

**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:
S.B. NO. 2392, RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

BEFORE THE:
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 **TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016 and Videoconference

TESTIFIER(S): Anne E. Lopez, Attorney General, or
Reese R. Nakamura, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) provides the following comments and suggested revisions.

As an initial matter, we note that section 11-113(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), provides that "[i]n presidential elections, the names of the candidates for president and vice president shall be used on the ballot in lieu of the names of the presidential electors, and the votes cast for president and vice president of each political party shall be counted for the presidential electors and alternates nominated by each political party." In light of this, the Committee may wish to ensure that any amendments that affect a candidate in a presidential election align with provisions pertaining to presidential electors. Accordingly, we propose the following amendments to the purpose in section 1(5) on page 2, lines 9-15:

- (5) Prohibit electors of presidential and vice presidential candidates from voting for any presidential or vice presidential nominee who has been disqualified pursuant to Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as determined by any federal court~~[-or-];~~ article XVI, section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii as determined by the state supreme court ~~[in an election contest.];~~ or another constitutional or statutory provision as determined by a federal court or the state supreme court.

Our suggestion to delete the wording "in an election contest" is to clarify that the state supreme court is not restricted to adjudicating such disputes only when brought as an election contest.

Additionally, we note that the Supreme Court has original jurisdiction to hear election contests under section 11-172, HRS. See *Dicks v. Nago*, No. SCEC-22-0000711, 2022 WL 17688364 (Dec. 15, 2022). In the interest of time and judicial efficiency, it may be more appropriate to initiate review of the potential constitutional matters in the Supreme Court, rather than in district court. Therefore, in subsection (b) of the new section being added to part VIII of chapter 11, HRS, by section 2 of the bill, from page 3, line 9, through page 4, line 5, we suggest replacing references to the district court with references to the Supreme Court.

Further, we note that section 12-8, HRS, provides a process by which the nomination papers of non-presidential and non-vice presidential candidates may be challenged in a primary election. Any objection to non-presidential and non-vice presidential candidates may be made to the Chief Election Officer, or the county clerk in the case of a county office. If the Chief Election Officer or a county clerk determines disqualification is warranted, a complaint must be timely filed in circuit court for a determination of the objection pursuant to section 12-8(e).

This process does not apply to candidates for President and Vice President because they do not participate in the Primary Election. Instead, section 11-113, HRS, provides that the names of the presidential and vice presidential candidates are provided directly by the political parties to the Chief Election Officer as part of their application for inclusion on the ballot.

Therefore, we propose that subsection (b) of the new section being added to part VIII of chapter 11, HRS, by section 2 of the bill on page 3, line 9, to page 4, line 5, be amended as follows:

(b) Any challenge to the inclusion or exclusion of any candidate on a ballot issued by the chief election officer or clerk that is not filed pursuant to section 12-8 shall be in writing and, no later than the fifty-seventh day prior to the general election, shall be filed with the ~~[appropriate district court; provided that for any challenge to the inclusion or exclusion of a presidential candidate on a general election ballot, the appropriate district~~

~~court~~ supreme court shall be the district court of the first circuit. supreme court. The challenge shall provide notice in a summary manner of the grounds that give rise to the complaint. No later than the fifty-fourth day prior to the general election, the ~~[district]~~ supreme court shall hold a hearing regarding the challenge. The ~~[district]~~ supreme court shall assess the validity of the complaint and shall issue findings of fact and conclusions of law no later than the fifty-third day prior to the general election. The party filing the challenge shall have the burden to sustain the challenge by a preponderance of the evidence, unless a higher burden is required by constitutional law.

In accordance with our suggestion that the Supreme Court maintain original jurisdiction, we also suggest that subsection (c) of the new section being added to part VIII of chapter 11, HRS, by section 2 of the bill on page 4, lines 6-14, be deleted.

Additionally, on page 5, line 20, the Department suggests changing the word "and" to "or" in section 11-172(b)(1), as proposed to be amended by section 4 of the bill, as follows:

- (1) Provable fraud, overages, or underages, that could cause a difference in the election results~~[-];~~ ~~[and]~~ or

This change will preserve the Supreme Court's ability to maintain original jurisdiction over traditional election contests under section 11-172, as well as potential new challenges proposed by the constitutional amendments.

Further in section 4 of the bill, on page 6, line 4, the Department suggests changing the word "and" to "or" between section 11-172(b)(2)(B) and (C) as follows:

- (2) A candidate's disqualification pursuant to:
 - (A) Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States;
 - (B) Article XVI, section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii; ~~[and]~~ or
 - (C) Another constitutional or statutory provision;

This proposed revision would align this provision with similar wording in sections 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7 of the bill.

Finally, also in section 4 of the bill, on page 6, lines 6-13, we suggest the following revision:

provided that a complaint filed pursuant to this subsection shall be dismissed if the facts alleged cannot be proven by a preponderance of the evidence, or by any higher burden of proof required by constitutional law, or if the complaint is based on facts or substantially similar facts that could have previously [adjudicated] been raised pursuant to section 11- , section 12-8, or this paragraph, and the previous action failed.

These changes are meant to ensure that the same issues cannot be raised on multiple occasions and that someone could not strategically choose to challenge a candidate's candidacy at a later date than when the challenge could have been reasonably raised. This is consistent with the general rule "that if there has been opportunity to correct any irregularities in the election process or in the ballot prior to the election itself, plaintiffs will not, in the absence of fraud or major misconduct, be heard to complain of them afterward." *Lewis v. Cayetano*, 72 Haw. 499, 502-503, 823 P.2d 738, 741 (1992) (citing *Thirty Voters v. Doi*, 61 Haw. 179, 181, 599 P.2d 286, 288 (1979)). The Hawaii Supreme Court reasoned that the "efficient use of public resources demand that we not allow persons to gamble on the outcome of the election contest then challenge it when dissatisfied with the results, especially when the same challenge could have been made before the public is put through the time and expense of the entire election process." *Id.* at 503.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony regarding this bill.



The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

**Testimony to the Thirty-Second Legislature
2024 Regular Session**

Senate Committee on Judiciary

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

State Capitol

Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

by:

Thomas J. Berger

Supreme Court Staff Attorney

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 2392, Relating to Elections.

Purpose: Specifies that election ballots issued by the chief election officer or county clerk shall exclude any candidate who is disqualified by a constitutional or statutory provision; provides a process for ballot challenges; includes a candidate's disqualification as grounds for an election contest complaint; and, such further purposes as detailed in the bill.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary has no position, and only offers comments. On page 3, we note that the "district court" are courts of limited jurisdiction, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) § 604-5, whereas the circuit courts have general jurisdiction. HRS § 603-21.5.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 2:57:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Testifying for Rainbow Family 808	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Rainbow Family 808 strongly supports SB2392. Please pass this bill.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Secretary/Board Member

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 4:32:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Golojuch Jr	Testifying for Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

The Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i's oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization fully supports SB 2392.

We hope you all will support this important piece of legislation.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)
Chair and SCC Representative
Stonewall Caucus for the DPH

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 4:14:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tamara McKay	Testifying for The Hawaii Republican Party	Comments	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Subject: A Strong Opposition to Bill SB2392

Aloha,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Bill SB2392, which proposes a series of measures aimed at excluding candidates from election ballots based on disqualification under constitutional or statutory provisions. While the intention may be to ensure the integrity of the electoral process, I believe that this bill poses a significant threat to the principles of democracy and individual rights.

One of the fundamental pillars of a democratic society is the right of citizens to participate fully and freely in the electoral process. By allowing anyone to exclude candidates based on disqualification, we risk undermining the democratic values we hold dear. It is essential to recognize that disqualification alone does not equate to guilt or wrongdoing, as legal proceedings may still be ongoing, and individuals are innocent until proven guilty.

Moreover, the bill introduces a process for challenging the inclusion or exclusion of a candidate from a ballot. While seemingly democratic on the surface, this process could lead to unnecessary legal battles, casting a shadow of doubt over the legitimacy of the electoral outcomes. The potential for abuse or manipulation in challenging a candidate's inclusion or exclusion raises concerns about the fairness and transparency of our electoral system.

Furthermore, the provision prohibiting electors from voting for presidential and vice presidential candidates disqualified under constitutional or statutory provisions raises constitutional concerns. This restriction may infringe upon the rights of electors to exercise their independent judgment and vote according to their conscience. By dictating who electors can and cannot vote for, we risk compromising the principles of the Electoral College and diminishing the democratic representation of our citizens.

In addition, the prohibition on electors voting for candidates disqualified under Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment seems to disregard the judicial process and places an undue burden on

electors to interpret and enforce constitutional provisions. This provision goes against the spirit of due process and the presumption of innocence until proven guilty in a court of law.

In conclusion, while the goal of safeguarding the electoral process is commendable, Bill SB239, raises serious concerns about its impact on the democratic rights and principles that our nation holds dear. I implore you to reconsider the potential consequences of this legislation. We the people have a right to choose, it is not in the best interest of the Government to decide what is best for the people. It is for the people to decide and that is why you were voted into office...for the people, by the people, and to abide by the Constitution of the United States of America.

Mahalo for your time

Sincerely,

Tamara McKay

State Chair, Hawaii Republican Party



TESTIMONY FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

February 6, 2024

SB 2392: Specifies that election ballots issued by the chief election officer or county clerk shall exclude any candidate who is disqualified by a constitutional or statutory provision. Provides for a process for challenging an inclusion or exclusion of a candidate from a ballot. Includes a candidate's disqualification as grounds for an election contest complaint. Specifies that electors of presidential and vice presidential candidates shall not be individuals who are disqualified by a constitutional or statutory provision. Prohibits electors from voting for any presidential or vice presidential nominee who has been disqualified pursuant to Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i **supports** SB 2392, as it relates to "Ballot Qualifications".

This bill supports the spirit and intent of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Platform, adopted at the 2022 State Convention, which states under **Government**:

"We believe government officials should be held to the highest ethical standards, as required by Article XIV of the Hawai'i State Constitution, and support full transparency in all government functions. We support policies that protect the integrity of our electoral process."

This bill will codify a mechanism that will allow the enforcement of:

- (A) Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States;
- (B) Article XVI, section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i; or
- (C) Another constitutional or statutory provision.

Further, this bill will provide a process for challenging a candidate's inclusion or exclusion on a ballot issued by the chief election officer or a county clerk.

We, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, believe that citizens deserve the right to clean and transparent elections, where public servants meet the requirements of the United States and State of Hawai'i Constitutions. We therefore urge you to support this bill.

Mahalo nui loa,

Kris Coffield
Co-Chair, Legislative Committee

Abby Simmons
Co-Chair, Legislative Committee

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:15:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jamie Detwiler	Testifying for Hawaii Federation of Republican Women	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

TESTIMONY

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SB2392 RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 9:30 AM

State Capitol Conference Room 016 via Videoconference

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members

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

The federation is committed to building leaders, energizing communities, and keeping America strong. Our objectives include informing the public through political and legislative education as well as to protect the integrity of our electoral process.

Part of protecting the integrity of our electoral process is allowing citizens to vote for the candidate of their choice.

1. There is NO reason to amend Chapter 11 of the Hawai'i Revised Statute by adding a new section to part VIII. Reference SB2392, Section 2 found on p.2-3. It is unconstitutional to give one or two people (The Chief Election Officer or Clerk) the sole power to disqualify a candidate.
2. Does SB2392 propose to give the power to the Chief Election Officer and Clerk to adjudicate who will be disqualified based on Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; Article XVI, section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i; or another constitutional or statutory provision?

FACTS:

In order to disqualify a candidate under the 14th Amendment, you have to follow a federal statute on insurrection and rebellion, a criminal statute, get a criminal conviction with a judge and a jury. It also must stand up on appeal before you can even consider this.

While a theory exists stating that Mr. Trump's challenge to the 2020 election (which he was allowed to do under the Electoral Count Act of 1887 and the First Amendment), the Jan. 6 protest (which was permitted by the National Park Service and allowed by the First Amendment), and the resulting riot (of which House Democrats' Jan. 6 committee found no evidence of Mr. Trump's incitement) was an "insurrection."

A legal ruling by a state of Maine judge's decision that froze the state-level proceedings remains until the US Supreme Court issues its ruling in a similar case from Colorado, which found that Mr. Trump is ineligible to hold public office based on the 14th Amendment's "insurrectionist ban." Oral arguments are scheduled in that case for February 8.

3. There is no evidence to date to show that Mr. Trump has committed insurrection, nor has he been convicted or charged with insurrection.

Please do not take action that would result in depriving the people of Hawai'i of their right to vote for the candidate of their choice.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Detwiler, President

Hawai'i Federation of Republican Women

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 9:37:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
jason wolford	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Unless the individual has been convicted of a crime this bill will allow for people of opposing sides be kept from the ballot because of accusations not conviction of a crime.

The voters should be allowed to make their choice of who the vote for not the controlling party of government. This will lead our county down the path to socialism.

If a opposing political party does not like their opponent they can just exclude them from the ballot by accusations this does not seam very democratic way of government.

Jason T Wolford



Senate Committee on JUDICIARY
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair, Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 – 9:30am
Conference Room 016 and VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
SB2392 Relating to Elections

TESTIMONY

Holly Plackett, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii has the following comments regarding **SB2392, Relating to Elections**.

SB2392 is apparently more of a partisan issue than a “housekeeping” bill that would normally be enacted to clarify our Chief Election Officer’s authority and responsibility when it comes to making a decision to exclude any candidate who is disqualified by a constitutional or statutory provision.

Our main comment is that perhaps the Senate Judiciary Committee ***should put a pause on SB 2392***. The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to take up the case of Maine and Colorado and their states’ proposed legislation regarding the eligibility of a former President as a candidate on the state’s 2024 presidential primary ballots for actions related to insurrection. The question to ask is: are we compounding the divide in this country when we take a fast track on a very consequential issue such as excluding candidates from a ballot?

We recognize that our Hawaii Legislative Leadership wants to be conscientious about following national as well as local election laws, but this is an issue with far reaching consequences in our Democracy. We might want to tread slowly in finding a resolution or even begin to draft and put into place a resolution.

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii ***feels strongly that voters need clarity from the courts*** and we trust the U.S. Supreme Court will decide this matter once and for all so that ***voters receive the clarity they deserve to vote with confidence***.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 3:09:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
LIBRADO COBIAN	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I Oppose . Let the people Decide Let the People Vote. This is a attempt for a ONE PARTY RULE .

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 5:53:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chanara Casey Richmond	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose bill SB2392

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Submitted on: 1/31/2024 7:58:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shannon Mendiola	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Removing any candidate from a ballot without proper and proven reasons limits our rights as citizens. Furthermore Mr. Rhodes request is based on a personal bias and should play no part in Hawaii residents freedom of choice. This is considered election tampering and lead to a greater loss of trust for Hawaii's already curopt government.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 12:31:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vernelle Oku	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

No legislation should infringe on the people's right to vote for whoever they want in office.

No single legislator should be allowed to infringe on the voting rights of the public.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 6:58:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alison Lopez	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Auwe, it is appalling that in a Constitutional Republic one would purposely want to disenfranchise and prevent its constituents from voting for their choice, using a statute for which a person has not been charged nor convicted. I for one believe that the event was a farce for multiple reasons but that's likely not for discussion here. This is so not PONO, are we becoming something other than Democratic Constitutional Republic?

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:09:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Geil Reyes	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose Senate Bill 2392. It is anti-democratic. It opposes free and fair elections.

The right to vote is a fundamental aspect of democracy, and all legal citizens should have the opportunity to participate in the electoral process, regardless of their political beliefs or affiliations. Allowing American citizens to vote for or against former President Trump is in line with the principles of democratic governance for several reasons:

1. **Inclusivity:** Democracy thrives when it includes diverse perspectives. Allowing citizens to vote for or against a candidate, including former President Trump, ensures that the electoral process is inclusive and representative of the various opinions within the population.
2. **Freedom of Expression:** Voting is a form of political expression. Allowing citizens to vote for the candidate of their choice, including former President Trump, upholds the principles of free speech and political freedom, key elements of democratic societies.
3. Being "anti-democratic" refers to opposing or undermining the principles and practices of democracy. Democracy is a system of government where power is vested in the hands of the people, either directly or through elected representatives, and it typically involves principles such as political equality, popular sovereignty, and the protection of individual rights. Being anti-democratic can manifest in various ways, including:
4. **Opposing Free and Fair Elections:** Democracy relies on the concept of free and fair elections, where citizens have the opportunity to choose their leaders. Being anti-democratic could involve attempts to manipulate or suppress elections, deny people the right to vote, or engage in fraudulent electoral practices.

As a resident of Hawaii, it's crucial that our politicians focus on the issues plaguing our state. Our Senate must prioritize addressing the problems of homelessness, repairing our broken roads, and providing support to the people of Lahaina. The recent attempt to remove our former president's name from the ballot indicates that our leaders' priorities do not align with the needs of Hawaii's citizens. We, the people, have the right to vote against former president Trump or in his favor. That is our constitutional right as tax-paying citizens, as American citizens, and as residents of Hawaii. This action of attempting to pass this bill shows that you are tempering against a fair election. This is unjust and unconstitutional.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:36:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Manuel Antonio	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

You people have no right to deny us of any candidate to vote for.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:11:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alika Valdez	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I support SB2392. Remember in June 1954 by U.S. Attorney General Herbert Brownell. Operation Wetback was an immigration law enforcement initiative created by Joseph Swing, the Director of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). It was short-lived operation used military-style tactics to remove Mexican and other immigrants some of them American citizens—from the United States. Though millions of Mexicans had legally entered the country through joint immigration programs in the first half of the 20th century and some who were naturalized citizens who were once native, Operation Wetback was designed to send them to their home country by ethnicity. No because I'm not violent. Do I support operation wetback? No because I'm a person of color. Do I support Racism? No because I'm a peaceful person. Do I support a president who caused riots? No because I'm not violent. Is Senator Karl Rhoads a good Samaritan? Yes because he is showing the real side of America.

Peggy Regentne 1611 Kalaniuka PL, Honolulu, HI 96821

peggy@hawaii.edu 808.375.1578 February 4, 2024

JDC Committee Chair Rhoads and Committee members

Subject: Testimony in Opposition to SB2392

Dear Senator Rhoads and Committee members:

I am here to express my strong opposition to State Bill 2392 which is currently under consideration. As a concerned citizen and voter in [Hawaii I believe that this proposed legislation poses significant risks and challenges that could negatively impact our state.

As secretary of a Hawaii County political organization and precinct chair of Precinct 3 in District 19 and a citizen of the United States, I appreciate the right to vote on a candidate of my choice. I believe this bill attempts to invalidate my choice as a citizen.

I firmly believe that the current proposal falls short in achieving the desired outcome of the right to vote. Here are some key reasons why I urge you to vote against SB2392:

1. **Civil Liberties and Personal Freedom:** There are concerns that State Bill 2392 may infringe upon the civil liberties and personal freedoms of individuals in our state. It is essential to strike a balance between addressing the issue at hand and safeguarding the rights of our citizens.
2. **Lack of Public Input:** The drafting and introduction of this bill seem to have occurred without sufficient input from the state it affects. A more inclusive and transparent process is essential to ensure that the concerns and needs of the citizens are adequately addressed.
3. **Unintended Consequences:** State Bill 2392 appears to overlook potential unintended consequences that may arise from its implementation. It is crucial to thoroughly analyze the potential repercussions that another legislator will “ban” his unfavorable candidate.

I believe that State Bill 2392 requires further consideration of the people of Hawaii before it is even considered for enactment into law. I strongly encourage you to vote against this bill and to engage in a more inclusive dialogue with the community to address their wishes.

Thank you for your time. I trust that you will carefully consider the concerns raised in this testimony as you deliberate on the fate of State Bill 2392.

Sincerely,

Peggy Regentne

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 9:40:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Margaret U. Lim	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose this bill. You have no right to remove my right to choose the president we want to elect. Trump is not convicted, so removing him from the ballot is an infringement of my right to vote.

Monday, February 5, 2024
1:00AM

Dear Honorable members of the judicial senate committee...

Aloha!

My Name is Alexandria Lum, I am a native Hawaiian residing in the downtown district here in Honolulu.

I mean, let's be real! We all know what this bill is about, and it's about ONE person in particular. I also want to state for the record that I believe every single person on this judicial committee knows why this bill exists – and it's way more than just someone believed to have caused "insurrection".

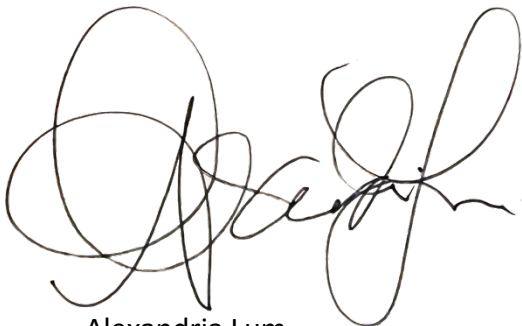
But in actuality, this is not just about one person...it's really about hundreds of thousands of Hawaii citizens right to choose who they vote for! SB 2392 empowers a body to eliminate a political opponent straight away, bypassing "We the People's" voice...which is our vote!

This bill negatively affects us all – the hardcore maga people and EVEN THE NEVER-TRUMPERS. People from both sides will be stripped of their right to vote or not vote for a candidate. I have friends who can't wait to NOT VOTE FOR TRUMP, but this bill threatens to take away their right to make that choice by simply eliminating the choice in the first place.

Some people will do anything to make sure their side wins! But a righteous win has to be done in a fair and righteous way ...any other way is not pono. This bill is not righteous and infringes on the rights of voters here in Hawaii to choose their candidate – SB 2392 can be used as a weapon to unjustly get that "win".

That is why I humbly implore you to do the righteous thing, vote no on SB 2392.

Mahalo!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexandria Lum', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

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SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:59:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Iaela	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I would like to submit my testimony in opposition to this bill SB2392. It is, in my opinion, another blatant attempt by some members of this body to undermine the ability of the people of this state and this nation to exercise their constitutionally protected rights. In this case a state senator or senators seek to limit the voting options available to legal voters both out of fear and the arrogant belief that their opinion on the matter outweighs our "limited" understanding of the issues at hand.

LET THE PEOPLE CAST THEIR VOTES FOR THEIR CANDIDATES! We are a Constitutional Republic and our votes carry as much weight as yours. Your actions are reminiscent of dictators and oligarchs in countries around the world who seek to consolidate power solely unto themselves, their party and their lackeys. You should be ashamed of yourselves. You were neither royally empowered nor Divinely appointed so stop conducting yourselves as if you were.

William Iaela

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 3:00:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Toalua Tuiasosopo	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I vehemently OPPOSE SB2392 that Karl Rhoads has sponsored to ban Pres. Trump from being on the Hawaii Election Ballots. Kharl Rhoads and the entire DEMONRATS DEMOCRAT PARTY are an embarrasment to the people of Hawaii as how BIDEN is an embarrasment to the world 🤡! What in the hell are you afraid of????? It is against the law what you are doing Kharl Rhoads. It is utter disgust what you are doing Kharl. I pray the people in your district VOTE YOU OUT along with any other elected official who co-sponsors this piece of crap bill with you. You have no guts to try and sneak this bill under the nose of the people of Hawaii. I PRAY WITH ALL OF MY HEART & SOUL that YOU & EVERY SINGLE DEMONRAT are VOTED OUT OF OFFICE! The people of HAWAII have the right to have their chosen candidate represented by being on the BALLOTS so we can elect WHO WE CHOOSE not who you and your DEMONRAT CRONIES choose for us & FORCEFULLY shove down our throats. You are taking away our constitutional rights to vote according to our own discretion and you should GO TO JAIL for ILLEGALLY drafting a bill that would take away this RIGHT guaranteed to us by the CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA! You and your fellow DEMONRATS should be ASHAMED of what our STATE & COUNTRY's DEMOCRATIC PROCESS is in shambles!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 9:00:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sheila Medeiros	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Legislatures are not elected to determine who the constituents can vote for especially when this action clearly appears to be a disingenuous attempt at "looking out for the best interest of the people." No one should be removed from an election ballot based on an assumption of someone's guilt. President Trump has not been found guilty on any of these political persecution charges to include the planned insurrection by FEDS and Nancy Pelosi. The J6 tapes that House Speaker released showed capitol police escorting people into the building; no one broke through barriers. Also shown were capitol police firing into the crowd causing the reaction of the crowd and it was cut and pasted removing the police's role in inciting a frenzy.

If this legislative body is truly pursuing the truth of J6, I challenge all of you to review the thousands of hours of J6 tapes (link posted below) that were kept from the public while the J6 committee and media selected the clips that fit their insurrection narrative to frame a sitting President and prevent him from seeking the truth of the 2020 elections and to prevent him from running for office.

Again, stop with the political interference with the 2024 and beyond elections. We the people do not need your help in choosing a candidate for any position. I call for a vote of NO CONFIDENCE in Senator Karl Rhodes. He has consistently submitted frivolous bills for headlines and controversy. This bill is a waste of taxpayers' money along with others that he has submitted. Stop wasting our tax dollars on foolishness. Do your job or resign.

See evidence below of a fake J6 insurrection narrative concocted by federal agents, DC Capitol Police led by former Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Speaker Mike Johnson

Follow the link below to view the January 6th tapes for yourself. To restore America's trust and faith in their government we must have transparency. This is another step towards keeping the promises I made when I was elected to be your speaker. This website will be updated continuously with thousands of hours of footage.

<https://cha.house.gov/cha-subcommittee-reading-room-fe781e74-d577-4f64-93cc-fc3a8dd8df1>

<https://x.com/JohnCremeansUSA/status/1725645880286408816?s=20>

BREAKING A Fist Bump? WTH! Capitol Police uncuff a January 6th Protestor and give him a fist bump. Something is definitely not right about the J6 Pelosi narrative. [#J6footage](#) [#jan6](#) [#J6](#)

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Sheila Medeiros

Kapolei/Makakilo District 43

Resident

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:51:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rami Donahoe	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

This is not fair for voters that a registered voters in Hawaii. Why can't I choose who to vote for?
I feel like you are taking away my rights to vote!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:42:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Corinne Solomon	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Aloha Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Rhoads and JDC Committee Members,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

SB2392 is in violation of Section Three of the United States Constitution and Article XVI Section Three of the Hawaii State Constitution.

The first page of SB2392 reads:

“The purpose of this act is to:

Specify that election ballots issued by the chief election officer or county clerk shall exclude any candidate who is disqualified by:

(A) Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States;

(B) Article XVI, section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii; or

(C) Another constitutional or statutory provision;...” (emphases my own)

These conditions are repeated in multiple sections of SB2392.

How are the above clauses (A), (B), and (C) unlawful?

SB2392 Clause (A) Identified Issues:

State law cannot give the states authority to supersede federal election qualifications.

The Constitution’s text explicitly vests in Congress, not the states, the authority to enact enforcement of presidential disqualification.

Section Three of the Constitution, like the Fourteenth Amendment generally, is designed to limit the power of states and enhance the power of Congress. To read Section Three as empowering states to veto candidates for federal elections turns this purpose on its head. Section Five of the Fourteenth Amendment explicitly confers the enforcement power on Congress, not the states.

No legislation has given private litigants, state courts, Chief Elections Officers, county clerks, or secretaries of state a right to disqualify candidates. The Fourteenth Amendment provides protection as a shield, but its “function is negative, not affirmative, and it carries no mandate for particular measures of reform.” *Ownbey*, 256 U.S. at 112. See also *Blackman & Tillman, Sweeping*, *supra* p. 9, at 483.6.

Barring political parties from choosing their own candidates violates the right of association protected by the First Amendment.

Section Three Article XIV of the US Constitution does not give authority to the states to decide who is guilty of committing insurrection.

Section Three is not self-executing; that is, Section Three does not, absent congressional implementation, empower states to veto national presidential candidates in their separate jurisdictions.

Empowering state courts, the Chief Elections Officer, or county clerks to decide disqualification under Section Three is inconsistent with the constitutional design.

Section Three only disqualifies certain categories of people from holding office, not from seeking it. Congress can remove any Section Three disqualification, which means Section Three provides no absolute obstacle to a particular candidate holding office, much less running for that office.

SB2392 Clause B Identified Issues:

Just as in the Case with Section Three of the United States Constitution, Hawaii state Constitution Article 16.3 prevents a person who has been convicted of an act to overthrow the government from **holding office**, not from seeking office.

“Hawaii state Constitution Article 16.3 Disqualifications from public office or employment

No person **shall hold any public office** or employment who has been convicted of any act to overthrow, or attempt to overthrow, or conspiracy with any person to overthrow the government of this State or of the United States by force or violence.” (emphasis my own)

SB2392 Clause C Identified Issues:

“(C) Another constitutional or statutory provision;...”

You cannot write a blanket law that allows for the Chief Elections Officer or county clerk to disqualify a candidate from appearing on the ballot.

Additional Sections of Concern in SB2392:

Page 2 section (2)(5):

“Prohibit electors of presidential and vice presidential candidates from voting for any presidential or vice presidential nominee who has been disqualified pursuant to Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as determined by any federal court, or **as determined by the state supreme court in an election contest.**” (emphasis my own)

As explained previously in my testimony, state law cannot give the states authority to supersede federal election qualifications. The Constitution’s text explicitly vests in Congress, not the states, the authority to enact enforcement of presidential disqualification.

In addition to unconstitutionally changing existing Hawaii election laws, **SB2392 adds three pages of new election laws**; starting on page 2 line 19.

I will not copy the entire section here, but highlight some of the most problematic text:

(b) Any challenge to the inclusion or exclusion of any candidate on a ballot issued by the chief election officer or clerk shall be in writing and, no later than the fifty-seventh day prior to the general election, shall be filed with the appropriate district court; provided that for any challenge to the inclusion or exclusion of a presidential candidate on a general election ballot, the appropriate district court shall be the district court of the first circuit. The challenge shall provide notice in a summary manner of the grounds that give rise to the complaint. No later than the fifty-fourth day prior to the general election, the district court shall hold a hearing regarding the challenge. **The district court shall assess the validity of the complaint and shall issue findings of fact and conclusions of law** no later than the fifty-third day prior to the general election. The party filing the challenge shall have the burden to sustain the challenge by a preponderance of the evidence, unless a higher burden is required by constitutional law.

(c) Any order entered by the district court may be reviewed and finally adjudicated by the supreme court of this State if either party makes application to the supreme court no later than the fiftieth day prior to the general election, unless the supreme court, in its discretion, declines jurisdiction of the case. **If the supreme court declines to review the proceedings, the decision of the district court shall be final and not subject to further appellate review by any court of this State.** (emphases my own).

Again, **State law cannot give the state authority to supersede federal election qualifications.** The Constitution’s text explicitly vests in Congress, not the states, the authority to enact enforcement of presidential disqualification.

SB2392 drastically changes Hawaii election laws.

Many of the changes are unlawful and directly violate the United States and Hawaii State Constitutions.

There is no second or third committee referral for SB2392. This law was written by the Committee Chair of JDC and referred to JDC for hearing and decision making.

One Committee should never have the authority to completely rewrite multiple election laws, written by the Committee Chair of that committee.

I pray that the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee objectively and thoughtfully review SB2392 and do not allow it to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Solomon D20 resident

Hearing Date: February 6, 9:30 am

Submitted by Signe Godfrey

SB 2392 Relating to Elections

Senator Rhoads, Americans have fought hard for freedom and as history shows we fought the Revolutionary War for 5 years to be separated from England, worked 10 years to frame the Constitution, and we as Americans work daily to make sure we treat each other equally and fairly.

This bill takes away my right to vote for the Presidential Nominee of my choice and while the bill does not state President Trump you were interviewed stating you had President Trump in mind when you wrote SB 2392. My freedom to choose whom I want (who the people want), is at stake here and since President Trump was on your mind when you wrote the bill you are taking away my right to choose. It is very personal to me, and at my age I have never felt more threatened by having our rights removed.

In taking the oath to this office, you stood for the constitution and hopefully you will pause and consider what you are doing is inequitable and unfair to the people of Hawaii.

Submitted by,

Signe Godfrey

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:52:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gary cordery	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Aloha Judiciary committee,

I am Submitting this testimony in opposition to this bill, it is my only opportunity to declare the constitutional right for the citizens to select their candidate for office. This bill eliminates this right, it dis-infranchises the people's right to an open and free election. It also violates the candidate's lawful inclusion on the ballot.

The basis for the protection of individual rights requires that all are innocent of any crime until proven guilty. This not so vieled attempt to convict Mr Trump without any charges regarding inserection is outrageous and a clear violation of his civil rights.

I implore this committee to reject outright this bill on the basis of law, you must stand in unity against the chairman's introduction of this bill.

In addition, an ethics inquiry should be launched regarding Mr. Rhoads. His conduct is unlawful, he should be admonished for this introduction of this bill.

mahalo,

Gary Cordery

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:59:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Heather Dozier	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I am opposed to legislation proposed in SB2392. This legislation has the potential of targeting individuals in such a way as to preclude their legitimate inclusion on a ballot. In a fair and free election every legitimate voter is to have the option of voting for the candidate {s}he believes would be the best at fulfilling the office for which the candidate is being selected.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 1:40:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Blanca Larson	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

February 6,2024

From: Blanca Larson, concerned citizen.

To whom may it concern: I oppose this bill. SB 2392 Relating to Election and Candidate disqualifications.

I oppose this bill because it takes away my freedom. The freedom to make my own decision to vote for whoever I want. To pass SB 2392 would be the wrong thing to do, because it infringe on my freedom of speech. This bill not only restricts Donald Trump from the ballot but also prohibits the electors and alternates from voting for their candidate. It prevents them from participating in the electoral system and it gives more power to the Government and less power to the people. This bill is against our US Constitutional rights and I oppose it. Please review this bill once again, because bias and hate for Trump aren't good reasons to change our US Constitution! Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. It was an honor.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 3:47:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Evan Mokuahi Hayes	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Today, I stand before you not just as a concerned citizen but as a defender of our fundamental democratic principles. We are gathered at a crossroads, where the path we choose not only defines our present but casts a long shadow over our future.

John Adams, a Founding Father and the second President of the United States, once issued a stark warning that resonates with unsettling relevance in our current context: "Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide." These words, spoken more than two centuries ago, were not meant to discourage but to remind us of the fragility of democracy, of the constant vigilance required to maintain it.

In the spirit of Adams' warning, it is with profound concern that I address the actions of Senator Karl Rhodes in championing this bill. Senator Rhodes, by pursuing a course of action that seeks to remove a candidate from the ballot, you are holding a gun to the head of democracy, with your finger poised on the trigger. This bill, under the guise of protecting our electoral process, undermines the very essence of democratic choice and engagement. It seeks to preempt the will of the people, to silence a segment of our electorate, and to set a dangerous precedent that could be used to justify further erosions of our democratic norms.

The consideration to remove a candidate from our ballot is not just a political maneuver; it is a direct affront to the legacy of righteousness upon which our state and once independent nation prides itself.

The power of voting, the power to choose our leaders, is the most hallowed right in a democracy. It is a right that many have fought for, a right that has been the cornerstone of democratic societies around the world. Abraham Lincoln, once said, "The ballot is stronger than the bullet." This powerful statement underscores the fundamental belief that the true power of change, of governance, and of leadership comes not from coercion or force, but from the peaceful expression of the will of the people through voting.

By considering the removal of a candidate from our ballot, are you not undermining this very principle? Are you not saying that the government knows better than the people whom it serves? This is not the Hawai'i that we citizens deserve or want to know. This is not the democracy we believe in. The decision of who leads us should be made in the voting booth, not in the secluded chambers of legislative bodies.

The bill in question, erodes trust, stifles debate, and, most critically, deprives the people of Hawai‘i of their right to choose their leaders. Democracy thrives on choice, on the ability of the electorate to decide who represents them based on a full spectrum of candidates, not a curated list approved by legislative fiat.

History has shown us time and again that the suppression of votes, the denial of the right to stand for public office, are actions that belong to authoritarian regimes, not democracies. "Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience, above all liberties," John Milton wrote in *Areopagitica*, his impassioned defense of free speech. These words remind us that the liberty to choose, to argue, and ultimately to vote is foundational, not just to our personal freedoms but to the very idea of a free society.

In the spirit of these historical admonitions, let us turn our gaze back to a critical chapter in our own history. In 1897, the Hui Aloha ‘Āina and the Hui Aloha ‘Āina o Nā Wāhine stood united in a remarkable display of unity and determination against the proposed annexation of our islands. These organizations understood the gravity of their situation and the dire consequences of silencing the Hawaiian people. With resolute determination, they launched the "Kū‘ē Petitions," a monumental effort that collected the signatures of over 21,000 Native Hawaiians. This was not a mere gesture but a profound statement of opposition from a significant portion of our population, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to their rights, their land, and their sovereignty.

This historic act and the spirit of the Kū‘ē Petitions serve as a poignant reminder of the power of the people's voice and the critical importance of protecting that voice in all matters of governance. Today, we find ourselves facing a situation that, while different in context, echoes the same troubling prospect of silencing a portion of the citizens you swore to serve.

Mahalo

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 3:31:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in full support of this bill. Since the last quarter of 2023 I have been following news reports of how the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution could prohibit Donald Trump from running to be president in 2024. I have read and watched J.Michael Luttig, a prominent conservative legal scholar and former judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals, and Laurence Tribe, a Harvard constitutional law scholar, agree that the 14th amendment applies in this case.

What bothers me most is how those who oppose this and similar bills do not care about the constitution and the law. They want the voters to decide. Imagine what other laws or constitutional provisions they want to overturn. We are a nation of laws. There are ways to amend them. But not to override the constitution by having the voters do it.

Please move this measure forward.

I commend Senator Rhoads for introducing it and am sorry, per news reports, that he has received hate mail and death threats.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 9:20:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pamela Schuur	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There was no insurrection and no grounds to keep Trump off the ballot. He has not been found guilty of any crime. If he is kept off, then same applies to Biden for his numerous treasonous acts.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 5:01:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I, Yvonne L Alvarado Oppose Bill SB2392

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 1:59:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Thank you for letting me voice my opinion on this matter, My name is Bronson Teixeira and I live on the island of Maui. I would like to voice my opinion and oppose senate bill 2392.

As clearly understood only congress has the right to enforce an insurrection clause and I feel that sb2392 is trying to take away my right to vote for whom I choose. Please stop this bill.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 5:14:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this proposal in it's entirety. This is a unfortunate power move by the democratic party to exclude their so called enemy thus taking away a candidate favored by the republican and or independant.

The election officer/clerk should not be able to wield this kind of authority.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 5:25:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill as it helps secure our elections from insurrectionists and those who broke their oath to the Constitution by trying to regain power and rewrite history. As the 14th Constitution is older than the statehood of Hawaii, I was unsure how the state would act on this clause in the unlikely case it would ever come up. Now more than ever, there is turmoil and discourse in our political arena, but that shouldn't stop us from doing the right thing. There will be ramifications to this bill, but so will every action we take, whether we go to the polls or the market. With this bill, you will be doing your part in securing the dignity and integrity of our elections and constitutions. I urge you to resist the backlash that is to come from this bill and do right by the oaths you all swore to uphold.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 5:41:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jen	Testifying for AS an American with all myu god-given rights guareteed by the Constitution of the US	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Constitution of the United States has guareteed the rights given by God to the . American People.

The Constitution did however limit what the public-servants can do. (Clue, that's you).

In order to be convicted of an insurrection, one must have to be charged with an insurrection. Nobody has been charged with insurrection. (Media doesn't count).

If one is charged with insurrection, one must be given a trial by jury. Nobody has had a trial by jury, nor has a jury convicted anyone, so this legislationis not relevant.

In order to be charged with an insurrection, one must have incited an overthrow of the Government. One can not be a current President and overthrow himself or herself. Duh!

The 14th Amendment does not apply to a President anyway.

The only people who have tried to overthrow the government, which is the People of the United states, are those pouring over our Southern Border, and those agents and actors who are allowing it. The current administration is in breach of it duty to secure the border. The only government that has had an isurrection against on J6 is the GOP (the Government Of The People). WE ARE THE government and our employees are responsible for not doing the job we hired them to do. (that's you - only we didn't hire you did we?)

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 5:48:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is a corrupt bill and should have no place in our democracy. The determination of who would be excluded would be absolutely partisan. The very fact that this bill has been introduced in deep blue Hawaii says so much about how fearful the authors are. This bill is a disgrace and an affront to the spirit of America.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 5:57:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brendan Ajolo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

this bill is only targeted towards Trump. let the voters decide

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 6:09:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shawnie Campbell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

oppose this bill, let the voters decide

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 6:32:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I vehemently oppose this bill! There is no need for such legislation as no candidate coming forth has violated or been convicted of insurrection or rebellion against the United States of America. This is a common ploy across this nation to exclude targeted candidates and limit voter choice, which violates my civil rights according to the US Constitution. Let the people decide!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 6:36:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wilson Ajolo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The legislature should not waste our time with this bill. We must have free elections and the people must be the ones who decide who will become president, not some elected or other unelected government officials. Please work on real bills that actually do something to better the lives of the residents of this state and stop wasting our hard earned money.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 6:48:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy Ajolo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stop wasting the time and our hard earned tax dollars on a bill that makes no sense. We must allow the people to choose who will be on the ballot, not government officials or unelected representatives. There are many more things happening in our state that require your attention such as the increase in crime, high cost of living and the homeless people that occupy our city sidewalks and parks to name a few. The Legislature needs to do some real work that actually improves the lives of the hard working families of Hawaii struggling to survive and so our children don't have to leave their island home for better opportunities.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 8:33:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

If this is to keep Trump off the ballot, I oppose!

Stay fair, Hawaii!

Think about Lahaina when you make new laws

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 12:11:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 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.

This is a partisan bill and SB2392 should be tabled. It is making national news and puts Hawaii in a bad light.

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

Chester Lum

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 5:46:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Let's face it, we all know this bill is simply to keep former president Trump off the ballot and byt the way he has never been charged with insurrection.

I hope you can respect that eliminating Hawaii residents the opportunity to choose the candidate of thier choice because our legislatures want to play games with bills and court cases that are all losing shows the people of Hawaii that you have no interest in thier freedoms and that you are not working for us.

You work for the people !! Please listen to what the people want, that's your job.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 6:37:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill. We The People should be able to vote for any Republican candidate of our choice. When you Mr. Rhoads can even think of doing something like removing Mr. Donald J Trump from our Hawai'i ballot, it only shows how afraid, weak, and corrupt you are. We are a Constitutional Republic, therefore, reread your oath of office. All government leaders work for The People, and serve them.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 7:03:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Monique Perreira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly Oppose SB2392. I feel this is infringing on the voice of the people. Let the voters decide not "lawmakers"

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 7:43:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frederick Perreira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Let the voters decide!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 8:41:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I vehemently oppose SB2392, because it is unconstitutional. We must not deny those who wish to run for office to not be allowed on our ballots, regardless of your personal feelings and thoughts about them. We, The People, must be allowed to make our own decisions in regards to our Government and not be dictated to by someone else, no matter their intentions. Let us, the voters, decide, who we want in office.

Mahalo,

Meghan Williams

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 9:12:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Gorman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The current President of the USA is actively violating Article IV, section 4 of the Constitution by allowing and encouraging illegal crossing of the Southern border (invasion). The people who are allowed to pass into the USA illegally consist of citizens from countries that are not friendly to the USA . The current President is violating the Constitution but should not be removed from the Hawaii ballot and neither should the former President that is accused of violating Article XVI, section 3 of the Constitution without a conviction. The right to vote for the Presidential candidate of choice is an inalienable right, therefore I oppose SB2392 because the voters of Hawaii should have the ability to vote without political suppression.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 9:35:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Loree Jean Searcy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill

Donald Trump has a right to be listed on the presidential ballot in 2024! He has shown to be a rightful candidate! Don't deny him his rights!

I am definitely opposed to this bill!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 10:02:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Trump was not convicted of the crime you claim, so the reasons are invalid. Stop spending needless taxpayer money on personal political agendas and trying to convince citizens of made up stories! Trump is the front runner Republican candidate, so stop trying to control who "THE PEOPLE" can vote for. You should also allow Robert Kennedy Junior on the ballot too. We also NEED paper ballots back, to alleviate continued corruption as much as possible.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 11:27:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Ferris	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed

let the people decide who is on the ballot

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 11:40:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB2392.

Let's be transparent here. Why does this bill even exist?

Because of Donald Trump. Period.

States should not be able to decide who shows up on their ballots in a FEDERAL ELECTION.

The appropriate channel for this is through the US Congress & Senate. And this particular issue has already been handled at that level.

Donald Trump was Impeached by Congress AND found NOT GUILTY by the Senate. THAT IS WHERE THIS ENDS.

Just because someone says "Donald Trump is an insurrectionist!" does not mean he is. If Democrats can remove Donald Trump from the ballot, then the citizens of this state should be able to remove JOE BIDEN as an INSURRECTIONIST. He is the one destroying this nation by allowing terrorist & regimes who hate America to cross our borders. He is the one who is destroying this nation by running up so much debt that our economy will collapse & destroy this nation. HE IS THE ONE WHO RECEIVED MILLIONS FROM THE CCP, who has had the goal of destroying America since 1950. He is the one who is allowing human trafficking to occur on a mass scale across our borders. He is the one who is allowing deadly drugs to pour over our border, killing hundreds of thousands of American citizens. YOU TELL ME, who is the real insurrectionist?

SHAME ON ME FOR NOTICING!

I oppose SB2392.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 12:06:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Removing Trump from the ballot is illegal that is why you want to pass a law making it legal. You are interfering with our right to pick the President of the United States. That is why I want you to vote no on bill SB2392.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 3:37:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
LARRY FORTUNO	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill appears to have been drafted to clearly eliminate specific individuals from being on the ballot. It is related to the 14th amendment of the Constitution barring a person who has engaged in insurrection from holding the office being sought. Proving an act of insurrection would have to be done by the court system which could be politically motivated. The person would need to be both indicted and convicted in a court of law as being guilty. This Bill does not clearly dictate such a condition in it's writing therefore is faulty. I oppose the passing of such a bill. If the Bill is passed, it would represent a prejudicial aspect into the equation of why we need such a Law to begin with.

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY 02-06-24

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
ON
S.B. 2392 RELATING TO ELECTIONS

by
Scott W. Smart

Chairman Rhoads and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

I am testifying **STRONGLY AGAINST** S.B. 2392

"The legislature finds that citizens of this State have the right to expect that public servants be people of integrity, and not people who have committed actions that threaten democracy or undermine the vote of the people."

To the contrary: The citizens of this State have their own right to determine **FOR THEMSELVES** if candidates for election are "people of integrity" or "threaten democracy or undermine the vote". It is **NOT** a matter for the legislature, or chief of elections, or other official to determine for us.

Specific concerns:

SECTION 2 adds new section to Chapter 11 which is in conflict with Chapter 11-113 "Presidential ballots" (c)(1). This subsection requires "appropriate officials" of "national parties" to file sworn applications with the chief elections officer with the party's name of President and Vice President candidates attesting that "each candidate is qualified to serve under the provisions of the United States Constitution." This sworn application must be submitted by the 60th day prior to general election. The chief elections officer then has 10 days, with allowed additional 5 day extension, making it 45 days prior to election. Objections to the chief election officer finding must be made within 5 days of his finding, potentially meaning 40 days prior to the election with a Chapter 91 hearing on the question.

Given this timeline, the proposed new section to Chapter 11 which specifies:

"Any challenge to the inclusion or exclusion of any candidate on a ballot issued by the chief election officer or clerk shall be in writing and, no later than the fifty-seventh day prior to the general election, shall be filed with the appropriate district court;"

is unworkable. Further, The district court is not an appropriate venue for a challenge of this importance. The Hawaii Supreme Court is the appropriate court of original jurisdiction.

SECTION 3 amends 11-113 by removing the time constraints for filing appeals of chief election officer's decision, but doesn't otherwise fix the timeline issues in 113. Further

"another candidate may be selected pursuant to a procedure conducted pursuant to subsection (c)."

is unworkable. There is no way a "national party" will identify another candidate under 113(c)(1), nor is it feasible to enter a petition candidate under 113 (c)(2).

SECTION 5 amends 14-21 concerning appointment of electors by adding (in part):

"or another constitutional or statutory provision."

Rather than this general reference, it is more important to refer to Article II/1 requirement that:

"no Senator or Representative, or person holding an office of trust or profit under the United States, shall be appointed an elector."

This requirement is much more on point than the obscure Amendment XIV Section 3 qualification. Further, electors are held to not

"vote for any presidential or vice presidential nominee who has been disqualified from the presidency or vice presidency pursuant to Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as determined by any federal court,"

The "any federal court" standard is way too broad for a matter of this importance. Read literally, if a Federal District Court in one jurisdiction makes a decision that is contrary to a Federal Circuit Court decision in another jurisdiction, there is no way to resolve these competing decisions. Certainly, a decision by the US Supreme Court should be required for such an important decision.

I also request that the current provision in 14-21 that parties:

"shall hold a state party or group convention pursuant to the constitution, bylaws, and rules of the party or group "

be amended to read:

"pursuant to the constitution, bylaws, and rules of the party or group " omitting reference

to a “state committee” or “state party or group convention”

In general, this bill is directed towards a single Presidential candidate. Note that Amendment XIV Section 3 does not apply to the President. It is clear why; all the offices specified in Section 3 are elected on a state basis. US President and Vice President are the only offices that are elected on a nation-wide basis. As such, having each state make its own determination of the applicability of Amendment XIV Section 3 as regards President and Vice President is unworkable.

/s/

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*Hawaii State Legislature
Judiciary Committee
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair*

**OPPOSITION on the following Measure
S.B. No. 2392**

Measure Title: RELATED TO ELECTIONS
Report Title: Elections; Candidates; Ballots; Electors; Disqualifications

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the State Senate,

I, Desiree Lee oppose S.B. No. 2392. I reside in Waipahu, on the island of Oahu. Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee.

The antiqued Section 3 of the 14th Amendment was written to keep former confederates from returning to government office.

With presumption, there is merit to the belief that the introductory of SB2392 is merely politically motivated. Moreso, conflicting and unjust being the introducer also Chairs the Judiciary Committee.

It's not State's Legislation's decision to make - it's a political question for Congress.

AS STATED in SB2392:

“SECTION 1. The legislature finds that citizens of this State have the right **to expect that public servants be people of integrity, and not people who have committed actions that threaten democracy or undermine the vote of the people**”.

Simple definition of democracy (cited Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

a.: government by the people. especially: rule of the majority.

b.: a government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised by them directly or indirectly through a system of representation usually involving periodically held **free** elections.

Furthermore, a democracy is, that individuals should have the “God given right” to vote for whomever they believe best represents their morals, values, interests, and wellbeing of this state and country. That is what is PONO!

We the People, of this Aloha State expect our State Legislators is of the highest “**integrity**”; For the People, By the People, and Of the People and not obtruding because of their personal or political disdain.

The **biggest threats to democracy in the United States today are voter suppression atrocities**, (which this Bill introductory truly depicts), and the rife of misinformation and disinformation continues to strew distrust among our citizenry and threaten many of our democratic institutions including our Hawaii Nei!

Therefore, your deep consideration to deter this measure is of significance. “Ua Mau ke Ea o ka ‘Āina i ka Pono”, LET THE PEOPLE VOTE!!!

I thank you again for this opportunity, and your time.

Written Testimony

Dated: January 31, 2024

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1/31/2024

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Subject: Concerns Regarding SB2392: Proposed Election Legislation

Dear Committee,

I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed bill SB2392, "RELATING TO ELECTIONS," currently under consideration by the Hawaii State Senate. As a concerned citizen who values democracy, human rights, and the principles enshrined in our Constitution, I believe that this bill is fundamentally flawed and unconstitutional.

Our nation's history is built on the foundation of democracy, where every citizen's voice and vote are essential components of our governance. The proposed bill undermines this fundamental principle by seeking to exclude candidates from election ballots based on vague and potentially discriminatory criteria. Such actions not only violate the spirit of democracy but also infringe upon the rights guaranteed to us by the Constitution.

The Bill of Rights and subsequent constitutional amendments were established to safeguard our individual liberties and ensure that all citizens are treated equally under the law. The proposed bill directly contradicts these principles by attempting to disenfranchise certain candidates and, by extension, their supporters.

Politically, this bill sets a dangerous precedent by allowing subjective judgments to determine who is eligible to participate in the electoral process. It opens the door to abuse of power and manipulation of elections, undermining the integrity of our democratic system.

Ethically, this bill raises serious questions about fairness, justice, and equality. It goes against the moral values of inclusivity and tolerance that are central to the fabric of our

society. By excluding candidates based on arbitrary criteria, we risk marginalizing individuals and communities, further eroding the trust and cohesion essential for a healthy democracy.

In addition to the moral and ethical concerns raised, there are significant legal issues with the proposed bill that cannot be overlooked. The bill appears to violate several constitutional principles and may face legal challenges if enacted into law.

First and foremost, the bill violates the principles of equal protection and due process guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. By arbitrarily excluding candidates from election ballots based on subjective criteria, the bill denies these candidates and their supporters equal participation in the electoral process. Such discrimination undermines the very foundation of our legal system and is contrary to the fundamental principles of fairness and justice.

Furthermore, the bill may infringe upon the First Amendment rights of candidates and their supporters. Freedom of speech and association are core constitutional rights that are essential to the functioning of a democratic society. Any attempt to suppress or limit these rights, as the bill seeks to do by excluding certain candidates from the electoral process, is likely to be deemed unconstitutional.

Moreover, the bill raises serious concerns about the separation of powers and the role of the judiciary in the electoral process. By empowering courts to determine the eligibility of candidates and intervene in election disputes, the bill encroaches upon the authority of the legislative and executive branches of government. This undermines the principles of checks and balances that are integral to our system of government.

In light of these legal concerns, it is imperative that the proposed bill be thoroughly reviewed and scrutinized to ensure its constitutionality. Any legislation that fails to uphold the rule of law and respect the rights of all citizens cannot be tolerated in a democratic society.

I implore the members of the Hawaii State Senate to consider the legal ramifications of the proposed bill and refrain from passing any legislation that violates our constitutional rights and undermines the rule of law. Let us uphold the principles of justice, equality, and democracy that are the bedrock of our legal system.

As Americans, it is our duty to uphold the principles of democracy and defend the rights and freedoms enshrined in our Constitution. Any attempt to subvert these principles through legislation must be met with strong opposition.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider and reject this bill in its current form. Let us instead focus on promoting policies that strengthen democracy, protect human rights, and uphold the values that define us as a nation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Clifford Mello

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name Clifford Mello, written in a cursive style.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 6:53:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb 2392

we the people have a right to vote for anyone

you will not censor us.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 7:04:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb 2392

i have a constitutional right to vote for ANYONE

you shall not take that right away

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 7:13:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb 2392

Government shall not infringe my right to vote for ANYONE

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 9:43:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daphne Barbee-Wooten	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senators:

I support this bill. Anyone involved in insurrection against the Government or participates in the overthrow of the U.S. Government should be disqualified from running for President, Vice President or other high office. I would go further and state that if you are a member of the Ku Klux Klan or believe slavery should be the law of the land, you are disqualified period.

Thank you.

Daphne Barbee-Wooten

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 10:33:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** this Bill.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 11:32:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharee Orr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Let the voting public choose. Eliminating a candidate from a ballot is wrong. All choices should be on the ballot. The one in question has not been charge or convicted for insurrection so this bill is wrong and one party is scared of losing power should The People vote in favor of the candidate.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 11:42:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Strongly, vehemently OPPOSE this bill. Expecially if it's used to keep specific candidates off of the ballot. It is not up to our 'elected" officials to determine who can run for office in this state. This is unconstitutional, period. Let the people excersie their free will and God given rights to decide who they will vote for.

These ballot challenges have already been overturned in all the other states that have attempted to do this so this bill is nothing but one political parties attempt to obstruct elections for the other party.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 12:26:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 3:40:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alberta Lono	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2392. It takes away my choice of voting and that is not fair.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 9:19:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steve Lipscomb	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This proposed legislation is poorly written and therefore subject to abuse. The language includes "shall exclude any candidate who is disqualified by" but does not give any information as to who the recognized authority is that can claim the disqualification. An individual needs to be actually CONVICTED of this offense in a court of law before any disqualification can occur and should not be left up to the interpretation of low-level political activists that may or may not be holding public office that intend to weaponize this legislation.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 10:07:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gene Lamkin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Vox Populi. Let the people's voice decide. Else Hawai'i is no different than a banana republic.
Trump Stays On The Ballot.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 10:47:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paula Russo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill to take Donald Trump off the Hawai'i Elections Ballot this coming election. Trump has every right just like any other candidate to be on the ballot. Whether you like him or not, he made life better for everyone by keeping prices low and we were able to afford alot of things which we can't afford now due to the Biden Administration ruining our country, supporting other countries and leaving our border wide open for illegals to come in. We need Donald Trump on the ballot, better yet I pray and hope he comes back to the White House so he can Drain The Swamp once and for all and Make Hawai'i Great Again.

Mahalo

Paula Russo

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 11:48:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brett Kulbis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB 2392 is unconstitutional, it will be challenged if passed into law, and that will cost the state hundreds of thousands of dollars to defend.

In the Daily Signal article [“Judges Have No Legal Authority to Bar Trump From 2024 Ballots,”](#) author Hans von Spakovsky lays out three key points:

"1. Trump Didn't Hold An Applicable Office

Section 3 only applies to individuals who were previously a “member of Congress,” an “officer of the United States,” or a state official. Trump has never been any of those.

He has never held state office or been a U.S. senator or representative, and the U.S. Supreme Court held in 1888 in U.S. v. Mouat that “officers” are only those individuals who are appointed to positions within the federal government.

Individuals who are elected—such as the president and vice president—are not officers within the meaning of Section 3.

The Supreme Court reiterated that view in 2010 in Free Enterprise Fund v. Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, in which Chief Justice John Roberts concluded “the people do not vote for ‘Officers of the United States.’” They are appointed under Article II of the Constitution.

It must also be noted that while Section 3 applies to an “elector for President or Vice President,” it does not specify that it applies to the president or vice president. This supports the argument that the drafters did not mean for Section 3 to apply to the president and vice president, which, again, is not surprising, since they are not “Officers of the United States.”

2. No Conviction for ‘Insurrection or Rebellion’

Second, no federal court has convicted Trump of engaging in “insurrection or rebellion” in violation of 18 U.S.C. §2383, which makes it a crime to engage in “any rebellion or insurrection against the authority of the United States.”

More importantly, in the second impeachment resolution of Trump on Jan. 11, 2021, he was charged by the House of Representatives in Article I with “Incitement of Insurrection.” Yet, he was acquitted by the Senate.

Given our federal constitutional system, state and federal courts should not gainsay the findings of Congress on this issue. The risk of inconsistent rulings from state and county election officials, as well as from the many different courts hearing these challenges, could cause electoral chaos.

Further, Congress has never passed a federal statute providing any type of enforcement mechanism in the courts for Section 3. While some argue that this provision is self-executing and no legislation is required, legal scholars such as Josh Blackman and Sett Tillman point to an 1869 decision of a federal circuit court presided over by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, which held that “legislation by Congress is necessary to give effect to” Section 3.

Under that holding, in the absence of such legislation, states do not have the ability to throw accused insurrectionists off a federal ballot, whether they are running for Congress or the presidency.

3. Section 3 No Longer Extant?

Third, there is an argument that can be made—and which was already adopted by one federal court—that Section 3 doesn’t even exist anymore as a constitutional matter.

Keep in mind that the 14th Amendment was ratified in 1868 after the end of the Civil War. It was aimed at the former members of the Confederate government and military who had previously been in Congress or held executive posts.

All of the challengers filing lawsuits to try to remove Trump from their state ballots are ignoring the final sentence in Section 3, which is a unique provision found in no other amendment to the Constitution. It allows Congress to remove the disqualification clause “by a vote of two-thirds of each House.”

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 6:47:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 6:48:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 7:06:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James R Cabodol Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is crazy we the people should have the right to vote for who we want to be our next president and future government officials I can't believe a bill like this would be introduced into Hawaii, the hypocrisy is real, we the people should be able to vote our government officials OUT and for those reasons I oppose this HORRIBLE BILL

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 7:18:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aukai Ng	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a US citizen it is appalling that our leaders would even consider this bill. You as our elected officials have no right to say who should or shouldn't be on the ballots based on false pretenses or accusations. President Trumps has not be convicted of any crime against the United States government or has there been any evidence to say that he did. There was No insurrection that took place or any evidence that he lead one. The only evidence is that he requested the people peacefully assemble to make their voices heard. This bill takes away the rights of the citizens if you take away a Candidate they want to represent them. Next thing we know you will be creating bill disqualifying a candidate for simply disagreeing with your policies and actions. That is communism and has no place here in the United States. This bill is a cowardly act to prevent one of the great Presidents to ever run again. A President that had results, helped our fellow citizen from all different backgrounds, and a President who is willing to call out many corruptions done by this Democratic Party . You are cowards and you are afraid of a man who rightly should call out your corruption. Pass this bill and we as the people will make sure you are never elected again. We will support candidates that oppose you and make sure you all will never represent a free people again. Mahalo

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 7:37:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rona Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB2392!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 7:57:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tracy Gillard	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Another ridiculous proposed law. For over 200 years, we have never needed this kind of law. I don't care if you are a republican or democate, stop messing with the elections. Seems like Karl Rhoads should move to California and be part of that sinking state.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 8:09:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL.

Let the people decide for themselves.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 8:29:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KELVIN AWAYA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This submission is to oppose SB2392. Preemptively removing any candidate from an election ballot due to allegations/accusations that have not been proven to be true where and where the accused to have not been convicted is unlawful, and is a flagrant infringement of the 14th amendment.

14th amendment, section 1: All persons born or naturalized in the united states, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the united states and of the state wherein they reside. No states shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the united states; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 8:33:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please oppose SB2392.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 8:49:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brook Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB2392!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 8:54:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TIM REIMER	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is against our constitutional rights, it's pure discrimination and will not be received well, if approved. Delete all intentions of this measure, and Karl Rhodes should formally apologize, to all Trump supporters at a public meeting. No, no, no, to his suggestion which has been shared worldwide. Quit trying to take away our rights, This, is illegal and wrong. People, are forming groups to formally protest this issue, if approved, if needed, residents will take this matter to all legal avenues, to ensure that it never takes place.

Thank you,

Tim Reimer concerned tax paying Hawaii Resident

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 8:55:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I John Almeida disagree with this bill!!!!!! Trying to control people and take our rights away!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 8:57:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I have lost any amount of respect for Rhodes....how can one person or even a group of people have such an affect on ALL THE PEOPLE! No one should haver the power or privilege to strip/steal the rights of others being able to vote for whom they want to vote for, that is everyone's constitutional right. The state of Hawaii is becoming more and more corrupt and controlled...what next concentration camps?

OPPOSE, OPPOSE, OPPOSE, OPPOSE, OPPOSE.....for those can't read big words....NO, NO, NO, NO!!!!!!!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 9:46:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
PATRICK BROWN	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is against democratic principles. The people have a necessary right to choose from as many qualified candidates as possible in both the primary and general elections. There is no need to protect the people from choice.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 9:46:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rondi K Simon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This is a ridiculous display of politics. Keep Hawaii, Hawaii. Let the people choose who they want to choose, despite your own personal feelings toward certain candidates.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 10:09:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lianne Philhower	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

People should be able to decide who to vote for. The Republican vote should be respected.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 10:24:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen A Kama	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee,

I oppose bill SB2392. This bill appears to be retaliatory and aimed at a specific political opponent as observed in an interview with Senator Karl Rhoads. Our government was set up FOR the people and BY the people and I do not believe any politician has the right to prevent a political adversary from being on the ballot. If the American people, and specifically the people of Hawaii do not want a candidate voted in, they will simply not vote for them. By signing a bill such as this into law, it sets a precedent that will be harmful to the state and takes away the voting rights of the people. It's time for Hawaii to take a stand and not weaponize the election system.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 10:27:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alessa Wilson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Even if you don't like a certain political candidate doesn't give you the right to remove people's freedom to vote. Don't forget that you work for us not the other way around. You guys seem to forget that often. YOU WORK FOR US!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 10:46:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 10:48:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lesha Mathes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We have the right to choose who we vote for. This is over stepping the government's bounds. This is pure election interference! Just stop! If the people don't want Donald Trump to be president, then they won't vote for him. It's up to we the people not you the government. You are supposed to be working for us, not telling us who we can vote for. This is not a third world country, yet. Although by putting this bill forth it appears you are trying to make us a banana republic. No thanks!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 10:25:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaleinani Schoenstein	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This should NOT be passed. Passing this would set a dangerous precedent for any future would-be candidates, no matter what party they may be affiliated with.

Any candidate that has fulfilled all the requirements to have their name included on a ballot for election should be allowed to be voted upon by their constituents. American citizens should be allowed to vote their conscious for any and all candidates upon a ballot. Nobody, nor any governing body, should take away the rights of citizens in who they can vote.

The U.S. Constitution already has the 14th Amendment in place and has served Americans well thus far in giving citizens the right to vote as they see fit. It gives citizens the responsibility to vote according to their convictions and does NOT tell them who to vote for, even if a candidate may be offensive to another or behave in opposition to someone who disagrees with that candidate. That is how a free election works. If at some time a successful candidate does commit unconstitutional acts, the Supreme Court is the branch that would be where citizens can petition to have said candidate removed. We, as free citizens, do not judge a person before they have committed the “crime.” Americans also do NOT need ANY GOVERNING BODY to tell citizens who and how to vote. That is one of many reasons why the Founders set this country up differently from England—we don’t have a king or one person telling us what to do and how to do it.

Remember that the elected are subject to the constituents that elected them in to represent them in government and NOT the other way around. Government officials work for us! The citizenry have the right to vote whomever they deem worthy, regardless of what those in governance may feel about a potential candidate. It is up to the voter – not government – and the choices should not be determined by government, but by citizens voting. Trust that the citizenry can make the right decision as a whole. Trust the voting process.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 10:40:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

ABSOLUTELY OPPOSE!! TRUMP 2024!!! Nothing can stop him from Winning!!!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 10:56:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dennis Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB2392!

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Submitted on: 2/2/2024 11:29:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lauren Hiram	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2392 because it is not constitutional. Voters should have the right to choose their candidate.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 11:52:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Crystal Aguirre	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 11:56:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this for many reasons. Would love to see our Elected officials working for the people of Hawaii. Please PROTECT our Democracy by being fair and not imposing your own opinion.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 12:56:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose this bill because it infringes on our right to choose a candidate. In a democracy, individuals should have the right to vote for whomever they believe best represents their values, interests, and well being of this country.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 1:00:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brent Matson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it takes away our rights as residents of the state of Hawaii to freely vote. This bill, if enacted, would allow politicians to remove persons for reasons that could be based on opinion and not the rule of law. While I agree that we have a right to expect the public servants to be people of integrity, this is the right of the people to make that determination. We all know that this bill is aimed at removing Donald Trump from the Hawaii ballot in 2024 and the wording allows this if the state supreme court makes that determination which has happened in Colorado. Since this state has an overwhelming majority of Democrat legislators and judges this bill opens the door for corruption and abuse and is wrong. Let the people decide, elections are for the voters to decide, not politicians.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 1:14:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Arthur Kluvo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Please oppose Hawaii SB2392 and let the voters decide who to vote for.
Do your job to take care of important matters under your jurisdiction.**

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 1:49:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Cobb-Adams Stroud	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB2392!!! LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE!!

KARL RHODES YOU WORK FOR THE PEOPLE, LET US DECIDE WHO WE WANT TO VOTE FOR.

YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO TAKE OUR CHOICES AWAY!!!!!!

A'OLE- A'OLE-A'OLE- A'OLE-A'OLE- A'OLE-A'OLE- A'OLE TO SB 2392

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Submitted on: 2/2/2024 2:10:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Please do not pass this bill! Mahalo!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 2:10:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is not our jurisdiction. I strongly oppose. Let the people vote!

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Submitted on: 2/2/2024 2:49:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rita Kama-Kimura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am submitting my testimony in strong opposition to this Senate Bill 2392. With all the other critical issues facing the people of Hawaii, this is a priority?

Sadly, we are well aware that this battle cry across the nation is targeted at President Donald J. Trump. And yes, I think everyone is pretty much aware of Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment that has been repeated over and over and over again.

So, whatever happened to innocent until proven guilty? They are not even close and never will be, simply because President Donald J. Trump did nothing wrong.

Someone pointed out that the Hawaii Free Press has an excellent article addressing this. So, it appears you would need to have the approval of 2/3's of Senate and 2/3's the House in order to present it to the Citizen of Hawaii for their approval, since it would affect "Hawaii State Constitution" which should not be taken lightly! More interestingly, as I understand it, the day the Hawaii Residents would vote on this issue, is the same day of the General Election!

I also find it interesting, that the senator who introduced this bill, is also the chair of the only committee it was referred to on the senate side.

In closing I say stop this bill now and let's move on to issues that will improve the quality of the lives of the struggling Hawaii residents.

Rita Kama-Kimura

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Submitted on: 2/2/2024 2:50:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Francis Simonds	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Hawaii State Senators,

Mahalo for representing us in the Hawaii Senate.

I am writing to urge you to withdraw Senate Bill 2392.

The U.S. Supreme Court is going to rule on the eligibility of President Trump to be included on several State Ballots, and their ruling will be the law of the land, including Hawaii. Why not wait until this ruling is made?

I write to you as a political independent, who believes that the voters deserve to make this determination on the day of election.

Michael F. Simonds, CPA

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Submitted on: 2/2/2024 3:12:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JoAnne Dakujaku	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge you to oppose this bill & vote No!!

As American Citizens, the people of Hawaii deserve the right to vote for whomever they so choose to. While President Trump is not named in this bill, we all know that this was written to keep him off of our ballots. Trump has NOT been found guilty of any insurrection and so you guys need to be very careful about what you guys are doing here. Your sole mission as democrats is to keep him out of office and off of our ballots. That is wrong!! You are denying those who wish to vote for him our rights as Americans! There are a number of states who have tried this same tactic and have all failed in the Supreme Court simply because he has not incited an insurrection.

Again, I ask that you do the right thing & please vote NO!!!

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2024 3:38:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose for this bill. Trump 2024

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Submitted on: 2/2/2024 4:06:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Very strongly opposed to this bill. It will open the door to disqualify candidates without

just cause . Do not pass this bill. Sets a bad precedent . The language is much too general and open to broad interpretation . Do not pass

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 5:13:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Duclayan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppse SB2392.

Former President Trump did not commit any crime in violation of Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. I have seen the videos and President Trump did not incite an insurrection. The former president has never been charged and therefore has never been found guilty of violating Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

This bill introduced by Senator Karl Rhoads is nothing but "election interference." Which will do nothing but cause further division, takes away my right as an American to a free and fair election, and reduces our country especially this state, to a "Banana Republic."

Let the people decide!

Mahalo for your time,

Larry Duclayan

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Submitted on: 2/2/2024 5:16:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This is an attempt to remove a specific candidate from the ballot. Instead of allowing the people to decide whom they want as their president the Democratic Party is trying everything in their power to remove the opposing party from the ballot. This is a very desperate tactic and it's making the Democratic Party look like dictators.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 5:46:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Mahalo.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 6:38:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Let your people decide! The current president won with 81 million votes. What are you worried about?

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 6:47:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carole J Mehau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

If Donald J. Trump is officilly nominated as the Republican candidate his name should appear on the Hawaii ballot because he has not been convicted of a constitutional or statutory misconduct. It would be unconstitutional to keep his name off of the ballot.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 7:01:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennie Y Wolfe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposing SB2392. This bill takes away my rights as a voter in the State of Hawaii to vote for whomever I choose to vote for. I feel this bill is designed to go against Donald J. Trump who had not been accused of insurrection nor convicted. You are walking a slippery slope with this piece of very bad legislation. Elections should be determined at the ballot box not by a handful of Democrat Senators. Remember you serve we the people and not the other way around. You are circumventing what our Republic was founded on. The United States constitution starts with "We The People."

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 7:40:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Krista Vessell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill seems awfully specific to Donald Trump's candidacy, and I do not agree with arbitrarily disqualifying a candidate because another State decides to (potentially illegally). Let The People decide their candidates.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 8:14:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gloria Imamura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Am I correct in thinking that this bill is hinting about trying to keep Donald Trump off the presidential ballot because some people believe January 6 was an insurrection? I think it is high time that sensible people on all sides stop referring to January 6th as an insurrection. It does not meet the definition of one. At most it was a riot. Nor has Trump been charged as an insurrectionist. And who knows who instigated the riot? It may not have been the Trump supporters. Now that all the films that were hidden by the government for a couple of years are coming out, we the people are seeing a different story. The only person murdered was Ashli Babbitt, an unarmed woman who was shot without any warning by a capitol policeman, who was then protected and hidden by the government.

It would be a huge mistake to try to eliminate the competition this way, rather than trying to convince the people by the party's policies on various matters.

I am grateful to be able to voice my thoughts on this bill.

Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2024 8:17:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lory Marques	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am 100% opposed to this bill passing.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 11:26:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello Hawai'i Legislature,

My name is Nicholas Lee and I am a private citizen and small business employee that spends most of my professional time in Honolulu Chinatown. I am writing to oppose SB2392 because of its redundant nature.

It need not be passed because the United States Constitution and the Hawaii State Constitution already has sufficient legal parameters concerning elections.

Mahalo,

Nick Lee

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Submitted on: 2/2/2024 9:19:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill because it would violate a person's right to vote for whoever they choose. The people should be allowed a choice to elect the leader they want. Removing a candidate from the ballot will be sending the wrong message. You'll be telling your constituents "You can vote for this person, but we're not gonna allow you to vote for that person." That is not what you call "democracy". If you truly care about democracy, then let your people pick the candidate of their choosing, even if it's a candidate that you don't like.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2024 9:40:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Garner Shimizu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Excluding a candidate that is not excluded uniformly in all 50 states, is an overreach of this legislature to make such an interpretation and judgement, takes an extreme action to exclude a candidate, and disenfranchises the voting public against their rights.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 9:57:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeneen Montero	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill SB2392

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Submitted on: 2/3/2024 7:05:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2393. How ironic that the authors want "public servants to be people of integrity and not people who have committed actions that threaten democracy or undermine the vote of the people." This bill is an insult to the voters of Hawai'i, an affront to the U.S. Constitution, and it attempts to codify a horrid, mean-spirited idea. This bill is NOT aloha.

1. If you believe in "democracy" will you will not be a "public servant of integrity" who wants to limit the choices of the voters to candidates only in the "ruling" party or other parties who cannot win. This bill does not empower people, just the ruling party.
2. To introduce this bill "threatens democracy and threatens to undermine the vote of the people." The ruling party likes to make our decisions for us. Don't do that; let us decide.
3. This bill demonstrates beyond a reasonable doubt that its supporters are running scared of President Donald J. Trump, who is leading in the polls, and who has not been convicted of any disqualifying offense.
4. This bill is "election insurance" just in case President Trump's margin of victory is too large to overcome by the usual cheating methods that were employed in 2020 and in other elections.
5. This bill is unfair, undesirable, uncivilized, undemocratic, unconstitutional and unacceptable. Get rid of it before the U.S. devolves into a communist dictatorship.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 10:30:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this Bill. It goes against our constitution to vote.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 11:34:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elijah Davidson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the suggestion of removing Donald Trump from the 2024 election ballot. While many peoples political opinions may vary, it is crucial to uphold our democratic principles that form the foundation of our nation.

Removing a candidate from the ballot will undermine the democratic process, denying voters the opportunity to make their voices heard. Regardless of personal opinions on Mr. Trump, it is essential to respect the rights of citizens to choose their preferred candidate through a fair and open election.

The diversity of political views is what makes our democracy vibrant and resilient and oppressing any candidate's inclusion on the ballot will set a concerning precedent, jeopardizing the democratic values we hold dear.

I urge you to reconsider any proposal that restricts the choices available to voters and to uphold the principles that make our democracy strong.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elijah Davidson

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 12:08:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nichole Davidson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed removal of Donald Trump from the ballot. While opinions of politics may differ, it is crucial to maintain the democratic ideals that underpin our nation.

Eliminating a candidate from the ballot undermines the democratic process, denying voters the chance to have their voices heard. Regardless of personal sentiments toward Mr. Trump, it is essential to respect citizens rights to choose their preferred candidate through equitable and transparent elections.

The richness of our democracy lies in the diversity of political perspectives. Suppressing the inclusion of any candidate on the ballot establishes a worrying precedent, putting at risk the democratic principles that we cherish.

I urge you to reconsider any initiative that limits voters choices and to uphold the principles that strengthen our democracy.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 12:38:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Claudia Riley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This Bill is an attempt to usurp the Democratic process of our country and to oppose Donald Trump's inclusion on the Presidential ballot, by whatever means possible. Accusing him with false charges, and multiple court cases. He in no way "engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the Constitution of the United States, or gave aid or comfort to the enemies thereof."

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 1:59:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Philip Nerney	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

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Submitted on: 2/3/2024 3:39:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Transparency. Give credit where credit is due, I like to say. In the instance of SB2392, the attempt to remove Donald J. Trump from the ballot is quite transparent.

It would seem necessary to remind the Hawaii Legislature about the U.S. Constitution and an individual's rights to due process.

In case someone should drive up and ask you, it is the right of each voter to select the candidate they support, in spite of opponent party vendettas and character assassination attempts.

This attempt to remove Donald J. Trump from the ballot at this late date (while the issue is pending before SCOTUS) raises questions about motivation.

Does the Biden Administration bestow special consideration for Democrat majority states that support this futile action (aka pay for play). It's too bad if that sounds insulting, but it's hard to fathom why perfectly intelligent politicians would beclown themselves with this action.

I look forward to seeing who actually votes in support of this political fiasco.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 6:49:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alfred Hagen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

This bill which "Prohibits electors from voting for any presidential or vice presidential nominee who has been disqualified pursuant to Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States." is a waste of precious time. Why? Because a candidate is disqualified when "...Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability (14th Amendment Section 3 in part). So, the disqualified candidate will never appear on any ballot or, be removed if on the ballot(s) before the vote, in any state if Congress should vote thus.

Until a presidential or vice presidential nominee is voted by Congress to be a disability, he/she can appear on any state ballot.

This bill should be removed from committee.

Respectfully,

Alfred Hagen

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Submitted on: 2/3/2024 7:55:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charlene Lum	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns on HB 2392. I oppose this bill.

This is a partisan bill and does not reflect all the people of Hawaii. I would like this bill to be tabled and allow the people of Hawaii to exercise their right to vote.

Sincerely,

Charlene Lum

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 9:46:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laurie Langton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in strong and fervent objection to the subject bill currently being considered. It is apparent that the legislature has been working diligently on finding ways to obfuscate and complicate the election processes in the state of Hawai'i. This bill clearly lists its references as the US Constitution, 14th Amendment, Section 3 and Article XVI, Section 3 of the Hawai'i state Constitution. Both sections state that a person is ineligible for holding seat or being elected should they have committed the crime of insurrection, or any act to overthrow the government by force or violence. These criteria as not been met in the case of the former President Trump. Mr. Trump's case has been removed from the court docket for lack of evidence. How does this criteria fit? Mr. Rhoads has clearly stated, in an interview, that Donald Trump is the person he intends to target in this bill. But in fact, if passed, this bill could be used to manipulate any new story and remove any candidate that was a threat to the standing party.

This bill undermines our election process which was designed by the founding fathers to impart fair and just election of officials **BY THE PEOPLE**. By eliminating a candidate from the ballot, on the whim of one party, that fairness is gone. If a majority party, as is the case in Hawai'i, can at their discretion, determine who can and cannot be on the ballot, we no longer have elections by the people. We have a communist regime. Karl Rhoads is not serving the people of Hawai'i in this bill. He is serving his party by eliminating the competition.

Please remember, we are not a democratic nation, we are a Constitutional Republic. Our laws and rights are protected by the Constitution. Members of the legislature, House and Senate, are required to uphold their oath sworn to that Constitution. Any members who do not uphold their oath, will be held accountable by the people. Please vote on this bill with your oath in mind and not at the behest of the democrat party.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 7:57:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicole Gueco	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose this bill as it infringes on and disenfranchises our voting rights. This bill is an overreach of this Legislature to try to exclude a candidate from the ballot that is not uniformly excluded by all 50 states. Let the people decide. Please do what is right, according to our constitution and laws. Mahalo!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:13:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chuck Lyons	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The timeliness of SB2392 is obvious in its attempt to sideline certain presidential candidates for the 2024 election, although if passed, will last and will be applicable for future elections.

i oppose SB2392. The terminology is extremely vague and does not define how Constitutional disqualifications would be determined outside of opinion. There is not any legal precedent to base this and future assumptions on.

The representatives of Hawaii's residents have a lot of urgent pressing business to focus on. Maui. Education. Housing. Agriculture. Economics.

In Hawaii, there are numerous groups advocating for a sovereign Hawaii. Individuals of a sovereign Hawaii movement could certainly fall victim under this incredibly vague bill. Would we want to exclude these members who are exercising their rights from participating in future elections?

