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TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON SENATE BILL NO. 2240
RELATING TO ELECTIONS

January 30, 2024

Chair Rhoads and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2240. This bill requires the Office of Elections to file an application with Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc. (ERIC), by January 1, 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 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. This will permit election officials to determine if voters have moved to other jurisdictions, 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.

For the appropriation, we estimate that it will cost \$25,000 to join ERIC and approximately \$100,000 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. Our total request for FY 2024-25 would be \$125,000.

We also estimate the annual membership fee would be \$23,000. This estimate is based on voter registration, and we would ask for this funding as an ongoing budget request starting with Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Finally, in an abundance of caution, given any administrative issues related to the submittal of the required application, we would propose that Section 2 of the bill be amended to provide that the application be submitted no later than June 30, 2025, as opposed to January 1, 2025, to address any administrative issues related to the submittal of the required application.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2240.

TESTIMONY

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

SB2240 RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 9:45 AM

State Capitol Conference Room 016 via Videoconference

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

Honorable Chair Rhoads and Committee Members

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

I oppose HB2240 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 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. Funding: the burden to fund the program is on the taxpayers. Per ERIC website, it is funded and governed by states that choose to join.
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.

Please do not pass SB2240. Please vote NO.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jamie Detwiler

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 11:21:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill and will submit video testimony.

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/27/2024 9:27:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I **oppose** this Bill.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2024 8:44:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Makana Savaiinaea	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2240

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Submitted on: 1/28/2024 10:32:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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: 1/28/2024 10:42:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharron VanDeusen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill.

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 7:59:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB2240.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2024 10:34:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 10:53:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sierra Palpallatoc	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 11:02:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jadine L Brown	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against all forms of electronic data sharing of my vote.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2024 11:13:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I do not want my information shared across the database. This is very dangerous and this bill needs to be stopped

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 11:34:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Fenton K lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Honorable Members of the JDC,

I am Fenton Kaulana Lee, and I am writing to express my opposition to SB2240 concerning the Office of Elections, voter registration verification, and membership in the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc. (ERIC).

Concerns over Voter Registration Verification Processes: SB2240 proposes changes to voter registration verification that could lead to increased errors and discrepancies. This can undermine the integrity of our electoral system, potentially disenfranchising eligible voters due to clerical or technical errors.

Data Privacy Implications: Joining ERIC and sharing voter data raises significant data privacy concerns. The handling, storage, and protection of sensitive voter information are paramount. SB2240 does not provide sufficient safeguards against potential data breaches or misuse of voter information.

Financial Costs and Resource Allocation: The financial implications of joining ERIC and the ongoing costs associated with its participation have not been adequately addressed in SB2240. The allocation of limited state resources to this initiative, without a clear demonstration of its cost-effectiveness and benefits, is concerning.

In conclusion, while the intention of improving voter registration processes is commendable, SB2240, in its current form, poses significant risks to voter privacy, the integrity of our election system, and prudent fiscal management. I urge the committee to reconsider this bill or make necessary amendments to address these critical issues.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Fenton Kaulana Lee

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Submitted on: 1/28/2024 10:18:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL

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Submitted on: 1/28/2024 12:31:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Teresa Parmenter	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 2240

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Submitted on: 1/28/2024 1:37:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as this interferes with the integrity of our ELECTIONS, NOT SELECTIONS!! Hawaii belongs to GOD and HE is Sovereign. I rebuke anything and anyone who is not in alignment with HIS will!

Concerned resident

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 1:39:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2240.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2024 1:42:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose having our personal information shared with ERIC

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 2:01:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bad bill.

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 2:16:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 2:19:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose

January 28, 2024

Written testimony opposing SB No. 2240

Relating to Elections

I oppose SB 2240 for the following reasons:

1. The bill is asking Hawaii to be one of 24 states to use the ERIC system and is not nationwide. The usage is limited and does not serve Hawaii 100%. While the purpose is a good one, it does not mean all 50 states are involved.
2. Since it will cost us dollars to use it, we can spend our dollars on other expenses that will help us with our election systems.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2024 4:52:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 5:05:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Testimony for SB2240

I oppose SB2240

The Electronic Registration Info Center (ERIC) is very problematic, so much so that in recent years nine states have terminated their ERIC contracts. That should be a red flag for Hawai'i!

Here are some issues identified 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 more duplications than states that are not ERIC members. (Data analysis 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.

ERIC uses advanced technology including Artificial Intelligence from Senzing. This data matching AI compares information collected by member states with USPS address data and Social Security death records. No one knows how else this data collected from the states is being used. In an interview, J. Christian Adams, attorney for the Public Interest Legal Foundation stated, "That's part of the smoke screen. ERIC learns who gets registered from their program, so they're able to micro target with whoever is partnered with ERIC. We don't know who they are interfacing all this data with. It could be Catalist, the massive Democrat database organization. We just don't know. I've talked to some ERIC Board Members who are Secretary of States. They don't even know what ERIC is doing. They've asked questions and can't get answers..."

