

**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2022**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 1571, RELATING TO COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PANDEMIC AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

DATE: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 **TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 309, Via Videoconference

TESTIFIER(S): Holly T. Shikada, Attorney General, or
Kory W. Young, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Ichiyama and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) appreciates the intent of the bill and provides the following comments.

The purpose of the bill is to make it a civil violation to distribute, sell, manufacture, falsify, alter, purchase, or use falsified COVID-19 vaccination verification documents, as well as to misrepresent a person's COVID-19 vaccination status.

The Department recommends that, instead of requiring the establishment of a separate civil enforcement entity, the bill be amended to make these civil violations into criminal offenses. This amendment would then allow for the prosecution of these offenses in criminal court, as is already the case with the existing falsified COVID-19 vaccination verification cases.

As the State has attempted to use vaccinations to combat the spread of COVID-19 and its variants and mitigate the damage caused by the viruses, the need for reliable vaccination information has become clear. Unfortunately, as our reliance upon vaccination verification documents has grown, so has the manufacture and use of falsified vaccination verification documents. The Governor's Emergency Proclamations related to COVID-19 have addressed this growing problem, by making it a misdemeanor offense to upload, provide, present, utter, or otherwise use, manufacture, distribute, disseminate, issue, sell, offer for sale, import, or offer to import into this State falsified documents relating to a person's COVID-19 vaccination status or health status.

The successful criminal prosecutions of a number of falsified vaccination verification cases have made national news, and have helped emphasize Hawaii's efforts to detect, investigate, and prosecute such offenses. Given the serious impact COVID-19 continues to have on all aspects of life in the State, as a matter of policy, the Department would recommend that these cases continue to be prosecuted as criminal offenses. The use or distribution of falsified documents to defeat safety measures that have been adopted to maintain the health of our entire community deserve to be treated as crimes.

While the Emergency Proclamations have classified both the use and the manufacture and sale of these falsified verifications as full misdemeanor offenses, this bill makes these offenses civil violations, subject only to civil fines, which are set higher for distribution and manufacturing violations.

The bill makes the Department solely responsible for the enforcement of the civil violations. For the Department to enforce these civil violations, it would require adopting administrative rules, and would incur costs of creating a separate civil investigation, enforcement, and hearing unit, and developing a formal hearings and appeals process. Even if the Department can use existing personnel to investigate, cite, and represent the State in the civil hearings, hearings officers and support personnel will need to be hired and paid, office space for the hearings staff will need to be found, and office equipment will need to be purchased. Travel expenses would also need to be factored in for violations occurring on the various islands, both for investigators, and later for hearings staff. The drafting of administrative rules governing the investigation, citation, hearings, and appeal process would also need to be completed before civil enforcement could begin.

If this bill were amended to make these violations crimes rather than civil violations subject to fines, the use of falsified verification documents could be designated as petty-misdemeanor offenses, while the distribution and manufacturing of these documents could be classified as full misdemeanors, thereby preserving the bill's intention to treat these classes of conduct differently. If the bill were amended to make these violations into criminal offenses, all state and county law enforcement agencies

would investigate and prosecute these matters. Depending on the circumstances of the offense, county police departments and prosecutors' offices, or other law enforcement agencies within the State may be better positioned than the Department of the Attorney General, to investigate and prosecute these offenders.

The Department of the Attorney General would be happy to assist with drafting wording that would address the comments and recommendations offered in our testimony.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the bill.



**Testimony to the House Committee on Pandemic and Disaster Preparedness
Tuesday, February 1, 2022; 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309
Via Videoconference**

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 1571, RELATING TO COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS.

Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Eli, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA **SUPPORTS THE INTENT** of House Bill No. 1571, RELATING TO COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS., and raises a minor concern.

By way of background, the HPCA represents Hawaii's FQHCs. FQHCs provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines in rural and underserved communities. Long considered champions for creating a more sustainable, integrated, and wellness-oriented system of health, FQHCs provide a more efficient, more effective and more comprehensive system of healthcare.

This bill, as received by your Committee, would promote COVID-19 vaccinations throughout the State by establishing civil penalties for persons who: intentionally, knowingly, or negligently misrepresents their vaccination status; falsifies or alters a COVID-19 vaccination card; or sells, distributes or manufactures a falsified or altered COVID-19 vaccination card.

No event nor circumstance in recent memory has placed such enormous demands on Hawaii's health care infrastructure than the COVID-19 pandemic. Never before had our Nation (or the entire world for that matter) had to mobilize resources to vaccinate the entire population in such a short time while millions of our friends and family members were sick or in many cases, dying. Health workers have had to risk their personal wellbeing on a daily basis to meet the needs of the ill. Cases of infection would spike placing enormous pressure on Hawaii's limited capacity of hospital beds, emergency rooms, and primary care facilities.

