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TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON SENATE BILL NO. 2114
RELATING TO CLASS C FELONIES

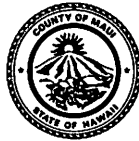
January 26, 2016

Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2114. The purpose of this bill is to increase the fine associated with providing false information in relation to a same day voter registration application from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Currently, the law provides that the provision of false information in relation to a same day voter registration application will constitute a class C felony. HRS §§ 11-15.2(c)(3) & 15-7(e)(3). A class C felony is normally associated with a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding five years. HRS §§ 706-640 & 706-660. In order to be consistent with the fine associated with a class C felony, the bill seeks to amend the fine to \$10,000.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2114.

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JANUARY 26, 2016

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Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Chair Gil Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Maile Shimabukuro

Tuesday, 01/26/2016 at 9:00 AM in Room 016
SB2114 – Relating to Class C Felonies

TESTIMONY OF SUPPORT
Carmille Lim, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee:

Common Cause Hawaii supports SB2114 which would increase the fine from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for a person who provides false information when registering to vote late or at an absentee polling place.

While falsifying one's information when registering to vote is already considered a felony, we believe that increasing the applicable fine will act as a further deterrent toward individuals who are considering provide false information on his or her voter registration affidavit.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony **supporting SB2114**.