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TESTIMONY OF THE  
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 293  
RELATING TO CLASS C FELONIES

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. 293. The purpose of this bill is to clarify the penalties associated with providing false information in relation to a same day voter registration application.

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, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both." 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, the bill removes the specific reference to the fine and imprisonment in HRS §§ 11-15.2(c)(3) and 15-7(e)(3) and leaves the reference to a class C felony.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 293.

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RE: HB 293 to be heard, Wednesday February 1, in Room 325 at 2PM

To the members of the House Committee on Judiciary

We **oppose** this bill. The action described is a non-violent petty offense that needs more effective enforcement to address; not tougher sentencing. Every session there are lots of bills that will lead to increases in our incarcerated population and few that will reduce it. I wish for each one of these lock 'em up bills you would obligate yourselves to support one to ease prison overcrowding.

Signed:



Tracy Ryan, Chair