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TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 92
RELATING TO VOTING

February 6, 2013

Chair Takai and members of the House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill No. 92. The purpose of this bill is to provide that the ballot of an absentee or military-overseas voter is valid even if the voter becomes ineligible to vote after casting the ballot.

The Office of Elections recognizes that this is a policy issue for the Legislature and notes that administratively there is no consistent means by which an absentee ballot that has been cast can be readily segregated and retrieved from other properly cast ballots so as to be invalidated under HRS § 15-13.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 92.

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TESTIMONY OF RICKY R. WATANABE
COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY OF KAUA'I
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY,
& INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 92
RELATING TO VOTING
February 6, 2013

Chair Takai and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on House Bill No. 92. The purpose of this Bill is to provide that the ballot of an absentee or military-overseas voter is valid even if the voter becomes ineligible to vote after casting the ballot.

Our office takes no position on House Bill No. 92 but wishes to note that we foresee no issues with implementing provisions of the Bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments on House Bill No. 92.

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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 92
RELATING TO VOTING
FEBRUARY 6, 2013

Chair Takai and members of the House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on House Bill No. 92. The purpose of this Bill is to provide that the ballot of an absentee or military-overseas voter is valid even if the voter becomes ineligible to vote after casting the ballot.

The Office of the County Clerk (Clerk's Office), County of Maui, understands that this is a policy matter for the Legislature. The Clerk's Office notes for the reference of the Legislature that we do not segregate one type of absentee ballot from another. Therefore, House Bill No. 92, if enacted, will not have an adverse impact on our handling of absentee ballots.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on House Bill No. 92.



February 2nd, 2013

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 92
RELATING TO VOTING.**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS MILITARY AND INTERNATIONAL
AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH AT 8:30 AM, IN CONFERENCE
ROOM 312**

Aloha Chair Takai: The Oahu Veterans Council is honored to serve at the pleasure of our veterans and their families. On February 2nd, our committee reviewed and voted unanimously to support House Bill 92.

We are extremely grateful for your efforts to provide that the ballot of an absentee or military-overseas voter is valid even if the voter becomes ineligible to vote after casting the ballot.

Providing this voter protection is much appreciated by our deployed military personnel who serve so selflessly. They ask for no more recognition than we would expect for ourselves.

The Oahu Veterans Council respectfully urges your committee to consider passing House Bill 92 as written. Mahalo, for allowing us to testify, regarding this extremely important issue.

Dennis Egge

Dennis Egge; Chairman, Legislative Committee



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