The Missouri Secretary of State cites the following concerns in his [ERIC contract termination letter](#):

- ERIC refuses to require member states to participate in addressing multi-state voter fraud.
- ERIC focuses on adding names to voter rolls by requiring a solicitation to individuals who already had an opportunity to register to vote and made the conscious decision to not be registered.
- ERIC allows for a hyper-partisan individual to be an ex-officio non-voting member on its governance board.
- ERIC unnecessarily restricts how Missouri utilizes data reports.
- ERIC's benefits to Missouri are limited as only three of the eight states that boarder Missouri are members.

Hawai'i makes it very easy for people to register to vote and to vote. We have preregistration for teenagers, automatic voter registration through the DMV, same day registration, and universal mailing of ballots.

We do not have a voter registration problem.

ERIC is essentially a partisan voter registration drive disguised as voter roll clean up.

Hawai'i needs to steer clear of ERIC.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2024 6:38:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Heather R Lauro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill! Sensitive info is not protected and needs to be maintained at county level. Voter rolls need scrapped and anyone wishing to vote need to re-register with a valid HAWAII GOVT ID.

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 7:03:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J. Chun	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 8:08:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose any bill that results in Hawaii using the ERIC voter registration system. As other states are terminating thier relationships with ERIC, this bill creates a new relationship with ERIC for Hawaii, not a good move, ERIC has many flaws.

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 8:33:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Allison Nickolai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Allison Nickolai wish to submit the following written testimony in opposition of SB2240. It is NOT in the best interest of the Hawaii electorate to support the codification of the ERIC (Electronic Registration and Information Center). I am a resident of Ohio which terminated the ERIC agreement in March, 2023- but the data harvesting continued until June, 2023.

I wish to share the following 4 items for careful consideration before passing this into law:

1) Per the ERIC bylaws contained in the agreement, the State agrees to share its databases with ERIC including but not limited to voter registration database and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles entity that qualifies under the AAMVA. It is NOT limited to just voter registration information, and as a result elector's PII unrelated to voter registration is now in the hands of an NGO- and OUT of the protections of the government agencies. This is against personal privacy laws and as a resident of Ohio, I never consented for my BMV information or voter registration data to be sold.

2) This out of state agency appears to be in direct violation of HAVA tile 3 sections governing electronic voter files. It clearly states that information sharing agreements can be made WITHIN the state and with the BMV and SSA. ERIC is a 501c3 NGO- and is NOT registered and operating WITHIN the confines of the State of Hawaii. It serves to PROMOTE registration of EBU (eligible but un registered) voters, as it is an ANNUAL requirement for the member state to solicit 95% of their identified EBU's to register to vote. There are consequences and \$\$ penalties (increased annual fees) if the state does not comply. In 2020, ERIC identified 700,000 EBU's and in 43 days managed to "find and register" 321k (46%) of them. Ohio fared worse: identifying 110k EBU's but registered a whopping 202k (183%) of them in 45 days.

3) Where are these EBU lists coming from? In 10/2022, the CO SoS received its EBU list from ERIC (102k), did their "due diligence", reducing the list to about 52k EBU's. They DID NOT catch that 31k of the EBU's were non-citizens AND sent them a postcard solicitation to register to vote. The deputy SoS Chris Beall was required to report this, and additional supporting details can be found in an article located here: <https://www.cpr.org/2022/10/07/colorado-voter-registration-notices-non-citizens>

4) Lastly, when you gauge the accuracy of ERIC states vs NON-ERIC states with respect to the accuracy of the voter rolls, the NON-ERIC states had fewer anomalies than the ERIC states. *anomalies defined as inaccurate addresses, duplicate records, voters double registered in other states, deceased voters remaining on the rolls, etc.

Please do not allow any outside NGO interference in your voter rolls- ESPECIALLY ERIC. There is ZERO transparency or reports available by public records requests for the actual results of their voter registration maintenance. HAWAII- you have legitimate access to all the data bases you need to maintain your own voter rolls. NCOA for moves within the state and out of the state, health department records for death certificates, and BMV ID's and updates as well as the BMV being the LARGEST source of all voter registrations and photo ID's in accordance with NVRA and HAVA. (per EAC bi-annual Election Administrator Voting Survey released in late 2023 and covering 2020-2022 data). Learn from Ohio, CO, and Michigan. The resulting voter roll cleanup is NOT worth the price of your admission.

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 8:49:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Penner	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because I don't want my personal information shared with any national databases. Voter rolls should be maintained at a County Level. Our voting process has become too complicated and less transparent.

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 8:55:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynne Bautista	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2240

The Electronic Registration Info Center (ERIC) is very problematic, so much so that in recent years nine states have terminated their ERIC contracts. That should be a red flag for Hawai'i!

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 more duplications than states that are not ERIC members.

The idea that our state's voter rolls can be shared with multiple other states is in itself concerning. We don't even clean our own voter rolls hardly at all. Do not do ERIC in the State of Hawai'i! Thank you!

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 9:21:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vivek Pathela	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE.

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 9:25:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keith A. Smith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is dangerous. Voter registration data bases should not be outsourced and potentially be data mined and used for nefarious purposes. The state has an obligation to protect its voter registration data base.

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 9:49:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob Wiencek	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

On behalf of Hawaii Young Republicans, we support this bill. Restoring public confidence in our election is crucial and joining this organization will provide the necessary resources going forward to keep our elections clean and secure. We urge the committee to give this bill its full confidence.

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 9:51:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
AnnMarie Hamilton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

ERIC issues can fill an entire article, or a series of articles. ERIC is a Soros created and funded nightmare that corrupts voter rolls. In the interest of time here are some testimony talking points:

ERIC is essentially a left wing voter registration drive disguised as voter roll cleanup. ERIC is supposed to help states keep clean voter rolls, but studies have shown that it makes them worse. Nine states have recently terminated their contract with ERIC due to several issues, including privacy concerns with ERIC sharing ALL state databases, even those not related to voter registration, partisan board membership, and solicitation of nonregistered people who have already had the opportunity to register but have declined.

Why is Hawaii eager to hand over our personal data to an organization from which other states are leaving?

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 10:02:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeffrey F Mizuno	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 10:20:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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.

The Office of Elections or State/County agency responsible for the task of updating voter registration rolls should already be doing this work. If the State agency responsible for this task has not done so, then funding for that agency should be reduced for this budget cycle by \$25,000 for every year voter registration rolls were not updated and every future budget cycle thereafter until voter registration rolls are updated.

If funding of this task is appropriated to the different counties, then that funding should be reduced proportionally by the number of voters in the county over the total number of voters in the State.

SB2240 should be tabled.

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

Chester Lum

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 10:38:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Keep everything local, no outside help! We can do it all here!

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Submitted on: 1/28/2024 11:31:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 11:50:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor Muh	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We don't need more taxes on Hawaiians!

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 12:09:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose this bill. No ERIC system involvement for Hawaii please!

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 12:24:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

ERIC has been reported to make voter rolls worse.

It has been shown NOT to be secure for the private information of citizens. We should be maintaining our own voter rolls, and not paying for or relying on sources outside of Hawai'i.

At least nine states have already canceled their contracts with ERIC.

I oppose SB2240.

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 12:28:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Aloha, my name is Jessica Malia Tamaribuchi and I am a resident of Kailua-Kona on the island of Hawaii. Today I am submitting written testimony firmly opposing SB2240 relating to elections. I oppose the State of Hawaii becoming a member of the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc. (ERIC) for the following reasons:

- 1). ERIC requires that member states provide data on voters in order to maintain voter rolls. This could be a violation of the National Voter Registration Act and the Driver's Privacy Protection Act.
- 2). ERIC places a higher priority on voter registration above cleaning up voter rolls due to ineligibility. According to Judicial Watch "ERIC has been far more successful at identifying unregistered voters than duplicate or invalid registrations. The organization reports identifying more than 60 million unregistered voters since 2012." In fact, there's no requirement that member states "remove ineligible voters from their registration rolls." All member states are only required to "initiate contact" with these voters. This activity does not get to the core of determining who is and who isn't eligible to vote.
- 3). ERIC's unwillingness to address concerns of left-leaning biases and influences. For example, the organization's acceptance of large amounts of money in the form of grants from leftist groups such as the Zuckerberg philanthropies and the George Soros-funded Pew Charitable Trusts. In fact, left-leaning attorney, David Becker, founded ERIC with grant money from Pew Charitable Trusts. Additionally, ERIC received a \$70 million grant from Zuckerberg to fund "voter education programs" and to mobilize voter turnout in favor of the Democrat candidate in battleground states such as PA, MI, GA, and AZ during the 2020 presidential campaign. Accepting and using grant money to advance an agenda shows a clear bias toward a particular candidate or party.
- 4). Over the past year, seven states have discontinued their membership with ERIC over concerns with data security and ERIC's close affiliation with left-wing organizations. An organization that is tasked with maintaining states' voter rolls should not be accepting funds or engaging in activities that promote one part or the other. Therefore, Hawaii, should not apply to become a member of ERIC.