A vague knee jerk partisan bill is not the kind of legislation Hawaii needs or wants during these perilous times.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 9:17:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amanda Scardilli	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposing due to : A threat to our democracy by removing the peoples choice of who to vote for in the up coming presidential election.

As long as any individual meets the criteria to run for office, they should not be stopped by doing so and should thereby let the people make their vote for the canidate they so desire. It is not up to Mr Rhoads to block canidates from the American People simply because he does not like them.

Thank you,

Amanda Scardilli

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 11:54:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB 2392.

Thank you,

Teri Savaiinaea

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 12:03:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is why we need term limits in the worst way. Instead of paying attention to Maui, homeless, crime, corruption in the legislature and elsewhere, you people waste time and money on an absolutely ridiculous waste of time. It is also why Hawaii remains a backwater on employment, schools, opportunities, city and state services. Throw this bill in the wastebasket or burn it.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 12:45:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB2392.

This bill is premature at best. The Supreme Court of the United States has not yet ruled on whether or not Section 3 of the 14th amendment applies to the President. Not only that but the charges of insurrection needs to be formally convicted. Just saying it does not make it true. The whole premise of this bill is built on shaky ground. As a result it is vague and using catch-all language. I oppose this. If passed, this law could end up being nullified after the SCOTUS ruling.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 12:59:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill for many reasons. Namely various lawsuits have been brought against the state of hawaii office of elections. What was the main reason for the dismissals? The rather lame excuse of Is the eleventh amendment. As if violating voters rights Is somehow to be considered constitutionally protected as the state claims to be sovereign. Seems more like deliberate LAWFARE. Furthermore None of you have the right to make a decision of who can and cannot run for a political seat... It's Discriminary in nature. Need I remind you of marbury versus madison. Any of you that vote in favor of this bill Are attacking the core of our republic... More lawsuits will happen And those that allow this will be brought into the light. Do not pass this bill! In fact I'd like to draw to your attention HRS 605 HRS 605-3, HRS 605-4 HRS 605-5 SOME o which are allegedly repealed... I also bring to your attention the court case 1ccv-22-0001597 DKT 227 Which challenges the authority of any attorney in the state of hawaii... This is a lawful notice that you may be participating in fraud. You've been warned and given proper notice.

James Ryan Malish on and for the record.

May god have mercy on your souls

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 2:18:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donna P. Van Osdol	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chairman Rhodes, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of this Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony OPPOSING SB2392, Relating to Elections. As a citizen of Hawaii that follows not only the political affairs of our state but also our country, I can only surmise who the "target" of this bill is. As a reminder, our laws dictate that an individual is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law, and until then, ANY assumptions as to any "illegal" activity performed by any individual is unfair prejudice. You, as Chair of this Judiciary Committee, should actually recuse yourself from hearing this bill, because it is politically motivated, and ANY decisions made BY this committee will not be judicious. Most importantly, you are forbidding and trampling on the constitutional rights of TENS OF THOUSANDS of registered voters from electing a candidate, or even perhaps, ANY candidate not belonging to the Democrat Party from being on the ballot during our upcoming 2024 elections. I consider this a grievous and egregious injustice. Hold SB2392!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 3:23:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joseph E Summerfield	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I want Donald Trump on the ballot.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 3:51:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sash Fitzsimmons	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 2392

We the people of Hawaii should have the choice of who we want to vote for in Presidential race of United States.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:05:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

It is completely disgusting and shameful that people like Karl Rhoades and people similar to his mind of thinking rather not give the people a choice. And instead make a decision based on his personal feelings and those of his lobbyists. Trump 2024

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:06:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lyle Nicely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2392!!

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:09:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
richard gideon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Strongly oppose this bill. We the people should be able to vote for whoever we want to vote for and not have a bill take that right away.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:11:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rickey Tsuda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Leave Trump on

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:17:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lawrence Moiha	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

You're supposed to be representing the people and as far as I know, there hasn't been any public meeting about this subject for the people to weigh in on the subject. Seems you're doing this to benefit yourself at the same time basically taking the freedom away from Trump and especially the freedom of the people. People of Hawaii, specifically Kanaka Maoli have had enough of this selfish political nonsense.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:21:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I'm in strong opposition of SB2392

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:22:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Candice DelaRosa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe Donald Trump has every right to be able to run for president during this election session we are undergoing. Removing Donald Trump from being a candidate on the roster for President, It will be as if you are taking away "our right" as citizen's to be able to have equal decisions to vote for who we would like. There has not been any conviction regarding the current accusations towards him during his campaign, So far all that has been said has proven not proven his result to be disqualified. It should be equal for all parties who are candidates to run for our president. It is unfit to have such a unrational decision be made by one individual, Which will cause our state of Hawai'i to not be able to vote for who we truly believe is the best option as our national leader on all front lines. You will be revoking our rights to vote as a state who has already suffered many losses over the past. Please hear our voices. This is not right.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:23:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Owen Nakagawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

When I first heard about this bill, I thought it was one of the most appalling things I've ever heard. As someone who just turned the legal voting age, I was looking forward to learning about the possible presidential candidates for this upcoming election year, but taking away one of the candidates off of the ballot is surprising. Without one of the more popular candidates on the ballot, I want to stay away from voting until the next election year. Now I understand that this certain candidate has some controversy behind him, but this shouldn't take away the right to vote for him. This is because it makes it seem that the state government is taking away our right to vote and make a choice in who our next president will be. Now, I understand that our state always votes for the democratic candidate, but bills like these may turn away new voters from voting, and there is already such a large amount of younger people not voting all across the nation. I do not want our state to be a place where the people are shut up because some politicians make a choice to do so. If our state is truly democratic, then we should let the people vote, and if not, might as well not vote because it's going to be a waste of time this upcoming November if there's only one person on the ballot.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:24:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is completely and utterly unconstitutional and a partisan effort to attempt to remove President Trump from the ballot. We the citizens have the right to decide NOT ANYONE that holds a political position and so obviously is against Trump. Hawaii is and has been for years a Blue state, do not follow suit with these embarrassing efforts from Maine, California, etc., to violate the law for your own sad political views and goals. Let's all please make it a point in the next election to REMOVE ANYONE trying to manipulate the system that they were elected to uphold, for personal or affiliated party gain. Mahalo.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:30:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caroline Kong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We are a constitutional republic. Allow us THE PEOPLE freedom to vote as WE WILL. Shame on the author(s) of this bill.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:30:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joshua Dukes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose SB 2392. The people here in Hawaii are tired of the decisions you are making for we the people. You do not get to decide who we vote for or try and make a work around to block us from voting for candidates you don't like. You have to remember you work for us, not the other way around. We decide who we want representing us. Allow the candidates to run and let the voters decide. This bill is unconstitutional. The bill itself is a threat to our constitutional republic. It's obvious you strongly dislike or even hate the people you are supposed to represent. Start making a difference by being for families, the people who keep this state running (hint it's not you guys) the tax payers and your constituents. Stop being for yourselves and keeping power. Do what is pono. Once again I strongly oppose this bill. Please don't vote for it!

Joshua Dukes

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:34:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gwen Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I ask you to oppose removal of Trump for our ballots.

Please hear me and keep his name on the ballots and let the people choose.

Thank you.

God sees all.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:34:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jamie Kim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill. We should be able to vote for who we want. Especially if a candidate has not been convicted, who are you to determine who can or cannot run for the position. It is incredibly undemocratic. Let the people decide.

Mahalo,

Jamie Kim

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:34:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill and ask that my legislators oppose it also.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:39:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

In the name of Democracy I urge you to keep Trump and allow a fair and impartial election.

Give voters a CHOICE and not let the Government choose for us. This is taking away our rights to free speech and the constitution and bill of rights. I urge you to keep Trump ON THE BALLOT.

I am a registered voter in Oahu. Please feel free to contact me.

Diane Choi

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:40:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leianah Kahahawai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We should be able to vote for whom ever we want. I do NOT support this bil. This is taking the choice and vote out of people's hands. I do NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:41:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ian Ajimine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is unconstitutional

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:46:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacque Mulleitner	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, a US citizen born & raised do not support our governments attempt to block another qualified US Citizen from running for ANY political office. This is against all We The People Stand For. If you want to dictate and control; move to China or Russia. Allow the people to speak at the polls. Vote no to SB2392.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:50:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The very first two sentences of this proposed legislation is already riddled with red flags... it is clear that many of our public servants already lack "integrity" as shown by their actions. Hasn't it been less than two years since two members of this legislative body were charged with and *convicted* of corruption? The fact that the Legislature wants to appoint itself or the Hawaii Courts as the arbiter of the moral judgement of a candidate already reeks of a seriously derailed "democracy."

The biggest problem with this proposed legislation is that it seems to be discretionary as to which people will be deemed "people of integrity" and which people will not. Who will decide what threshold a potential presidential candidate must meet to confirm he or she has "committed actions that threaten democracy or undermine the vote of the people"?

Why not include phrasing that says "people who have been **CONVICTED of CRIMES** that threatened democracy or *undermined* (also up for interpretation) the vote of the people"? Seems like these words would be just as easy to type and could take up the same amount of space as what you've chosen to write here - but for some reason you have chosen not to use them. It is clear to me that the reason for this, is that you would *like* this bill to be up for interpretation... loopholes ripe for exploitation. If you don't use the word "convicted in a court of law", then maybe you could simply use the court of public opinion, or highly politicized "expert" opinings to establish your case. If this bill passes, it really will not matter if your complaint to keep a presidential candidate off the ballot has merit or not *legally* because the court system is slow and has been weaponized against the average citizen so that counterclaims and arguments simply can't be heard on time or filed without significant effort and expense.

Our system is so very broken, and so hyper partisan, that some of you honestly think the *right* solution to people voting for a candidate you don't like is to remove that candidate from the ballot?

It's equally sad and hilarious that the irony of this seems to be lost on any Legislator voting "yes" to this.

You want to limit the public's choice of President in the name of "protecting democracy?" And you want to do this without specifying the person must be *convicted* of these crimes?

Why are you so afraid of people having the right to choose who they want?

I can't think of anything that threatens Democracy more than Legislators who think they are so superior to the average man that they have to protect that man from their own potential choices.

Maybe this is the exact reason so many people desire a divisive, repugnant, contrast to the current system and status quo.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:51:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brittany Bardsley-Marcial	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is unconstitutional to remove a candidate off the election ballot. Let the people vote for who they feel with do this cou try justice. DO NOT remove Donald Trump from the election ballot in the state of Hawaii. DO NOT do this to our people.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:52:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Choi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge you to keep Trump on the ballot to allow a fair and impartial election. This will be a blow to our democracy by allowing the Government to decide what the voters need to decide. It is not the Government's decision it should be the voters.

Registered voter on Oahu.

Eric Choi

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Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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Eric Choi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:53:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isaiah Fonoti	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 2392.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:02:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:03:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Troy Maruoka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB2392!!!!

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:04:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tiva Tatofi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Let people choose who they want to vote for!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:04:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcus Malepeai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This Bill SB2392 is Unconstitutional. Therefore, I strongly OPPOSE this Bill.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:05:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Ryan Kaneshiro opposed this bill SB 2392

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:53:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isaiah Fonoti	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 2392.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:05:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cindy Staples	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to submit my testimony that I do not support SB2392, the removal of Donald Trump from the presidential ballot. He has not been convicted of any crime which disqualifies him from appearing on the ballot, nor did he take part in, or encourage an insurrection. Rather, he expressed his first amendment right to question the security and reported results of an election. Removing a presidential candidate from a ballot without conviction of a disqualifying crime is extremely corrupt and undemocratic. I urge all members to vote no on this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:05:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cindy Staples	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:06:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kenneth staples	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

How dare you make a decision on behalf of the people. We the people will vote for who we decide would best serve our needs and country. Your basis for removing Trump is false. He hasn't been convicted or found guilty of any wrong doings concerning Jan 6th. Please respect our freedoms and let us choose. Also remember the government works for the people. You should be ashamed of yourself.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:07:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jarren Pestana	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:06:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:07:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Walter D Gouveia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in opposition to SB 2392. This bill does not name any specific individual, but we all know who it is meant for. This person was NOT convicted of committing any crime(s) against the government, regardless of anyone's personal belief. We are a democracy and the people should be allowed to let their voices be heard at the ballot box and not by passing legislation to speak for us. This type of legislation which silences the people is just short of being a dictatorship. I again **STRONGLY OPPOSE** this bill, or any other that takes the rights away from the people to vote for whomever they choose.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:08:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Coleman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

How do you take away my rights to vote? That's what I see with this bill. Makes no sense! Our founding fathers fought for us for freedom of speech. In which, concludes to the freedom to vote, who we feel suits the presidential office.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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I am in opposition to SB 2392. This bill does not name any specific individual, but we all know who it is meant for. This person was NOT convicted of committing any crime(s) against the government, regardless of anyone's personal belief. We are a democracy and the people should be allowed to let their voices be heard at the ballot box and not by passing legislation to speak for us. This type of legislation which silences the people is just short of being a dictatorship. I again **STRONGLY OPPOSE** this bill, or any other that takes the rights away from the people to vote for whomever they choose.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:10:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Dakil	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support this bill. Let the people choose!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:13:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaipo Sarkissian Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am strongly against this bill as it takes choices away from the people. By limiting candidates on the ballot and taking away freedom of choice the government no longer believes people are smart enough to make decisions. It sets a dangerous precedent that future elections and will encourage parties to look for ways to keep opposing candidates off the ballot.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:19:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Debbie Wyand	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Let freedom ring! Let people vote. It's WE the people NOT government. Do not pass this bill.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:21:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Starr Richardson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

ABSOLUTELY NOT. There is no evidence substantial enough to eliminate Donald Trump from the state of Hawaii ballot. I highly oppose this bill of removal of Donald Trump. Democrats and republicans who are for this bill have undisclosed agendas against the state of Hawaii. If there was a removal of a democratic candidate, there would be no such bill 2392. AGAINST the removal of Donald Trump.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:24:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Darian Kaneaiakala-Kupau Miranda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe this is going against our constitutional rights. A person shouldn't be removed from the ballot because the State or government doesn't "like" the individual in question, let's call it what it is. We the people of Hawai'i GAVE you your jobs, YOU work for US not the other way around. We should have the right to vote for who we want. By implementing this, you're just validating to the people of Hawai'i how CORRUPT our state truly is. This stops now! Start doing your jobs and start LISTENING to the people that PUT YOU in office! Mahalo!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:26:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maverick Quartero	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully oppose removing or barring any candidate from our ballots. The people have the right to vote for the candidate they wish to see in office. It is a great disservice to the people of Hawaii to have our elected officials decide who we can and can't vote for. The manipulation of our election rights is a sign of tyranny and shouldn't even be considered. The fact that this bill even exists is extremely concerning.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:33:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melanie Garner	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Trump was not arrested and we have the right to vote for him. Taking him off the ballot is criminal and shows us people the elections are rigged. Leave him on the ballot.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:35:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martha Jellings	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Although, it seems like this bill would be a good thing, all it does is take away the choice of the people. I oppose SB2392 for the simple fact that it takes away voters choice. If a person is elected, it is because the people chose them, which is how it's supposed to be. Simple as that.

Mahalo

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:49:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

THIS BILL IS A THREAT TO DEMOCRACY. Legislators do not get to decide who I can or cannot vote for. Introducing a bill such as this is disrespectful to every voting age citizen. MY VOTE IS MY DECISION. DO NOT PASS THIS BILL.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:52:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

You don't have the right to remove a presidential candidate from our options to vote. Let the people decide and let the people vote for who they want to lead their nation.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 6:09:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Logan Owan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is so disappointing to hear that this was suggested. Yes I am voting for Trump this year. But I used to be a true blue voter. The Democrat Party has sorely failed us and I believe the Republican Party is more in line with my values. This decision is up to the voters of Hawaii. Not a group of politicians that feel they know what's best for Hawaii. Let the people vote for either candidate fairly without your interference

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 6:10:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Uilani Matavao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not agree with what is being proposed by Senator Rhoads to remove Donald Trump from the Hawai'i Ballots. This is borderline dictatorship/ communism, by not allowing the free citizens of the United States to have a choice. This is taking away the rights of the people and leaving it in the hands of a few who feel they know what is best for the majority. The basis of this proposal is cited from the 14th amendment section 3 which I read and again disagree. Donald Trump was not convicted of insurrection against the United States to the best of my knowledge. He was accused but not charged, there is a big difference. We the free people of the United States and Constituents of the State of Hawaii should be without any opposition be allowed to vote for the candidate we so choose. This is more about principal and not the candidate. If our voice is taken away because a few disagree, that is not a democracy on which our country was founded on. We have much more serious issues our state is facing than who is on a ballot. Please use your time efficiently and wisely with our taxpayer dollars. Thank you for taking my testimony into consideration.

SB-2392

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Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 6:14:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dana Chiles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We the people have a right to vote for who we want for president and if he is running, we have the right to vote for him. You do not have the right to take our rights away from us. We have not done anything for you to be able to do this This is not a communist country. This is the United States and you are violating our rights as individuals to vote for who we want to vote for. Please do the right thing and get rid of this bill. I cannot believe Hawaii my love, my whole love of life is out here. How could you do this , this is the smartest man the most considerate man I have not had the pleasure of meeting him, but I will tell you he has done more for this country than any president that has been in office in my lifetime at his own cost at his own expense why are you so afraid of him , you should be in support of him. I will be voting for President Trump even if I have to write his name in.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 6:15:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justyce Torres	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We have a right to Vote for Trump and We will vote for Trump.

I, Justyce Torres , Oppose SB 2392

Mahalo and God Bless

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 6:29:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please do not Remove Donald Trump's name from the ballot. Voters should be able to decide for themselves. Our senators and representatives should not decide who is able to run for office.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 6:35:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2392 and urge you to vote no on this highly partisan bill. SB2392 is an obvious attempt by Senator Karl Rhoads and the Hawaii Democrats to try and disqualify a presidential candidate and his electors based on a highly controversial "event". The full evidence and time line of this "event" has not been allowed to be seen by the public or been adjudicated in a court of law. If this law is passed by the Hawaii State Legislature without the full evidence of this "event" being presented to the public and the courts it would be irresponsible and could have serious unintended consequences.

Mahalo,

Tom Stanton

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 6:41:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Blake Soares	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this crazy bill

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 6:43:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shaena Hoohuli	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Shaena stand in opposition of bill SB2392 HAWAII FOR TRUMP

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 6:52:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shan S	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TRUMP #2024

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 6:59:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Katherine D Lobendahn	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

For what reason has Senator Rhodes introduced SB2392?

President Trump has committed no crime, nor has he been indicted of any crimes. This Bill is unconstitutional and should not pass. I OPPOSE SB2392.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 7:00:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Rojas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because the Hawaii constitution already prevents those that are convicted in any act to overthrow the government. That is a pretty straight forward guideline. Adding anything extra or changing language like what I just read in the proposed bill is not needed and is considered extra filler words. Cut the fat, this bill and the work put into it is a waste of time.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 7:01:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Celena Freitas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Removing a candidate from the ballot is a threat to our democracy. The American citizens have the right to choose, to vote. Removing a candidate is unconstitutional.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 7:02:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jodi Rementer	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose the removal of Donald J. Trump from our ballot.

What you are trying to do is a Federal crime <https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/scams-and-safety/common-scams-and-crimes/election-crimes-and-security>

Our rights shall not be infringed, and we will not allow this to happen.

The suppression and communistic values you people are trying to force upon us will not stand.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 7:04:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joy Shimizu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 7:13:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryant Antonio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2392

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 7:19:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
shawna kahoopii	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e,

Take a moment and look at our past when they tried to do the same thing to President Lincoln. Imagine what our lives would be like today if he was never president. Just because you don't like Trump doesn't mean he shouldn't have the right to a fair election. Step back and look at the bigger picture. Right now it's Trump tomorrow it could be someone else. We need to do the right thing and take a stand for democracy and for our freedom! You children's, children will pay for the choices you make today!

Do not allow this bill to pass and do what's Pono!

Mahalo!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 7:20:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Kirby	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe that Donald Trump's name should remain on the 2024 Election ballot since he has not been convicted any insurrection charges and has been found innocent. President Trump did not incite an insurrection. President Trump told people to peacefully protest and march and make your voices heard. If you take President Trump's name off of the ballot then this tell's us as the people that you are deciding our elections for us. This will no longer be a democracy or a republic if you take President Trump's name off of the ballot. Let the people decide and not let political representatives decide for us. If you care about America and the people of this great nation then let the people decide.

