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ELECTIONS COMMISSION CHAIR

**STATE OF HAWAII
ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

December 26, 2018

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President and Members
of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott Saiki
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting the "*Elections Commission's Biennial Evaluation of Elections Operation*," in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes §11-8.5.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 453-VOTE (8683).

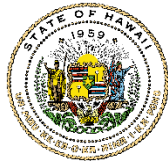
Sincerely,

F.M. SCOTTY ANDERSON
Elections Commission Chair

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Elections Commission's Biennial Evaluation of Elections Operation

Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes §11-8.5, we are pleased to report that while there were a few minor glitches on General Election Day, all of those problems were resolved and were not of any major consequence. The problems have been reviewed, and the Chief Election Officer has taken action to hopefully avoid those problems in the future.

Over 398,000 voters cast their ballot in the 2018 General Election on Tuesday, November 6. Of those voters, 56% cast their ballot prior to Election Day compared to 44% who voted at their polling place.

Overall, we are continuing to see an increase in registration and early voting. None of this would be possible without the assistance from the volunteers and various government agencies. Each person serves a critical role in providing secure, accessible, and convenient election services for each voter. Going forward, we will continue to review procedures to ensure voters and volunteers have a smooth experience.

The Office of Elections is working with the County of Kauai to plan for the vote by mail pilot program, which includes developing a special voter education campaign. They are submitting a report of their plan and progress to the Legislature pursuant to Act 182 SLH 2018. There are a number of benefits that result from all mail voting, the main reason being saving some \$800,000 per election cycle, on a program that would take approximately \$300,000 to institute.

Finally, on Election Day and through the post-election audits and reconciliations conducted by the Office of Elections, no evidence of fraud or errors were found that would suggest our election had been tampered with.

We are very proud of the job done by the Chief Election Officer, Scott Nago, and his entire team of staff and volunteers.

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Should you have any questions, you may contact me via email at elections@hawaii.gov, Attn: Scotty Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,



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