Through it all, vaccinations have proven to be effective in combatting COVID-19. To incentivize vaccinations, the State and its counties have utilized their Emergency Powers to restrict the public's access to government buildings and various public accommodations unless the individual can show proof of the individual's vaccination status. This has led some in our community to misrepresent their COVID-

19 vaccination status to access various places and services at great risk to themselves and to the law-abiding citizens who are following these edicts.

In addition, the need for vaccination cards has seemingly led some individuals to alter their vaccination cards, or make or purchase false cards to get around these requirements. From our vantage, these actions pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of our community.

While the HPCA wholeheartedly supports this public policy, we do raise concern on the term "negligently". Because so many of our citizens have been and continue to be vaccinated, health care professionals in both the public and private sectors have been involved with the vaccination effort. As far as the actual affixing of the information onto the vaccination card, there may be instances where this is performed by administrative staff rather than the health care professional. Because of the sheer number of vaccinations that are performed, errors made in good faith might occur (i.e., a date is listed incorrectly, a sticker may be affixed at the wrong part of the card or might not be affixed securely, etc.). Because simple negligence could be construed as the failure of the health care staff to ensure that the card is in "perfect" order, we are concerned that health care professionals may be subject to civil penalties for mistakes made in good faith.

Although we understand that the Governor's Emergency Declaration provides certain immunity to health care workers in the course of providing services related to the pandemic, the bill, as it is presently drafted, could conceivably extend personal liability to health care workers and staff who are working under extreme circumstances. Consideration should be given to absolve these workers for errors that were never intended.

Accordingly, if you agree that this language might create this kind of situation, this Committee may want to consider adding language that would provide immunity for good faith actions by health care staff in the production of the official vaccination card.

With that suggestion, the HPCA wholeheartedly supports this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Public Affairs and Policy Director Erik K. Abe at 536-8442, or eabe@hawaiiipca.net.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2022 11:19:38 AM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am fed up with the non vaxed taking control of my health. I am fed up with them using much needed hospital space an services by their absurd reluctance to take the vaccine and coming up with idiotic excuses of why they should not. I do not think they should receive treatment unless they have a valid medical exemption. I am fed up with them endangering muy life and the lives of all vaxed persons. I am fed up wit all the ways they try to and do get around the rules. I am in full support of this bill. If you can, you should also extend it to those who refuse to wear masks.

I also suggest that the printed names of introducers of all bills and resolutions be inserted below their illegible signatures.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2022 3:10:16 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michdelle Melendez	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I absolutely oppose this bill. The Covid vaccine should not even be on the agenda! This is United States of America not a communist country! The government is overstepping their boundaries to our constitutional rights and freedoms and it must stop immediately.

The vaccine does not make the person immune to getting or dying from the virus. The government should never tell people what to do with their bodies or force them to show private medical paperwork of any kind. That has always been private information and subject to the persons constitutional freedom of choice.

I asked this legislation start upholding their oath to defend and support the constitution and end this tyranny against the people.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2022 5:54:58 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Camas Cook	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. To the individuals who introduced this bill (MATAYOSHI, AQUINO, BRANCO, GANADEN, HASHEM, HASHIMOTO, ICHIYAMA, ILAGAN, KITAGAWA, LOPRESTI, LOWEN, MARTEN, MCKELVEY, MIZUNO, MORIKAWA, NAKAMURA, NISHIMOTO, ONISHI, SAYAMA, TAKAYAMA, TAKUMI, TAM, TARNAS, WILDBERGER): you should ask yourself why anyone would feel the NEED to falsify a vaccine card! ??It is because politicians like you have created a segregated society in Hawaii which denies any and all sentiment of Aloha left in the islands? Shame on all of you. Take a good look at yourself and ask yourselves if the civil rights and anti-discrimination laws that we fought so hard for, mean anything to you. There are native Hawaiians and low-income individuals who no longer have access to things such as libraries, county and state buildings, schools and medical services because of the governor and mayors horrible "rules". You should spend your time introducing bills that unite and create an inclusive Hawaii (Like HB 241). ESPECIALLY because a covid vaccine card does nothing to stop the spread or stop anyone from catching covid. What a failure and waste of tax funds.

HB-1571

Submitted on: 1/30/2022 6:42:12 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Rebecca Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Attention Legislators,

Vote NO on HB1571! I am shocked that you are actually taking these unconstitutional measures this far. In the first place you cannot legally force anyone to take a medical procedure in order to be allowed to function in everyday life. That is a crime. The Nuremberg Codes forbid this and are still in place today. You must know this.

