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LATE TESTIMONY

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Testimony submitted to the Committee on Judiciary

Committee meeting Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: 325

SUBJECT: HB 1756 Relating to the Campaign Spending Law, Section 4

POSITION: SUPPORT

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Rhoads, Members of the Committee:

I am testifying as President of the League of Women Voters of Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to speak on behalf of our members throughout Hawaii.

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii strongly supports the public's access to information on money spent by independent parties or committees intending to influence voters' choices among candidates for elective office. We are all aware of the great increase in such expenditures following the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision in 2010.

We believe disclosure such as that included in Section 4 of HB 1756 will allow members of the public, in particular voters, to learn the identities and funders of independent campaign expenditures.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am unable to be at the Capitol on 1/24 but the LWVHI Vice President, Janet Mason, will present this testimony.

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CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 621
RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION

January 24, 2012

Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to House Bill No. 621. The purpose of this bill is to provide that voter registration applicants only provide the last four digits of their social security number on the application for voter registration affidavit.

The use of the Social Security numbers in elections in Hawaii is authorized by the Privacy Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-579, which provides that jurisdictions prior to January 1, 1975, which maintained a system of records and which required the provision of Social Security numbers by state law, are permitted to continue utilizing such systems.

The Office of Elections notes the Social Security number is a unique identifier associated with the voter, while the use of the last four digits is not a unique identifier and the use of the full Social Security number is an integral part of ensuring and maintaining the integrity of the statewide voter registration system. This includes the ability of the statewide voter registration system to cross check records against other government databases that utilize the full Social Security number as a unique identifier.

Finally, the Social Security number is used for internal government purposes only, similar to other agencies, and is not displayed on any materials which are available to the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to House Bill No. 621.