

## Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct

Dear Chairman Tarnas and Members of the Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on bills recommended to the House of Representatives (House) by the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct (Commission). The origin and justification of these bills is extensively discussed in the Commission's December 1, 2022 Final Report (Report) submitted to the House pursuant to HR 9.

The bills recommended by the Commission are a package that would increase transparency and accountability in state and county government and help restore public trust in government which has been severely eroded in the past few years by highly publicized instances of corruption and misconduct in state and county government.

With that in mind, I would like to comment on all the Commission bills in this testimony and submit it for each bill for your consideration.

First, I would like to commend the House for creating the Commission. It has been an honor to carry out the mandate of the House and serve with the distinguished and learned members the House appointed to the Commission. The members of the Commission worked very hard over a period of nine months, reaching out to public officials, community leaders, experts in various fields within the Commission's mandate and held extensive public hearings in drafting the bills recommended to the House. These public hearings are summarized in the Report at 13-18 and Appendix B of the Report which contains the Commission's minutes of these public meetings. The notice of the Commission's meetings with a link to a video recording of each meeting and testimony submitted and documents considered at each meeting can be found at the House webpage's a link to the Commission under House Special Committees.

The following is the list of bills recommended by the Commission with brief summaries and citations to the relevant parts of the Commission's Report where they are discussed.

HB 705 – Requires each house of the Legislature to post a report of the legislative allowance expenditures for each member of the respective house on the Legislature's website. The purpose of this bill is to "increase transparency and ease of access to information related to expenditure of taxpayer monies." Report at 28.

HB 706 – Requires all members of the Legislature to disclose certain relationships with lobbyists or lobbying organizations in their financial disclosures. The purpose of this bill is to "increase transparency and potentially uncover conflicts or self-dealing." Report at 28.

HB 707 – Makes it a class C felony to make false, fictitious or fraudulent claims against the state or a county, or any of their department or agencies, disqualifying a person from holding elective public office for a period of 10 years upon conviction of making a false, fictitious or fraudulent claim. This bill is modeled after the federal false claims statute. Report at 21. This bill comes

with two others – HB 710 (false statement) and HB 711 (fraud) which are also modeled after federal statutes. Federal, state and county law enforcement officials testified before the Commission that state and county law enforcement need statutes as their federal counterpart have to root out corruption in state and county government rather than always relying on federal enforcement to do this job.

HB 708 – Amends the information in the statement of expenditures reports that lobbyists and other individuals are required to file with the State Ethics Commission to include the identity, by bill number, resolution number or other similar identifier, of the legislative or administrative action that was commented on, supported by or opposed by the person filing the statement. Report at 28. As with other bills in the Commission’s package, this bill would increase transparency and expose any potential conflict of interest.

HB 709 – Requires a lobbyist training course to be designed and administered by the State Ethics Commission, makes the training course mandatory for all lobbyists who are required to register and renew their registration with the State Ethics Commission. The Commission found “that more education and training can be done to ensure that lobbyists have notice of the law, understand the application of the law, and comply with legal requirements.” Report at 29.

HB 710 – Is modeled after the federal false statement statute by establishing a class C felony offense for a person who dealing with state or county government to knowingly or willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up a material fact; makes materially false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation; or makes or uses any false writing or document known to have materially false information; and disqualifies a person from holding public office for a period of 10 years upon conviction of making a false statement. Report at 20. As with HB 707 on false claims, federal, state and county law enforcement testified before the Commission this bill is necessary for state and county law enforcement to root out corruption and misconduct in state and county government rather than always relying on federal law enforcement to do this job.

HB 711 – Is the last of three bills recommended by the state and county law enforcement coalition and is modeled after the federal fraud criminal statute in making it a class B felony for a person to obtain financial benefit or other gain by means of false statements, misrepresentations, concealment of important information or deception, and prohibiting a person convicted of fraud from being a candidate for public office for a period of 10 years. Report at 20.

HB 712 – Would encourage public boards to maintain any electronic audio or visual recording of a board meeting as a public record on the board’s website regardless of whether written minutes of the meeting have been posted and to submit a copy of the recording to the State Archives. Report at 27. A similar bill in the last regular session of the Legislature was supported by the Commission, passed by the Legislature but vetoed by the Governor (SB 3172, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1). Report at 10. The Commission has attempted to address the concerns raised by the Governor in this bill.

