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TESTIMONY OF THE  
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR  
AND

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY

ON SENATE BILL NO. 206

RELATING TO VOTING

February 6, 2017

Chair Keith-Agaran and Chair Inouye and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor and the Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 206. The purpose of this bill is to require an applicant for a driver's license or civil identification card to choose to register to vote or not before their application is processed.

The Office of Elections believes that this bill will increase the opportunities for members of our community to register to vote, as it requires the applicant to directly address the question of whether they wish to be automatically registered to vote or to opt out as part of the driver's license and state identification card application process.

Additionally, this bill ensures the accuracy of the voter registration rolls by electronically transmitting voter registration data between the driver licensing/ state identification card database and the statewide voter registration system. This includes the ability to update the voter file based on updates to the driver's license/ state identification card file, such as name or address change. The electronic sharing of data between driver licensing officials and election officials will help to ensure timely compliance with the National Voter Registration Act and the Help America Vote Act. 52 USC § 21083(a)(5)(B) & 52 USC § 20504.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 206.

DANNY A. MATEO  
County Clerk



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Deputy County Clerk

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TESTIMONY OF DANNY A. MATEO

COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY OF MAUI

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

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February 6, 2017

Chair Keith-Agaran and Chair Inouye and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor and the Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 206. The purpose of this bill establishes that applications for a civil identification card or driver's license have an opt-out automatic voter registration section and provides for the electronic transmission of voter registration information to the county clerks.

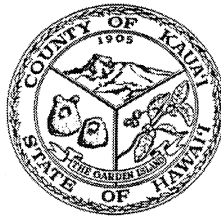
We feel that this bill will make it easier to register to vote because it requires the applicant to automatically register to vote or to decline to register (opt-out) as part of the civil identification or driver's license application.

The electronic accessibility to the county clerk's offices will definitely facilitate the processing of the voter registration affidavits.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 206.

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**TESTIMONY OF JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA  
COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY OF KAUA'I  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR  
AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY  
ON SENATE BILL NO. 206  
RELATING TO VOTING  
February 6, 2017**

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Chair Inouye, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 206. This Bill would establish an affirmative opt-out automatic voter registration process and provide for the electronic transmission of voter registration data to election officials and the statewide voter registration system.

Establishing an affirmative opt-out automatic voter registration process will create a process that is seamless and much more convenient, and will eliminate another impediment that hinders participation in Hawai'i's elections.

Providing for the electronic transfer of voter registration information ensures that election officials and the statewide voter registration system receive the information in a timely manner, and reduces data entry errors, thereby increasing the overall integrity of the voter file.

We wish to thank the Legislature for hearing this Bill and respectfully request support of this measure. Additionally, please feel free to contact the County of Kaua'i's Elections Division if we can assist in clarifying issues pertaining to automatic voter registration, the electronic transmission of voter data, or related matters.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 206.

**JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA**  
County Clerk, County of Kaua'i



**SB206 & SB246  
RELATING TO VOTING**

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

February 6, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Room 016

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SB206 and SB246, both of which would reduce barriers to voting, potentially increase voter participation, and promote efficiency in electronic transmission of necessary voter registration information between state and county agencies. The bills enable automatic voter registration of an applicant for a driver's license or a state-issued identification card unless the applicant declines.

It is well known that Hawai'i has historically suffered from low voter turnout. Hawai'i consistently ranks lower than the national average for voter participation among those eligible to vote in the presidential election.<sup>1</sup> In response to historical data reflecting the underrepresentation of Native Hawaiians in particular in the polls, during the past three election seasons, OHA has implemented the "Hawaiian Voice, Hawaiian Vote: I Mana Ka Leo" campaign to increase Native Hawaiian voter registration, education, and turnout. **In line with our efforts, OHA generally supports the reduction of barriers to the complex system of voter registration, voter education, and election-day polls.**

Hawai'i's electorate will likely grow if citizens are automatically registered to vote when submitting a driver's license or state-issued identification card application. Accordingly, OHA supports this measure as it is consistent with past and ongoing agency efforts to increase voter turnout. OHA does recognize that consistency with federal law is of paramount importance and the logistics of implementation can be complex and costly; on these matters, we defer to the Attorney General's Office, Office of Elections, and County Clerks' offices.

Therefore, OHA urges the Committees to **PASS** either SB206 or SB246 to effectuate these ends. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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<sup>1</sup> Editorial Board, *The Worst Voter Turnout in 72 Years*, THE NEW YORK TIMES, Nov. 11, 2014, available at <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/12/opinion/the-worst-voter-turnout-in-72-years.html>.

**From:** [Scott Foster](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SUPPORT SB206 and SB246  
**Date:** Friday, February 3, 2017 3:39:47 PM

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Thank you for your support of SB206 and SB246. - Scott Foster, Chair, Kupuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

**The Kupuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i**  
**Contact Scott Foster, Chair**

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Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee and Senate Transportation and Energy Committee  
Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads; Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Dela Cruz

Monday, 02/06/2016 at 9:00AM in Room 016  
SB206 – Relating to Voting

TESTIMONY / SUPPORT  
Corie Tanida, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

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Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Chair Inouye, and committee members:

**Common Cause Hawaii supports SB206** which would automatically register eligible citizens, who apply for or renew their driver's license or identification card, to vote; unless they decline. It also authorizes the electronic transfer of voter registration information from the counties and Department of Transportation, to election officials and the statewide voter registration system.

Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) is a critical step toward modernizing our elections system. With AVR:

- Elections will be more secure. The electronic transfer of data in real time will lead to fewer typos, duplicates, and lost forms, thus our voter rolls will be more accurate and the chances of voter fraud will be reduced.
- The state will save money. States that have upgraded their systems estimate it costs approximately 30 times less to process an electronic application than a paper application.<sup>1</sup>
- Privacy remains protected. If an individual chooses to decline to participate, their personal information will not be shared with election officials. For those who do participate, only information needed to register the voter will be shared.
- Hawaii will become a "model" state for voting reforms. AVR complements recent voting reforms, such as online voter registration (2015) and same day voter registration (2018), aimed at reducing barriers and ensuring access to the polls. AVR would also complement Voting By Mail, if passed, as more accurate voter rolls will reduce the amount of returned mail.

Automatic Voter Registration works. Oregon was the first state to implement this system in 2016. Over 270,000 were registered via Automatic Voter Registration, of those 42.73% (or 97,184) voted in the 2016 General Election, which helped Oregon set a new state record for number of votes cast.<sup>2</sup>

As a state that consistently ranks last in the nation for voter participation, we commend your consideration of this important step to use existing technology and pathways to improve the process for registering eligible voters.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB206.

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<sup>1</sup> Center for Secure and Modern Elections. (2016). *Modernelections.org*.

<sup>2</sup> Oregon Secretary of State. (2016). *Oregon Breaks 2 Million Ballots in Nov. 8 General Election, Setting New Record*. Retrieved from <http://oregonsosblog.us/2016/11/oregon-breaks-2-million-ballots-nov-8-general-election-setting-new-record/>



## Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

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Aloha Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor:

My name is Anne Frederick and I am the Executive Director for the Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA). HAPA is a statewide environmental, social and economic justice organization. HAPA engages over 10,000 local residents annually through our work.

From October through December of 2016 HAPA and several of our partners held a series of input gathering forums across the islands called the People's Congress. Over 800 people attended forums on Kaua'i, O'ahu, Maui and Hawai'i Island to discuss the most pressing issues facing their communities. The need to increase voter participation was a key issues raised.

I am writing in strong support of SB206 and SB246 for automatic voter registration. Automatic Voter registration will help:

- Modernize our elections. Thanks to advances in technology, we no longer have to stick to traditional paper forms which require staff to literally have to take the forms from one agency to the next and then manually enter data. Updating and modernizing our system will lead to increased processing efficiency and productivity.
- Save money. States that have switched to electronic systems have reported that it costs about 30 times less to process an electronic application than a paper application.
- Elections will be more secure. Due to the increased accuracy of voter rolls—thanks to real time data transfers, fewer typos, fewer duplicate records, no more lost forms, etc. the chances of voter fraud will be reduced. The use of an encrypted system rather than paper forms to transfer data, will also make our elections more secure.
- Privacy and the right to choose to participate is assured, as those who do not want to register to vote can opt-out and their information will not be shared with the Office of Elections.

Respectfully,

Anne Frederick, Executive Director  
Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (H.A.P.A.)



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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY  
MONDAY, February 7, 2017, 9:00 A.M., CONFERENCE ROOM 016  
SB 206 RELATING TO VOTING

**TESTIMONY**

Janet Mason, Legislative Co-Chair, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chairs Keith-Agaran and Inouye, Vice-Chairs Rhoads and Dela Cruz, and Committee Members:

**The League of Women Voters of Hawaii strongly supports SB 206** which provides that all applicants who are eligible to vote and apply for a new or renewed driver's license or instructional permit, or a new, renewed, or duplicate civil identification card will be automatically registered to vote (if not already registered to vote) unless the applicant affirmatively declines to register to vote.

This is excellent, much-needed legislation, if Hawaii is to make significant progress in improving its voter turnout. We will not be able to make inroads here until we boost the number of persons registered to vote as a percent of those eligible to vote. One recent estimate is that about 36% of those eligible haven't registered.<sup>1</sup> Of course the League acknowledges motivating registered voters to vote also remains a challenge, and we are committed to working on this effort as well.

We are pleased that the actual affidavit for voter registration would be included as a part of these applications, and we like the language of the bill requiring that an applicant either declines to register to vote or completes the application related to voter registration. This should satisfy provisions of the National Voter Registration Act that require an "opt out" clause. Likewise, we support including an application for a permanent absentee ballot, if Hawaii converts to voting by mail this may not be necessary.

The bill now also makes clear that information from County departments of motor vehicles should be transmitted electronically to the clerk of the county and the statewide voter registration system, so

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<sup>1</sup> Office of Elections, Hawaii registered voters as of 3/9/2016 = 711,518; U.S. Census Bureau Hawaii Voting Eligible Population is 1,111,117, March 2016., [https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/2016/comm/cb16-tps35\\_voting\\_hawaii-social.html](https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/2016/comm/cb16-tps35_voting_hawaii-social.html)





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applications to vote can be processed in a timely way. The bill requires that “necessary information” for voter registration would be transmitted to the county clerk; it would be a good idea to mention this information would include the applicant’s signature. Though not the purpose of this measure we fully expect this bill will also support quality voter registration data.

To us making data processing changes to correspond with this his bill are straightforward, so the Act would take effect upon its approval. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



**NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS  
HAWAII CHAPTER**  
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**CONTACT**

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January 31, 2016

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT:  
SB 206 AND SB 246: RELATING TO VOTING**

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**HEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY & LABOR,  
TRANSPORTATION & ENERGY  
2/6/17 9:00 AM, ROOM 016**

Dear Chair Inouye and Chair Keith-Agaran

The Hawaii Chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus supports these measures. Hawaii ranks 51<sup>st</sup> in the percentage of eligible residents registered to vote. Yes, 51<sup>st</sup> out of 50 states and the District of Columbia!

Automatic registration and combined voter registration-driver's licensing programs are being adopted by cities and states around the country to remove the first barrier to voter participation: the registration process. Modern technology now makes it affordable and easy to share information among agencies.

When citizen participation in voting drops as low as it is in Hawaii, there are few checks and balances on the power of government, putting civil rights at risk. By contrast, high levels of voter participation make clear that legislators like you really have the support of the people you represent! Increasing rates of participation in voting and decision-making is a key goal of the NWPC Hawaii.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
OB National Women's Political Caucus  
Hawaii Chapter



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**Date:** Saturday, February 4, 2017 10:37:55 PM

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Aloha,

- **Modernizing our elections.** Thanks to advances in technology, we no longer have to stick to traditional paper forms which require staff to literally have to take the forms from one agency to the next and then manually enter data. Updating and modernizing our system will lead to increased processing efficiency and productivity.
- **Save money.** States that have switched to electronic systems have reported that it costs about 30 times less to process an electronic application than a paper application. [1]
- **Elections will be more secure.** Due to the increased accuracy of voter rolls—thanks to real time data transfers, fewer typos, fewer duplicate records, no more lost forms, etc. the chances of voter fraud will be reduced. The use of an encrypted system rather than paper forms to transfer data, will also make our elections more secure.
- **Privacy and the right to choose to participate is assured,** as those who do not want to register to vote can opt-out and their information will not be shared with the Office of Elections

Mahalo  
Alicia Morrier  
Kaloko

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Andrea Brower](#)  
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**Subject:** Support Automatic Voter Registration, SB206 and SB246  
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Aloha,

I am in **STRONG** support of **Automatic Voter Registration** bills [SB206](#) and [SB246](#). Easing access to and encouraging voting is vital to a functioning democracy.

Mahalo,  
Andrea Brower, PhD

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**SB206**

Submitted on: 2/5/2017

Testimony for JDL/TRE on Feb 6, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barbara Polk	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this bill because Automatic Voter Registration will encourage greater participation in elections and more accurate voter lists. It should also save money by reducing staff time to handle paper forms.

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**SB206**

Submitted on: 2/4/2017

Testimony for JDL/TRE on Feb 6, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha legislators, Please support automatic voter registration. People with families and multiple jobs have little time to register. It's in everyone's interest to have everyone eligible cast their vote, so we end up with elected officials who have the people's support. mahalo, Cory Harden, Hilo

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I write to support automatic voter registration. Too many young people are not engaged in the civic square because they just have not taken the time to register to vote. Once guided to the process, I have seen their enthusiasm grow and their engagement increase.

Why not make it easy for them to get engaged in the political life of the community and the nation? There are many things we cannot change about the insanity that is issuing out of the Trump administration in DC.

Let's act decisively on the things we can change. Moving to automatic voter registration is one such action this legislature can and should take now.

Thank you.

Dawn Morais Webster Ph.D.

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**From:** [Elif Cuceloglu Beall](#)  
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**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Automatic Voter Registration Bills SB206 and SB246  
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Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Committee Members,

I am in strong support of both SB206 and SB246 to automate voter registration in service of increasing civic participation and strengthening democracy in Hawai'i.

This will modernize our elections consistent with the available advances in technology, save money (states that have switched to electronic systems have reported that it costs about 30 times less to process an electronic application than a paper application), and make our elections more secure.

Thank you,

Elif Beall  
Attorney and non-profit director  
Kilauea, Kaua'i, Hawai'i



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**SB206**

Submitted on: 2/4/2017

Testimony for JDL/TRE on Feb 6, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Evern Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I want to make voting easier. I want the state to save money by using the latest technology to upgrade the system. I want to see a more secure system and getting away from paper will do this.

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Please pass these bills

- **Modernizing our elections.** Thanks to advances in technology, we no longer have to stick to traditional paper forms which require staff to literally have to take the forms from one agency to the next and then manually enter data. Updating and modernizing our system will lead to increased processing efficiency and productivity.
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**From:** [Jake Jacobs](#)  
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I am unable to attend the hearings on Monday, 2/6/17 but wish to testify via this email in support of **SB206 and SB246**, the Automatic Voter Registration bills. With our strapped budget, the fact that states that have switched to this system report their costs have decreased by a factor of 30 should be ample incentive by itself. My understanding is that the technology has progressed to the point that my concerns over security are adequately addressed. I also believe that automatic voter registration will increase participation in our democracy which is more vital than ever in today's climate.

Mahalo,

Jake Jacobs  
Kona

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**SB206**

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Testimony for JDL/TRE on Feb 6, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James Hedgecock	Individual	Support	No

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**SB206**

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Testimony for JDL/TRE on Feb 6, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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I support SB206 and SB246!

Judith J Grover

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**SB206**

Submitted on: 2/4/2017

Testimony for JDL/TRE on Feb 6, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Judith White	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this measure that will simplify access to voter registration and increase democratic participation.

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**Subject:** SB206 and SB246 in support of both  
**Date:** Saturday, February 4, 2017 12:19:50 PM

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I support both [SB206](#) and [SB246](#) for reasons of efficiency, accuracy and convenience.  
It's time to modernize our voting system.

Thank you for your consideration,  
L. Osterer, Koloa, Kauai resident and registered voter.



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Mahalo,  
Lani T  
Kailua-Kona

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I support automatic voter registration bills SB206 and SB246. Other states have had this for awhile, and it works very well. It has been shown to save money, is more secure, and can ensure more privacy.

My daughter lives in Colorado where they have good voting initiatives, and they make it easy to vote. Consequently, they have a very large number of people voting. This makes for a healthy democracy. When too few people vote, it makes it easier for fringe people with undemocratic ideas to get elected.

Thanks for making our Democracy Stronger.

Mahalo. Laura Gray

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Please support SB206 and SB246 as both are important to make it easy for people to register to vote.

We should make it as easy as possible for people to get registered and vote. Kauai's voter turn-out (and even the US turn-out) is very poor and should be increased in every way we can.

Aloha,  
Margery Freeman  
Kapaa, Kauai

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Dear sirs/ madams, please vote yes on SB206 and SB246 to modernize our voting procedures. Its more secure, more convenient and cheaper. Sincerely, Michael deYcaza  
Sent from my BLU smartphone device

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**SB206**

Submitted on: 2/4/2017

Testimony for JDL/TRE on Feb 6, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**SB206**

Submitted on: 2/4/2017

Testimony for JDL/TRE on Feb 6, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chairs Keith-Agaran and Inouye, members of the committees, Please support SB206 -- the automatic voter registration bill. This bill will do the following: 1) Save money. States that have switched to electronic systems have reported that it costs about 30 times less to process an electronic application than a paper application. 2) Elections will be more secure. Due to the increased accuracy of voter rolls—thanks to real time data transfers, fewer typos, fewer duplicate records, no more lost forms, etc. the chances of voter fraud will be reduced. The use of an encrypted system rather than paper forms to transfer data, will also make our elections more secure. 3) Privacy and the right to choose to participate is assured, as those who do not want to register to vote can opt-out and their information will not be shared with the Office of Elections. Please pass SB206. It will enable more people to register to vote. Mahalo.

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**SB206**

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Testimony for JDL/TRE on Feb 6, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rechung Fujihira	Individual	Support	No

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**SB206**

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Testimony for JDL/TRE on Feb 6, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard/Ric Andrews, M.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I STRONGLY support SB 206!! We need all the help we can get to give individuals there legal rights to participate in our democracy!

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**SB206**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Bidleman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have been active in electing both county and state officials. The voter turnout for several years has been abysmal. Anything we can do to increase turnout should be pursued.

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**SB206**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan Douglas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Save money. States that have switched to electronic systems have reported that it costs about 30 times less to process an electronic application than a paper application. [1]

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