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TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
AND
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN
AFFAIRS
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1087
RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 1, 2013

Chair Evans and Chair Hanohano and members of the House Committee on Water & Land and the House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill No. 1087. The purpose of this bill is to provide for the election of Office of Hawaiian Affairs board members through a system of nonpartisan primary and general elections beginning in 2014.

The Office of Elections recognizes that this is a policy issue for the Legislature and simply states for the record that we see no administrative problems that would interfere with our ability to implement its provisions in 2014.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1087.



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House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

February 1, 2013

8:00 a.m.

Room 325

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE) offers the following comments on HB1087, which proposes to repeal the special election process for the election of members of the OHA Board of Trustees and establish a system of nonpartisan primary and general elections to begin with the 2014 elections.

We would simply point out that there may be additional costs to the Office of Elections in implementing this new system and additional costs to those OHA candidates who may now compete in both the primary election and the general election.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Kealii Makekau	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Move to support and combine with SB3 if possible

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