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**TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON SENATE BILL NO. 412, SD 2, HD 1
RELATING TO VOTING**

April 3, 2019

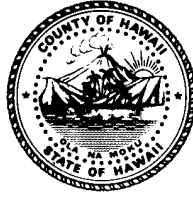
Chair Luke and members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 412, SD 2, HD 1. The purpose of this bill is to require any person who is eligible to vote and applies for a driver license or state identification card be automatically registered to vote unless the applicant affirmatively declines.

The Office of Elections believes that this bill will increase the opportunities for members of our community to register to vote, as it requires the applicant to directly address the question of whether they wish to register to vote, or to opt out as part of the driver license and identification card application process. We will work with the examiner of drivers along with the Department of Transportation, and County Election Divisions to update the driver license and state identification applications to accomplish the purpose of this bill.

Additionally, this bill ensures the accuracy of the voter registration rolls by electronically transmitting voter registration data between the driver license and identification card database and the statewide voter registration system. The electronic sharing of data between driver licensing officials and election officials will help to ensure timely compliance with the National Voter Registration Act and the Help America Vote Act. 52 USC §21083(a)(5)(B) & 52 USC §20504.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 412, SD 2, HD 1.

JON HENRICKS
County Clerk



AARON BROWN
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TESTIMONY OF JON HENRICKS
COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON SENATE BILL NO. 412, SD 2, HD 1
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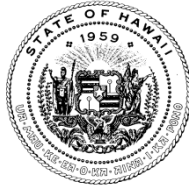
Chair Luke and members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 412, SD 2, HD 1. This bill makes completion of a voter registration affidavit a mandatory part of all driver license and identification card applications; automatically registers each applicant for voting; and requires the sharing of data among the driver license and identification card database with election personnel.

This bill will maximize registration of eligible voters, will provide a convenient way to register, and an opportunity to opt out. The bill also ensures that all applicants will meet the qualifications to register to vote.

Additionally, this bill will ensure that voters are registered by Election Day, and will help to eliminate delays for voters at the polls.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 412, SD 2, HD 1.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



TESTIMONY BY:

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April 3, 2019
2:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Room 308

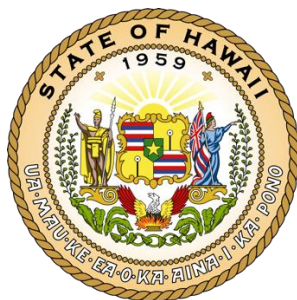
S. B. 412, S.D.2, H.D.1
RELATING TO VOTING.

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill.

Should there be a need to modify the voter registration form, DOT and the Office of Elections will need to work collaboratively to ensure the driver's license application form and civil identification card application form reflects the legislated requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



‘O kēia ‘ōlelo hō’ike no ke
Komikina Kūlana Olakino o Nā Wāhine

Testimony on behalf of the
Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women

Prepared for the House Committee on Finance

In Support of SB412, SD2, HD1
Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Honorable Members,

The Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women supports SB412 SD2, HD1, which would automatically register eligible voters who apply State driver’s license or State ID card, unless they decline. SB412 would also provide a convenient way for registered voters to update voter contact information.

This proposal would be important to produce greater Hawai‘i voter participation, and solve the state’s progressively plummeting voter turnout. This proposal would also assist the Commission in its long-range program of educating women in their political rights and voting duties (H.R.S. § 367-3 (4)). Accordingly, the Commission asks that the Committees pass SB412 SD2, HD1.

Mahalo,

Khara Jabola-Carolus
Executive Director



HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO

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The Thirtieth Legislature, State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
Committee on Finance

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

April 3, 2019

S.B. 412, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 – RELATING TO VOTING

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of S.B. 412, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 which requires that any person who is eligible to vote and applies for a new or renewal motor vehicle driver's license, provisional license, instruction permit, or identification card be automatically registered to vote if that person is not already registered to vote.

The right to vote is the foundation of our democracy and essential to protect all other rights, therefore we must ensure that the voting process is easy to understand and participate in. Given Hawaii's infamously low voter turn out, the Legislature has taken appropriate steps to make it easier for residents to vote, which include permitting permanent absentee voter status, implementing online voter registration in 2015, and phasing in same-day registration in 2016. The next logical step to improve and increase access to voting is to implement automatic voter registration, as many other states have done. Automatic voter registration reduces the time and effort it takes to register, ensures current addresses are on file, and reduces the overall costs to the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 412, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director



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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
WEDNESDAY, April 3, 2019, 2:00 p.m., Room 308

SB 412, SD2, HD1 RELATING TO VOTING
TESTIMONY

Janet Mason, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Cullen and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii strongly supports SB 412, SD2 HD1 which makes an affidavit for voter registration part of driver's license and state identification card applications. Then each applicant would automatically be registered to vote, unless they decline to do this. For voters already registered, this could also provide a convenient way to update voter contact information (such as a new mailing address).