Thank you!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 7:31:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jasmine Marzan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill goes against our right to vote on who the people see fit. You do not have the right or authority to decide for the people on who we should have on our ballots. I am strongly against this bill. You work for the people, not for your own personal political view. This should not even be an issue. I pray you come to your senses and wake up.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 7:37:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
william keahi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The question with this bill is why now. The submitter of this bill had a specific individual in mind when he wrote the bill, he said so on the news. Even though this specific person was never indicted for insurrection or rebellion. This bill is designed to keep people off the ballot if they dont fit the main political parties mold. The 14th amendment already takes care of what this bill wants to do. Also, if it is the will of the people of Hawaii to vote for this specific person or not, should not be up to the State legislature, but the people that put you there. Elections is the only voice that many of us use in this political system. It is not for you to silence them. Don't use your positions to limit our freedom because the view that some candidates have are not tasteful to you. There are views that may in the State Legislature has voted for that I have found distasteful, but I respect your right to have them, voice them, and most importantly to vote for them. Don't steal my right to vote because you find a individual's political views distasteful.

thank you

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 7:51:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
cynthia chauncey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill that wants to take Donald Trump off the ballot. I feel it is undemocratic. The people should choose. I really thought Hawaii was better than that. This is very hateful, shameful leadership. Mr. Trump was not convicted of anything. If the democrats think their policies are good and they can win than why are they so afraid of Donald Trump being on the ballot? Keep him on the ballot.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:05:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha JDC Chair Rhoads and Committee Members,

I'm opposed to SB 2392 for a number of reasons. First, I ask this question: doesn't the Hawaii Senate have better issues to focus on with all the concerns that plague our state today? With a worsening record of losing population, less jobs, highest cost of living in America, a next-to-last rating in education, housing and homeless problems, and more, it would seem the Legislature's focus needs to be on something other than mis-applying the 14th amendment to presidential elections.

SB 2392 is unconstitutional. Here's why:

- Eliminating a conviction of insurrection and substituting an election official's determination of the charge is a violation of the 5th Amendment's right to due process.
- If falsely implies the 14th Amendment refers to and applies to the office of President. Of all the elected positions listed in section 3, the position of the President of the United States is deliberately absent from the black letter of the Amendment.
- Finally, its outright prohibited. The Constitution's supremacy clause prohibits states from superseding the authority of any particular constitutional provision or article.

I urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to defer SB 2392 and return to hearing more meaningful and impactful measures that benefit our state's well-being.

Mahalo for your consideration of this request,

Mark White
Waipahu Hawaii, 96797
(808) 753-5323

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:19:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Let's be honest about this bill. It is a partisan political attempt to bar one candidate from appearing on the upcoming presidential ballot. This is blatant election interference and beneath the state legislature. Innocent until proven guilty applies to all citizens, including politicians.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:22:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lester Taculog	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is totally against the people's right to decide, a free and fair election for all candidates, and is far from being normal elections since voting history.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:23:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:27:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ashley Burnett	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is a threat to democracy to remove Trump from the Hawaii ballot. I strongly believe this bill has been introduced as a means to stop Hawaiians, such as myself, from having a voice here in our home state. I am appalled that this bill would even be considered and the fact that it is is frightening. I strongly oppose this bill and anyone who supports it. We the people are watching, from both sides of the isle. If it can happen to Republicans it can happen to democrats. I repeat: I strongly OPPOSE this bill as do MANY of my friends on BOTH sides of the isle!!

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:30:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ambrose Chee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. My name is Ambrose and I'm against the bill SB2392. Every human being should have every right to vote who they want doesn't matter if your for Democrat and republican. If you don't like a person on a ballot, DONT VOTE FOR THEM! it's really that simple. Karl Rhodes is one scrub and wants to be like the other states that had the same situation. So again, if you don't like a person on the ballot, jus don't vote for them.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:30:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lucricia Amaral	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Trump does not deserve to be taken off the ballot. You are taking away our rights and freedoms to choose.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:31:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pranaya Harvey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I hope you are all doing well,

My name is Pranaya Harvey, I am an 18 year old American citizen that is second generation born and raised in Hawaii. This year will be my very first year to vote! I hope you will take a moment to consider my testimony regarding S.B. NO. 2392 RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

I really have no words to even describe how incredibly disappointed I am that this SB2392 is even being considered and has even the slightest chance of being passed! It is directly eliminating an extremely important decision that as the people of Hawaii and of America, is OUR right to make. It is absolutely disgusting and heartbreaking to watch as my rights are again and again in danger of being stripped away.

If you pass this bill you will be stripping me and every other American-Hawaiian citizen of our freedom of choice in this election. The only thing this bill symbolizes is a distinct fear of losing power, of standing up to others, fear that We The People will be able to decide for ourselves the leaders we want. I tell you here today, this is not a question of Biden v.s. Trump, it is a direct attack on our freedom of choice.

Respectfully, as our representatives it should not be your choices to make.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Pranaya Harvey

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:34:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keoni Pikini	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill sb2392, we the people should have a freedom to vote for whomever we choose to.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:35:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathleen Paresa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against SB 2392.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:41:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this legislation. The USA is a CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC. We should have the right to vote for the candidate of our choice regardless of the governments "belief" that an individual was responsible for an "insurrection".

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:43:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melvin Amaral	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Trump deserves to be on the ballot. Donald J Trump has a right to run for office. Removing Trump would not be fair and Just. That would be very Suspicious and questionable? as to why a certain political party would want to remove someone who stands for all of America and our Freedoms.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:44:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Don S Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Our family opposes SB2392. Our candidate for President is Donald Trump. We believe blocking him from being on the ballot is taxation without representation. It is not up to the Democrat party to select who is appropriate to be the Republican candidate. If we allow this, your party would just keep doing this against any Republican candidate.

Also, no charges of insurrection have been brought. Certainly Trump supporters would have brought their guns if there was a true attempt at an insurrection. We find it insulting that you think otherwise.

We certainly can retaliate for such brazen partisan acts. We have companies that pay tens of thousands of dollars in taxes. We can retire and put all our employees on unemployment, a new burden on the State. This would also end the thousands of dollars we pay in GET taxes and State income tax.

This is a very hard State to do business in. It would be a relief not to have to work so hard to support a State government that only represents half it's population.

King street is a homeless camp, from downtown to Kapahulu. House ownership is out of reach of our young adult employees. Certainly there are other important issues the legislature could be paying attention to than oppressing the minority party.

SB2392 Testimony

I have read the proposed legislation and have some objections to the content and how it is presented.

The reference to Article XVI, section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii includes an exact definition of the criteria for exclusion from the ballot, but is nowhere stated in the body of the text.

“No person shall hold any public office or employment who has been convicted of any act to overthrow, or attempt to overthrow, or conspiracy with any person to overthrow the government of the State or of the United States by force or violence.”

Conviction is required. An accusation is not a conviction. Neither the chief election officer nor a county clerk can arbitrarily exclude from the ballot a candidate who has not been convicted of the offenses described in section 3.

Our legal system is based on the innocence of a person until proven guilty and convicted.

A candidate excluded from the ballot should not have to provide a preponderance of evidence of innocence. A conviction of actions to overthrow the government would be public knowledge.

This legislation needs to include a penalty for the chief election officer or county clerk who knowingly excludes an innocent candidate from the ballot. This would meet the criteria of “election interference”.

I request that this legislation be dismissed without a vote until such time it is re-written to include the “conviction” requirement; the full text I have quoted above.

Also, the penalty of “prosecution” for misconduct by the chief election official or county clerk should be specified to ensure the integrity of the process.

An innocent candidate should be provided an expedited remedy when misconduct is identified.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 9:05:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kehaulani Feleciano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. The people deserve to be able to decide their vote that is there right! No one should be able to removed from the ballot just because it doesn't fit their agenda or based off their personal opinions. This bill can easily be used to ones party advantage if they don't like a candidate on the ballot.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 9:05:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill sb2392

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 9:09:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. If someone doesn't like a candidate, then they will simply not vote for them.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 9:27:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am confident that clear minds and hearts will prevail regarding SB2392. The Ohana that Hawaii represents, gives me such assurance that this bill will not go through.

For me, in the past, voting was somewhat taken for granted and with voter turnout in Hawaii so low, I did not hold this privilege in such high regard. However, current events these past several years, have opened my eyes to the overwhelming need to vote for an individual who best represents my values, my Christian World values and viewpoints.

Donald Trump, importantly his policies, is someone I believe best represents my Christian World View and I would very much or in stronger terms, DEMAND that I have the right, my voting right to cast my vote for him.

How do five legislators, make such an important decision for the entire State of Hawaii. Voter rights are being trampled on. We often hear that Donald Trump will destroy democracy!? What is happening here with SB 2392 is dismantling democracy! The people in a Constitutional Republic have a right to choose who is to represent them, NOT five legislators!

I will pray that common sense and the Ohana Spirit will prevail, with the defeat of SB2392.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 9:30:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DAVE SMITH	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We get lectured ad nauseam about "muh democracy" and the best that you can come up with is we don't really believe in actual democracy because we're gonna remove a candidate who scares us, from the ballot because reasons... because that's how we defend democracy.

You then try to hide behind a constitution that you only invoke and respect when it is useful. That was never was the intention of the 14th amendment and to try to ramrod this through to disenfranchise a good percentage of the electorate because they would vote for candidate that you don't approve of, all in the name of "muh democracy" is absolute authoritarianism. The very thing you accuse others of you wield flagrantly.

Saul Alinsky would be proud of your tactics.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 9:32:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Genevieve Akana	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is a waste of time and this is not how our tax dollars should be spent!!! Absolutely unfair and corrupt to take President Donald Trump off of the ballot in Hawaii!!! We the people who also pay your salaries have the right to vote for any candidate whom we choose. It is our god given right as a USA citizen and you can't take that right away from us. This bill violates and denies our right to vote as citizens of the United States.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 10:16:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This bill does not allow for due process for the accused party in question. The bill only allows the district court one day to assess the validity of the complaint and to issue a findings of fact and conclusions of law. That is an unreasonably short amount of time for the court to be able to handle such a sensitive matter. It also leaves no time for the accused party to offer a defense.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 10:29:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karl Nickel	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Karl Nickel

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808-960-2430

February 4, 2024

Dear Senator Karl Rhoads,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 2392, as I believe it raises significant concerns about the potential infringement on my 15th Amendment right to vote as an American citizen.

The 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution explicitly states that “the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.” This fundamental right is essential to the democratic principles upon which our nation was founded.

Upon careful examination of SB2392, I am troubled by provisions that, in my interpretation, pose a threat to the exercise of this constitutional right. The bill’s language and potential implications raise questions about the protection of citizens’ voting rights, potentially creating barriers that could disproportionately impact certain individuals.

I am also deeply concerned about the bill’s potential to undermine our rights as American citizens to vote. The essence of a functioning democracy lies in the ability of its citizens to freely and without hindrance participate in the electoral process. Any legislation that raises questions about the preservation of this fundamental right is cause for serious concern.

SB2392, in my view, introduces elements that could undermine the very foundation of our democratic principles. As citizens, we must be vigilant in protecting our right to vote, ensuring that any legislation enacted upholds the core values embedded in our democratic system. I implore careful consideration of the bill's implications on the rights of American citizens to freely exercise their vote.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns regarding this matter. I look forward to a thorough examination of the potential impact of SB2392 on our constitutional rights.

Sincerely,

Karl Nickel

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 10:33:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS AUTHORITARIAN, TYRANICAL BILL!!!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 10:39:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

President Trump should not be removed from the ballot. If he's removed, Biden should be removed too. You've seen other states try to remove President Trump off the ballot and how it back fired in every negative way possible. Hawaii already gets a bad rep for corruption and lack of care for its people. Hawaii has shown it's only priority is the upper class and tourism industry. Prove to the world you stand on the side of integrity and give president Trump a fair shake. It's okay to be scared he's going to win. But what's not okay is eliminating him from contention. Ratings will fall, trump supporters will boycott vacationing here, and the locals who support him will become enraged. With him as president Hawaii will be in a better place financially and with that comes lower crime, more jobs, less dependency on welfare. We've seen this happen during his last tenure as President

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Submitted on: 2/4/2024 10:43:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Suzanne Martinson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. The 14th Amendment insurrection clause that Senator Karl Rhodes is trying to use by introducing this bill is purely political. Senator Rhodes is wasting tax payer's money on this frivolous bill which will cause more division between We The People and our so called "elected" leaders.

Suzanne Martinson

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 10:55:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ramon Cabanero	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Oppose

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 11:02:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maria Duncan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We did not fight for the freedoms we have in this country to regress back to the point where we would have to go through it all again. No more dictators. Learn from history. The 21st century is here and this world needs to be better which is why this bill needs to pass. Thank you.

Respectfully, and with gratitude, to all those who have fought for our country and to those who have died for our country.

Maria Duncan

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 11:02:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jan Kershner	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It appears that Hawai'i Senator Karl Rhodes's ammendment is attempting to take due process in a court of law away from from all people by giving the chief election officer or county clerk the power of judge and jury to determine who will or will not appear on a Hawai'i State election ballot. Hawai'i State Constitution Article 16 Section 3 states that "who has been convicted of any act to overthrow, or attempt to overthrow, or conspiracy". It specifies clearly that a conviction is needed by a court of law and not a clerk's opinion. The current Article is very clear and does not need to be undermined or subverted for political gains.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 11:24:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Renee Ah Chong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is against our constitutional rights!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 12:32:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose. Please keep our elections free and fair

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 12:48:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Writing and introducing this bill shows clear bias against any person or party that the writer dislikes or disagrees with, reduces citizens' hope of any fair and nonpartisan work ever being done in this state, and further cements Hawai'i's reputation as having the most corrupt government of any state in the nation.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 12:52:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara Maneja	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill SB2392 regarding election ballot exclusions because it does not provide any clarification on who is doing the disqualification, because there is no proof of disqualification needed by Courts, and because it does not spell out the validity of the election contest complaint. Just because any one who doesn't like a candidate can make a complaint doesn't mean that is a valid complaint or a valid disqualification. Just because someone is ACCUSED of insurrection, as is the case of Trump being ACCUSED by the House, just because charges have been referred, there hasn't yet been a decision handed down by any court. Even in the case of H Res 57 where Biden is referred to subcommittee for impeachment for High Crimes and Misdemeanors, Biden hasn't been found guilty YET. Can you imagine if Secession of the Southern states happened just prior to Lincoln's election, and the Confederate president, Jefferson Davis accused Lincoln of being disqualified from the ballot because of high crimes, and Lincoln was taken off the ballot before he could win election? State Legislators can shout from the rooftop their opinions of who is worthy or not for office, but they should never, ever prohibit electors from voting at any time, period. The people will decide who will lead them. period.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 12:57:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB2392 RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Aloha, I am submitting written testimony in strong opposition to SB2392 relating to elections. It is my understanding that SB2392, while not specifically naming former President Donald Trump as the reason to remove him from the ballot, was introduced with him in mind. Using Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States as justification for removing a candidate from the election ballot does not apply to the former president.

Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment specifically states: “No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President or Vice President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.” Nowhere in Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment makes any mention of or reference to the President.

Clearly, this attempt in removing a candidate(s) that you dislike from the ballot is bordering on desperation. Because President Trump’s opponents failed to convict him on impeachment charges (twice), certain states including Hawaii, feel that this is their last chance to kick him off the ballot before the 2024 election based on fraudulent accusations claiming that he engaged in insurrection which there is absolutely no evidence that he did. However, here you have Kamala Harris, while a sitting US Senator advanced a bail fund for those who rioted in 2020, an obvious violation of Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment. Will she be able to run for president? I hope not.

SB2392 is unconstitutional. This bill takes away the people’s right to a free and fair election, essentially eliminating the right to self-governance. In my opinion, this is a form of election interference by not allowing the people to decide who they want to represent them. Changing the law to disqualify a candidate simply because you don’t like that individual is not how it works in America. We live in a Constitutional Republic not a third world country. Therefore, I firmly oppose SB2392, and I kindly ask you to consider my testimony as you vote on this measure.

Mahalo,

Jessica Tamaribuchi

Kailua-Kona

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 2:25:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adriel Lam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The simple fact that SB2392 is the sole piece of legislation for this hearing forwarded by the only introducer of this legislation demonstrates the abusive nature of this legislation in regards to the law, driven only by the power of the one holds it, and bereft of any precedence, priority or necessity in the State of Hawaii for this legislation.

If this legislation were to pass, there is certainly a case to show cause for the author of this legislation to have committed actions that threaten democracy or undermine the vote of the people, not only through this legislation but also by attempting to codify into law past violations of election law, as well as undermining the security and integrity of elections.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 6:55:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

One person should not decide who the whole state can or can't vote for. That's not democracy..

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 6:56:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rosemarie Vailisale	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Rosemarie Vailisale, oppose and do not support such bill.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:03:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hugh Foster	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is unacceptable and unconstitutional to I strongly oppose this bill! We as citizens of the State of Hawaii, citizens of the United States of America HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE WHO WE CHOOSE. We do NOT AGREE to remove Donald J Trump from the ballots in November. I strongly oppose this bill and we will be fighting this issue until November.Thank you, Hugh Foster

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:11:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Partida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB 2392 is a horrendous piece of legislation; it's unconstitutional. It doesn't allow for a candidate's right to due process. You can not assumptively punish a person or candidate based on accusations and conjecture. They need to be convicted, in a court of law and not the court of public opinion.

State Senator Rhoads graduated from George Washington U with a Law degree and was been admitted to the Hawaii State Bar; though last I checked, his license to practice law is currently showing as voluntarily inactive. The standard for competency is higher for State Senator Rhoads, as he's practiced law. Clearly this proposed legislation demonstrates his utter incompetence with understanding basic legal rights; he should be censured and prohibited from practicing law in Hawaii for writing legislation that is flagrantly unconstitutional.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:13:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Smith Pamela	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe that this bill is not based on true facts, but a hidden agenda to disqualify the leading candidate for President.

This bill does not reflect the democracy that we Americans vote for, and would reduce America to the same dictatorship as other countries, by not letting a rival party vote for whom they chose to rule.

Trying to keep one party in power should be done by LEGAL citizen voters voting, NOT by taking a legitimate candidate off the ballot.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:16:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin DeGuzman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill and the removal of President Donald J. trump from our ballot. There is no credible reason that he should be removed from the ballot other than the obvious reasons that the Democratic Party is that worried that they will lose the election. With all public evidence and common knowledge, Joe Biden should be removed from office and not be eligible to run again because of all the treasonous acts he has committed against The United States of America. You all are in no position to remove anyone from the ballot on the fact that you dont like the person. This is a waste of time when the state is failing apart.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:19:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Enoka-Shayne Bingo	Testifying for We, the People	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Do not remove Trump from our ballot. We have every right to vote for him, he was never convicted during any of those egregious indictments. We have the right to vote for who we choose. You all, however, have no right or warrant to stop us from voting for a candidate if he was not convicted or found guilty of a crime.

Dear Senator Keohokalole,

As a person who began as a Democratic Party supporter under the tutelage of my father, I have come over the years to the conclusion that the beloved party of my father is no longer. The principles of freedom and responsibility that are inextricably bound together are no longer the bedrock. Instead, freedom for the responsible seems to be under direct attack. As a citizen who believes deeply in personal responsibility as an imperative of good citizenship, I am writing to voice my deep concern over a bill that is currently being brought to our legislature.

SB2392 is a thinly veiled attempt to keep former President Donald Trump from being on the ballot this November. Even in the excesses that our government displayed with COVID (and continues to display), I chose to remain quiet and try to respect the perspectives that fomented those excesses. However, this bill is yet another example of our government trying to control people's ability to exercise any kind of freedom to act according to our own views. The restriction of speech and voting privilege is in direct opposition to everything your party once stood for.

I am asking that this bill never be allowed on the floor.

Sincerely,

Kay Hishinuma

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:37:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill, I am certain this is targeting Donald Trump. If they pass this bill Democrats are taking our right to vote away and this is certainly undemocratic.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:43:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill strongly.

Until an individual is tried and convicted of a crime there are no grounds to remove them from the ballot. This is the Election Interference plain and simple.

Thank you very much.

Noela von Wiegandt

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:48:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ron Soderstrom	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This Bill is absolutely ludicrous!

It's a Blatant attempt at removing opposition from US elections.

I don't need to go on about how many numerous Fake charges have been thrown against President Trump, Including the Russia scandal where the person pushing those alligations was actually idicted for colluding with Russia.