In addition, this is a rushed experimental gene therapy not even a bonafide vaccine. You have no legal right to require a vaccine let alone put in place penalties for falsifying an illegal and tyrannical vaccine passport. When will this insanity end? It will end when the people stand up and say no more. You are our public servants and you need to understand that we are not subject to your whims. You are there to make sure our voices are heard. You are NOT there to decide what is best for us without our consent. Across the globe people are demanding their freedom from this kind of Covid tyranny. Meanwhile Hawaii legislators want to demand more compliance, more regulations that take away our freedoms.

Today I heard of another vaccine death on Kauai. She worked at a fruit stand near where I live. She got the jab and two days later she was dead. The fruit stand was closed Saturday because she wasn't there to open it. These mandates are causing more than just a few deaths. These measures are illegal and unconstitutional. It needs to stop now!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Miller

Anahola, HI

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Submitted on: 1/30/2022 7:10:07 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Joanna Weber	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

ALOHA

I absolutely oppose this bill: HB1571

Please, continue to read.

The Covid vaccine should not even be on the agenda! This is United States of America not a communist country! The government is overstepping their boundaries to our constitutional rights and freedoms and it must stop immediately.

You are violating personal privacy and HIPPA law and dishonoring the millions who've stood up and died for our freedoms!!

The government is not to tell people what to do with their bodies or force them to show private medical paperwork of any kind. That has always been private information and subject to the person's constitutional freedom of choice.

I understand, in Hawaii especially, this covid situation has been a 'fruitful' business for many entities, in particular in respect of the various 'relief-funds' and federal moneys always bound to contingencies. In this process of profit-making many elected persons forget their actual mandate, namely to re-present the citizens who voted for them and who they are supposed to support and stand up for. Instead, other non-citizen entities are being supported, partly for personal gain. This is a practice to be condemned!

I ask this legislative body to start upholding your oath to defend and support the constitution and end this tyranny against the people.

Plus, the vaccine does not make the person immune from getting or dying from the Covid but instead puts them at risk for vaccine injuries which Big Pharma has ZERO liability for!

ALOHA, JOANNA

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Submitted on: 1/30/2022 7:32:34 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Maata Tukuafu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

“I absolutely oppose this bill. The Covid vaccine should not even be on the agenda! I believe the government is overstepping their boundaries to our constitutional rights and freedoms and it must stop immediately.

You are violating personal privacy and HIPPA law and dishonoring the millions who’ve fought and died for our freedoms!!

The government should never tell people what to do with their bodies or force them to show private medical paperwork of any kind. That has always been private information and subject to the persons constitutional freedom of choice.

I ask this legislative body to start upholding your oath to defend and support the constitution and end this tyranny against the people.

Plus, the vaccine does not make the person immune from getting or dying from the Covid but instead puts them at risk for vaccine injuries which Big Pharma has ZERO liability for!!!”

Mahalo,

Ma'ata

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Submitted on: 1/30/2022 7:52:42 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kestrel Sutton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We absolutely OPPOSE HB1571 We as United States Citizens have the right to our constitutional rights, Privacy and Medical , religious and nuremburg codes in place for a good reason

now as our "representatives" (remember we Voted you in) to uphold your civic duties to Protect the liberties and freedom of the people of the United States of America.

May you all work for us in good faith !!

Aloha Kestrel Sutton

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Submitted on: 1/30/2022 9:37:34 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lily Gavri	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill and will testify over zoom.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2022 9:47:49 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jason Klahr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Being that the medical devices, treatments, mRNA shots aka. covid-19 injections have not been approved by any pertinent government oversight bodies or organizations such as the FDA, It is not legal nor lawful to force, coerce or require compliance to receive the aforementioned. It is a violation of the US civilrights code to enforce any method of segragation, discrimination or tracking. These are considered a violation of State, Federal Law and HIPPA act. You are hereby ordered to cease and desist in passing HB1571 or face arrest and prosecution.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2022 9:59:50 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Eva Wilder	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

It is a violation of HIPPA law and personal privacy.

Personal medical records and personal medical choices are private information and subject to the persons constitutional freedom of choice.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 5:22:31 AM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
doug henderson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Legfsilators:

i absolutely oppose this unlawful proposal ;

This proposal is government overreach beyond reason that promotes the agenda of creating a two class system of vaccinated admittance to eveyday activities protected in the first amendment rights of free expresion at a very minimum.

You legisltors took an oath to uphold the Constitution of the the united States of America and the sate of hawaii you need to start doing that i!!

Doug Henderson

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 6:21:39 AM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
David E Shormann	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB1571 is illegal and contradicts science. It is illegal because it violates HIPAA, the federal law protecting your rights to privacy regarding medical information. It contradicts science in many ways. A recent paper in JAMA by Accorsi et al shows virtually no difference in viral load between unvaxxed and those with two or three shots (see Figure 3). First of all, if the vaccines were highly effective, there should be a massive difference. Secondly, viral load is measurable in Covid-positive individuals. If the vaccines were effective, Accorsi et al shouldn't have been able to create Figure 3 in the first place! There should be almost no Covid positive, vaxxed individuals.

