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TESTIMONY OF THE  
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 199, HD 1  
RELATING TO ELECTION PROCLAMATIONS

March 18, 2021

Chair Rhoads and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 199 HD 1. This bill repeals the requirement that election proclamations contain a statement of the time and places where an election is to be held; and specifies that the county clerk, not the chief election officer, shall issue an election proclamation listing information on voter service centers and places of deposit.

Our office supports this bill as it improves the administration of elections by mail by clarifying that the county clerk issues proclamations relating to the voter service centers and places of deposits they have established. This will ensure timely issuance and dissemination of information to voters. For example, in the case of a natural disaster impacting a location or hours of operation at a voter service center or place of deposit, the county clerk should be able to quickly determine their course of action and inform the public rather than coordinate with our office to provide the information.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 199.

**Hawaii***Holding Power Accountable*Statement Before The  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Thursday, March 18, 2021

9:15 AM

Via Video Conference

in consideration of  
**HB 199, HD1**  
**RELATING TO ELECTION PROCLAMATIONS.**

Chairs RHOADS, Vice Chair KEOHOKALOLE, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

Common Cause Hawaii supports HB 199, HD1, which (1) repeals the requirement that election proclamations contain a statement of the time and places where an election is to be held and (2) specifies that the county clerk, not the chief election officer, shall issue an election proclamation listing information on voter service centers and places of deposit.

Common Cause Hawaii is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to reforming government and strengthening democracy through voting modernization efforts and elections reform.

With Hawaii's new vote-by-mail process, signed into law as Act 136, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, it is the county clerks who determine the number and location of voter service centers and drop boxes. Hawaii Revised Statutes § 11-102. It is, therefore, reasonable to have the county clerks issue a proclamation listing all voter services and places of deposit as well.

Common Cause Hawaii also supports having the clerk's proclamation, for the benefit of the public, as provided in HB 199, HD1, list (1) the days each voter service center and place of deposit are open, with their opening and closing hours of operations and (2) the location of each voter service center and place of deposit.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 199, HD1. If you have questions of me, please contact me at [sma@commoncause.org](mailto:sma@commoncause.org).

Very respectfully yours,

Sandy Ma  
Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

**HB-199-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/13/2021 1:10:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>  | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Michael Golojuch Jr | Testifying for LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

The LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawaii's oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization, supports House Bill 199 HD1.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.

Chair

LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

**HB-199-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2021 3:30:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Gerard Silva        | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments:

This is against the Law and the Consitution!

**HB-199-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/14/2021 11:13:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Caroline Kunitake   | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Committee on Judiciary,

Please support HB199, HD1. With Hawaii's new vote-by-mail process, signed into law as Act 136, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, it is the county clerks who determine the number and location of voter service centers and drop boxes. Hawaii Revised Statutes § 11-102. It is, therefore, reasonable to have the county clerks issue a proclamation listing all voter services and places of deposit as well.

We also support having the clerk's proclamation, for the benefit of the public, as provided in HB 199, HD1, list (1) the days each voter service center and place of deposit are open, with their opening and closing hours of operations and (2) the location of each voter service center and place of deposit.

These measures are needed for the practical administration of our elections. The public needs to know where they can vote and the hours when these locations are open for voting.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 199, HD1.

Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake

**HB-199-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/14/2021 1:27:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Barbara Best        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

This makes sense, seems non-controversial

**HB-199-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/14/2021 1:37:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| tlaloc tokuda       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I am a member of Common Cause HI and i support most of the bills they flag. I support HB 199 HD1

- With Hawaii's new vote-by-mail process, signed into law as Act 136, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, it is the county clerks who determine the number and location of voter service centers and drop boxes. Hawaii Revised Statutes § 11-102. It is, therefore, reasonable to have the county clerks issue a proclamation listing all voter services and places of deposit as well.
- We also support having the clerk's proclamation, for the benefit of the public, as provided in HB 199, HD1, list (1) the days each voter service center and place of deposit are open, with their opening and closing hours of operations and (2) the location of each voter service center and place of deposit.
- Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 199, HD1.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Tlaloc Tokuda

Kailua Kona, HI 96740

**HB-199-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/14/2021 9:19:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Kathy Jaycox        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for this bill.



**HB-199-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 12:54:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Edward B Hanel Jr   | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

City Clerks are responsible for managing our electoral process. They are the logical authority for issuing publications concerning any aspect of that process. Concur with Comman Cause Hawaii comments. I support passage of HB199 HD1

**HB-199-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 6:42:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| laurie boyle        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

I support hb199 for the simple reason that the county clerks should detail all of the voter service centers and drop boxes to make it clear to voters where they can submit their votes.

Mahalo for your attention.

**HB-199-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 6:38:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| David Anderson      | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

With Hawaii's new vote-by-mail process, signed into law as Act 136, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, it is the county clerks who determine the number and location of voter service centers and drop boxes. Hawaii Revised Statutes § 11-102. It is, therefore, reasonable to have the county clerks issue a proclamation listing all voter services and places of deposit as well.

We also support having the clerk's proclamation, for the benefit of the public, as provided in HB 199, HD1, list (1) the days each voter service center and place of deposit are open, with their opening and closing hours of operations and (2) the location of each voter service center and place of deposit.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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**HB-199-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 3:29:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Andrea Quinn        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

Please support HB199.

Thank you,

Andrea Quinn