Capitol.

Given that reapportionment will begin this fiscal year, the Office of Elections respectfully suggests a variety of amendments.

First, as funding is required in Fiscal Year 2011, the bill should contain language indicating an appropriation for this year and that it is recommend for immediate passage by the Governor as reflected in Governor's Message No. 103 (Filed 2/1/2011). Funding for the remaining work of the Reapportionment Commission to be done in Fiscal Year 2012 is separately being requested as part of the office's biennium budget.

Second, the bill should authorize four full-time temporary positions in the Office of Elections to provide support to the Reapportionment Commission. While five positions were utilized in the last reapportionment, it is believed that cost savings can be obtained by authorizing four positions. This would be accomplished by utilizing one Geographic Information Systems Analyst as opposed to two.

Third, the expending agency should be changed to the Department of Accounting and General Services, which the Office of Elections is attached to for administrative purposes. The Reapportionment Commission does not have its own budget code and as noted the Chief Election Officer serves as the secretary to the Reapportionment Commission and provides all necessary technical assistance. Article IV, Section 2.

Finally, the Office of Elections proposes that the appropriation should be \$732,430. A copy of the proposed budget and a new draft of the bill containing the above noted proposed changes are attached for your consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 838.

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

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REAPPORTIONMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
3 the constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. The purpose of this Act is to make an emergency
5 appropriation and to authorize full-time temporary positions to
6 support reapportionment. Without an emergency appropriation and
7 the authorization of full-time temporary positions, the work of
8 the reapportionment commission will not be able to be done.

9 SECTION 3. There are authorized four full-time temporary
10 positions in the office of elections to provide support to the
11 reapportionment commission.

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii, the sum of \$732,430 or so much
14 thereof as is necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the
15 purpose of supporting the functions of the office of elections,
16 elections commission, and the reapportionment commission in

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1 regards to reapportionment. The sum appropriated shall be
2 expended by the department of accounting and general services.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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