Many more research papers exist on deaths and injury from the vaccines, as well as 146 studies that confirm natural immunity is more effective than the vaccines. I can provide references to all of this, but I also know you are intelligent and can do the same research I do to find this out.

HB1571 is just another, illegal and unscientific layer to add on top of already unnecessary mandates and restrictions. Please stop wasting my time and yours with bills like this.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 6:52:14 AM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Chelle Galarza	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill HB1571! The Covid-19 "vaccine" should not even be on the agenda it is a complete violation of personal privacy and HIPPA. As far as I know this is still considered the USA and not a communist country. The government continues to overstep their boundaries and violates constitutional rights and our God given freedoms. It also is dishonoring the millions who have fought wars and died for our freedoms.

The state and federal government should never dictate what citizens should do with their own bodies or force them to show private medical paperwork of any kind. In my lifetime this has always been considered private information and subject to the individuals constitutional freedom of choice.

I ask this legislative body to start upholding the oath you took to defend and support the constitution. Please end this tyranny against the people of Hawai'i. So many are suffering because of the almost 2 years of continuing "rules".

Plus, the covid 19 vaccine does not make the people immune from getting covid or dying from the Covid but instead puts them at risk for vaccine injuries which Big Pharma has ZERO liability for. Please do your part and start standing up for the good people of this state so we can start to heal after being traumatized the last almost 2 years!!

Sincerely,

Chelle Galarza

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 8:36:38 AM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Francesca Sakai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

“I absolutely oppose this bill. The Covid vaccine should not even be on the agenda! This is United States of America not a communist country! The government is overstepping their boundaries to our constitutional rights and freedoms and it must stop immediately.

You are violating personal privacy and HIPPA law and dishonoring the millions who’ve fought and died for our freedoms!!

The government should never tell people what to do with their bodies or force them to show private medical paperwork of any kind. That has always been private information and subject to the persons constitutional freedom of choice.

I ask this legislative body to start upholding your oath to defend and support the constitution and end this tyranny against the people.

Plus, the vaccine does not make the person immune from getting or dying from the Covid but instead puts them at risk for vaccine injuries which Big Pharma has ZERO liability for!!!”

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 8:51:16 AM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Paula Blum	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha please stop the madness in regards to Covid. The unvaxxed on Oahu have not been allowed to dine in restaurants since September of 2021 (for 2 months) by mandate of Mayor Rick Blangiardi welll I can count & that was 5 months ago. I doubt this mandate will ever be lifted. California Pizza Kitchens closed for several days for dine in service due to all the vaxxed employees getting covid..... they only had vaxxed clientle. You cannot blame the unvaxxed for that as they have to take a test to dine in at all restaurants. The vaxxed are getting covid you cannot stop this. If you continue down this lane I demand all Vaxxed & unvaxxed to have to take tests before dine in service at all restaurants . Mahalo

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 10:15:25 AM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Melissa W. Chong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Melissa Chong, Maui resident,

Thank you legislators for hearing my testimony and taking my views and concerns into consideration.

I do not support adding any civil, criminal or other actions to patrons, employees that allow businesses to request reviewing any health records, including covid status or vaccine status. It violates ADA and EEOC policys to have patrons or employers ask for any information other than symptom related questions. Which should be adequate. I would not like to see ANY measures or Bills that encourage or support discrimination. I know I'm not alone. Many people do not know how or they are not checking for measures such as this to be posted on a Sunday with a deadline of testimony submittal by Monday morning. Medical, religious and disability rights are being brought into a very gray area. This sets precedence that is an overstep and violation of protections already in place through the EEOC, ADA, Federal and independent organizations.

Who would 'police' this? That takes funding and infrastructure.

How can someone without compromising ones health records check on such a violation? My concern is that this mesaure leads to more invasive and infringement actions and then can be a HIPAA violoation as well, depending on the collection and storage of such information.

Thank you for your time.

Melissa and Richard Chong

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 11:06:35 AM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
tania victorine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill!!

You are violating our rights and privacy! We are tax paying Americans and you work for us!!

Legislature needs to start upholding your oath to defend and support the CONSTITUTION and end this tyranny against the FREE people!

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 11:48:37 AM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
kamakani de dely	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I absolutely oppose this bill. The Covid vaccine should not even be on the agenda! This is United States of America not a communist country! The government is overstepping their boundaries to our constitutional rights and freedoms and it must stop immediately.

You are violating personal privacy and HIPPA law and dishonoring the millions who've fought and died for our freedoms!!

The government should never tell people what to do with their bodies or force them to show private medical paperwork of any kind. That has always been private information and subject to the persons constitutional freedom of choice.

I ask this legislative body to start upholding your oath to defend and support the constitution and end this tyranny against the people.

Plus, the vaccine does not make the person immune from getting or dying from the Covid but instead puts them at risk for vaccine injuries which Big Pharma has ZERO liability for!!

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 12:05:47 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Keola De Dely	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

“I absolutely oppose this bill. The Covid vaccine should not even be on the agenda! This is United States of America not a communist country! The government is overstepping their boundaries to our constitutional rights and freedoms and it must stop immediately.

You are violating personal privacy and HIPPA law and dishonoring the millions who’ve fought and died for our freedoms!!

The government should never tell people what to do with their bodies or force them to show private medical paperwork of any kind. That has always been private information and subject to the persons constitutional freedom of choice.

I ask this legislative body to start upholding your oath to defend and support the constitution and end this tyranny against the people.

Plus, the vaccine does not make the person immune from getting or dying from the Covid but instead puts them at risk for vaccine injuries which Big Pharma has ZERO liability for!!!”

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 12:28:31 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sarah Martins de Souza	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. The Covid vaccine should not be on the agenda! The government is overstepping their boundaries to our constitutional rights and freedoms and it must stop immediately.

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The government should never tell people what to do with their bodies or force them to show private medical paperwork of any kind. That has always been private information and subject to the persons constitutional freedom of choice.

I ask this legislative body to start upholding your oath to defend and support the constitution and end this tyranny against the people.

Plus, the vaccine does not make the person immune from getting or dying from the Covid but instead puts them at risk for vaccine injuries which manufacturers are not liable for.

Put the people first and true health - nutritious food, safe, affordable shelter, clean air, clean water, safe and stable relationships.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 12:39:09 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Teresa Lyons	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The Covid vaccine should not even be on the agenda! This is United States of America not a communist country! The government is overstepping their boundaries to our constitutional rights and freedoms and it must stop immediately.

The more we learn about the horrific dangers from the vaccines, the more the doctors trying to inform the public are suppressed, censored, and defamed, the more the administration, the media, and the CDC double down on the lies — the lie that anyone under the age of twenty-five or thirty ever needed the vaccine in the first place.

The current administration's plan import over two million migrants from around the world, to be given funds and to spread them throughout the nation into unsuspecting cities.

The Democrats voted unanimously that these illegal invaders would not be required to be vaccinated or even tested for COVID. This should tell us everything we need to know about how seriously we should take this phony 'pandemic'!

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 12:54:26 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. The Covid vaccine should not even be on the agenda. This is United States of America. The government is overstepping their boundaries to our constitutional rights and freedoms and it must stop. You are violating personal privacy and HIPPA law. The government should never tell people what to do with their bodies or force them to show private medical paperwork of any kind. This has always been private information and forcing people to take this violates a persons constitutional freedom of choice. I ask this legislative body to start upholding your oath to defend and support the constitution and end this tyranny against the people. Plus, the vaccine does not make the person immune from getting or dying from Covid but instead puts them at risk for vaccine injuries.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 12:59:07 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Doug Pasnik	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I respectfully appeal that you stop adding to the covid drama.

Forgery, is already a crime under the Hawaii Revised Statutes Title 37 Hawaii Penal Code Section 708, Offenses Against Property Rights Section 708-851 through 854.

You are wasting the peoples time in proposing redundant legislation that serves no value in enforcement of law.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 1:26:16 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Estelle Cruse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I absolutely oppose this bill.

You need to start representing the people who elected you! This is absolutely disgusting that I even need to write this letter. The Covid inoculation (not a vaccine as it doesn't work) should not even be on the agenda! This is United States of America not a communist country! The government is overstepping their boundaries to our constitutional rights and freedoms and it must stop immediately!

You are violating personal privacy and HIPPA law and dishonoring the millions who've fought and died for our freedoms!!

The government should never tell people what to do with their bodies or force them to show private medical paperwork of any kind. That has always been private information and subject to the persons constitutional freedom of choice.

I ask this legislative body to start upholding your oath to defend and support the constitution and end this tyranny against the people.

Plus, the vaccine does not make the person immune from getting or dying from the Covid but instead puts them at risk for vaccine injuries which the manufacturers have ZERO liability!!

DO THE RIGHT THING AND OPPOSE THIS BILL!

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 1:53:19 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Brett Kulbis	Honolulu County Republican Party	Oppose	No

Comments:

We OPPOSE.

This is nothing more than a feel good bill. Once the COVID pandemic is over and it becomes no different than the common cold. This bill will be obsolete.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 5:42:12 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
C. Vierra	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this Bill as vaccination cards should be completely irrelevant. Since both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals can contract and transmit sars-cov-2, these cards are purely tools for segregation, discrimination and control. A person's private medical information should be between themselves and their doctor.

