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**TESTIMONY OF
THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2419
Relating to Open Government**

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor supports Senate Bill No. 2419, which proposes an amendment to Article V, Section 2, of the Hawaii State Constitution to require the gubernatorial nominee of each political party to select the party's lieutenant governor nominee.

This measure proposes a constitutional amendment to require the gubernatorial nominee from each political party to select a running mate for lieutenant governor in the general election, thereby allowing the people of Hawaii to decide the manner by which a lieutenant governor nominee should be selected. Throughout the country, there are varying processes for the selection of a lieutenant governor.

While there are several states where the governor and lieutenant governor run separately in the general election, including Missouri, New Hampshire, West Virginia and Vermont where the governor and lieutenant governor are currently of different parties, this can lead to a lack of unification within the Administration and ultimately negatively impact the efficacy of state government. Changing the method of election for the lieutenant governor can help to support a more unified ticket for governor and lieutenant governor that will result in a more productive and constructive Administration for the State. Ultimately, this measure will allow the people of Hawaii to determine what method of election they prefer in determining leadership for the State.

Currently, about half the states conduct team elections for governor and lieutenant governor in the general election, of which, several select lieutenant governor candidates either by party convention after the primary election or by the gubernatorial candidate after election. Additionally, in South Carolina, as a result of a ballot measure passed in 2012, beginning with the 2018 election, the governor will select a lieutenant governor running mate. More recently, there are more states moving to a method for selection of a lieutenant governor running mate by the gubernatorial candidate or party.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor believes that the choice should be provided to the people of Hawaii and urges your favorable consideration of this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel L. Kailianu	Ho`omana Pono, LLC	Support	Yes

Comments: There should have started the electing of the A.G., and all A.G.'s that represent our state government against it's citizens.

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Rachel L. Kailianu	Ho`omana Pono, LLC	Support	Yes

Comments: Would have men actively campaigning for the top job.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose SB2419. We need to continue to let the people decide who the Lt Gov candidate will be.

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