Hawaii has been shown to have the most corrupt goverment in the US.

This garbage attempting to be passed is proof of it.

If Hawaii representitives want to have Any kind of respect from their peers and cconstituents, these ridiculous bills being presented by the elected Representitives of the Citizens of Hawaii need to stop!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:50:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doug Pasnik	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this legislation.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:52:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joelle Seashell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a shocking suggestion that the legislation the capitol should be ashamed for.
It unconstitutional and un American.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:56:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Allan Rosen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

THIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION IS AN INFRINGEMENT OF PERSONAL RIGHTS AND THE US CONSTITUTION. IT IS POTENTIALLY MORE DAMAGING THAN THE SPONSORS OF THIS BILL'S INTENT..

THE LEGISLATION WILL BE LEGALLY CHALLENGED AND RESULT IN UNNECESSARY EXPENSE TO HAWAII TAXPAYERS TO DEFEND THIS FLAWED POSITION.

LET THE VOTER!S DECIDE! LET THE VOTER!S DECIDE! LET THE VOTER!S DECIDE!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:04:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lianne Blas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill!!! We are a democracy and we the people have a say in who we vote for!! Not be dictated by one person who thinks other wise!! This is such a disgrace to humanity and our founding fathers!!!

I pray that the veils from your eyes be removed to see where this state and country is headed because of these individuals!!!!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:10:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa A. Aiona	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is unconstitutional... Trump has not been proven guilty of any crime.
I am disgusted with people like Carl Rhodes ...straight up evil.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:12:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:15:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rene Morgan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a registered voter and concerned citizen, I strongly oppose this bill!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:16:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:27:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
manndi kawasaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is unlawful and you as the introducer, Karl Rhoads, should be fired or consider quitting, because you are literally trying to take our freedom to choose away and giving us only candidates you approve of. No.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:32:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joyce Calma	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:33:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

If I wanted a Hawaii politician's advice on who to vote for I would ask. Unfortunately, ANY Hawaii politician that I have EVER called, emailed or contacted via social media has failed to answer, respond or otherwise acknowledge my existence. Therefore, I will treat my elected representatives the same way they treat me, with derision and complete lack of respect. I OPPOSE this bill because it's none of your concern who I vote for. For President or otherwise. I hope to be able to assist defeating the insanity that has overcome our lawmakers via voting, activism, and increasing awareness to the fact that politicians do NOT have our best interests at heart. Hawaii is no exception. I'd like to see every incumbent voted out.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:36:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chad Lau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:39:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This bill can easily be used to maintain a political monopoly and prevent Hawaii citizens from electing candidates that is in opposition to the dominant political party.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:46:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sabrina Saiki-Mita	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a tax-paying citizen of the USA and Hawaii resident, I would like to express my opposition to SB2392. I am not in agreement with the constitutionality of the bill and believe it will violate my right to choose the candidate for whom I wish to vote. Allow the people to make their choices on their own free will without intervention from bills like this, that would only further cement mistrust in the government.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:44:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donald Ah Chong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2392 as it is against our constitutional rights.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:52:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
heather fernandes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Heather Fernandes, strongly oppose bill SB2392 that bans Donald Trump from the Hawaii ballot. There is no grounds for this bill to pass or even be considered other how scared the Democratic Party is of him. It is our right as citizens to vote for who we want to vote for. I used to be a democrat voter until I gradually realized how our state has been mishandled and the corruption coming to light. You are all being exposed one by one. By the democrats introducing this bill, not only am I glad I switched parties, I now HATE them. And, this will only make more citizens angry where more will continue to switch parties, or maybe even express their anger and frustration. Do not let this bill go through.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:53:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carla Antonio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:02:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ike K M	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Removing a political opponent off of our ballot is a threat to our democracy. If you believe in our democracy, you believe in rights and freedom then let the people decide whether or not he belongs in the White House. My family did not serve and make sacrifices in WW1, WW2, Vietnam, Korea, Middle East etc.. for our rights to be stripped away. I refuse to see communism/dictatorship enter my homeland. As a proud Hawaiian American patriot, I urge this senate to oppose such a threatening bill. If we allow this, how will we be able to ensure that our fundamental rights will be protected in the future?

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:07:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tonya Miller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this measure as it violates the rights of the voter, disenfranchising them, and giving their right and power away to specific individuals to make undemocratically decided decisions of disqualification which directly contradicts the necessity of the voter process, further keeping the controls in the hands of a few. In times of many valid and documented concerns with our local and national election process, lacking traditional hand counted paper ballots, we must ensure there is no more room created to further restrict our right to secure our vote for the candidate of our choice. A race fair and square requires fair rules and processes.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:10:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Evan	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a united state citizen born on kauai, HI I have the right to vote for Trump as long as he is inasent. Let the people vote on who they want in office. put your red/blue and personal feelings aside. If sb2392 is to target Trump to take him off so no one votes for him then it just shows how corrupt the state and government is. Inasent until proven guilty

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:13:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robin Nagasako	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senator Rhodes and Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to you to let you know that I am opposed to this bill, SB 2392.

I humbly ask that you reconsider this bill and let the people decide who they want to vote for in the election. It is the right thing to do. In spite of the allegations against Trump, he has not been charged. In America we are innocent until proven guilty. His name should continue to be on the ballot at this time.

Again, I am opposed to this bill.

Sincerely,

Robin Nagasako

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:16:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Winifred Y. Yamashiro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Citizens' right to elect governing officials must be preserved.

Please trust America's informed voting citizens to exercise discretion and wisdom in choosing whom to elect.

This measure seeks to deny the voice of ordinary citizens, based on an assumption that we working people are incapable of understanding the workings of our government. That is not a true and just assumption to make of your tax-paying constituents.

Please reject this bill from passage.

Thank you.

W.Y.Yamashiro

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:17:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gail Smith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully oppose SB2392. It appears the purpose of the bill targets candidates from running for office because of an allegation that has not gone to trial nor been convicted. It is disheartening that voters cannot have the final say during an election exercising their most valued right under the Constitution, their **one vote**.

Once again, I oppose SB2392.

Respectfully,

Gail Smith

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:22:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee members,

This measure must be deferred since the subject matter involved is currently under review by the United States Supreme Court. Let the Court render its decision, and do not take premature action on this measure. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:24:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alyssa Pang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Relating to Elections

Hearing on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 9:30 AM

Testimony in OPPOSITION to SB 2392

To Chair and members of the committee on relating to elections

I am testifying in opposition to this unconstitutional bill. Although this bill doesn't specifically mention Trump, we all know this is a bill to get him off the ballot. People should have the right to vote for who they want. Using this bill to remove Trump off the ballot, is wrong and unconstitutional. This should NOT be passed and should not have even been considered. Stop wasting our tax dollars on these types of bills!

Alyssa Pang

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:28:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maureen Yuen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am extremely opposed to the insanely way our legislators are behaving towards Hawaii voters with seeking to pass SB2392 as law! This is not the American way of how elections are supposed to be run! SB2392 is all about fear tactics against anyone (in this case Donald J Trump) running for re-election to high office. This is all about denying me, a born and bred Hawaiian woman of my constitutional rights as an American citizen to vote for whomever I choose to! By excluding Donald J Trump from the Hawaii ballot you are telling me who to--or not to--vote for which is treasonous to the people of Hawaii and all Americans! A'ole to SB2392!

Mahalo,

Mrs. Maureen Yuen

410 Kihapai Street

Kailua, HI 96734

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:30:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Senate should not decide for the people whom we can vote for. The whole point of the Constitution is our inalienable rights. I oppose the control this bill begins to empower our governmental leadership with. If this person is not right candidate people are smart enough not to vote for him,

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:32:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Excluding a candidate that is not excluded uniformly in all 50 states, is an overreach of this legislature and disenfranchises the voting public against their rights.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:40:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Shepard	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This Bill will unfairly remove choice from the tax paying public. Bills are supposed to be enacted for the people by the people. Taking away choice is never something that is for the people. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:52:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Camlyn Pola	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose!

Aloha,

My name is Tiare Smith, a concerned American Citizen about this proposed SB 2392. To date, former President Donald J Trump has NOT been formally convicted of any crimes related to the Jan 6, 2021 insurrection. President Donald J Trump should be allowed to be on the voting ballot and the choice given to WE the people to vote for him or not. IF THIS bill is to become law for Hawaii voters, then I propose the same for current President Joe Biden as he has FAILED to provide adequate and VITAL aid to the wildfire victims and residents of Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii. (Lahaina wildfire victims only "received" \$700 per household, while the Biden administration sends BILLIONS to Ukraine and MILLIONS to the illegal immigrants crossing into the open border). President Joe Biden's open border policies ARE in direct violation of Article 4 Section 4 and Article 3 Section 3 of the US Constitution. President Biden AND the Supreme Court of the United States are allowing and aiding in an Invasion of illegal immigrants and foreign nationals OVER US citizens collapsing our financial economy with soaring out of control inflation, rising crime throughout the US, US citizens becoming more impoverished and homeless, and now entering America into another WAR with Iran on top of already involving us with Ukraine's and Israel's existing wars. Under President Trump America had peace and we had money as working class citizens. Mr. Karl Rhoads your proposed SB 2392 would be detrimental to our Hawaii and U.S.A. and our constitutional rights as Americans. If you choose to push your SB 2392 through I will no longer support you and I will get my large circles of voting family members and friends to no longer support you as well. Mr. Karl Rhoads stop supporting SB 2392.

Thank you. Tiare Smith.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 10:06:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Cadiz Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill due to its undemocratic nature and it doesn't define who gets to make the judgement as deemed unfit to serve. The pool of registered voters should decide.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 10:10:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Bugado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill should not be passed. It is every citizens right to be able to vote for whatever candidate they choose. And the government should not prevent citizens from being able to vote for their candidate.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 10:41:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erman Tancayo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

A'ole STRONG STRONG OPPOSITION TO THIS SB 2392

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 10:59:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Curt Oishi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2392. We have more pressing issues in Hawaii. To make the excuse of alligning Hawaii with the 14th amendment of the U.S. constitution is politically motivated, looks to restrict voting rights, choices of our citizens. It is a sad day for politicians to restrict our rights. Do better. Again, I oppose SB2392 and other bills similar.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 12:13:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
waka_fb12@yahoo.com	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Its is unconstitutional to take away our right to vote for the candidate of our own choice!
Mr.Rhodes and the rest of you have no right to take anyones name off the ballot, espically when
the federal government is using the DOJ to go after a Political opponet!
Why do you feel you have the right to force people to vote for your choices?
Last I checked this is AMERICA, NOT COMMUNIST CHINA!
You are supposed to be the voice of the people that voted you into office, not what you feel is
best.
Reconsider this crazyness!

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 12:26:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter J Long III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I submit this testimony in OPPOSITION to this proposal.

It is not the place of the majority party to impose who may appear on a ballot for the public to vote on, in a free country that is. It is clear that Democrats are frightened out of their minds at the probability of President Donald Trump returning to office and have not stopped their efforts regardless of its legality. This attempt to remove Mr Trump from the ballot and deny voters in Hawaii is both unconstitutional and unconscionable.

The authors of this bill should be ridiculed and removed from office themselves as they have proven they do not believe in the basic tenets of a Constitutional Republic.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 12:38:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I would appreciate it if our legislators would not introduce politically targeted bills intended to silence the voices of others.

The residents of Hawaii deserve better.

Greg Misakian

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 12:48:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Annette Nakamoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed of SB2392. We, as citizens of the United States, want our right to vote for who we choose. This country is becoming a dictatorship where politicians are telling us who we can and cannot vote for. Donald Trump has not been convicted or charged with insurrection. He was acquitted on charges in the US Senate. Usint the 14th amendment to kick him off the ballot is a massive overreach by Senator Rhoads. This is a witch hunt against the people's president. We want our voices be heard at the ballot box. This is America. Noa a third world country run by dictators. The J6 committee is made up of those who oppose Donald Trump. It is not a committee that is balanced.

Section 3 was clearly a direct response to the crisis of the times, the Civil War. The aim was to stop Southern States from sending ex-confederates to Washington to participate in the government they had attempted to overthrow. But the drafters of the 14th amendment chose the word Insurrection and Rebellion rather than referring specifically to the conflict of that time. Donald Trump provided no tangible help to the men and women who stormed the nation's seat of government. He told them to march peacefully. He tweeted fro the protestors to be peaceful yet Twitter removed his post. Donald Trump exercised his free speech. Did Maxine Waters also exercise free speech when she told the public "...if you see anybody from that (Trump's) Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out, and create a crowd, and you push back on them, and you tell them they're not welcome anymore, anywhere"? Or are there 2 sets of rules? One set for democrats and one set for Republicans who are dictated by the democrat politicians.

The amendment does not apply to the office of the presidency. The amendment explicitly mentions members of Congress, presidential electors and "any office, civil or military, under the United States"not the President. The presidency does not fall under "any office.....under the United States" Or is Seator Rhoads adding in his own interpretation?

Let our voices be heard. Let the people choose who they want to lead our country. Let it be a fair election. Take it to the ballot box.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 12:56:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Giles Nakamoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to removing Donald Trump from the ballot. I think that the people should be able to choose who they want and I don't believe he started an insurrection. I do not think one person should decide whether a name should be removed from the ballot.

Leave Donald Trump on the ballot.

From: [Pamela Schuur](#)
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I strongly oppose this bill! There was no insurrection. If anyone should be off the ballot, it is Joe Biden who has committed multiple counts of treason.

Stop this nonsense! Pamela Schuur retired attorney. Waikoloa, Hawaii. 96738

Sent from my iPhone

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 1:55:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jamie Irvine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Honorable Senate Leaders and Respectable Board, I emphatically OPPOSE SB2392! As a private and Legal Citizen of our United States of America, it breaks my heart to even have such a bill as this introduced to Hawaii (and other States) for so many reasons! Do you know why when Benjamin Franklin was asked by Elizabeth Willing Powel's question: Well Doctor, what have we got? A Monarchy or a Republic? His answer was: A REPUBLIC IF WE YOU CAN KEEP IT! It's no accident that our Founding Fathers took several things into great consideration when forming our Nation Under God! They had great foresight into the future (our present day) the possibility of certain individuals or groups of people who will do anything to destroy the very unique fabric that Our Republic was built on. It doesn't matter how these enemies and the real domestic terrorists present or guise themselves in order to dismantle Our Constitutional Rights as a Free People to vote for whom We The People Decide To Vote For! Before considering this so called basis that certain individuals and people groups that want to rid of a specific person from the ballot, take a deep look into their personal voting profiles on important matters that do affect us all here in Hawaii, especially our keiki! Please, don't let the bias of some affect the greater good for our State and Nation! Remember, anything that stems from hate only begets hate, and the people will be the ones carrying the consequences of this unwarranted burden! Before we are no longer the United States of America and are overrun by Foreign Terrorists, PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS MOST UNAMERICAN BILL! MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON US ALL!
Thank you!

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 2:14:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daryl Matsuo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to SB2392. The bill targets one specific candidate for the office of the President of the United States of America. President Donald J. Trump has not been found by any court in the United States of violating Section 3 of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution. The bill is a reach by the writer to remove a legal candidate from the ballot of elections in the state of Hawai'i by denying its citizens the right to vote for an eligible US citizen.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 2:45:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roger Sackowski	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please do not remove our right to choose what candidate we want in any election. We deserve to make the decision ourselves. To remove a candidate exhibits fear of losing. Our rights matter. We the people not we the government.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 2:47:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Do NOT STEAL MY RIGHT TO CHOOSE! I strongly opposed this bill especially with no evidence or CONVICTIONS of the individual.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 3:13:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Minister, Hector Hoyos (aka) SisterFace	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I will say this about any elected or appointed official beyond earning our votes are single vote, that we are humans have that do participate in government fully have a duty as citizens to help guide our elected officials and responsible government state per states and federally to make sure we hold even in the world we live in today the highest standards for such an executive position especially a president or vice president But extends to all elected officials we cannot sit idly from a distance and just hope judicially everything will work out right our state, and all states that believe in the basic function of our constitution are founders regardless of how imperfect they were, they knew, and saw the future, and understood in their writing That were almost magical. Our constitution is a blessing. It is not hard to interpret, our founders even had the foresight to know that their imperfections could be changed and easily guided by the wording of our constitution. Originally I'm from Maryland born in Baltimore raised early in Annapolis and then in the Baltimore area also lived most of my life in Washington DC before me and my partner moved here in 2004 personally I have always been involved since gay youth in the mid-80s loudly marching from my community and other civil rights and always being fascinated how our constitution led me or gave me hope in moments of our countries failure to know that things were easily explained for us to follow even with all the complicated amendments that have happened through many years, I'm surprised in this process of our country going through everything that it has been going through to know and realize that many people honestly don't know the function of our president and are easily persuaded by others that want to twist our constitution into their liking and even when you do the constitution really will turn against you because it's that simple that you can't diluted you can't fake it you can't scream to the world from your podium that it is political or it is your rival. It is simple language, so I am voting in support of this bill loudly obviously Hawaii is a progressive blue state, no matter where you fall in that spectrum and I am aware there are Republicans in our state that are elected officials trying to pull the wool over citizens that don't know government fully hype them up with lies. It's just so hard to lie about the constitution and no president now or in the future or any elected official should have to be impeached through the Congress of the United States or their own state just for them to be removed when they plainly and loudly and publicly, broke their oath and went against the actual language that are founders, and that both parties, including independent parties, the green part we all believe in the constitution and its simple wording I support this loudly I feel very sorry for all of the ignorant people in our state and across the country I actually pray this Bill passes!

Hector Hoyos-SisterFace

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 3:14:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keenan Place-Puaa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Keenan Place-Puaa oppose this bill!

I believe, Donald Trump deserves a fair chance!

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 3:35:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rodd Shimamoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I choose to oppose this bill, as I don't feel Trump should be removed from the ballot.

February 5th, 2024

Honorable Members of the Hawaii State Capitol,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 2392, which seeks to remove Donald Trump from Hawaii ballots in the upcoming election. As a resident deeply committed to upholding the principles of democracy and constitutional rights, I firmly believe that every citizen of Hawaii deserves the freedom to vote for the candidate of their choice, without interference or censorship.

SB 2392's attempt to exclude Donald Trump from the ballot is a clear violation of our constitutional rights and undermines the democratic process. Regardless of personal opinions or political affiliations, every candidate who meets the requirements for candidacy should have the opportunity to be represented on the ballot.

By attempting to restrict the choices available to voters, SB 2392 sets a dangerous precedent that undermines the fundamental principles of democracy and free elections. It is essential that the voices and choices of the people of Hawaii are respected and protected, regardless of political ideologies or affiliations.

Furthermore, the removal of a candidate from the ballot based on personal or partisan motivations sets a troubling precedent that opens the door to further infringements on our democratic rights in the future. It is imperative that we uphold the principles of fairness, transparency, and inclusivity in our electoral processes.

In conclusion, I urge you to reject Senate Bill 2392 and uphold the fundamental right of the people of Hawaii to choose their representatives freely and without undue interference. Let us preserve the integrity of our democratic system and ensure that every voice is heard in the upcoming election. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Lexi Saucedo

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 3:43:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alexis Caramonte	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 3:46:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jodi Liu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Rhoades, Senator Elefante, Senator Awa, Senator Buenaventura, and Senator Gabbard,

I am in strong opposition to Senate Bill, 2392 and I'm asking you to vote against this bill. We all know that it is primarily geared at keeping President Trump off of the ballot no matter how it is worded. Trying to claim he incited an insurrection and pushing that narrative has proven to have failed time and time again. It's a personal attack because senator Rhoades can't stand President Trump. He doesn't hide that. Senators work for the people and need to keep their personal anger out of lawmaking. Instead, you should listen to the people. This out-of-context use of the 14th amendment can be used against anyone running for any office that political leaders want to stop. It is a far overreach of power. Let the people make our own choice and choose our candidate, that is our right. Thank you for doing the pono thing for Hawaii, our people and our elections.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 3:51:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill for numerous reasons.

The opening line for this bill states "The legislature finds that citizens of this State have the right to expect that public servants be people of integrity, and not people who have committed actions that threaten democracy or undermine the vote of the people."

The United States of America is acutally a Constitutional Federal Republic. Meaning The US government is based on a Constitution which is supreme law of the United States.

By definition, a republic is a representative form of government that is ruled according to a charter, or constitution. A democracy is a government that is ruled according to the will of the majority. Although these forms of government are often confused, they are quite different. The main difference between a republic and a democracy is the charter or constitution that limits power in a republic, often to protect the individual's rights against the desires of the majority.