This is a simple concept, but one that could dramatically reduce the number of unregistered voters in Hawaii. By one estimate, more than 250 thousand people eligible to vote but unregistered live here¹. This fact contributes dramatically to poor voter turnout. One estimate is that 39% of those eligible to vote haven't done so.²

There are several public stakeholders involved with this bill. We thank the State Department of Transportation, County licensing examiners, the Honolulu County Department of Information Technology and the Office of Elections for work already done in preparation for implementing this measure.

We urge you to pass this bill and hope it could be effective January 1, 2020 or 2021 at the latest. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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¹ Some 1,04,363 people were estimated to be of voting age at the November 2018 elections: <http://www.electproject.org/2018g>. There were 756,751 registered voters in November 2018: <https://elections.hawaii.gov/resources/registration-voter-turnout-statistics/>.

² There were 398,657 voters in the November 2018 general elections: <https://elections.hawaii.gov/election-results/> Some 1,04,363 people were estimated to be of voting age at the November 2018 elections: <http://www.electproject.org/2018g>.



HAWAII APPLESEED

CENTER FOR LAW & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Testimony of Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
In Support of SB 412 SD2 HD1 – Relating to Voting
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 2:00 PM, conference room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT** of **SB 412 SD2 HD1**, which would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply for or renew their Hawai'i Drivers' License or State ID, unless they choose to opt out.

According to the United States Election Project, fewer than 4 in 10 of Hawai'i's voting-eligible population voted in the 2018 general election, yet again placing us last in the nation.¹

The logistical barriers to registering to vote are especially high for our low-income neighbors, since they are less likely to have the time or flexibility in their schedules to register in person or via mail or to have internet access to register online.

Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) would help overcome those barriers. The data shows that AVR improves the likelihood that people will vote by minimizing bureaucracy and requiring less time and effort from eligible voters. Implementing AVR would:

- Save the state of Hawai'i a lot of money. It costs almost 30 times more to process a paper application versus an electronic one. For the 2016 election, the labor costs to process paper forms totaled over half a million dollars.
- Make elections more secure and accurate with frequent updates to the voter rolls.
- Make voting more convenient for seniors, voters in rural areas, and working and military families who move frequently.

We need to act to get more than 4 in 10 of our eligible voters to vote in our elections. Hawai'i should join the 17 other states and the District of Columbia that have already approved AVR.

We appreciate your consideration of this testimony.

¹ <http://www.electproject.org/2018g>

The Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice is committed to a more socially just Hawai'i, where everyone has genuine opportunities to achieve economic security and fulfill their potential. We change systems that perpetuate inequality and injustice through policy development, advocacy, and coalition building.



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To: The House Committee on Finance
From: Brodie Lockard for the Common Cause Hawaii Board
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 2:00 pm

In strong support of SB 412

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Committee Members—

Common Cause Hawaii strongly supports SB 412.

With Automatic Voter Registration, eligible citizens are automatically registered to vote, or their voter registration is updated, when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they decline. Voter information is electronically transferred between licensing and election officials, resulting in a less expensive, and more efficient, secure, and convenient process.

* AVR will save us money. Paper registration typically costs **30 times** more than AVR! Processing paper forms in Hawaii during the 2016 election cycle cost nearly \$575,000 for labor. This does not include the printing of voter registration forms, mailings related to duplicate registration entries, and the postage of forwarding registration forms to the proper recipient. Up-to-date voter rolls will help reduce the cost of sending ballots to wrong addresses.

* Data shows that AVR improves the likelihood that people will vote by minimizing bureaucracy and requiring less time and effort from eligible voters.

* AVR will enhance the security of our elections, by increasing the accuracy of voter rolls, and using an encrypted system to transfer data, rather than paper forms. It helps ensure that all eligible voters in Hawaii are registered to vote at their current address, increasing the security of our elections because we know that ballots are sent to the correct location and correct voter.

* AVR improves access to voting, especially for working and military families who move frequently, as well as homebound seniors, students, and voters in rural areas.