For these reasons, I firmly oppose SB2240. Thank you for allowing me to submit my written testimony for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jessica Tamaribuchi

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 4:49:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
julie schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb2240

It's against our constitution

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 4:58:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Greg schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb2240

SB-2240

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 5:07:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sam schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb2240

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 5:36:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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. Hawaii must maintain our state's individual sovereignty. Please do not surrender the control of our voter rolls.

Thank you

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 5:51:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathy Jenkins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2240. I want transparency. I want paper voting ballots to be reinstated and remove vote by mail: and to go back to honest legal resident voters with verifiable valid identification cards to vote on same day - one day. I oppose SB2240

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 6:26:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Stanton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2240 as there are serious privacy concerns relating to the E.R.I.C.system. Nine states have recently pulled out of this program due to these concerns. This system will hand our personal information to an out of state party. We should keep our voter registrtrion control in state.

Mahalo,

Tom Stanton

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 7:37:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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: 1/29/2024 7:57:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Caiazzo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha my name is Jessica “Priya” Caiazzo and I strongly oppose SB2240. This is another way to push more towards electronic system which I only envision being problematic for any cyber attacks, sensitive information. We are losing faith in the voting process as we have the lowest numbers coming out. We need to restore the faith in the voting system and this bill isn't it.

Mahalo,

Jessica "Priya" Caiazzo

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 8:10:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose this bill.

I want my personal information to remain on the County level.

I do not want my information to be entered into the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). Period.

Our personal privacy is under siege as it is now.

The Legislature is to protect the Citizens, not put their personal information out there in cyber world, which can be hacked. You took an Oath to Protect The Citizens and the interests of the people.

This Bill Will not do that, it will facilitate just the opposite.

Thank you very much.

Noela von Wiegandt

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 8:46:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 9:01:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Cushnie	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO! Legislators should NEVER enroll in the ERIC (or any other electronic registration data base) system that would share or even have the potential to share personal information. Voter rolls need to be maintained at the County level and never in a centralized and/or electronic system. NO!

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 9:05:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 9:07:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose Bill 2240 and HB1069

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 9:09:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vick Penn	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good Morning,

I'm submitting testimony to OPPOSE bill SB2240.

I am opposing this bill simply because this legislature has a responsibility to INVESTIGATE AND FIX the past discrepancies from our previous elections. SB2240 is a way to absolve this legislature from doing the WORK to clean the voter rolls that they should've been done all along. Remember when Scott Nago said on PBS Hawaii that there were about 100,000 voter discrepancies? What work was done to investigate and fix that? Now, you folks want to start something new?

This bill is just a free pass for you folks to gloss over past problems and employ a new system to do the work. The problem is.... there's no guarantee that this system will do what it's being touted to do. Also, everything electronically done is not fool-proof or hack-proof. How much pre-testing has been done by experts within the state to verify this system is a good thing for the betterment of Hawaii's elections? Why rush into this?

Finally, there are a host of other issues within the use of the ERIC that I also believe violates the people's rights protected by the Constitution-- mainly privacy of data and improper use of the SSN.

Our state collects enough taxes from the people and businesses to employ the bodies needed to do the work of voter roll clean up. As one of the People of Hawai'i, I do not consent to the employment of any new electronic system for ANYTHING regarding elections, starting with this ERIC system.

Shame on the Hawaii state Legislature who look at the good People of this state and their sacred right to vote so flippantly. AUWE!!!

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 9:28:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose thie bill!

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 9:35:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kay Aina	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee members,

This bill appears to have the positive intent of cleaning up Hawaii's voter rolls, but in fact makes our voter rolls more vulnerable to hacking and data-mining. As written, this measure will cause undesirable access to our voters' personal information such as names, addresses, phone numbers, date of birth, social security number, etc. Please defer this measure. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 9:46:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Au	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Judiciary Committee members, I oppose this bill because the centralizing of private and personal voter informaton is subject to misuse and violation of of our personal rights and confidentiality as a citizen voting in a free elections. All data and information should remain private and kept at the respective Counties to ensure confidentiality and security.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose this legislation as written.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony

Mark Au

Kailua, HI

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 9:47:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Nakanelua	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

ERIC is a left wing buyer registration drive disguised as voter roll clean up. Studies show ERIC makes voter rolls worse rather than better. We should not be passing along voter information to a third party vendor that either states are walking away from due time security and privacy concerns. Please research and do not pass this bill.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 9:48:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB2240.

Voter rolls info should stay at county level, also this bill puts voter's private information at risk of being hacked and manipulated.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 11:47:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcelle Liana	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly Oppose!

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Submitted on: 1/30/2024 8:32:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emily Kekuewa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I say NO!

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Submitted on: 1/30/2024 12:35:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 1/30/2024 9:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

I, Yvonne L Alvarado Oppose Bill SB2240