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CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM
ON SENATE BILL NO. 2147, SD 1
RELATING TO NOMINATION PAPERS

March 23, 2022

Chair McKelvey and members of the House Committee on Government Reform, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Senate Bill No. 2147, SD 1. This bill extends by one month the deadline by which nomination papers for candidates for elected office shall be made available; and repeals on the same date of the repeal of section 4 of Act 14, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021.

Given the recent Supreme Court ruling dismissing the petition, we do not feel this measure is necessary anymore and believe it could invalidate the nomination papers that have already been issued. Candidate filing opened on March 1, 2022 for statewide and county contests. We opened candidate filing for U.S. Representative, State Senate, and State Representative on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, after we were notified of the Supreme Court's denial of the petition.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2147, SD 1.