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TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON SENATE BILL NO. 462
RELATING TO ELECTION DOCUMENTS

February 16, 2017

Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 462. The purpose of this bill is to remove the requirement that a signatory to a nomination paper provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number and the requirement that the full nine digits of a voter's Social Security Number be provided if they wish to withdraw their signature from a petition or nomination paper.

The proposed measure accounts for Act 167, SLH 2016, which allows members of the public to register by providing their Hawaii Driver's License or State Identification card number instead of their Social Security Number. In the past, election officials as part of the signature validation process would confirm if the Social Security Number provided by the signatory was the same that was on record for the voter. Now that we will no longer have the Social Security Number on record for new registrants, we have no purpose for requiring the last four digits of the Social Security Number when a voter signs a nomination paper, or the full nine digits of the Social Security Number when a voter wishes to withdraw their signature from a nomination paper or petition.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 462.