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TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON SENATE BILL NO. 2240, SD 2, HD 1
RELATING TO ELECTIONS

April 2, 2024

Chair Yamashita and members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2240, SD 2, HD 1. This bill requires the Office of Elections to file an application with Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc. (ERIC), by June 30, 2025, for the State to be admitted as a member of the organization; requires the Office of Elections to share with each county the information and services made available by ERIC pursuant to the State's membership agreement with the organization; requires the Office of Elections and each county office that administers elections to use information and services made available by ERIC to verify their respective voter registration rolls; and makes an appropriation.

Joining ERIC would provide another tool for election officials to maintain the accuracy and integrity of the voter registration rolls by allowing us to compare our voter registration file and driver license/identification card file with other member states. This will permit election officials to determine if a voter has moved out of state, as they register to vote or obtain a driver license in another jurisdiction. Additionally, ERIC membership requires all driver license/identification card holders who are eligible to register to vote, but are not currently registered, to be sent a mailer encouraging them to register.

We estimate that it will cost \$149,000 in FY 2024-25 to join ERIC based on the \$25,000 application fee, \$42,500 annual membership fee, and approximately \$81,500 to conduct the initial mailing to driver license and state identification card holders who are not registered to vote as required for membership in ERIC, along with mailings to address in-state movers and cross-

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state movers. The recurring costs, which we would submit as part of our annual budget request starting with FY 2025-26, would be approximately \$45,000 for the annual membership fee, which is recalculated each year by ERIC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2240, SD 2, HD 1.

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 6:33:00 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kahiolani Papalimu	State Elections Commissioner, Hawaii Island	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha chair and committee members,

I am happy to have the opportunity to appear and testify about this ERIC legislation. This bill was brought before the State Elections Commission in February for discussion and vote, when asked for Commission approval by our Chair and on behalf of Mr Nago.

Testimony and discussion led to a vote by the State Election Commission to NOT support this legislation. Many of the concerns were about data security, invasive voter data sharing without voter approval, and unknown costs. Already of 31 states that joined ERIC, over 14 have already either left or are leaving ERIC. It bothers me particularly that they have no office, will not share where their servers are located, and has requirements the State Elections office MUST meet, yet does not state any fine or repercussions if the State misses the opportunity.

What is the actual cost to Hawai'i Taxpayers? If our offices are already behind in updating our voter rolls, how will more data entry requirements help them to catch up? What are the safety measures in place to ensure data breach security? Much of what Eric provides is already available to the Office of Elections.

At our last meeting of the State Elections Commission, I was disheartened to learn that after deliberating and voting in February, our decision to reject ERIC and not support this legislation was not shared with you.

I hope this new information gives you a reason to reconsider funding and passing this unnecessary legislation.

Mahalo for your time,

Kahiolani Papalimu
State Elections Commissioner
Hawaii Island

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Submitted on: 4/1/2024 10:08:43 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Curtis	Elections Commission	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

FYI, the Hawaii State Elections Commission voted to OPPOSE ERIC, with grave information security concerns, at our February meeting.

TESTIMONY
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
SB2240_SD2_HD1 RELATING TO ELECTIONS
Monday, April 2, 2024, at 4:00 PM
State Capitol Conference Room 308 via Videoconference

Submitted in OPPOSITION by Mrs. Jamie Detwiler, President, Hawai'i Federation of Republican Women

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Committee Members,

INTRODUCTION: Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), Incorporated is a private, non-profit, non-partisan organization.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB2240_SD2_HD1 for the following reasons:

1. Privacy issues: Violation of federal statutes such as the Help America Vote Act, National Voter Registration Act, and Driver's Privacy Protection Act. The first statute provides states the authority and obligation to create and maintain electronic voter registration files but includes no provision that authorizes any state to outsource these obligations to a third party like ERIC. The outsourcing of voter registration list maintenance to ERIC may also violate the National Voter Registration Act, which protects from disclosure the identities of individuals who decline to register to vote. Finally, the Driver's Privacy Protection Act specifically shields from disclosure of the kind of data provided to ERIC by member states to conduct list maintenance. Additionally, personal identifiers such as name, birth date, and last 4 of SSN are shared with this private third-party organization.
2. Taxpayer financial burden. Per ERIC website, "states who choose to participate are required to pay a fee. Some states are paying \$175,000 or more in annual dues." The Hawaii State Elections Office could use that money to improve the integrity of their election process such as cleaning the voter rolls, conducting hand counted paper ballot audits, and improved chain of custody procedures.
3. Does not prevent illegal voting: Per ERIC's website, it is a tool available to help election officials maintain more accurate voter rolls and detect possible illegal voting. There are no public records showing ERIC detected illegal voting. Furthermore, there is currently no citizen verification check. According to the City Clerk, individuals registering to vote sign a self-attestation statement that they are eligible voters even though it is not verified by an official election employee. ERIC is used to manipulate and inflate voter rolls.

Over 9 states have removed themselves from participating in ERIC Programs due to concerns over privacy issues and mismanagement. Please do not pass SB2240_SD2_HD1. Please vote NO.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jamie Detwiler, President
Hawaii Federation of Republican Women

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 9:52:44 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Do not adopt ERIC to handle our voter rolls. Keep Hawaii voter rolls clean by having Hawaii residents do this job and not some proprietary software from who knows where?!!!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 10:09:56 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kamakani de dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 10:12:12 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 10:14:16 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Dedely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2024 10:39:40 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deven English	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 11:04:40 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TERI SAVAIINAEA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2240.

Kind regards,

Teri Kia Savaiinaea

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2024 11:36:29 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kealohi Hanohano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2024 11:46:52 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bronson Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, it violates privacy laws.

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2024 12:15:51 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Monohon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose any affiliation with ERIC for the state of Hawai'i. Even our own commissioners of the Office of Elections don't want it. It does not clean up voter roles, and affects our privacy! A big NO to ERIC!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 12:22:34 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yvonne Alvarado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Yvonne Alvarado Oppose to Bill SB2240 SD2 HD1

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 12:33:20 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaiulani Bowers	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill because it corrupts voter rolls, illegally shares our personal information across state lines and is a left wing NGO. This would definitely not be good for voters and voting

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2024 12:37:05 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gitte Gonzalez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

ERIC is a violation of privacy

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2024 12:48:37 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
April Handog	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 12:56:54 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop writing disgustingly bad bills for Hawaii. Among other things, the bill corrupts voter roles, and ILLEGALLY shares personal, private information across state lines. The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness-this bill does not promote the state motto!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 1:57:15 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **strongly oppose** this Bill and I urge all committee members to **vote NO**.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 2:17:14 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anne Kamau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 3:42:03 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diane DePaolo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose ERIC

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 4:07:24 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cari Sasaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose Hawai'i being made to join ERIC, which violates our privacy. If other states are choosing to exit from this system, it doesn't seem like a wise decision for us to enter it.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 4:44:33 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Candace Vizcarra	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HARD NO THANK YOU --- VIOLATES PRIVACY LAWS!! GOD IS SOVEREIGN + 🙏

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2024 5:42:44 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 6:30:35 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ralph Sherman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii is the most corrupt state in the Nation. I am opposed to adopting ERIC because it makes election fraud easier.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 7:05:48 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
THOMAS KENT	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill on many levels.

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2024 9:12:08 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marlies Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose Hawaii joining ERIC

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 10:03:36 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
CHESTER LUM	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony opposing this bill.

SB 2240 should be withdrawn and no funds appropriated.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony opposing this bill.

Chester Lum

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 10:29:23 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terry Murakami	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2024 10:31:24 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher Tabangcura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2024 11:32:50 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jendale Kahuanui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this ERIC because there's is too much room for corruption of voter rolls & illegally shares information.

I OPPOSE!

NO GO!!

No more corruption!!!!

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2024 12:14:25 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Manulani Garcia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2024 1:26:53 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE

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Submitted on: 3/31/2024 4:04:18 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lora Santiago	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill SB2240.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2024 4:26:50 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Catherine Thyne	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Strongly oppose this Bill! We need more accountability and transparency from our Legislature. Because of the uniqueness of our State, the people on outer Islands have a huge disadvantage of what is going on in our State Capitol. I would hope that you would do what's right for all the people and not just a chosen few. Please do what the people want and fix the corruptness!

C. Thyne

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2024 5:53:09 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Numerous states have banned the ERIC system. Is that not cause for significant concern? It is funded by Soros orginazations dedicated to manipulating voter rolls in their favor, both legally AND illegally. OPPOSE.

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2024 7:04:28 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elmer Domingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2024 7:09:42 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wendy D BowlesDomingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2024 7:14:11 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pacita Domingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i strongly oppose this bill.

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2024 8:27:49 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruben Ongos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!!

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2024 8:57:50 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lani Poepoe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB2240!

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2024 9:01:39 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robin Gusich-Batara	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2240. Voter rolls must be maintained at the county level. Voter's personal information should not be accessible outside our state at risk of being compromised and manipulated. Doing so will surrender our control over our own state's voter rolls. A large behemoth database makes it easier to exploit and harder to correct. Hawai'i must maintain our state's individual sovereignty and election security. Many states have left the ERIC system. Please do not surrender the control of our voter rolls.

Thank you

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Submitted on: 4/1/2024 12:20:41 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Magoon Ohana	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly Oppose. This should be a state based purpose- NOT a 3rd party Non profit or NGO that our tax dollars pay "a membership fee" to and use voters info for ill-gotten gains. Too much risk for the data to be manipulated. A number of states have already changed course and left the organization due to concerns over privacy and confidentiality of voter information, among other reasons. Learn from their mistakes & DON'T WASTE OUR TAX DOLLARS. ONLY original ballots should be used, no copies accepted at all! Our Hawaii office of elections needs to do a much better job-since that's what they are paid for with our tax \$.

Voting in person with paper ballots and a state resident ID that is verified each time is what we should be doing. Those that need absentee voting should be verified legal residents by our state.

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 1:19:31 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sherilyn Wells	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As an Independent, I find it completely unacceptable that highly partisan organizations (ZUCKERBUCKS recipients; seed money funding by George Soros) are associated with this proposal and will be allowed access to Hawai'i's voter data. AND - see link to report by Verity Vote - what they at ERIC purport to do is not even done at all or done poorly (so WHY JOIN if they don't perform what they promise to provide, except in a very specific and extremely partisan way?). FOR INSTANCE - ERIC's founder David Becker also founded the [Center for Election Innovation and Research](#) (CEIR), which received \$69.5 million in Zuckerbucks and distributed it DISproportionately to the "swing states", with four of the top six states being PA, MI, AZ, and GA, which received an average of \$8.5 million compared to \$1.58 million on average being distributed to the remaining 23 states that received funds. FOR INSTANCE - Ask Susan Uhran about the GEORGE SOROS funding of ERIC via the Pew Charitable Trust. She's the former President of PCOTS. The Pew Charitable Trust specifically created "[Pew Center On The States](#)" (PCTOS) to push their "Voter Modernization Project". They pushed the adoption of ERIC and online voter registration to States. There are links to OSU documents showing they endorsed and funded this "specific" project.

FEDERAL LAW IGNORED - LAWSUIT UNDERWAY. Under HAVA (Help America Vote Act), both Congress and the courts have said "voter list maintenance" MUST be made available to the public. But ERIC member States say this violates their ERIC contract. ERIC members stay beholden to their contract from this tiny 3-employee ERIC non-profit instead of the Federal Law. The Public Interest Legal Foundation has active litigation for these lists, but every member State resists. Hmmm. I wonder why. What are they hoping to hide from the public?

In a [stunning report](https://verityvote.us/eric-sharing-data-with-zuckerburg-funded-ngo/) - https://verityvote.us/eric-sharing-data-with-zuckerburg-funded-ngo/ - conducted by professional investigators at Verity Vote, experts show through FOIA obtained documents that ERIC has been sharing EBU (unregistered voters) data with David Becker's non-profit CEIR. He then targeted these individuals for the Democrat Party.

The only thing we need for our election processes is a return to the Ten Points to True Election Integrity enumerated by Captain Seth Keshel.

- I. [Clean Out the Voter Rolls](#)
- II. [Ban All Electronic Elections Equipment](#)

- III. [Voter ID with Paper Ballots Only](#)
- IV. [Ban Mail-In Voting*](#)
- V. [Ban Early Voting*](#)
- VI. [Drastically Smaller Precincts*](#)
- VII. [Ban Ballot Harvesting](#)
- VIII. [Election Day is a Holiday](#)
- IX. [New Reporting Requirements for Transparency](#)
- X. [Heavy Prison Sentences for All Who Commit Fraud](#)

<https://skeshel.substack.com/p/the-ten-points-to-true-election-integrity>

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Submitted on: 4/1/2024 5:26:32 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ralph Cushnie	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

The Elections Commission opposes this bill.

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Submitted on: 4/1/2024 6:33:23 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tammy Perkins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

ERIC violates federal law. Its contract violates federal law by prohibiting member states from making its list maintenance records public; these are public records as defined in the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).

For this reason and a dozen other reasons I OPPOSE this bill.

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Submitted on: 4/1/2024 6:52:48 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose! No reason this is needed. All of these weird things you guys keep trying to add to manipulate the votes in weird ways or collect or send data electronically is suspicious. I don't trust it.

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 7:42:53 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dalene McCormick	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am very concerned that Hawaii is attempting to do business with ERIC. ERIC is a farce, most states that have been using it for a while are now cesing using it, 9 in the last 2 years [See Article](#) It does NOT manage voter rolls as promised, it makes the voter rolls worse. Please do your due diligence to research why these states are leaving this sytem. Please dont make Hawaii taxpayers pay for something that causes us harm.

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Submitted on: 4/1/2024 7:43:12 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Opens the door to cheating.

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 8:22:02 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose SB2240 strongly.

I do not want my personal information given to a 3rd party in order to cast my vote. You have not given the citizens an opt out of voting thru the ERIC system. This is interfering with my ability to vote safely. Many citizens will not vote if their personal information is given to the ERIC systems. This is just wrong putting stress on the citizens who want to fulfill their civic duty. Send this back to the table and re-craft this Bill with the option of voting old school way. The State will open itself up to possible lawsuits by the citizens who will be denied the ability to vote due to the fact that many people do not want the State to employ the ERIC systems and are not afforded a safer methodology such as paper ballots, signature verification. Do the right thing and offer an opt out for the citizens, if you do not offer this, you will be INTERFERING WITH ELECTIONS, which is against the Law. Thank you very much.

Noela von Wiegandt

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Submitted on: 4/1/2024 8:39:49 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leolani Mahuka iwaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 9:56:25 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Drew Elwood	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because -

it has the ability to corrupt the voter polls

it illegally shares personal private info accross state lines

this is being proposed by and NGO.

Many states are leaving ERIC why would hawaii join.

April 1, 2024

Aloha House Committee on Finance Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Committee Members,

I oppose SB2240 SD2 HD1.

The Electronic Registration Info Center (ERIC) is highly controversial and problematic, so much so that in recent years nine states have terminated their ERIC contracts.

The current [ERIC state membership count](#) is 24 states plus Washington DC.

The Missouri Secretary of State cited one of the reasons for leaving ERIC as, *“ERIC’s benefits to Missouri are limited as only three of the eight states that border [sic] Missouri are members”*.

The Office of Elections written testimony from the January 30, 2024 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on SB2240 reads that joining ERIC

“would provide yet another tool for election officials to maintain the accuracy of the voter registration rolls by allowing us to compare our voter registration file and driver license/identification card file with other member states”.

What is ERIC’s Reach to Target Voter Roll Maintenance Based on Hawai’i In- and Out-Migration Population Data Analysis?

The [2022 State of Hawai’i Databook](#), which is the most current population data available, shows the states to which Hawai’i residents are moving (out-migration) and the states where people are leaving to move to Hawai’i (in-migration).

Which are the top out-migration states and are they members of ERIC?

The top 3 out-migration states are Texas, California, and Florida, none of which are ERIC member states. Total Hawai’i population out-migration to ERIC non-member states is 65%.

Table 1.63-- TOP DOMESTIC OUT-MIGRATION STATES: 2021

[Ranked by largest estimate. Population 1 year and over. State of residence in 2020 was Hawaii, but different state of residence in 2021. Based on a sample and subject to sampling variability]

Rank	State	Estimate	Percent
	Total out-migrants 1/	59,236	100.0
1	Texas	7,668	12.9
2	California	7,544	12.7
3	Florida	4,179	7.1
4	Washington	3,770	6.4
5	Arizona	3,249	5.5
6	Tennessee	2,939	5.0
7	Nevada	2,894	4.9
8	Colorado	2,679	4.5
9	Georgia	2,321	3.9
10	Virginia	2,193	3.7
11	Oregon	1,794	3.0
12	North Carolina	1,591	2.7
13	Oklahoma	1,386	2.3
14	Alabama	1,349	2.3
15	Alaska	1,316	2.2
16	Maryland	1,110	1.9
17	Pennsylvania	1,001	1.7
18	Utah	995	1.7
19	New York	962	1.6
20	Idaho	827	1.4
21	Kentucky	807	1.4
22	Ohio	715	1.2
23	Louisiana	710	1.2
24	Indiana	622	1.1
25	Illinois	576	1.0

1/ Total includes out-migrants from Hawaii leaving for any of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Only states comprising 1 percent or more of the total out-migrant population are listed in this table.

Source: U. S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, "Table 1. State-to-State Migration Flows: 2021" <<https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/geographic-mobility/state-to-state-migration.html>> accessed June 13, 2023; and calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

Which are the top in-migration states and are they members of ERIC?

The top 3 in-migration states are California, Texas, and Washington. Only Washington is an ERIC member state. Total population in-migration from ERIC non-member states is 66.2%.

Table 1.62-- TOP DOMESTIC IN-MIGRATION STATES: 2021

[Ranked by largest estimate. Population 1 year and over. State of residence in 2021 was Hawaii, but different state of residence in 2020. Based on a sample and subject to sampling variability]

Rank	State	Estimate	Percent
	Total in-migrants 1/	71,626	100.0
1	California	16,116	22.5
2	Texas	6,849	9.6
3	Washington	6,655	9.3
4	Virginia	5,691	7.9
5	Georgia	3,835	5.4
6	New York	2,696	3.8
7	Colorado	2,544	3.6
8	Florida	2,527	3.5
9	Alabama	2,192	3.1
10	New Jersey	2,046	2.9
11	Maryland	1,710	2.4
12	Idaho	1,638	2.3
13	Arizona	1,517	2.1
14	Oregon	1,396	1.9
15	Indiana	1,251	1.7
16	Nevada	1,057	1.5
17	Mississippi	1,048	1.5
18	Pennsylvania	904	1.3
19	Michigan	891	1.2
20	Massachusetts	868	1.2
21	Minnesota	695	1.0
22	Montana	681	1.0

1/ Total includes in-migrants to Hawaii coming from any of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Only states comprising 1 percent or more of the total in-migrant population are listed in this table.

Source: U. S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, "Table 1. State-to-State Migration Flows: 2021" <<http://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/geographic-mobility/state-to-state-migration.html>> accessed June 13, 2023; and calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

Joining ERIC will only data capture approximately 35% of in- and out-migration to and from Hawai'i, as the majority of population shifts are to and from states that do not contract with ERIC.

Additional concerns with ERIC:

Voter Registration Duplications:

In a voter registration comparative analysis of ERIC-member states to nonmember states, data analysis in 27 states revealed nearly 700,000 duplicate registrations.

Jeffrey Young, Certified Analytics Professional (CAP®) with a master's degree in business analytics, assessed the permanent address changes in the National Change of Address

database, (NCOA) against 27 states' voter registration databases over a four-month period prior to the 2022 General Election.

Using the NCOA database, Young flagged all the voters who filed permanent mailing address changes between September 2022 and December 2022, which uncovered a staggering number of duplications.

Specifically, 693,686 duplications were discovered among voter registrations across 27 states analyzed, which represents only approximately 28% of the total possible combinations of the states.

An in-depth comparison of ERIC member states and non-member states showed that the **ERIC member states had approximately 50% higher rate per capita of duplicate registrants**. In other words, states that pay to belong to the ERIC system, which promises to help state election officials maintain clean voter rolls by cross-checking duplicate registrations, have significantly more duplications than states that are not ERIC members (full study available upon request).

Privacy Concerns:

Hawai'i residents' data, including name, address, DOB, drivers license number, last 4 digits of SSN, phone and email address when available, will be shared across state lines.

ERIC provides each member state a targeted list of people that are not registered to vote. The membership bylaws require the state to contact at least 95% of these people within 90 days, soliciting them to register.

Instead of spending taxpayer's money on contracting with ERIC, a better use of resources would be to have the county clerks run the NCOA data more frequently, i.e., every 4-6 months, and crosscheck the data against the voter rolls to identify movers, as opposed to utilizing NCOA only in election years. When someone files a NCOA form it is only active for 6 months.

The Honolulu City Clerk's office only uses NCOA data to cross check the voter rolls before bulk mailings before elections. This means that the majority of people who moved away from Hawai'i and filed a NCOA form would never have received the election mailer to verify their address, and the counties would not receive the NCOA bounce back indicating that the voter has moved.

ERIC's Focus on Voter Registration:

Despite ERIC's claim to be focused on voter roll maintenance, ERIC has shifted their priority focus to identifying and contacting unregistered voters.

