

HB1027

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TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1027, HD 2
RELATING TO ELECTIONS

March 28, 2013

Chair Hee and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1027, HD 2. The purpose of this bill is to prohibit a voter's employer or agent of the employer, agent of the voter's union, or a candidate on the ballot, from assisting a voter with completing the voter's ballot. Additionally, the bill requires absentee mail voters to affirm by signature on the return envelope that the ballot was completed in secrecy and without influence by others. Finally, the bill requires information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties to be included with the absentee ballot.

The Office of Elections provides the following comments for the committee's consideration.

The Voter Assistance Provision of the Voting Rights Act provides that "[a]ny voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union." 42 USC § 1973aa-6. We interpret this statute to apply to the act of voting, including voting an absentee mail ballot.

The state counterpart to this federal provision is HRS § 11-139 which prohibits the same conduct in the polling place for a voter's employer or agent of that employer or agent of the voter's union. The current draft adds the category of candidates to the list of individuals who cannot provide assistance to the voter and provides that those who violate the statute will be deemed guilty of an election fraud, punishable by fine and/or imprisonment.

We would defer to the Department of the Attorney General as to whether the exclusion of candidates providing assistance conflicts with federal law because under federal law voters are allowed to receive assistance from anyone except their employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

On the issue of the bill's requirement that "materials summarizing the provisions in sections 19-3, 19-3.5, 19-4, and 19-6" be provided with the absentee ballot we see possible administrative and financial impacts. Specifically, while "summarizing" provisions of law related to election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties, does not on its face appear objectionable, the actual implementation may prove problematic based on previous attempts to summarize voter information.

Specifically, the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) previously use to draft voter educational materials in connection with proposed constitutional amendments and provide them to the Office of Elections for dissemination to public. These materials included a summary, factsheet and digest, which would include the purpose and intent of the proposed constitutional amendment, along with argument for and against ratification of the proposed amendment.

Despite the best efforts of LRB, there were people who claimed that these informational materials were not objective enough or that overall they tended to support or oppose an amendment, and as such ratification of an amendment should be reversed. *Watland v. Lingle*, 104 Hawai'i 128 (2004) (The Hawaii Supreme Court found that the State had not published the text of a proposed constitutional amendment in 2002 as required by the Hawaii State Constitution, and as such left unaddressed Plaintiffs' second contention that LRB's materials were incorrect and should serve as a separate basis to reverse the ratification of a proposed amendment.). Ultimately, in 2003, the requirement for the creation of such documents was removed from the law and replaced merely by a statutory requirement simply restating that the Legislature publish the text of proposed constitutional amendments in accordance with Article XVII, Section 3 of the Hawaii State Constitution. Act 8, SLH 2003.

The various County Clerk's offices, who are statutorily responsible for absentee voting, may experience similar difficulties in drafting a summary of these laws that will not be objected to. For example, a criminal defendant might argue that they detrimentally relied upon the summary, when they acted in a manner that was a technical violation of the law, but which was not technically inconsistent with the summary. If this is a significant issue, as it was for the LRB summaries, then similarly, it might be less controversial to simply provide the text of the statutes, or the bill should be amended to provide the exact language to be provided with the absentee ballot.

In regard to financial impact for the counties, one needs to factor in the cost of the printing of the summary, or the text of HRS §§ 19-3, 19-3.5, 19-4, and 19-6 for inclusion with each absentee mail ballot. These costs would include the cost of copying

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the summary or statutes and also postage, to the extent the additional weight of the absentee mail ballots requires it. Additionally, there would be the cost of translation services, to translate the materials as required by the Voting Rights Act into the covered minority language groups for those counties designated by the U.S. Census Bureau as containing significant minority language groups. 42 USC § 1973aa-1a. Those languages are currently Chinese, Ilocano, and Japanese.

The County of Maui is required to translate voting materials into Ilocano, while the City and County of Honolulu is required to be translated into Chinese, Ilocano, and Japanese.

Should this bill become law, this office will consult with the legal counsel to develop language that would best meet the goals and challenges posed by the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1027, HD 2.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 1027, H.D. 2, RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

DATE: Thursday, March 28, 2013

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
Robyn B. Chun, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

The Attorney General has legal concerns about this bill.

