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SB 855

Relating to Elections

Requires an affidavit on an application for voter registration to be included as part of the application for driver's licenses and civil identification cards. Prevents processing of application for driver's licenses or civil identification cards unless a voter affidavit is complete or declined. Provides that the submission of a voter registration application either to register to vote or update the voter's registration information constitutes a request for permanent absentee voter status unless the applicant specifically indicates the applicant does not wish to be a permanent absentee voter.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Susan Dursin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Keith-Agaran, V-Chair Rhoads, Committee Members: I am in strong support of SB855, which would establish an opt-out voter registration for driver's license and civil ID card applicants. For many election cycles, I have been part of voter registration efforts and have served as a precinct worker. Again and again we see would-be voters who believe that they were registered when they got their driver's license, only to find that they must go through the whole registration process. When they come to the precinct on election day and find they cannot vote, it seems democracy has failed them. I also believe that giving them permanent absentee status is a wise move. The absentee allows voters time to become informed on candidates and issues. The opt-out provision and permanent absentee status are especially meaningful for younger voters, those we need to underpin the democratic process. Finally, please make sure that the office of elections has timely and complete access to all information from the driver's license and civil ID applications. Thank you for considering my testimony. Susan Dursin Captain Cook

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From: R. Elton Johnson, III
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Thank you for considering SB 855, and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Greater security, efficiency, and economy are among the many reasons to support automatic voter registration.

Please pass SB 855.

Sincerely,

R. Elton Johnson, III



KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

December 6, 2016

To: Members, Hawai'i State Legislature

From: Alice P. Hewett, President
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Subject: Requests for Consideration and Support of Legislation

Aloha, Members of the 2017 Hawai'i State Legislature:

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club respectfully requests your kokua and support for the following legislative priorities approved by our civic club at its General Meeting of December 6, 2016:

2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

HAWAIIAN ISSUES:

- Adequate funding for OHA, DHHL and the AHA Moku Advisory Committee to enable them to carry out their mandates
- \$300,000 matching funding for Heeia NERRS project
- Haiku Valley Cultural Preserve support and funding
- Funding to protect Hawaiian historic and sacred sites

IMPROVING VOTER TURNOUT:

- Require all counties to have a minimum of four (4) early voting sites located in regional areas
- Automatic voter registration upon applying for or renewal of driver's licenses
- Require state and county elections offices to provide voter registrar training at least twice in each election year and once in non-election years
- Require state and county elections offices to promote voter registration and voting

PUBLIC-PRIVATE Partnerships

- Resolution calling for public-private partnerships between government agencies and community non-profits to manage access to popular hiking areas to address liability, impacts on neighbors, parking and other related concerns.

Mahalo nui loa.

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is one of the largest in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs nationwide. Ko'olaupoko HCC is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians and providing leadership and scholarships. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart."

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Mark LeRoy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB855 mainly because I want automatic voter registration which will increase voter participation. Thank you.

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Office of Hawaiian Affairs	Office of Hawaiian Affairs	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Margaret Parish	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please vote yes to support modernization of the election system and to increase voter access and turnout.

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Barbara Polk	Individual	Support	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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