HB 715 – Prohibits lobbyists from making prohibited gifts to legislators and state employees with administrative fines imposed for violations. Report at 33.

HB 716 – Requires the Office of Elections to prepare a voter information guide to educate voters on each candidate’s positions and their candidate statements and provide ballot question analyses and appropriates funds for the preparation and distribution of guides and analyses. The Commission found “Hawaii’s voter turnout is well below the national average for each election” and “registered voters may not have access to or be aware of information on the candidates or issues on the ballots.” Report at 34.

HB 717 – Prohibits under certain circumstances legislators and state employees from hiring or promoting relatives or household members and from making or participating in certain other employment-related decisions and from awarding a contract to or otherwise taking official action on a contract with a business if the legislator’s or employee’s relative or household member is an executive officer of or holds a substantial ownership interest in the business, and imposing administrative fines for violations. Report at 29.

HB 718 – Authorizes the Campaign Spending Commission to serve preliminary determinations of probable cause via first class mail instead of certified mail, establishes a presumption of receipt when mailed to the address contained in a candidate or committee organizational report. Report at 21.

HB 719 – Imposes a cap on charges for the reproduction of certain government records; waives the cost of duplication of government records provided to requestors in electronic format; imposes a cap on charges for searching for, reviewing and segregating records; provides a waiver of fees when the public interest is served by record disclosure; and appropriates funds to carry out the provisions of this act. Report at 27. A similar bill was supported by the Commission and passed by the Legislature last regular session (SB 3252, SD2, HD2, CD1) and vetoed by the Governor. Report at 10. The Commission has attempted in this bill to address concerns raised by the Governor.

HB 720 – Increases the amount of partial public financing available for all offices up for election in varied amounts with a downward adjustment of the minimum amounts of qualifying contributions for county prosecuting offices. The Commission noted “that increased amounts of partial public funding of elections proposed in this bill are intended as a floor, or a minimum level. If fiscal resources are or become available, the Commission encourages the Legislature to be bold and devote additional fiscal resources to further the purpose of this bill and to seek additional permanent funding sources for future elections. Implementation of this proposal would assist in diminishing the impact and influence resulting from Citizens United.” Report at 32.

HB 721 – Eliminates the use of campaign funds to purchase up to two tickets for an event or fundraiser held by another candidate or committee. The Commission found “that this practice is commonplace amongst legislators and gives the appearances of impropriety since the

campaign funds of the purchaser/candidate are likely contributions made to the purchaser/candidate and not to the candidate holding the event or fundraiser.” Report at 33-34.

HB 722 – Expands the reach of the requirement to file a notice of intent to hold a fundraiser or fundraiser event by removing the current \$25 threshold. The Commission stated this bill would further public transparency and improve public confidence in campaigns. Report at 33.

HB 723 – Expands application of the Sunshine Law to legislatively appointed bodies, including task forces, working groups, special committees, and select committees. This bill would also require each chamber of the legislature to hold public hearings on its rules on a biennial basis. The Commission concluded given “the strict legislative timetable and deadlines mandated under Article III of the Hawaii State Constitution” it was not practical to apply the Sunshine Law to the Legislature. This bill would “better effectuate the spirit and intent of the Sunshine Law.” Report at 26.

HB 724 – Amends the prohibition against contributions to a candidate committee or noncandidate committee by state and county contractors by including state and county grantees and owners, officers and immediate family members of a state or county contractor or state or county grantee. Report at 33.

HB 725 – Establishes the Office of Public Advocate and codifies rights of the public with respect to the conduct and operation of the Legislature and its members. This bill would also specify procedures for the investigation and reporting of alleged violations of the public’s rights. “The Commission offers this proposal as an aspirational starting point for how the public and legislators can best engage with each other in a respectful and transparent manner during the legislative process. Collectively, the 13 rights of the public embody ideals of respect, fairness, openness, and dignity in the legislative process. The rights also require that official legislative business be conducted in a transparent and honest manner and that decisions be based on the merits of the legislation.” Report at 26-27.

