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To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
For hearing Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Re: HB 1327 HD1 RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

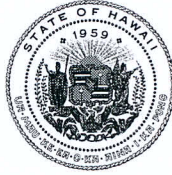
Permits a request for an absentee ballot or for permanent absentee voter status to be submitted in English or Hawaiian. Requires absentee ballots to be available to absentee voters in English and Hawaiian. Appropriates funds. (HB1327 HD1)

'ŌLELO HO'IKE KŪ'Ē

'O ka mea 'ōlelo i ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i e hiki iā ia ke 'ōlelo Pelekania, a 'oi aku kona 'ōlelo Pelekane ma mua o kāna 'ōlelo Hawai'i. No laila, 'a'ohe pono e hana i nā pāloka a i 'ole nā mea koho 'ē a'e ma ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i. Mai hō'ale'a i ke kālā ma kahi ho'opailua no ka mea lapuwale.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

Anyone who speaks Hawaiian can also speak English, and his English is probably better than his Hawaiian. Therefore, there is no need to create ballots or other voting materials in Hawaiian. Do not waste money on a stunt for vanity.



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TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1327, HD 1
RELATING TO ELECTIONS

February 13, 2019

Chair Lee and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill No. 1327, HD 1. This bill makes a request for an absentee ballot, and an absentee ballot available in Hawaiian.

We would like to confirm that we would be making an absentee ballot available in Hawaiian, rather than a dual language ballot combining English and Hawaiian. Similarly, we would ask that the provision be limited to absentee ballots, as written, as the current direct recording electronic (DRE) voting system is not certified for Hawaiian. The federal law requires the DRE voting system for in-person voting to ensure accessibility for all voters.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1327, HD 1.

HB-1327-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments: