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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON SENATE BILL NO. 2046
RELATING TO POLITICAL PARTIES

February 22, 2022

Chair Rhoads and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2046. This bill amends provisions relating to dates and deadlines in statutory provisions governing political parties.

This bill makes housekeeping amendments regarding political parties. Every election year, qualified political parties must submit their current party rules and provide the names and addresses of their central committee officers and respective county committee officers. We propose this housekeeping amendment so these deadlines to submit the party rules and officers will be on the same day for qualified political parties, thus making it easier for the qualified parties to keep track of and to facilitate compliance.

Additionally, this bill amends the information that a signatory to a political party petition must provide to match the requirements of a signatory to a nomination paper.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2046.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michelle Tippens	Testifying for Libertarian Party of Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha and thank you for your service to the state of Hawaii. Unfortunately, the Libertarian Party of Hawaii must oppose this measure.

As written, it shortens the deadline for election related filings: by 3 weeks for the change requested on page 2 and 3 months for the change requested on page 3.

While these may seem to be minor changes, they push the deadlines for these filings in a way that conflicts with the Legislative session, a time when parties are focused on advocating for their members with the Legislature.

While one portion of the proposed changes is good, the other proposed amendments create detrimental conflicts for our duties as a political party, which include advocating for our members during the Legislative session.

We support the amendment proposed on page one. This amendment allows petitioning voters to submit the month/day only of their birthdate. Currently the law requires the complete date; which potentially exposes voters to the risk of Identity Fraud.

If the measure is amended to only make the change proposed on page one, the Libertarian Party of Hawaii will happily be in support.

Mahalo for your time, this concludes our testimony.

Aloha.

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Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SUPPORT SB 2046 RELATING TO POLITICAL PARTIES.