Please pass SB 412 and bring Hawaii to the forefront of modern election practices.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Brodie Lockard
Board Member, Common Cause Hawaii

SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2019 4:17:38 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Caron	Young Progressives Demanding Action	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, members of the House Finance Committee,

Young Progressives Demanding Action strongly supports the establishment and implementation of a system of automatic voter (AVR) registration in the State of Hawaii. AVR is a step towards much needed modernization of elections in Hawaii.

Hawaii has had the lowest voter turnout in the country for the last 20 years. AVR will help turn that around by increasing convenience and improving access to voting. As of December 2018, AVR has been approved in 17 states and the District of Columbia. The data shows that AVR improves the likelihood that people will vote by minimizing bureaucracy and requiring less time and effort from eligible voters.

Additionally, AVR will enhance the security of our elections, save the state money, and expand voting access for traditionally under-represented people.

Mahalo.



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April 1 , 2019

TO: Honorable Chair Luke & FIN Committee Members

RE: SB 412 SD2 HD1 Relating to Voting

Support for hearing on April 3

Americans for Democratic Action is an organization founded in the 1950s by leading supporters of the New Deal and led by Patsy Mink in the 1970s. We are devoted to the promotion of progressive public policies.

We support SB 412 SD2 HD1 as it would automatically register people to vote as they get a driver's license. As fewer than 4 in 10 of Hawaii's voting-eligible population voted in the 2018 general election, it put us last in the nation. Political Scientist, Ray Wolfinger, cites voter registration requirements as the biggest impediment to voter turnout. So this bill will help improve our turnout.

Sincerely,

John Bickel President





SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

MĀLAMA I KA HONUA. *Cherish the Earth.*

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

April 3, 2019

2:00 PM

Room 308

In **SUPPORT** of **SB 412 SD2 HD1**: Relating to Voting

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the committee,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i, a member of the Common Good Coalition, **supports automatic voter registration (AVR) efforts like SB 412 SD2 HD1.**

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i is committed to ensuring a fair, open, and transparent democratic process. We encourage our members and supporters to actively protect their right to vote, have their voices heard in government, and engage in the legislative process. Automatic voter registration would make these efforts just that much easier for many Hawai'i residents. By making registration automatic whenever someone gets a driver's license or updates their address at the DMV, voters are more likely to be engaged and ready to participate in our electoral process. We welcome that—and so should our lawmakers.

Automatic voter registration is the logical next step in modernizing our elections by eliminating needless paperwork. It has been estimated that paper registration costs 30 times more than AVR. The possibility of human error in transcribing voter information from paper forms will be reduced and the state could save the nearly \$600,000 it spent in 2016 alone in processing paper forms. Furthermore, Hawai'i has had the lowest voter turnout in the U.S. for the last twenty years. AVR will not only simplify the process to register to vote, but is likely to save us money and result in increased turnout on Election Day.

Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 other states and is a common sense solution for Hawai'i. AVR will strengthen our democracy, increase the security of our elections, and is simply the most cost effective, efficient, and modern system available.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 412.

Mahalo,

Jodi Malinoski, Policy Advocate

SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2019 2:07:10 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Field	Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 2:02:48 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann S Freed	Hawaii Women's Coalition	Support	No

Comments:



Hawai'i


Committee: House Committee on Finance
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 308
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawai'i in Support of S.B. 412, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, Relating to Voting

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i ("ACLU of Hawai'i") writes **in support of S.B. 412, S.D.2, H.D. 1, which would automatically register eligible people to vote or update voter information when they apply for or renew a state identification card or driver's license.**

Hawai'i has the lowest voter turnout in the country. Hawai'i should aggressively seek out solutions to increase voter enrollment and participation, such as automatic voter registration. With the correct safeguards in place, automatic voter registration helps remove barriers to registration for eligible voters, updates voter registration rolls, and leads to more efficient elections.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Mandy Fernandes
Policy Director
ACLU of Hawai'i

The mission of the ACLU of Hawai'i is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawai'i fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawai'i is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawai'i has been serving Hawai'i for 50 years.

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**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair
Wednesday April 3, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308
SB 412, SD 2, HD 1 – Relating To Voting**

Dear Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Cullen and members of the Finance Committee:

On behalf of the Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations, I would like to express **support of SB 412, SD 2, HD 1**, Relating to Voting.

Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) is a statewide, sector-wide professional association of nonprofits. Our mission is to unite and strengthen the nonprofit sector as a collective force to improve the quality of life in Hawai'i. Our member organizations provide essential services to every community in the state.

HANO supports a civically engaged populace and believes all citizens should participate in the democratic process of voting to have a say in community matters.

SB 412, SD 2, HD 1 requires that any person who is eligible to vote and applies for a new or renewal motor vehicle driver's license, provisional license, or instruction permit, or a new, renewal, or duplicate identification card be automatically registered to vote if that person is not already registered to vote unless the applicant affirmatively declines to be registered to vote.

Hawaii's voting record has been the lowest in the country for the last 20 years. Automatic voter registration (AVR) will help improve access to voting. Hawaii would follow 17 other states and the District of Columbia in adopting AVR.

AVR helps ensure that voting isn't difficult for working and military families who move frequently, as well as homebound seniors, students, and voters in rural areas, many of whom are also constituents of Hawaii's nonprofit sector.

We ask for your support of this bill and appreciate your consideration of this written testimony.

Mahalo,

Lisa Maruyama
President and CEO

TO: Members of the Committee on Finance

FROM: Natalie Iwasa, 808-395-3233

HEARING: 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2019

SUBJECT: SB412, SD2, HD1 Automatic Voter Registration – **Opt In vs. Opt Out**

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on SB412, SD2, HD1, which would require affidavits for voter registration be included with driver's license and identification card applications.

Given all of the concerns about ballots going to people who said they haven't registered but received ballots anyway for the special election in Honolulu City Council District 4, I believe it's better for voter registration to be an affirmative decision, i.e., opt in rather than opt out.

Another issue that should be addressed is the signature verification process. We learned through the challenge to the Honolulu Council District 4 race that the city clerk was verifying signatures by looking at Hawaii driver license applications, but that is not an approved document for that purpose.

SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2019 2:58:06 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and members of the committee,

I support SB412 SD2 HD1. Automatic Voter Registration makes sense and will save the State money. It should make it easier for people to vote and increase voter turnout.

Please pass SB412. Mahalo for your consideration.

Randy Ching (Honolulu)

SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2019 4:35:16 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adriene Unpingco	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly urge you to pass this measure.

Automatic voter registration will be a major step toward increasing participation in our democracy, especially amongst younger voters. As a law student working part-time, I understand how hard it can be to devote time to things outside of school and work. SB 412 will make it easier for working students and others, who are juggling school, jobs, and families, to vote by removing bureaucratic "red tape" and minimizing time demands. With automatic voter registration, the resources and labor that are now being used for printing, mailing, and data entry under the traditional registration process could instead be well-spent on educating and encouraging eligible voters.

Seventeen states and the District of Columbia have already implemented automatic voter registration, which has been proven to improve voter turnout. It is time for Hawaii to do the same.

SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2019 8:33:45 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lea Minton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2019 10:58:33 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn Morais Webster Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support passage of Automatic Voter Registration. It will take us one step closer to modernizing and upgrading our electoral rolls. By reducing the bureaucratic burden of registration and making the transfer of information on voters digital, accuracy and efficiency go up and costs come down. And it increases the likelihood of young people voting. These are all improvements to our democracy that we should welcome. Thank you for moving this commonsense, smart bill forward. It's time has come.

SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 6:59:46 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hawai'i's voting record has been the lowest in the country for the last 20 years. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 other states and is an obvious solution for Hawai'i civic engagement challenges and will also save the state money.

SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 7:21:35 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Schrager	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

More voters means more democracy. Please vote yes on this important measure!

SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 10:46:29 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shingai Masiya	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 3:14:43 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:


Please support SB412, which should help increase the typically dismal voter turnout here in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

Kihei


From: Lurline Bettencourt <noreply@jotform.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 4:11 PM
To: FINtestimony
Subject: Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB412 - Lurline Bettencourt

 **Testimony in SUPPORT of SB412**

Name	Lurline Bettencourt
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Subject	Testimony in SUPPORT of SB412
Testimony	<p>Aloha Chair Luke, members of the House Finance Committee,</p> <p>I support establishment and implementation of a system of automatic voter (AVR) registration in the State of Hawaii. AVR is a step towards much needed modernization of elections in Hawaii.</p> <p>Hawaii has had the lowest voter turnout in the country for the last 20 years. AVR will help turn that around by increasing convenience and improving access to voting. As of December 2018, AVR has been approved in 17 states and the District of Columbia. The data shows that AVR improves the likelihood that people will vote by minimizing bureaucracy and requiring less time and effort from eligible voters.</p> <p>Additionally, AVR will enhance the security of our elections, save the state money, and expand voting access for traditionally under-represented people.</p> <p>Mahalo,</p>


