

SB-1541

Submitted on: 2/22/2023 7:29:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dalene McCormick	Testifying for West Hawaii GOP	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, if county clerks are maintaining voter roles we should not need a seperate law for this. We definatley dont need new sytems or software that might be proposed if this bill passes.



COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Chair, Senator Karl Rhoads
Vice Chair, Senator Mike Gabbard

Hearing on Wednesday, February 23, 2023 at 9:30am (HST)
Committee Room 016 & Via Videoconference
SB1541 Relating to Voting More Than Once During An Election

TESTIMONY

Holly Plackett, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports SB 1541.

This bill is an important clarification to Hawaii's existing law with regard to voting more than once during an election. Because our current law does not expressly address the possibility that a person could cast a single vote in Hawaii and an additional vote in another state or territory of the United States, the additional language added to Section 5 makes it clear under what circumstances that situation could occur.

In this day and age when our voting rights are under scrutiny from every viewpoint, it is necessary to make these kinds of clarifications so that we cover all possible situations when it comes to voting in our elections. Voting is a basic civil right in a democracy and we need to make our laws easy, fair and understandable to our voting public.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Greg Misakian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Greg Misakian and I support SB1541.

Each person is entitled to one vote per election, and this should be for all elected officials and Board of Directors.

Why then do we allow proxy voting in Condominium Assications and HOAs?

Please abolish this unfair practice and return one vote to one person for every election. Please support HB176 and SB1202

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Submitted on: 2/19/2023 4:12:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dara Yatsushiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONGLY SUPPORT! Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2023 10:30:56 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No one should vote more than once in an election. Pick your state and stick with it. And, if you can't pick, don't vote. Please support this bill to reduce election fraud.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2023 2:59:34 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael EKM Olderr	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

While I appreciate the strengthening of voter protection that this bill includes, I find the main subject of the statement about voting in more than one location as I believe that it will have unintended consequences for dual residents, for example, a Hawaii resident who goes participates in the local election of their mainland school/university. Furthermore, it can be unfair for those who reside and pay taxes in two different states. Therefore, I suggest the bill amends the current statute to allow those with dual residency in other states to vote in local and state elections since the outcome of the polls affects their domicile. However, I would like the bill to specify that dual residential voters only apply to state elections and that representatives, such as presidential and DC representatives, can only vote once for federal elections.

Another reason I do not fully support the bill is that I feel the bill's protection against voter fraud when it comes to voting more than once in the same election is already sufficient and that this bill is redundant. Because despite the hysteria on election fraud over the year, the actual instances of it happening is very rare. For example, between 2000 and 2012, it was speculated that the number of voter fraud committed was as high as 200 and low as 13. As [The Brennan Center for Justice](#) put it, "it is still more likely for an American to be struck by lightning" than to commit voter fraud through in-person voting or with mail ballots."

Overall, while I appreciate this bill's intent, I feel it should be focused more on protecting voters from harassment than playing securing circus with the residents of Hawaii.

Ostrow, Ashira Pelman. "Dual Resident Voting: Traditional Disenfranchisement and Prospects for Change." *Columbia Law Review* 102 (2002): 1954-1991.

Panetta, Grace. "Americans Are More Likely to Be Struck by Lightning than Commit Election Fraud." *Business Insider*, Business Insider, 11 Nov. 2020, <https://www.businessinsider.com/voter-election-fraud-statistics-rare-president-biden-trump-2020-2020-11?op=1>.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erica	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like my position stated for the record in opposition of this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vincent r Golio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this measure. If county clerks maintain the voter rolls in a timely and proper manner we would not need legislation to enforce a law against voting multiple times. The system is broken because of the incompetence of the operators.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2023 8:27:10 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Corinne Solomon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB1541.

There are approximately ~100,000 "deadweight" voter registrations on Hawaii's voter rolls. The focus needs to be on maintaining the rolls properly, not adding and rewriting laws to address the problems with the voter rolls.

When you mail a ballot to everyone on the voter rolls, and there are 100,000 people that should not be on there, then of course you may have issues with people voting in multiple states.

If the voter rolls were maintained properly you would not need to write more legislation. Fix the rolls.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tania victorine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

FIX THE VOTER ROLLS!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Toriki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as what we really need to do is purge our voter rolls!! If we did that, this bill would be totally unnecessary!!! I still receive ballots for my family members who have not lived here for over 10 years!!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott S	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The more important issue to address is that Hawaii's voter rolls need to be cleaned up and properly maintained. Then additional laws will not be necessary.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Ruiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose