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CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1687
RELATING TO PUBLICATION OF ELECTION NOTICES

February 13, 2018

Chair Nishimoto and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1687. The purpose of this bill is to provide that whenever an election officer is required to issue a public notice in a statewide or county publication, the publication requirements will be satisfied upon the submission of the notice to the publication, provided that the notice is also posted on the website associated with the election officer.

We support this bill because it ensures timely notice to the public. For example, a vacancy in close proximity to the candidate filing deadline may add a contest to the ballot and extend the candidate filing deadline. As such, we believe that potential candidates and members of the public should be notified as soon as possible.

Additionally, this bill would ensure we are able to meet election deadlines by posting any notice of proclamation, vacancy, or disqualification on our website in addition to general circulation. We are not able to ensure compliance once the proclamation is provided to an outside entity for publication.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1687.