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From: Mishka Sulva <noreply@jotform.com>
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	Testimony in SUPPORT of SB412
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Testimony	Aloha Chair Luke, members of the House Finance Committee, I support establishment and implementation of a system of automatic voter (AVR) registration in the State of Hawaii. AVR is a step towards much needed modernization of elections in Hawaii. Hawaii has had the lowest voter turnout in the country for the last 20 years. AVR will help turn that around by increasing convenience and improving access to voting. As of December 2018, AVR has been approved in 17 states and the District of Columbia. The data shows that AVR improves the likelihood that people will vote by minimizing bureaucracy and requiring less time and effort from eligible voters. Additionally, AVR will enhance the security of our elections, save the state money, and expand voting access for traditionally under-represented people. Mahalo,

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From: Mary Hackney <noreply@jotform.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 3:38 PM
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Subject: Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB412 - Mary Hackney

	Testimony in SUPPORT of SB412
Name	Mary Hackney
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Subject	Testimony in SUPPORT of SB412
Testimony	<p>Aloha Chair Luke, members of the House Finance Committee,</p> <p>I strongly support establishment and implementation of a system of automatic voter (AVR) registration in the State of Hawaii. AVR is a step towards much needed modernization of elections in Hawaii. Voting is the foundation of democracy.</p> <p>Hawaii has had the lowest voter turnout in the country for the last 20 years. AVR will help turn that around by increasing convenience and improving access to voting. As of December 2018, AVR has been approved in 17 states and the District of Columbia. The data shows that AVR improves the likelihood that people will vote by minimizing bureaucracy and requiring less time and effort from eligible voters.</p> <p>Additionally, AVR will enhance the security of our elections, save the state money, and expand voting access for traditionally under-represented people.</p> <p>Mahalo, Mary Hackney</p>

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April 2, 2019

Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 412 SD2 HD1 Relating to voting

House Committee on Finance hearing on April 3, 2019 at 2:00 in Room308

To: Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Ty Cullen and Members of the committee

From: Barbara Polk, on behalf of the Board of Common Cause Hawaii


Common Cause Hawaii has long supported automatic voter registration as a way to encourage increased public participation in our democracy and as a cost saving to the State. This bill would make it easy to register to vote without going through a separate process. It also makes clear that all are considered voters if they are eligible.

In an era in which the legislature must look for ways to save money, modernizing our election system is one way to do so.

Thank you for hearing this bill.


We encourage the Committee to pass SB412 SD2 HD1.

From: Nathan Yuen <noreply@jotform.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 2:51 PM
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	Testimony in SUPPORT of SB412
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From: Susan Mitnik <noreply@jotform.com>
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Subject: Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB412 - Susan Mitnik

	Testimony in SUPPORT of SB412
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Submitted on: 4/2/2019 3:59:26 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Greg Puppione	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, members of the FIN Committee, my name is Greg Puppione and I am a resident of Honolulu. I support SB 412 SD2 HD1. This bill would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they opt-out. It's time to modernize our registration process and increase convenience and access to voting. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 states and is efficient, secure, and can help improve voter turnout in Hawai'i. Please pass automatic voter registration and SB 412. This is something that is long overdue.

April 3, 2019

House Committee on Finance
Conference Room 308
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

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RE: Testimony in support of SB 412 SD2 HD1, Relating to Voting

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Committee Members:

My name is Christine Sakuda and I serve as the executive director of Transform Hawai'i Government (THG), a coalition of organizations and individuals who believe in improving government services and business practices through technology to ensure that policymakers, State employees, local residents and businesses have convenient and secure access to reliable information and data on demand.

THG supports Senate Bill 412 SD2 HD1, Relating to Voting, which requires that any person who is eligible to vote and applies for a new or renewal motor vehicle driver's license, provisional license, or instruction permit, or a new, renewal, or duplicate identification card be automatically registered to vote if that person is not already registered to vote unless the applicant affirmatively declines to be registered to vote. The bill also authorizes access to and electronic transmission of databases maintained or operated by the counties or the department of transportation containing driver's license or identification card information to election officials and the statewide voter registration system.

This measure represents the logical next step following the implementation of online voter registration in 2015 and the phasing in of same-day registration that started in 2016.

Potential benefits of SB 412 SD2 HD1 include:

- Reduction of unnecessary barriers by minimizing bureaucracy and the time and effort required to participate in the voting process.
- Increased security of elections by improving maintenance of accurate voter addresses so ballots are sent to the correct location and correct voter.
- Cost-effectiveness because having up-to-date voter rolls reduces the cost of sending ballots to wrong addresses.
- Protection of privacy and freedom by preserving the opportunity to opt-out.

Hawai'i has the lowest voter turnout in the country, and we believe this bill is a necessary component of helping to turn that around by increasing convenience and improving security and access.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this important bill.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Sakuda
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Transform Hawai'i Government
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SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 4:17:49 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Constance Keoahunui Uale Warrington	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke and Members of the FIN Committee,

My name is Constance Keoahunui Uale Warrington and I am a resident of Nuuanu, Oahu. I support SB 412 SD2 HD1. This bill would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they opt-out. It's time to modernize our registration process and increase convenience and access to voting. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 states and is efficient, secure, and can help improve voter turnout in Hawai'i. Please pass automatic voter registration and SB 412."

Mahalo,

Constance Keoahunui Uale Warrington

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SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 4:19:54 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marilyn Mick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Marilyn Mick and I am a resident of Honolulu. I support SB 412 SD2 HD1. This bill would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they opt-out. It's time to modernize our registration process and increase convenience and access to voting. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 states and is efficient, secure, and can help improve voter turnout in Hawai'i. Please pass automatic voter registration and SB 412.

Mahalo, Marilyn Mick

House Committee on Finance



DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 2019
TIME: 2:00 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 308

Testimony in support of SB 412 SD2 HD1, Relating to Voting

Aloha, my name is Melissa Pavlicek and I'm testifying on behalf of AVR Hawaii in **support** of SB 412 SD2 HD1 which requires that any person who is eligible to vote and applies for a new or renewal motor vehicle driver's license, provisional license, or instruction permit, or a new, renewal, or duplicate identification card be automatically registered to vote if that person is not already registered to vote unless the applicant affirmatively declines to be registered to vote.

We are in support of this measure. Automatic voter registration is a step towards much needed modernization of elections in Hawaii. Hawaii implemented Online Voter Registration in 2015 and phased in same-day registration starting in 2016. Automatic Voter Registration is the logical next step. Hawaii has had the lowest voter turnout in the country for the last 20 years. This measure is intended to turn that around by increasing convenience and improving access to voting.

AVR Hawaii is a coalition of organizations and individuals who support automatic voter registration in Hawaii. For more information go to avrhawaii.com

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SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 4:24:24 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pete Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, members of the FIN Committee, my name is Pete Wilson and I am a resident of Hawaii. I support SB 412 SD2 HD1. This bill would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they opt-out. It's time to modernize our registration process and increase convenience and access to voting. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 states and is efficient, secure, and can help improve voter turnout in Hawai'i. Please pass automatic voter registration and SB 412.

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SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 4:29:21 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Seifried	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, members of the FIN Committee, my name is Steve Seifried and I am a resident of Kailua. I support SB 412 SD2 HD1. This bill would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they opt-out. It's time to modernize our registration process and increase convenience and access to voting. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 states and is efficient, secure, and can help improve voter turnout in Hawai'i. Please pass automatic voter registration and SB 412.

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SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 5:04:03 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandra Fujita	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 5:05:09 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cheryl Reeser	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 5:13:20 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM


Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashley Wilcox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, members of the FIN Committee, my name is Ashley Wilcox and I am a resident of Lahaina. I support SB 412 SD2 HD1. This bill would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they opt-out. It's time to modernize our registration process and increase convenience and access to voting. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 states and is efficient, secure, and can help improve voter turnout in Hawai'i. Please pass automatic voter registration and SB 412."

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 **Testimony in SUPPORT of SB412**

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Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Ware	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

"Aloha Chair Luke, members of the FIN Committee, my name is Diane Ware and I am a resident of Volcano Hawai'i. I support SB 412 SD2 HD1. This bill would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they opt-out. It's time to modernize our registration process and increase convenience and access to voting. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 states and is efficient, secure, and can help improve voter turnout in Hawai'i. Please pass automatic voter registration and SB 412.

I feel this action is very important to our democracy.

Sincerely,

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Submitted on: 4/2/2019 6:17:16 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dave Kisor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

There were some interesting moments during that last election, as same day registration was a debacle for some in Pahoā. I support auto reg, but not being forced to declare a party affiliation at that time.