An unvaccinated person does not compromise the health of a vaccinated person and vice versa. A person's vaccination status is completely irrelevant as is the bill.

I oppose.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 6:13:47 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mele Kalama-Kingma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Weaponizing hostesses and bartenders with the ability to "police" it's own citizens is both a waste of time and does NOT encourage community. Additionally, this bill should state that such individuals evaluating someone's vaccination status should also be a medical doctor. The fact that you have high school kids checking the private medical status of a person is completely foolish. What happened to HIPAA laws? Stop creating bills that further an already failed narrative. The covid vaccine does not stop covid transmission. This, this bill is not based on science or logic.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 8:00:40 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Julianne King	Hawaii Autism Foundation	Oppose	No

Comments:

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State Legislature

HB 1571

Strong Oppose

Aloha PDP members

I would like to strongly oppose HB 1571 which makes it a civil violation for a person to: (1) misrepresent to a business, church, nonprofit organization, or governmental entity the person's COVID-19 vaccination status, including the person's medical condition or religious beliefs as the basis for a COVID-19 vaccine exemption; (2) falsify or alter a COVID-19 vaccination card, or purchase a falsified or altered COVID-19 vaccination card, for personal use; (3) use a falsified or altered COVID-19 vaccination card; or (4) sell, distribute, or manufacture, regardless of whether

the person is compensated, a falsified or altered COVID-19 vaccination card for use by others. Establishes fines.

Rather than protecting individual medical and religious rights and confidentiality, this bill would further erode a person's right to keep their medical and religious status private. Recent studies and data show that the current COVID-19 "vaccines" are not effective at stopping the spread of the disease. That lack of effectiveness eliminates any logical reason that vaccination is important enough to justify loss of personal rights of privacy and bodily autonomy and freedom of movement. When the government can coerce its citizens to undergo an ineffective medical intervention, they lose credibility and moral authority with the public. The state is coercing the population to take a pharmaceutical product that has yet to complete trials and can cause harm. Coercion of an emergency use product is essentially illegal and unethical. The currently available vaccines are authorized under emergency use and are experimental in nature, not having gone through normal double blind placebo trials. No medical intervention is without risk, and VAERS data and anecdotal cases show that this vaccine has significant risks. It is unethical to require these vaccines to participate in society.

I will give you a personal example of why I so strongly oppose the vaccine mandates and all bills that support them. Our son Beau is documented vaccine injured as well as the numerous special needs population who may not be able to metabolically manage the covid vaccine. This issue would violate people who have had to make the hard decision to falsify a document in order to work for their living.

At age 3, our son Beau King was diagnosed with a probable underlying mitochondrial disorder at Johns Hopkins by metabolic geneticist Dr. Richard Kelley when he regressed into autism. He reported that Beau's autism was brought on by an underlying genetic susceptibility and most likely triggered by the stress of the Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccine. Because vaccine manufacturers were indemnified through 1986 legislation, we applied and went through the vaccine compensation program, which is funded by a consumer-paid tax of \$.75 cents per vaccine to an injury compensation fund meant to compensate vaccine-injured children in a non-contentious and timely manner.

At the time, because so many families were applying for compensation when their children regressed into autism following vaccines, the government entity grouped together the cases of over 5500 families as the Autism Omnibus. There were 6 test cases, one of which was the Hannah Poling case. She also had an underlying mitochondrial disorder and regressed into autism after the vaccines. Hannah's father was also a physician at John's Hopkins. His colleague, Dr. Andrew Zimmerman was the government's expert witness and had prepared written testimony averring that vaccines do not cause autism. After examining Hannah, he discovered that in cases of underlying mitochondrial disorders, vaccines can in fact, cause autism and decided to change his oral testimony to so state. Upon informing the government of his change of opinion, the government immediately fired Dr. Zimmerman as their expert witness, and conceded on Hannah Poling's case, paying out \$20 million to her family. The other 5 cases were tried and based on those, the government dismissed the rest of the over 5000 families cases heard and we were denied due process.

Today, Dr. Andrew Zimmerman is a whistle blower but has not been heard.

Here is an article with the documents

<https://sharylattkisson.com/2019/01/dr-andrew-zimmermans-full-affidavit-on-alleged-link-between-vaccines-and-autism-that-u-s-govt-covered-up/>

The State of Hawaii Department of Health pushed through rule changes to accept the CDC - recommended vaccine schedule and the medical exemption process. Previous to the rule change, our pediatrician determined Beau's medical exemption for vaccines having known Beau since he was 3 and having had a close relationship and understanding his underlying mitochondrial disorder. Now, the Department of Health has created a new form which our pediatrician would have to fill out and send to the Department of Health, who would ultimately determine whether or not our son qualifies for medical exemptions to vaccines. This process undercuts the Doctor - Patient relationship and puts the final determination in the hands of a bureaucrat who has never even met our son.