With regard to voter assistance, section 208 of the federal Voting Rights Act provides that "any voter who requires assistance to vote by reasons of blindness, disability, of inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer of agent of the voter's union." See 42 U.S.C. § 1973aa-6.

This bill provides in relevant part that, "[t]he voter's employer or agent of that employer, agent of the voter's labor union, or a candidate for any office that is listed on the ballot shall not provide assistance for a voter to vote at a polling place or by absentee ballot." See page 2, lines 18-22. See also page 3, line 13, page 4, line 1. To the extent that this bill differs from, or is broader than, the federal law, it may be legally problematic.

On one hand, a court may view the bill as providing a disabled voter with more protection from coercion or corruption and therefore uphold the provision. Alternatively, a court may conclude that insofar as Congress has "occupied the field" in the Voting Rights Act, under the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution, states are preempted from enforcing laws contrary to, or different from, the federal law and on this basis, find the state law invalid.

For this reason, the Attorney General has legal concerns about this bill to the extent that it bars a candidate whose name is on the ballot from assisting a voter who requires assistance and recommends that the portions of the bill that prohibit a "candidate" or a "candidate whose name is on the ballot" from assisting a voter be deleted.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
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THE HONORABLE CLAYTON HEE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawai'i

March 28, 2013

RE: H.B. 1027, H.D. 2; RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu submits the following testimony in support of H.B. 1027, H.D. 2.

The purpose of H.B. 1027, H.D. 2 is to:

1. Require absentee voters to affirm by signature that the ballot was completed in secrecy and without influence from others.
2. Require absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties.
3. Prohibit employers, unions, and candidates or their agents from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.
4. Subject special elections by mail to the same requirements as for absentee ballots.

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu discourages employers, unions, and candidates or their agents from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots. Such actions violate a citizen's right to vote on how he or she wishes, and could influence the outcome of an election.

For these reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supports H.B. 1027, H.D. 2. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE BILL 1027, HOUSE DRAFT 2, RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hon. Clayton Hee, Chair
Hon. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 28 2013, 10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Honorable Chair Hee and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing the IMU Alliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that currently boasts over 150 local members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony in strong support of HB 1027, relating to elections.

Lapses in election law produce unforeseen consequences. This bill seeks to rectify problems that may stem from inappropriate handling of ballots by candidates, professional employers, agents of such employers, and agents of unions. Hypothetically, an eager or unscrupulous candidate could resort to mishandling a ballot in order to ensure his or her electoral success, offering to assist in the completion of ballots or, in the case of absentee votes, confiscating completed ballots and mailing them in on his or her own. While we believe that such incidents, if occurring, are extremely rare, we nonetheless feel that safeguarding against such abuses is one of the primary functions of the State Legislature, which must be vigilant in protecting the integrity of our state's system of representative government. We note that elderly or disabled voters would be particularly susceptible to manipulation or intimidation and, in turn, inappropriate or illegitimate ballot assistance. Thus, this measure can be said to protect the enfranchisement of the state's most vulnerable voters, guaranteeing that their perspectives, experiences, and interests are accurately voiced in electoral processes.

That said, we urge the committee to consider **adding agents of candidates listed on a ballot**, as well as agents of candidate committees and noncandidate committees to the list of organizations prohibited from inappropriately assisting with or mishandling a voter ballot or absentee ballot. Noncandidate committees include so-called "independent expenditure committees," more commonly known as "Super PACs," which are gaining undue influence on elections at both the local and federal levels, thanks to recent Supreme Court decisions like *Citizens United*. We believe that these groups, along with candidates and candidate committees, should be prevented from inappropriately handling ballots in a manner that may fraudulently

