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CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1356

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS OPERATING BUDGET

February 6, 2019

Chair Lee and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill No. 1356. The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds for operating expenses of the Office of Elections for the 2020 election voting contract, 2021 reapportionment, and four temporary positions.

The Office of Elections is requesting an adjustment to our base operating budget to account for costs of conducting the elections. Since our elections are scheduled in even-numbered years, our operating budget varies between fiscal years of the biennium. The total adjustment for fiscal year 2019-20 is \$789,598 which will be used for election year costs such as the voting system contract.

In addition, we are submitting a supplemental budget request of \$927,200 in fiscal year 2020-21 to support a project office for the Reapportionment Commission. The Reapportionment Commission will convene in 2021 following the 2020 Census to apportion U.S. congressional, state senate, and state representative districts. The chief election officer serves as the secretary to the commission and provides technical services. The following is a breakdown of projected costs:

GIS Consultant	800,000
Personnel	120,000
<u>Operating</u>	<u>7,200</u>
Total	<u>\$927,200</u>

We are requesting \$800,000 to secure a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) consultant contract to provide census data, draw district lines, and create maps to conduct the reapportionment. Additionally, we are requesting \$120,000 for four full-time personnel. This includes a project manager, administrative assistant, GIS analyst, and a secretary. The remaining \$7,200 is budgeted for operating costs such as office supplies and equipment.

Additionally, we will be requesting \$347,200 for fiscal year 2021-22 for personnel, public hearings, and publishing of the plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1356.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

Thing that we do not need at this time. Waste Of Money!!