The form lists medical exemption for each of the vaccines instead of a broader exemption, and removes the majority of vaccine contraindications except for an anaphylactic shock to each of the specific vaccines listed.

I am concerned that the civil rights of my son, and those of countless other children are being violated requiring a vaccine card to certain places and thereby manipulating pressure to vaccinate with very narrow grounds for medical exemption. And based on events in other states, I am concerned about a bill that would ban religious exemptions based on the histories of families injured by vaccines.

Please do not pass this unconstitutional and discriminatory bill.

With Aloha

Julianne King

Board President Hawaii Autism Foundation

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 8:02:15 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Laura Roberts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

“I absolutely oppose this bill. The Covid vaccine should not even be on the agenda! This is United States of America not a communist country! The government is overstepping their boundaries to our constitutional rights and freedoms and it must stop immediately.

You are violating personal privacy and HIPPA law and dishonoring the millions who’ve fought and died for our freedoms!!

The government should never tell people what to do with their bodies or force them to show private medical paperwork of any kind. That has always been private information and subject to the persons constitutional freedom of choice.

I ask this legislative body to start upholding your oath to defend and support the constitution and end this tyranny against the people.

Plus, the vaccine does not make the person immune from getting or dying from the Covid but instead puts them at risk for vaccine injuries which Big Pharma has ZERO liability for!!!”

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 8:11:29 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Araya Pathwalker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am totally against this bill...we have the right to chose what to put in our bodies and not be forced to divulge personal information to ANYONE or have our freedoms removed....this is our God given right to freely choose. The Covid vaccine should not even be on the agenda! This is United States of America not a communist country! The government is overstepping their boundaries to our constitutional rights and freedoms and it must stop immediately.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 8:18:30 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Renee Dieperink	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear PDP committee,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB1571.

Although I am not condoning falsifying documents (like fake vaccine cards) the whole idea of mandating vaccine passports or any medical procedures for anyone is morally **WRONG** in the first place. I am **PRO** body sovereignty. My body, my choice. If I don't own my own body, then nothing else matters.

On top of this, these Covid shots do not even prevent infection or transmission. If you claim they do, I'd like to see your evidence where it proves that. (Spoiler: There is none)

The current shots are aimed at the Alpha variant that is long gone. It's obvious that these shots are not working, and neither do masks. And if you think the shots and masks work, then why are you afraid of people who don't wear masks or are unvaccinated?

I implore you to do the right thing and vote **NO** on HB 1571. We don't need to fuel the segregation.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 8:37:10 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dawn Poiani	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose HB1571

Aloha PDP legislators,

I oppose HB1571 on the foundation that there should not even be a Covid vaccine card that carries any legal weight other than to keep track of your vaccinations for your own personal records.

I normally would not oppose a bill that enforced the importance of not falsifying documents, but the Covid vaccine card is only supposed to be medical recording for personal documentation. This document should never ever have to be used to access society, or carry any legal burden upon it. This particular issue of show your covid card, to work and access society, is medical coercion in my opinion. It is flat out wrong and liken to rape by coercion. I completely oppose this bill on the grounds that the Covid card should never be used to access society and most certainly should not carry any legal burden. Requiring people to show their vaccine status pushes the bounds of our constitution and the rights to bodily autonomy. It is completely unreasonable to place any legal weight on a piece of paper that is supposed to be for personal use. The choice to get vaccinated should be a decision weighed by the individual and the individual alone. The government should never use legal power to force people to take any medical product.

This Covid card is especially ludicrous in light of the fact that the current variant has found a stellar way of bypassing the vaccine. Being vaccinated only protects the individual from severe Covid, but is vastly ineffective at stopping infection or the spread of Covid to others. The manufacturers don't even claim the vaccines were designed to stop the spread. I know more vaccinated that have contracted Covid than unvaccinated. To coerce people to make health choices that the government deems as "the right thing to do for society" is a slippery slope. Where does the line end? Obesity and diabetes lead to serious health issues. Sick people are low contributors to society and burden our medical system, but I would never mandate someone to put down that McDonalds hamburger and fries because it is "the right thing to do" for society. I'm sorry, but I completely understand why someone would say screw these rules, and do what they want. If the state continues to hammer the coercion the state will continue to build opposition. Just because the bulk of the population has gotten vaccinated, it does not mean they all agreed. I have friends that are flat out angry about it. They felt coerced and are now angry about it, especially in light of the fact that a 3rd shot will soon be considered up to date. How

many shots will we be forced to get? If the state places legal burden to this particular personal medical document, it will be one more nail in the opposition to our state leadership.

Elections are coming and more in the future, I guarantee people are watching all the bills closer than ever before. They are paying attention to what bills you support. Keep that in mind as you consider how you will support this bill. Are you on the side of coercion and force or a free and open society that allows all people free access without coercion?

