

SB-1303

Submitted on: 2/7/2018 8:03:50 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/8/2018 1:35:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Deborah Mader | Hawai'i resident | Support | No |

Comments:

From: [schantell.taylor](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: SB1303 OHA
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 12:09:44 AM

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Aloha mai,

My name is Schantell Taylor and I am from Nanakuli, O'ahu and I stand in strong support of this measure with amendments for term limits. The recent State Auditor report, has shown a great need for reform at OHA, starting at the board level. The trustee at-large race is not broken into individual races and because these candidates serve with no term-limits, this process severely undermines a true democratic process that is meant to allow for free and fair elections. A number of studies have shown that incumbent candidates for any political office hold a distinct advantage over challengers. Under the current special election process for the trustees at-large of the office of Hawaiian affairs, incumbent candidates may hold an even greater advantage due to the listing of multiple seats under one ballot item.

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Schantell Taylor

From: leimaile86@gmail.com
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: Support for SB1303
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 10:52:15 AM

Aloha mai, my name is Kanani Puou, and I stand in strong support of this measure with amendments for term limits. The recent State Auditor report, has shown a great need for reform at OHA, starting at the board level. The trustee at-large race is not broken into individual races and because these candidates serve with no term-limits, this process severely undermines a true democratic process that is meant to allow for free and fair elections. A number of studies have shown that incumbent candidates for any political office hold a distinct advantage over challengers. Under the current special election process for the trustees at-large of the office of Hawaiian affairs, incumbent candidates may hold an even greater advantage due to the listing of multiple seats under one ballot item. The purpose of this Act is to reform the office of Hawaiian Affairs trustee at-large elections so that each at-large seat will run in a head-to-head race, ensuring a more democratic election process for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. This is simply a means to create a cleaner, more engaged, and more democratic elections process for OHA as Native Hawaiians continue to achieve self-determination on numerous fronts.

Aloha a me ka Mahalo,
Kanani Puou

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Wai'ala Ahn](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB1303
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 10:01:51 PM

Aloha mai, my name is Wai'ala Ahn, I am a native Hawai'ian and I stand in strong support of this measure with amendments for term limits. The recent State Auditor report, has shown a great need for reform at OHA, starting at the board level. The trustee at-large race is not broken into individual races and because these serve with no term-limits, this process severely undermines a true democratic process that is meant to allow for free and fair elections. A number of studies have shown that incumbent candidates for any political office hold a distinct advantage over challengers. Under the current special election process for the trustees at-large of the office of Hawaiian affairs, incumbent candidates may hold an even greater advantage due to the listing of multiple seats under one ballot item.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration on this manner. Please Support SB1303.

Aloha.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Papa Mele Lahui](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT SB1303
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 10:40:55 PM

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro,

I support the intent of SB 1303 to create Pono Elections 4 OHA At-Large seats.

I support Head-to-Head races for OHA elections.

I support a more Democratic Process for OHA elections.

I support Pono Elections for OHA Races

I support term limits for OHA trustees

I want the OHA Board of Trustees to demand Pono Elections for their seats.

Mahalo for your consideration of this measure.

Kehaulani Kamana

From: [Noe](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT SB1303
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 3:38:50 PM

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro,

I am a Kanaka Maoli and registered voter. I also teach Native Hawaiian Politics and have my students observe OHA BOT meetings every semester. I support the intent of SB 1303 regarding OHA At-Large seats.

I support Head-to-Head races for OHA elections.
I support a more Democratic Process for OHA elections.
I support term limits for OHA trustees

Mahalo for your consideration of this measure.

Prof. Noelani Goodyear-Kaopua
2924 Alphonse Pl
Honolulu, HI 96816

From: [Lisa Kleissner](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT SB1303
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 4:44:59 PM

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Mahalo for your consideration of this measure.

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From: [Mehana](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT SB1303
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 4:48:59 PM

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I support Pono Elections for OHA Races

I support term limits for OHA trustees

I want the OHA Board of Trustees to demand Pono Elections for their seats. I feel that the current policy favors name recognition over actual service and experience to the Hawaiian community and contributes to challenges in function of the OHA board.

Mahalo for your consideration of this measure.

With much aloha,
Dr. Mehana Blaich Vaughan
Assistant Profesor
U.H. Manoa

From: [Margaret peebles](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT SB1303
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 6:47:12 PM

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Mahalo for your consideration of this measure.

Margaret Peebles

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Submitted on: 2/7/2018 11:52:30 PM

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| Nanea Lo | | Support | No |

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo and I come from the island of O‘ahu from Papakālea. I am a student, daughter, sister, and resident of this place I call home. I am writing to please support this bill and the amendments made to it.

I think its necessary that the people that hold power in OHA should be culturally, ethically, politically, and business proficient among the least of the qualifications. I believe that with these revisions it will help to ensure the monies that they are put in place to oversee and the responsibility they have to deligate those said monies out to the native Hawaiian people.

I stand in strong support of this measure with amendments for term limits. The recent State Auditor report, has shown a great need for reform at OHA, starting at the board level. The trustee at-large race is not broken into individual races and because these candidates serve with no term-limits, this process severely undermines a true democratic process that is meant to allow for free and fair elections. A number of studies have shown that incumbent candidates for any political office hold a distinct advantage over challengers. Under the current special election process for the trustees at-large of the office of Hawaiian affairs, incumbent candidates may hold an even greater advantage due to the listing of multiple seats under one ballot item.

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Please support this bill.

sincerely,

Nanea Lo

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Submitted on: 2/8/2018 7:17:50 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/8/2018 1:35:00 PM

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|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mary Lacques | | Support | No |

Comments:

From: [Mahina Paishon-Duarte](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT SB1303
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 10:38:12 PM

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro, I support the intent of SB 1303 to create Pono Elections 4 OHA At-Large seats. I support Head-to-Head races for OHA elections. I support a more Democratic Process for OHA elections. I support Pono Elections for OHA Races I support term limits for OHA trustees I want the OHA Board of Trustees to demand Pono Elections for their seats. Mahalo for your consideration of this measure.

From: [Francine Aarona](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: SB1303
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2018 12:26:46 AM

I am in support of this bill to reform Oha elections...Mahalo

Francine Aarona
Pa'ia, Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/7/2018 9:40:04 PM

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| Clarence Ching | | Oppose | Yes |

Comments:

I am in opposition to this bill.

The present procedure seems to be satisfactory. The objective is to keep the process simple and fair.

If the present system ain't broke, then why try to fix it?

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| De MONT R. D. CONNER | Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC) | Oppose | Yes |

Comments:

From: [Samantha Goldman](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT SB1303
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2018 5:14:11 PM

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