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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 532  
RELATING TO VOTING

February 1, 2017

Chair Nishimoto and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 523. The purpose of this bill is to pay for stickers with the phrase "I voted" to be distributed at polling places the during the 2018 election cycle.

As a matter of civic pride, the utilization of such stickers is a simple way by which voters can show that they value participating in our elections, and it may serve to encourage others to vote who see these stickers displayed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 532.

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**HB532**

Submitted on: 1/30/2017

Testimony for JUD on Feb 1, 2017 14:00PM in Conference Room 325

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kenneth R. Conklin, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the intent of this bill. For 25 years I have worked as a precinct election official in every primary, general, and special election (except the general of 2000 when I was a candidate on the ballot). Voters have repeatedly asked me to give them an "I voted" sticker, and I have always had to tell them that Hawaii does not have such stickers. State and county governments, and civic groups, are very aggressive about pushing citizens to vote. There has even been legislation allowing early voting, permanent absentee voting, and voting by internet -- all of which increase the likelihood of voter fraud simply to give people no excuse for failing to vote. Giving voters a sticker is a simple and inexpensive way to reward citizens for performing their civic duty and for letting citizens see that their neighbors have voted.

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Suzy Okino	Individual	Support	No

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Kenneth R. Conklin, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Fukuzawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am in opposition of this bill as appropriating funds for something like this is a complete waste of money, especially in the financial crisis of the government. At this time, the government should be prudent and not spend tax dollars on frivolous and unnecessary things such as this. Use our tax dollars to take care of more important necessities at this time. I would rather see the money to fix the elections office from the constant mishaps.

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January 30 2017

RE: HB 532 to be heard Wednesday February 1, in Room 325 at 2PM

To the members of the House Committee on Judiciary

We oppose spending tax money so frivolously. There substantive issue relating to voting in Hawaii that need solutions. HB 268 that allows voluntary contributions to the State's failing public campaign matching fund is a good place to start. This bill on the other hand seems like a silly high school gimmick that will be seen as such by many voters.

Signed:



Tracy Ryan, Chair

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Adrian Tam	Individual	Support	No

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