Dawn Poiani

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 8:53:57 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kelly Stern	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I think this bill is a waste of time and energy. Oppose.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 9:03:46 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sara DiGrazia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Representatives,

While I disagree that anyone should falsify their medical information, I heartily believe that we should not need a bill like this in our State. I strongly oppose the public sharring of private medical information with the security office at the library door, the hostess at California Pizza Kitchen, etc. *How* are these people qualified and *why* should they be burdened with having to decipher these so-called passports? I oppose this bill (HB1571), not because I feel dishonesty should be allowed but that medical privacy should be honored and that the COVID vaccines should not be mandated in the first place.

Thank you for hearing my testimony,

Sara DiGrazia

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 9:12:16 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kenneth Ordenstein	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Taking up this bill at this time is premature. What should be debated FIRST is whether a business like a grocery store, the neighborhood 7-11 or a sales clerk at Daiei, or a waiter at Cheesecake Factory or Matre d' at Morton's, ticket takers at public parks, or theaters CAN or SHOULD have access to my medical condition, any part of my medical history or my religious beliefs.

Second, Do we really need to go down this slippery slope? This is specific for a specific virus and references a specific invasive medical procedure that breaks the skin with effects that cannot be undone, except for the effects it was designed for. All cards issued on the day of this hearing will be irrelevant and out of date in four to six months.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 9:51:42 PM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Leslie Miles	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My family of three registered voters, and numerous friends who are also registered voters, oppose this bill because it should not even be introduced.

This relentless push by government and “big pharma” to force people to inject the experimental compound called a “covid vaccine” needs to STOP NOW.

The compound called the “covid vaccine” was invented for the ORIGINAL covid which has mutated numerous times. It has outlived its usefulness, if it every had any in the first place. It does NOT stop the spread, and at best, only reduces the symptoms of those who were injected with it.

With well over one million adverse reactions and 22,000 deaths reported in the United States alone, it’s TRAGICALLY and HORRIBLY OBVIOUS that they are NOT SAFE OR EFFECTIVE!

The constant demonizing and discrimination against those who choose not to risk their lives with these compounds needs to stop as well. The fact that the “vaccine” does not work is not the fault of those who did not take it. That argument is RIDICULOUS.

You officials who SWORE an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States, were elected to SERVE and protect your constituents. You were NOT elected to participate in this charade of constantly trying to force people to inject substances in their bodies while reciting your mantra of how they’re so safe and effective, how they’re our best chance at stopping the spread and how everyone needs to just shut up and “get vaccinated!” These so-called vaccines can harm or kill us, with no one to hold liable, and don’t even stop the virus they were supposed to stop!

You SHOULD be working on behalf of your constituents to provide early, effective treatments, educate about the many preventative measures other than to just “get vaccinated!”. We the people deserve a better product than the dangerous and useless “vaccine” you keep trying to force.

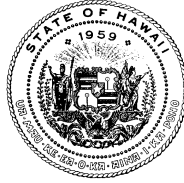
Therefore, we do NOT need vaccine cards, nor do we need laws making it a crime to possess a falsified one. This so called “safe travels” forced phenomena of spreading around private medical information is just wrong and illegal. It is also becoming dangerously more commonplace, with everyone thinking it’s okay to just ask for private information, and for

people to just supply it. In my industry, we are being asked for people's private medical information and they do not even know about it!

We also are very shocked at those representatives who are participating in introducing this bill and any others like it, rather than focusing on the other HUGE issues in our communities such as the constant crime, release of criminals, traffic hazards, inflation costs and housing needs.

We oppose this bill and request you withdraw it, and do not support it or any others like it.

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**Testimony COMMENTING on H.B. 1571
RELATING TO COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS**

REPRESENTATIVE LINDA ICHIYAMA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PANDEMIC AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
Hearing Date: February 1, 2022 Room Number: 309

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None for the Department of Health.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the intent of this measure as a
- 3 deterrent to and penalty for the misrepresentation, falsification, or alteration of COVID-19
- 4 vaccination records. Hawaii residents, the visitor industry, employers, businesses and healthcare
- 5 professionals depend on accurate COVID-19 vaccination information to evaluate compliance
- 6 with Federal, State, County, and organizational requirements to ensure the health and safety of
- 7 themselves, co-workers, clients, customers, and patients. False, misleading, or otherwise
- 8 incorrect COVID-19 vaccination information has the potential to jeopardize public health.
- 9 The Department respectfully defers to the Department of the Attorney General for enforcement.
- 10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.
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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 8:27:08 AM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kerri Yeakey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Discrimination is UNCONSTITUTIONAL I strongly oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 9:25:32 AM

Testimony for PDP on 2/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Maria Owl	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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