State contracts with ERIC require the state to reach out to "eligible but unregistered" voters (EBUs) from lists compiled by ERIC.

ERIC recently provided a list of unregistered voters to the Colorado Secretary of State, who then mailed out voter registration applications to 30,000 people. The problem is that these applicants were sent to noncitizens.

In a [recent report from the Public Interest Legal Foundation](#) (PILF), ERIC identified 168,000 EBUs in Virginia to target for voter registration. This list consisted of people that Virginia officials had listed as deceased, relocated, or felons and thus deemed ineligible to register to vote.

Does the Office of Elections and the county clerks have a filtering system akin to Virginia's to prevent ineligible voters from registering once they are targeted by ERIC?

Hawai'i does not verify citizenship upon voter registration, it is merely a self-attestation.

Joining ERIC will Duplicate Current State Voter Registration Efforts

Hawai'i makes it very easy for people to register to vote.

There is an online voter registration portal. We have preregistration for teenagers, automatic voter registration through the DMV, and same day registration.

There was even a [full-time job listing](#) posted this year with the Office of Elections focused on voter registration.

Here is an excerpt from the job listing:

"The Election Specialist position is located in the Voter Registration Section, Voter Services Branch of the Office of Elections, an agency attached to the Department of Accounting and General Services. The position implements, coordinates and evaluates mass voter registration programs **to maximize and equalize voter registration and participation statewide**; controls in-house voter registration programs and processing of materials; assists with the production and procurement of voter registration materials; provides administrative support to the section; and performs other related duties as assigned"

Hawai'i Elections Commission Stance on ERIC:

On February 20, 2024, the Hawai'i Elections Commission passed a motion by majority vote to OPPOSE the state of Hawai'i joining ERIC.

Considering all the issues outlined above I strongly urge you to oppose this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Solomon
HD20 resident

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 12:57:15 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Hawaii bill SB2240, which would require Hawaii to join the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). I believe this bill raises serious concerns about privacy and the integrity of voter rolls.

First, joining ERIC would compromise the privacy of Hawaii residents. ERIC collects and shares voter registration data among member states, potentially exposing personal information to unauthorized access and misuse. This violates our fundamental right to privacy and could lead to identity theft or other forms of fraud.

Second, ERIC could make voter rolls dirtier rather than cleaner, as proponents claim. The data matching process used by ERIC has been shown to be flawed and can result in eligible voters being mistakenly removed from the rolls. This could disenfranchise many Hawaii residents and undermine the integrity of our elections.

Instead of joining ERIC, I urge you to consider alternative solutions that protect voter privacy and ensure the accuracy of voter rolls. This could include investing in more secure and reliable voter registration systems, as well as implementing stricter safeguards to prevent fraud and abuse.

Please take my concerns into account and oppose Hawaii bill SB2240. Our democracy relies on fair and transparent elections, and this bill would move us in the wrong direction.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 3:44:39 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
AnnMarie Hamilton	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

NINE states have recently terminated their contracts with ERIC. That's a major red flag!

Here are the most compelling reasons Hawaii should not join ERIC:

- ERIC does not make voter rolls more accurate-studies show it makes them worse; ERIC states have more duplications than non-member states
- ERIC violates privacy laws regarding the sharing of people's personal information
- ERIC is dishonest about its purpose. ERIC's focus is NOT list maintenance but to exploit states' private data to identify and register 'eligible but unregistered' individuals. As Hawaii does not verify citizenship for voter registration, ERIC has the potential to facilitate the addition of noncitizens to Hawaii's voter rolls

Even the Elections Commission opposes ERIC! During the February Hawaii Elections Commission meeting, a majority of the [Commissioners voted to oppose Hawaii joining ERIC](#).

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 3:59:27 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Healy	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I oppose this bill and will give testimony via zoom

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 3:59:37 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Shedko	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

I do not want my personal information (such as Name, Address, DOB, DL, last four digits of my SSN, Phone, Email) shared with this private company, and I do not want my personal information shared with other states! ERIC has been shown NOT to be secure for the private information of citizens.

We would have to pay to join ERIC, and pay for additional staffing. We should be maintaining our own voter rolls and not paying for, or relying on, sources outside of Hawai'i

There are much better ways to use our limited budget!

Many states have already left ERIC.

I watched the Elections Commission vote to oppose ERIC.

Please vote no!

Mahalo,

Scott Shedko

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 7:27:11 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James K. Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-2240-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 8:12:47 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james pirtle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not consent