HB 726 – Prohibits state and county elected officials from soliciting and accepting campaign contributions during any regular or special session of the Legislature, including any legislative recess days, holidays and weekends. This bill if enacted “would reduce the negative perception of legislators soliciting or accepting contributions from individual or organizations that have an interest in matters pending before the legislature during session.” Report at 32.

HB 727 – Limits the permitted uses of campaign funds to only those purposes that are directly related to the campaign of candidates. Report at 33.

HB 728 – Provides funds to county ethic boards “in an effort to ensure that these boards have adequate resources to continue their operations and pursue their respective missions.” Report at 30.

HB 729 – Requires the Campaign Spending Commission to publish on its website the names of candidate committees and noncandidate committees who fail to properly file an organizational report. The Commission found that this bill “would improve compliance and also bring awareness of noncompliance to the public.” Report at 28.

HB 730 – Limits the amount of cash contributions a candidate, candidate committee or noncandidate committee can accept in the aggregate in each election period to \$100 with a receipt required for each contribution. Report at 33.

HB 731 – Provides that a person waives the right to a contested case hearing if that person fails to request a contested case hearing within 20 days of the Commission’s preliminary determination. It would also allow the Campaign Spending Commission to file its final order with the Circuit Court of the First District for confirmation as a civil judgment, enforceable and collectible as any other judgment issued in circuit court. Report at 21.

HB 732 – Authorizes the Campaign Spending Commission to presume that a violation of a campaign spending law has occurred if a respondent fails to explain or otherwise respond to a complaint alleging a campaign spending violation. Report at 21.

HB 733 – Increases the amount of fine for campaign spending law violations that may be assessed against a noncandidate committee making only independent expenditures and that has received at least one contribution of more than \$10,000 or spent more than \$10,000 in an election period. It authorizes the Campaign spending Commission to order that the payment of a fine assessed against a noncandidate committee, or any portion thereof, be paid from the personal funds of an officer of the noncandidate committee. Report at 34.

HB 796 – Proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit a person from serving as a member of the Legislature for more than 16 years during that person’s lifetime. “The Commission discussed this proposal at great length and considered the testimony received and personal viewpoints of each commissioner. The Commission looked at similar provisions for guidance and debated the well-balanced pros and cons of this proposal, which was reflected in the slim 4-3 margin by which the Commission adopted the motion to adopt this proposal.” Report at 35. Despite a turnover in the House of Representative of over 50% and the Senate of more than 33% in the last decade, “people feel a proposal like this is necessary and that a limit on the duration of holding state elected office may reduce the potential for corruption and allow for the periodic infusion of fresh ideas and services to constituents.” Id.

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Respectfully submitted, Judge Daniel Foley (ret.)

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To: House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

From: Cheryl Kakazu Park, Director

Date: February 22, 2023, 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Re: Testimony on H.B. No. 712  
Relating to Recordings of Public Meetings

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill, which would statutorily provide that boards are “encouraged” to keep recordings of remote meetings on their website and required to provide such a recording to the State Archives before removing it from the website, and would require a board’s written minutes for any type of meeting to include a link to an audio or video recording when a recording is available. **The Office of Information Practices (OIP) offers comments and a clarifying amendment.**

The bill’s purpose clause indicates that it is a proposal of the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct (Commission) formed pursuant to H.R. 9 of 2022. Please note that **OIP was not part of the Commission or consulted** by the Commission regarding this or other bills proposing amendments to laws OIP administers, so the proposal does not reflect input from OIP.

This proposal does not require boards to record meetings they would not be required to record under current law. Boards are currently required to record remote meetings “when practicable,” and keep the recording available on the board’s website until the meeting minutes have been posted on the board’s website.

The proposal would **encourage** the board to keep a remote meeting recording on its website even after posting its minutes, and **require** it to provide a copy to the State Archives if it does remove the recording. These requirements are not a significant change from existing law and do not seem likely to present a burden for boards.

**Because the proposal encourages but does not require boards to keep recordings posted online after minutes are posted, a board that is running low on storage space to host recordings of its remote meetings can remove the older recordings as needed, so long as it provides a copy to the State Archives first.**

The proposal would also require written minutes of any type of meeting, remote or otherwise, to include a link to an audio or video recording of the meeting when “available.” **Boards holding fully in-person meetings will sometimes use a tape recorder or digital voice recorder to create a temporary audio recording for use in creating written minutes, which is then deleted or recorded over to make room for future meetings.** Under current law, there is no requirement for a board to place such a recording online or even to preserve it once it has served its purpose and the written minutes are prepared. It is not clear whether such a recording would be considered “available” for the purpose of this proposal, thus requiring its conversion (if a tape recording) to digital format and uploading to a website so that it can be linked to in the minutes, or whether the “available” standard refers only to recordings that are already available online when the minutes are being prepared.

**To clarify this and avoid creating a technical challenge for those boards that prefer fully in-person meetings, which may have minimal or no agency assistance and volunteer members who do not feel confident in their technical skills, OIP recommends an amendment to**

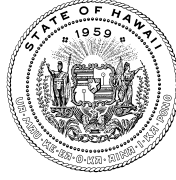


**clarify that the requirement to link to a recording only applies when the recording is available online.** Specifically, OIP recommends amending bill page 5, lines 13-16, to read as follows:

- (4) If an electronic audio or video recording of the meeting is available online, a link to the electronic audio or video recording of the meeting, to be placed at the beginning of the minutes; and

Thank you for considering OIP's testimony.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
OF  
KEITH A. REGAN, COMPTROLLER  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
TO THE

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

H. B. 712

FEBRUARY 22, 2023, 2:00 PM  
CONFERENCE ROOM 325 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL  
RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 712.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) strongly **supports** this bill and offers the following comments:

1. The State Archives, in its role as the Keepers of Public Memory, protects and preserves the documentary heritage of Hawaii from 1790 to current and is well versed in the history of Hawaii.
2. The constantly shifting policies and priorities of third-party service providers, such as Twitter and Meta, have illustrated the uncertainty of relying upon these third parties to protect and preserve records of important value. As such, it is strongly recommended that a copy of existing audio, video, minutes, and agenda created

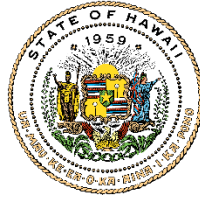
for or during board meetings and intended to be kept as a public record should be transferred to the State Archives for preservation as soon as practicable but no later than prior to removal from the board's website. We would prefer that these files be transmitted to the Archives within one month of their creation to prevent any issues. This is not intended to preclude the Board from hosting their own materials on their respective websites but rather to ensure that the Archives has the opportunity to preserve the important records closer to their point of creation.

3. Should the committee agree that deposit at the State Archives sooner than later is warranted, the State Archives will create an online transfer mechanism to ease the burden on the committee while allowing the Archives to capture the necessary metadata to establish the authenticity of the transferred records.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

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Testimony of  
DAWN N. S. CHANG  
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Before the House Committee on  
JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 22, 2023  
2:00 PM

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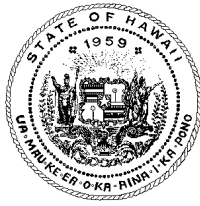
In Consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 712  
RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

House Bill 712 proposes to encourage boards and commissions to maintain electronic audio or visual recordings after meeting minutes have been posted; amends the information that must be included in the written minutes of a meeting; and, requires boards to provide the state archives with a copy of any electronic or visual recording before removing it from a boards website. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure as it clarifies what is required in written minutes and encourages, rather than requires boards to keep audio and visual recording for as long as feasible, rather than permanently.**

The Department supports this bill as it clarifies and simplifies what is needed in meeting minutes. It also requires the State Archives, rather than an agency to permanently store audio and video recordings of meetings. These issues have been a matter of disagreement for several legislative sessions. Mahalo for hearing this bill which provides relatively simple solutions to address the Department's major concerns.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 712  
RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS.

By  
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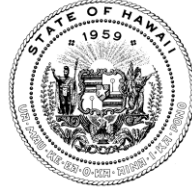
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs  
Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair  
Representative Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 22, 2023; 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325 and via Video Conference

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports House Bill (HB) 712, which proposes to, through the establishment of a commission, improve standards of conduct, implementing recommendations to improve standards of conduct relating to public agency meetings by encouraging boards to maintain any electronic audio or visual recording of a board meeting as a public record on the board's website regardless of whether the written minutes of the meeting have been posted, amend the information that must be included as part of the written minutes of board meetings and require boards to provide the state archives with a copy of any electronic audio or visual recording of a board meeting before removing the recording from the board's website.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 712.



