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TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1116
RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 14, 2019

Chair Lee and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill No. 1116. The purpose of this bill is to display candidates for the Board of Trustees, Office of Hawaiian Affairs by residency and non-residency requirements, and to randomize the order of candidate names within those groupings.

We would accomplish the purpose of this measure by randomly selecting a letter of the alphabet for each district/precinct (ballot type) to be the first letter to organize the candidate names for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs contests. For example, if the letter "H" was randomly selected by lot, candidates whose last name start with an "H" would be listed first and subsequent names will follow alphabetically (e.g., "H", "I", "J").

We would also note that the randomly selected letter should only be applied to the first letter of the last name and not modify additional alphabetizing. We use the alphabetical organization for proofing the ballots to ensure all candidates are properly listed, which corresponds to the voting position for the vote counting system.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1116.

TESTIMONY OF ESTHER KIA'AINA
IN SUPPORT OF HB 1116 BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

February 14, 2019, 2:00 p.m., Room 325

Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Buenaventura and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Esther Kia'aina of Nanakuli, Oahu. I am testifying in support of HB 1116, which amends ballot requirements to display candidates for the Board of Trustees, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, by residency and non-residency requirements and to randomize the order of candidate names within those groupings.

Given the sheer number of candidates that run for OHA elections and the costs for candidates to mount a state-wide campaign, random balloting would provide for a fairer opportunity for all candidates to be considered by the electorate.

I respectfully urge the committee members to support the passage of HB 1116 out of Committee.

Respectfully,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

The Names should always appear in order. This is how it should be period.