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Submitted on: 4/2/2019 6:25:30 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/2/2019 6:45:12 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emily Garland	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, members of the FIN Committee, my name is Emily and I am a resident of Hilo. I support SB 412 SD2 HD1. This bill would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they opt-out. It's time to modernize our registration process and increase convenience and access to voting. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 states and is efficient, secure, and can help improve voter turnout in Hawai'i. Please pass automatic voter registration and SB 412

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/2/2019 8:12:55 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Reese Liggett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, members of the FIN Committee, my name is William Reesse Liggett and I am a resident of 4947 Maunalani Circle, 96816. I support SB 412 SD2 HD1. This bill would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they opt-out. It's time to modernize our registration process and increase convenience and access to voting. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 states and is efficient, secure, and can help improve voter turnout in Hawai'i. Please pass automatic voter registration and SB 412.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaliko Amona	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/3/2019 3:55:04 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Barretto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, members of the FIN Committee, my name is Elizabeth Barretto and I am a resident of Maui. I support SB 412 SD2 HD1. This bill would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they opt-out. It's time to modernize our registration process and increase convenience and access to voting. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 states and is efficient, secure, and can help improve voter turnout in Hawai'i. Please pass automatic voter registration and SB 412.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elise Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

"Aloha Chair Luke, members of the FIN Committee, my name is Elise Lee and I am a resident of Honolulu. I support SB 412 SD2 HD1. This bill would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they opt-out. It's time to modernize our registration process and increase convenience and access to voting. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 states and is efficient, secure, and can help improve voter turnout in Hawai'i. Please pass automatic voter registration and SB 412."

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Submitted on: 4/2/2019 10:44:28 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Riverstone	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, members of the FIN Committee,

My name is Jerry Riverstone and I am a resident of Hawai'i. I support SB 412 SD2 HD1. This bill would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they opt-out. It's time to modernize our registration process and increase convenience and access to voting. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 states and is efficient, secure, and can help improve voter turnout in Hawai'i. Please pass automatic voter registration and SB 412, and support a healthy democratic process.

Sincerely

Jerry Riverstone

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Submitted on: 4/3/2019 7:42:03 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
L.M. Holmes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, members of the FIN Committee, my name is Dr. Lorna Holmes and I am a resident of Oahu. I support SB 412 SD2 HD1. This bill would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they opt-out. It's time to modernize our registration process and increase convenience and access to voting. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 states and is efficient, secure, and can help improve voter turnout in Hawai'i. Please pass automatic voter registration and SB 412.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Larry Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/3/2019 7:52:56 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

In this day and age lets make it as easy as possible for "one person (of legal age & qualification) one vote!

Mahalo,

JN Makawao

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Stover	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/2/2019 9:56:31 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara L. George	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SUPPORT!

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Submitted on: 4/3/2019 6:57:20 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lorrie Ann Santos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, members of the FIN Committee, my name is Lorrie Ann Santos and I am a resident of Kaneohe, Hawaii. I support SB 412 SD2 HD1. This bill would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they opt-out. It's time to modernize our registration process and increase convenience and access to voting. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 states and is efficient, secure, and can help improve voter turnout in Hawai'i. Please pass automatic voter registration and SB 412.

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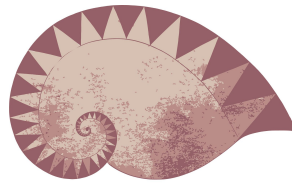
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Timothy Sean Payne Hills	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

"Aloha Chair Luke, members of the FIN Committee, my name is Timothy Hills_____ and I am a resident of ___Makawao, HI.___. I support SB 412 SD2 HD1. This bill would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they opt-out. It's time to modernize our registration process and increase convenience and access to voting. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 states and is efficient, secure, and can help improve voter turnout in Hawai'i. Please pass automatic voter registration and SB 412."



Pono Hawai'i Initiative

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Josh Frost - President • Kau'i Pratt-Aquino - Secretary • Patrick Shea - Treasurer
Kristin Hamada • Nelson Ho • Summer Starr

Monday, April 1, 2019

Aloha, Chair and Committee members

The Pono Hawai'i Initiative (PHI) **supports SB412 SD2 HD1 Relating to Voting**, which creates a mechanism to automatically register any person who is eligible to vote when they apply or renew their driver's license, permit or state identification card unless they affirmatively decline registration.

S412 SD2 HD1 will help to ensure higher rates of registered voters simply by creating an opt out system for registering to vote rather than the current opt in system. This small change in wording will have huge positive results.