influence elections, thereby **protecting against a candidate potentially using a third party** to commit illicit electoral acts. Accordingly, we suggest that the committee revise page 2, lines 18-22 to read: “The voter’s employer or agent of that employer, agent of the voter’s union, a candidate for any office that is listed on that ballot **or agent of that candidate, member of a candidate committee, or member of a noncandidate committee** shall not provide assistance for a voter to vote at a polling place or by absentee ballot.” Similarly, we feel that page 3, lines 12-14 should be amended to read: “(c) Violation of this section by an employer or agent of that employer, agent of the voter’s union, candidate, **agent of a candidate, member of a candidate committee, or member of a noncandidate committee** shall constitute election fraud as provided under section 19-3.” Additionally, page 3, lines 21-22 to page 4, lines 1-2 should be amended to read: “and that the voter’s employer or agent, agent of the voter’s union, any candidate listed on the ballot **or agent of that candidate, member of a candidate committee, or member of a noncandidate committee** did not assist the voter, along with the instruction that the voter’s ballot,” etc.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this bill.

Sincerely,
Kris Coffield
Legislative Director
IMUAlliance

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair and Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair and Committee Members:

Thursday, March 28, 2013, 10:30 p.m. Conference Room 016

HB1027, HD 2 Relating to Elections

TESTIMONY

Marian Wilkins, Legislative Committee Member, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii strongly supports HB1027, HD2. The bill prohibits employers, unions, and candidates or their agents from assisting voters with completing ballots, both at polling places and in absentee voting. It is especially important for absentee voting, adding additional safeguards to preserve the integrity of the ballot used in absentee voting and elections by mail, to insure fairness to all voters, and to minimize the opportunity for fraud.

It is the League of Women Voters of Hawaii's hope that our State moves to more modern elections administration in the future, including careful consideration of a vote-by-mail program statewide. Since we already have absentee voting and this is an increasingly popular choice for voters, the precautions described in this measure are timely. And since many voters in Hawaii are already using absentee ballots and we have already had at least one statewide special election by mail, we support a July 1, 2013 effective date instead of July 1, 2030.

The League is pleased that the voters' affirmation that the ballot was completed without influence from others belongs on the return envelope and not on the ballot itself, and this change was made in the HD1 version of the bill. We concur with the penalties for violation of this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony in Support of HB1027 HD2, Relating to Elections
Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

DATE: Wednesday, March 27, 2013

TO: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

RE: Testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill 1027 House Draft 2, Relating to Elections
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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jolyn Okimoto Rosa and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

We must build stronger internal controls within our absentee ballot voting system to safeguard our democracy and protect our citizens. HB1027 HD2 addresses the very real issues of voter intimidation and voter fraud in our state.

If we are to believe that the election process is worth having, then it is incumbent upon the Legislature to protect that process now.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT of HB1027 HD2**.

Sincerely,
Jolyn K. Okimoto Rosa

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ery Shin and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Anna Koseki and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sean Carney and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Sincerely,

Sean Carney
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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Pualena Pakele and Cabot and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jeri Velasco and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Sincerely,
Jeri Velasco

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Deborah Hiramoto and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Sincerely,
Deborah Hiramoto

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Elizabeth Malta and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Sincerely,
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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Troy Kish and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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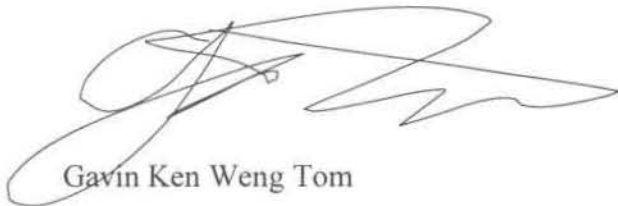
My name is Gavin Tom and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Gavin Ken Weng Tom

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My name is Edmund H. Oshiro and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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My name is Susan Eubank, and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

We must build stronger internal controls within our absentee ballot voting system to safeguard our democracy and protect our citizens. HB1027 HD2 addresses the very real issues of voter intimidation and voter fraud in our state.

If we are to believe that the election process is worth having, then it is incumbent upon the Legislature to protect that process now.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT of HB1027 HD2**.

Sincerely,



Susan Eubank
Honolulu, HI

Testimony in Support of HB1027 HD2, Relating to Elections
Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

DATE: Wednesday, March 27, 2013

TO: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
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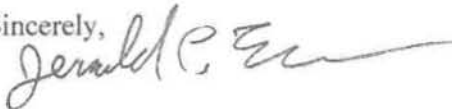
My name is Jerald Eubank, and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Sincerely,



Jerald Eubank
Honolulu, HI

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Geoff Jones and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT of HB1027 HD2**.