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## Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Before the  
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs  
Wednesday, February 22, 2023  
2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 325 and Videoconference

On the following measure:  
**H.B. 712, RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

### **WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

Chair Tarnas and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Ando, and I am the Director for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department). The Department appreciates the intent but offers comments expressing its concerns on this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) encourage boards to maintain any electronic audio or visual recording of a board meeting as a public record on the board's website regardless of whether the written minutes of the meeting have been posted; (2) amend the information that must be included as part of the written minutes of board meetings; and (3) require boards to provide the state archives with a copy of any electronic audio or visual recording of a board meeting before removing the recording from the board's website.

Licensing boards and commissions under Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) section 26-9, primarily discuss licensing applications and the disciplining of licensees,

topics which are confidential, and are not disclosed to the public. Because of this, a significant portion of the meetings are spent in closed session (executive session (HRS section 92-5) or adjudicatory session (HRS chapter 91)). Thus, if this measure moves forward, the Department requests the following amendment on page 4, lines 10 to 16:

Except for licensing boards under HRS section 26-9, when practicable, boards shall record meetings open to the public and make the recording of any meeting electronically available to the public as soon as practicable after a meeting and until a time as the minutes required by section 92-9 are electronically posted on the board's website. Boards are encouraged to keep recordings available on their website.

The Department has found that the recording of licensing board, commission, or committee meetings has had a chilling effect on discussion amongst members during the open session. Many members have expressed their hesitancy in speaking freely or engaging in board discussion.

Lastly, this bill is an unfunded mandate as it will result in increased personnel costs to comply with these requirements, increased costs for equipment (currently, the Department only has one conference room with videoconferencing technology), and the potential litigation for accessibility claims under the Americans with Disabilities Act about the form of the recordings posted on State websites.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

**HB-712**

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 9:08:18 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gary Hooser	Pono Hawaii Initiative	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Committee Chair and Members,

Please accept this testimony in strong support of HB712.

HB712 - RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS. Encourages boards to maintain any electronic audio or visual recording of a board meeting as a public record on the board's website regardless of whether the written minutes of the meeting have been posted. And other...

**Note: This measure should be amended to REQUIRE "boards to maintain any electronic audio or visual recording of a board meeting as a public record on the board's website.". Not just "encourage".**

HB712 is part of a package of bills being proposed by the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct (CISC) which was established by a unanimous vote in the State House of Representatives.

Please offer your strong support for all of the CISC recommendations on your agenda today as well.

Sincerely,

Gary Hooser

Pono Hawaii Initiative



**HB-712**

Submitted on: 2/17/2023 4:31:54 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dana Keawe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

support

**HB-712**

Submitted on: 2/20/2023 10:33:56 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As technology changes it is important that government follow suit and adopt the new uses. This bill will help those in the future learn what happened in the past, why, etc. It is important that happen. These minutes/recordings/tapes etc. must not be lost. They must be maintained. In full support.

**HB-712**

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 7:47:39 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Hunter Heavilin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the passage of HB712, to encourage boards to maintain electronic recordings of public meetings as public records on their websites. By doing so, members of the public can more easily access and review important information discussed during the meetings, ensuring greater transparency and accountability in our government.

Additionally, HB712 would amend the information that must be included in the written minutes of board meetings, ensuring that the minutes accurately reflect the discussions and decisions made during the meeting. This is essential to ensure that members of the public have access to accurate and complete records of government proceedings. The legislation also requires boards to provide the state archives with a copy of any electronic audio or visual recording of a board meeting before removing it from their website. This will ensure that these recordings are preserved for future reference and historical documentation, further promoting transparency and accountability in our government institutions.

**HB-712**

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 8:40:47 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

**HB-712**

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 1:01:19 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Greg Misakian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**My name is Greg Misakian and I support HB712.**

Access to view recorded meetings is needed to provide transparency, and for those who can't participate at public meetings due to work schedules or other reasons.

**HB-712**

Submitted on: 2/22/2023 11:29:52 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Minister, Hector Hoyos (aka) SisterFace	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Transparency is important!