Improving access to voting is fundamental to the democratic process. The more accessible and available we can make voting the better our community will be. Upgrading how we encourage voter registration is the foundation to reforming and improving our elections. Hawai'i struggles with voter turnout, November 2018 (a general election in a Presidential voting year) saw that only 39% of those eligible actually voted. Arguably that election should be the higher turnout than any of the elections since it contained a major race. One can assume primary elections in non-presidential voting years would have even lower turnout. If we can increase the number of those registered that is the first step in right direction of increasing Hawaii's voter turnout.

This measure will create a seamless modernized system with the information collected from the licensing officials being electronically transferred and linked to the elections offices resulting in a more efficient, secure, convenient process that saves money. Hawai'i is presently using out-of-date systems and decades-old technology. It's time to modernize both the system and the process in which people vote.

For all these reasons we request you **amend the measure with a clean effective date.**

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Gary Hooser

Executive Director

Pono Hawai'i Initiative, an organization member of the Common Good Coalition

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SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2019 8:55:02 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James McCay	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/3/2019 9:26:29 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
keauhou	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, members of the FIN Committee, my name is Keauhou Mitchell-Aldan and I am a resident of Ewa. I support SB 412 SD2 HD1. This bill would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they apply or renew their State ID or Driver's License, unless they opt-out. It's time to modernize our registration process and increase convenience and access to voting. Automatic voter registration has already been approved in 17 states and is efficient, secure, and can help improve voter turnout in Hawai'i. Please pass automatic voter registration and SB 412."



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 Testimony in SUPPORT of SB412

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Testimony	Aloha Chair Luke, members of the House Finance Committee, I support establishment and implementation of a system of automatic voter (AVR) registration in the State of Hawaii. AVR is a step towards much needed modernization of elections in Hawaii. Hawaii has had the lowest voter turnout in the country for the last 20 years. AVR will help turn that around by increasing convenience and improving access to voting. As of December 2018, AVR has been approved in 17 states and the District of Columbia. The data shows that AVR improves the likelihood that people will vote by minimizing bureaucracy and requiring less time and effort from eligible voters. Additionally, AVR will enhance the security of our elections, save the state money, and expand voting access for traditionally under-represented people. Mahalo,

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Submitted on: 4/3/2019 10:20:45 AM


Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mio Chee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: Mary Jewell <noreply@jotform.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 12:27 AM
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Submitted on: 4/3/2019 12:15:19 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gail Jackson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please vote for this bill.

Automatic Voter Registration should increase voter turnout which we badly need.

Thank you,

Gail Jackson, Waikoloa, HI 96738

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SB-412-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2019 12:28:48 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Simonsma	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support Bill SB 412.

Automatic Voter Registration is sorely needed. We are a disgrace with a dismal number of citizens voting. This bill should help.

Sincerely,

William B Simonsma, Waikoloa, 96738

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TO: Committee on Finance

RE: Testimony in Support of SB412

4/2/2019

Aloha Chair Luke, members of the House Finance Committee,

As an organizer on behalf of Young Progressives Demanding Action, I am writing to express my strong support of SB412.

Automatic Voter Registration is the logical next step towards the streamlining and modernization of our elections system. Election security will be improved due to the more frequent alignment and increased accuracy of voter rolls, as well the use of an encrypted system, rather than paper forms, to transfer data. This system will ensure that all eligible voters in Hawai'i are registered to vote at their current address, tightening the security of our elections by ensuring that ballots are sent to the correct location and voter.

Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) will also improve access to voting for citizens, particularly those most strained in our society who may be homebound, frequently moving, or juggling the responsibilities of work, school and family. It will greatly simplify the process and reduce time constraints around voting, thus promoting the likelihood of greater voter turnout. As other states have implemented AVR, data has supported this trend. Hawai'i has had the lowest voter turnout in the country for the last 20 years, and as such could greatly benefit from implementing a system that improves the accessibility and ease of voting for all that are eligible.

There are also cost benefits to implementing AVR, as studies have found it be 30 times cheaper than traditional paper registration. It cost nearly \$575,000 to process paper forms in Hawai'i during the 2016 election. This does not include the printing of voter registration forms, mailings related to duplicate registration entries, and the postage of forwarding registration forms to the proper recipient. Up-to-date voter rolls would furthermore minimize the mailing of ballots to incorrect or obsolete addresses, thus reducing costs even further.

Mahalo for your consideration,


Ida Peric

Community Organizer

Young Progressives Demanding Action

From: Becky Gardner <noreply@jotform.com>
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This is an excellent and cost-effective way to encourage voting by all eligible citizens.

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
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