Sincerely,

Geoff Jones
Voter and Concerned Citizen

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is R. Don Peel and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT of HB1027 HD2**.

Sincerely,



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Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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kurt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a very good step to reducing voter fraud. Please pass this bill!

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Kathleen Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony in Support of HB1027 HD2, Relating to Elections Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor DATE: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 TO: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor RE: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of House Bill 1027 House Draft 2, Relating to Elections Hearing on Thursday, March 28th, 2013 at 10:30 AM in Room 016 Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee: My name is Kathleen Lee, and I am in strong support of HB1027 HD2, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots. We must build stronger internal controls within our absentee ballot voting system to safeguard our democracy and protect our citizens. HB1027 HD2 addresses the very real issues of voter intimidation and voter fraud in our state. If we are to believe that the election process is worth having, then it is incumbent upon the Legislature to protect that process now. Thank you for allowing me to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of HB1027 HD2. Sincerely, Kathleen Lee

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Penny Enomoto, and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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If we are to believe that the election process is worth having, then it is incumbent upon the Legislature to protect that process now.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT of HB1027 HD2**.

Sincerely,
Penny Enomoto

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alex Kagawa and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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If we are to believe that the election process is worth having, then it is incumbent upon the Legislature to protect that process now.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT of HB1027 HD2**.

Sincerely,

Alex Kagawa

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Megan Muramatsu and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT of HB1027 HD2**.

Sincerely,

Megan Muramatsu

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Craig R Abe and I support HB1027 HD2, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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If we are to believe that the election process is worth having, then it is incumbent upon the Legislature to protect that process now.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in SUPPORT of HB1027 HD2.

Sincerely, Craig R Abe

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Malcolm Lau and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

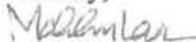
I was involved with a campaign for a personal friend and witnessed firsthand the tactics that are used by candidates desperately seeking to win their elections in any way and method possible. I travel often and have seen these methods being used in places like the Philippines where it is a widely acceptable practice and where people are systematically threatened to vote for a candidate or face repercussions. But this is the United States of America!

Let us build stronger internal controls within our absentee ballot voting system to safeguard our democracy and to protect our citizens. HB1027 HD2 addresses the very real issues of voter intimidation and voter fraud in our state.

If we are to believe that the election process is worth having, then it is incumbent upon the Legislature to protect that process now. Government of the people, by the people, and for the people!

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT of HB1027 HD2**.

Sincerely,


Malcolm Lau

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is John Ellis and I **support HB1027 HD2**, on which I have previously submitted testimony and which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

We must build stronger internal controls within our absentee ballot voting system to safeguard our democracy and protect our citizens. **HB1027 HD2** addresses the very real issues of voter intimidation and voter fraud in our state. Indeed, any strengthening of the electoral process is a welcome and refreshing action to ensure the perceptions of accurate and legitimate elections.

If we are to believe that the election process is worth having, then it is incumbent upon the Legislature to protect that process now.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT of HB1027 HD2**.

Sincerely,



John D. Ellis

One Coelho Way E
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kristin Velasco and I support HB1027 HD2, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Thank you for allowing me to testify in SUPPORT of HB1027 HD2.

Sincerely, Kristin Velasco

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Bruce Schauble and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT of HB1027 HD2**.

Sincerely,

Bruce Schauble

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Niels Nielsen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to see a serious penalty for any voter fraud.

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Submitted on: 3/27/2013

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Tiffany Aoyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for hearing this bill, Chair Hee and Vice Chair Shimabukuro.

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Tiffany Aoyama and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT of HB1027 HD2**.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Aoyama



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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Omet Ewoterai and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT of HB1027 HD2**.

Sincerely,

Omet Ewoterai

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dawn L. Hunt and I **support HB1027 HD2**, which protects Hawaii's electoral system by requiring absentee ballots to include information regarding election fraud, voter fraud, and related penalties. This measure also protects Hawaii's voters by prohibiting candidates and specified entities from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots.

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Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT of HB1027 HD2**.

Sincerely,

Dawn L. Hunt