By you trying to remove a candidate name from a ballot is your personal feelings towards that individual and is the reason why the Constitution is there. YOU are undermining the vote of the people by picking and choosing names that can be taken off the ballot.

President Trump has not been proven guilty of any wrong doing. It is still all "speculation" President Biden on the other hand has done and still continues to behave and do things that are not in the best interest of the American people. Will you be taking his name of the ballot as well? How far does this go? Will you remove any persons names that YOU feel shouldn't be there? Isn't that the point of voting? WE THE PEOPLE get to choose. You don't get the right to say who we can and cannot get a chance to vote for.

There are and have been names on local ballots that personally I feel shouldn't have been on ballots and those people have won. Some people that are representatives of the state of Hawaii don't show integrity. Can we remove them from office? Can we remove their names of future ballots?

Again, I oppose SB 2392. President Trump should have a fair chance to run for presidency just as any other person. That is not your right to take names off just because you don't like him. You don't like him; don't vote for him. Please move on and start creating bills that actually help and benefit people of the state of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 3:52:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vicki Sakoda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2392 because I see this a step towards less freedom of choice and more control over the ballot. It resembles what is happening in other countries when the opposition to the ruling party is squelched. Please do not let this happen in our wonderful state.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 3:54:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

It is unconstitutional to remove any candidates to vote for, that are on all other states' ballots. It should be the citizens option to vote for who they want and don't want. If there are personal feelings against any candiates, then keep it personal and not take away from the voter's rights.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 4:22:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hope Lanier	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Oppose.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 4:25:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
SEAN SPENCER	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 4:31:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kauionalani Hai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is voter suppression, the 14th amendment is not applicable to the current election as no person named on the ballot was ever charged let alone convicted of insurrection. Stop being a coward and let WE THE PEOPLE decide. If we can vote for Bu La'ia we can vote for any other clown.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 4:40:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Blaine De Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2392. To take Trump off the ballot takes away my freedom to choose.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 4:46:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melvin Kiaaina Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against bill SB2392, I believe this is another attempt by the democrats to steal the 2024 election from President Donald Trump. Every attempt is being made to stop President Trump from being the true President of the United States of America. The democrats cannot win fairly at the ballot boxes so every attempt is being made in courts to stop him from winning. This is evil and of satan. The democrats are "Wolves in sheep clothing" and righteous will prevail over evil. God states in the Bible "Vengeance is mine". The democrats of the state of Hawaii are evil and do not put God first but put themselves, their agenda and satan first. We the people of Hawaii want new leaders to run Hawaii that put the values, ideals, and have the same morals as the forefathers that established this nation. The democrats are sending this country backwards and straight to hell. I am against this bill. Stop it now.

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February 5, 2024

Committee on Elections
State Legislature of Hawaii
Hawaii State Capitol

Honolulu, Hawaii

Subject: Testimony in Opposition to SB2932 - Disqualification of Candidates from Ballots

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB2932, which proposes to exclude certain candidates from election ballots based on disqualification criteria outlined in constitutional or statutory provisions. While I understand the importance of upholding the integrity of elections, I believe that this bill infringes upon my constitutional rights to decide for myself who I want to vote for.

The right to choose one's preferred candidate is a fundamental aspect of our democratic system. By disqualifying candidates from the ballot based on specific criteria, the proposed legislation restricts my ability to make an informed decision during the electoral process. This limitation is contrary to the principles of free and fair elections, where voters should have the autonomy to support candidates based on their own values, beliefs, and preferences.

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I believe in the importance of a robust democracy that allows for diverse perspectives and choices. Instead of restricting the options available to voters, efforts should be directed towards enhancing transparency, education, and civic engagement, ensuring that voters are well-informed about the candidates they are choosing.

I respectfully urge the committee to reconsider the implications of SB2932 on individual rights and freedoms. I encourage you to explore alternative measures that preserve the democratic principles of choice and participation while addressing concerns related to the integrity of elections.

Please keep in mind that you are a civil servant and work to preserve the rights and freedoms of those you serve, not dictate or control them. I trust that you will carefully weigh the potential impacts of this legislation on individual rights and democratic values.

Sincerely,

Jenna Felipe

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 4:57:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glenn Shimabukuro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose Senate Bill 2392. This will allow those who are not pursuing justice and are wanting political power thru the judicial courts. This Bill would be another tool to circumvent truth via biased judges.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 5:01:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nikos Leverenz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, & Senate Judiciary Committee Members:

I write in strong support of SB 2392, which would help preserve the integrity of our state's electoral system against those who are hostile to the democratic electoral process that is foundational to the continued vitality of our federal and state constitutions.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 5:30:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patti Yasuhara	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Candidate must have a court decided decision, innocent until proven guilty.

Ty Felipe
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Sincerely,

Ty Felipe

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 5:37:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anthony Felipe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Anthony Felipe

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 5:56:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Moreover, the proposed measures may lead to potential challenges in interpreting and enforcing disqualification criteria, creating uncertainty and potential disputes during the electoral process. This could undermine the transparency and effectiveness of our democratic system.

The fact that this bill is even being considered is wrong. It does not matter if the candidate is male, female, Democrat, Republican, Green Party, Independent, Black, White, Polynesian, Asian, young, or old, removing a candidate from the ballot should be illegal. As long as the candidate is a natural-born citizen who is at least 35 years of age and has lived in the country for the last 14 years, then that is all that should matter. This is a clear indicator that we as voters are metaphorically having our mouths taped shut and are being stripped of our freedoms.

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Sincerely,

Ryan K

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 6:12:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aulii Adviento	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this bill.

It is constitustional and illegal.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 6:27:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roxanne T Jim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Committee Members:

I am opposed to this bill. Please vote NO.

Aloha ke Akua,

Roxanne Jim

District 25

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:02:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aiden Martin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Let the people vote for whoever they want. Do not omit people from the ballot. Let the people decide.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:23:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
curtis kamisugi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My rights as a citizen are being threatened by this bill and I feel like we're becoming like any other socialistic country via propaganda and censorship. We're going the wrong way!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:24:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
cynthia kamisugi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stongly oppose bill sb2392 because it will take away my right to vote for whomever I want to. I do not want the government to treat me like a child. I feel that a government that keeps names off the ballot is a socialistic government and is trampling on its citizens rights and freedoms. Our freedoms will disapper one by one if bills like this pass. Shame on Karl Rhodes for trying to keep names off the ballot and taking away my freedom to chose.

Cynthia Kamisugi

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:30:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sue Alden-Rudin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

President Trump has the right to be on the 2024 Hawaii State Presidential Ballot. As an American Citizen it is my right and the right of all to choose who they want for President. The State of Hawaii should not take our rights away. This is America!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:45:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. We live in a Constitutional Republic where the people have the right to vote or their elected official. This is a politically motivated move To undermine the election and the highest form of election fraud. You are eliminating an candidate because of your own personal feeling and opinions. Your feelings should absolutely NOT dictate how a person can vote. Whether you are democrat or republican this type of bill should frighten you. We are not a dictatorship.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:49:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ashlee Valeros	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Subject: Testimony in Support of SB2392

Ashlee Valeros
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2/5/2024

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB2392. This legislation aligns with values and objectives that emphasize protecting our elections from unconstitutional presidential candidacy.

I encourage the committee to consider the positive impact that this bill can have on keeping our elections in line with the constitution. I am hopeful that the Senate will support this crucial piece of legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Valeros

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:18:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patrick Watson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose this bill as it is a thinly veiled partisan effort to block President Trump from the ballot. He did not instigate an insurrection. More attention should be focused on removing the current president who is threatening our country's security by allowing illegal aliens across our open borders, creating global instability, threats of world war, and is obviously mentally unfit for his responsibilities. Shame on the democratic party for hypocritically turning a blind eye to Biden's cognitive decline and coddling such dereliction of duty.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 10:01:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gina Foster	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposing SB 2392 for the following reason(s): Let the voters of Hawaii decide. Removing Trump from the 2024 Hawaii State Presidential Ballot is removing our right to choose. We are a democratic nation with the freedom to vote for who we want. Not having Trump on the ballot violates this freedom.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 10:02:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. How dare you take away our constitutional right to vote for a candidate. you have no right to do this whether you like him or not! we do not live in a comunist country. USA is a constitutional republic. Democrats are terrified of losing power so they are pulling third world communist dictator style tactics to stay in power. I ask that you kill this bill!!!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 10:19:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose the communistic actions of this fraudulent group of individuals usurping Hawaii State Leadership positions and Desecrating our Hawaii state Capitol with their criminal activity and treasonous presence from Keeping President Donald J Trump off the 2024 Presidential Ballot in the State of a Hawaii. President Donald J Trump has not been convicted of any crimes he has only exposed YOUR CRIMES. Govern yourselves accordingly.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 10:38:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Russell Odegaard	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as being a US citizen. I should have the right to vote for who I would like to if I pay taxes if I register for the draft if I've done everything to be a US citizen, you cannot take away my right to vote for who I would like to. Donald Trump has not been found guilty by any court. Stop using this 14th amendment and stop telling me what I can and cannot do as a US citizen.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 11:39:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Representatives of the State:

I am writing to express opposition of Senate Bill 2392. I urge you to vote against this legislation and secure the individual rights of the people. The least we can do for democracy is to create uniform standards for conducting elections and protect the common law rights of the People, as is laid out in the United States Constitution and the Hawaii State Constitution.

Hawaii State Constitution Article 1, Section 1: Political Power

All political power of this state is inherent in the people and the responsibility for the exercise thereof rests with the people. All government is founded on this authority.

Hawaii State Constitution Article 1, Section 2: Rights of Individuals

All persons are free by nature and are equal in their inherent and inalienable rights. Among these rights are the enjoyment of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and the acquiring and possessing of property.

These rights cannot endure unless the people recognize our corresponding obligations and responsibilities.

Mahalo.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 11:46:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kylee Makaya	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha to all in the State Legislation,

I think it's not only unjust that this bill is being pushed but also completely unconstitutional for someone who has time and time again been convicted of said crimes and yet nothing has stuck due to the lack of evidence from those trying to convict this man. This goes against every citizen of Hawai'i's 1st Amendment right to have the freedom to choose for themselves based off of their own political beliefs. In doing this, you are just nourishing the campaign for Donald Trump's run for President. You are showing us as a people that you are scared for the corruption to have a chance of seizing to exist by having this man become President once more. I question the integrity of **ANYONE** trying to remove the choice of another citizen based off of their own ideological beliefs, this is sounding more and more like our neighboring communist countries that are fighting for their freedoms, I thought this was the *Land of the Free*? I am disappointed in what this state and country of ours has come to.

Sincerely,

From a 22 year old, Native Hawaiian, wife, mother, and strong conservative woman.

Trump 2024!!!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 12:11:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Asia A	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom this may concern,

It is a slippery slope to introduce a Bill that allows the local government to dictate which candidates belong on the ballot.

It is not up to the government to disqualify candidates, it is up to the people to vote for or against. By removing an option for voters, you're removing the power of the people to decide for themselves.

With the wording of this Bill, Government agencies can easily manipulate the system to disqualify a candidate. I strongly oppose SB2392.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 12:44:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shana Wailana Kukila	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

RE: SB2392

POSITION: Full support.

TESTIMONY: No one is above the law. Presidential candidates should be held to a higher standard than any other individual citizen. All political candidates should be held to a higher standard when asking for our vote.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 1:53:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bradd Haituka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this ridiculous bill, not only does it violate the state constitution, it also is a danger to the election process.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 5:40:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sheila Gage	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because I believe everyone should have the right to choose. Passing this bill goes against our constitutional right as citizens to choose any candidate.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 5:57:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelsie Inouye	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2392. No candidate should be taken off an election ballot. It is unconstitutional.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 7:00:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristie Caparida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Kristie Caparida, and I reside on Molokai and I oppose SB2392 re: "statutory provisions" and removing a name, that doesn't fit your narrative. President Donald Trump was not convicted of Insurrection or Seditious conspiracy because there was none. Jan 6 is clear regarding President Trump's statement on "peacefully protest," in which he did no such thing to overthrow the government. It is sad to see Hawaii introduce this bill because we should know what it was like to be overthrown! Ashamed on Senator Rhoades who seek to take away our voices and vote. It seem sinister and intentional to remove the number one Republican candidate off Hawaii ballot. Have we stooped so low. You should be scratching your head that the sitting President has hard time speaking without cue cards or walking up a flight of stairs- where's the statutory provision? This is concerning for we the people. Please, look into 18 U.S. Code section 2384 and section 2383 and read it with intent. There is so much weeds today that clouds people's understanding to justice. Take for example Jack Smith who destroys the electoral process to a point where people don't know the rules of the game/law. These people are implants, continuing to rewrite statues. It is obvious what's happening in plain view, "37 counts against the former President regarding documents during election year." We are not suppose to know about the Hilary Record Act? wait! I meant the Presidential Records Act. Finally, isn't lady justice blind? Or, are we going to rewrite that too? Hawaii doesn't need to worry about who's on the ballot. Hawaii already has strong democratic Biden support, so the question is why? Why this bill? Why now? Why such a statement? Thank you for your time and consideration. I oppose SB2392.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 7:16:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mildred Ahina	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose removing people or person(s) name off the ballot. I see how President Trump is treated unfairly while others go free. I see people who use their words cunningly and lie to the American people without remorse or consequences. We are living in a time where there is division because of politics. The media is so systematic and the same, I no longer watch the news. This bill that's being introduced has Mazie's hand all over it, despite Rhoades doing by introducing it. Living in Hawaii, we are graced with beauty around us, and this bill is so evil and ugly that it makes me sad. We vote people in to make a difference, to add more beauty, to improve Hawaii but this! This is causing division again. This is a hate speech and we don't feel the way you do Mr. Rhoades. I think you have too much time on your hands to be thinking and doing this. I oppose SB2392. Leave the name!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 7:22:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shiloh Caparids	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Leave Donald Trump's name on the ballot. I oppose SB2392. Get to work on the needs for Hawaii and stop playing politics. Focus on what matters. Thankk you.

Aloha ka kou,

My name is Ceara-Ann Ka'akimaka. I was born & raised on the island of Oahu, specifically Hawaii Kai. I attended Hawaii Public Schools & graduated from Kaiser High School in 2009. I went on to graduate with many other kanaka from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 2015. I was then recruited by Pepsi Beverages Company to begin my professional career. I began my career with a \$52,000 annual salary & progressed throughout my 7 years working in Hawaii with Pepsi. By 2022, I was making \$110,000 annual salary – but it still wasn't enough.

I was a single mother of one, at the time. Struggling to make ends meet – the cheapest rent I could find was \$2,350 & that only increased as time went on. Thankfully, I didn't have to pay for child care, as my family was able to watch my keiki. I can only imagine the kanaka that cannot afford to pay their rent/mortgage, child care & still find a way to feed their keiki. By April of 2020, I was paying \$3,600/month in rent.

I left Hawaii in January of 2022 for Orlando, Florida. The home that I was able to live in was a brand new & beautiful townhome with a two car garage & gated with amenities. I only had to pay \$2,500. Groceries were cheaper, gas was cheaper, life was cheaper.... But my heart longed to come home. When I would visit, I was astonished at the continued escalation of prices to be home. Groceries, gas, life in general..... Every time I talked to a friend, someone was considering leaving the islands. Heartbreaking.

I left Orlando to come to Denver, Colorado in September 2023. Even here, I have a 2,000 square foot home with a two car garage, fully finished basement & I only pay \$3,400/month.

Thankfully, God has provided an opportunity for us to return home to Hawaii. We are in the process of relocating & I now make \$143,000 annual salary – but it still isn't enough. We were lucky to find an older townhome rented out by a kanaka to live in.... but that's not what we wanted. We wanted to purchase a home, for our roots to grow – our keiki to have that childhood home instead of hopping from home to townhouse to maintain a lower cost of living. We can't do that because of the foreigners/haole coming in & taking the Hawaiian lands out of OUR hands. At this rate, my keiki will never have a childhood home. They will never be able to bring their keiki to Tutu's house one day – because Tutu will still be hopping from home to home paying someone else's rent...

I beg you to omit the haole from purchasing Hawaiian lands. Hawaii residents are what make HAWAII HAWAII. Keep Hawaii Hawaii – keep the culture alive and true. Let us live where we were meant to be. There are so many kanaka I've met here in Colorado that wish they could go home, but they simply cannot.

To the honorable folk reading this, I beg you to stop this chaos & keep Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian hands.

God Bless You & Mahalo.

Ceara Ka'akimaka

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 8:09:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelilinn lunasco	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Can you let us know why you want Trump off the ballot ? What threat does he have on you ?
You claim we should be equal, yet you want to take someone off the ballot. So I do oppose this
bill, as this is one way of taking our choices/freedom away. This is absurd

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 8:32:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shari saiki Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, it is unconstitutional.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 8:46:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shirlene D Ostrov	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On its surface, SB2392 appears to be a possible solution over the summer to mitigate President Trump's chances from regaining power by voting he could be banned from holding office under an obscure provision of the 14th Amendment.

But if believe in democracy like I don't think there's a substitute for letting the people vote.

President Trump is the runaway polling leader in the Republican primary field and is even or better with President Biden in hypothetical general election matchups. Given his popularity in the GOP, a constitutional challenge as described in this bill will produce a backlash that would further weaken many Americans' and local families' faith in the political system. I agree totally with one of the dissenters in the Colorado ruling who was disturbed about the potential chaos wrought by an imprudent, and standradless system in which each state, Hawaii included, gets to adjudicate Section Three disqualification cases on an ad hoc basis (as the bill articulates).

Hawai'i legislators should not attempt to change language in our constitution with legislative gymnastics to keep the GOP's frontrunner from appearing on the ballot. Let's hope they can use their power to actually help from the families of Hawai'i.

Let the voters vote.

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed bill that seeks to remove candidates from the ballot SB2392. As a concerned citizen deeply committed to upholding democratic principles and ensuring fair and inclusive elections in our state, I believe this bill poses a grave threat to the integrity of our electoral process and the fundamental rights of voters.

First and foremost, removing candidates from the ballot undermines the democratic principle of choice and denies voters the opportunity to make informed decisions. Every citizen has the right to participate in the electoral process, whether as a candidate or a voter, and it is essential that we uphold this right by ensuring that a diverse range of candidates are able to compete for public office.

Furthermore, disenfranchising candidates from the ballot sets a dangerous precedent that erodes trust in our electoral system and undermines the legitimacy of elected representatives. By limiting the options available to voters, this bill restricts political competition and perpetuates a system dominated by entrenched interests, thereby stifling innovation, diversity, and accountability in our government.

Moreover, the proposed criteria for removing candidates from the ballot are arbitrary and open to abuse, creating opportunities for political manipulation and discrimination. In a pluralistic society like ours, it is imperative that we protect the rights of all individuals to participate in the political process, regardless of their background, beliefs, or affiliations.

Additionally, removing candidates from the ballot deprives voters of the opportunity to engage in meaningful discourse and debate on important issues facing our communities. Elections are not merely about selecting winners and losers but are also about fostering civic engagement, dialogue, and consensus-building among diverse stakeholders.

In conclusion, I urge you to reject this bill and uphold the principles of democracy, transparency, and inclusivity in Hawaii's electoral system. Instead of restricting choices and silencing voices, let us work together to strengthen our democracy by promoting voter education, campaign finance reform, and electoral reforms that empower citizens and enhance political participation.

Thank you for considering my testimony on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Krystal Brice-Brown

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SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 9:09:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daryl Kral	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

In the very first paragraph of your bill 2392 & 2393 you state “that citizens of this State have the right to expect that public servants be people of integrity, and not people who have committed actions that threaten democracy or undermine the vote of the people”.

What you are proposing is doing exactly what you say you don’t want. People of integrity are not threatened and make better use of their appointment by the people than this foolishness. You are threatening democracy and undermining the people’s free choice to vote. This is Totalitarianism, you’re trying to prevent the people from making their own choice. You can not rewrite the United States Constitution form the State Legislature.

Sincerely

Daryl Kral

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 9:22:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Chang	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I feel that Donald Trump should be allowed to be on the voters ballot. I feel that we should allow the people to vote freely for whom they want to vote for. I feel it is double standard that you could pick on one political party without and not raise concern over other issues other parties have done. With Joe Biden's involvement with Burisma, and allowing all the illegal coming in to the country pose a threat to our country.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 9:31:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
SUSAN MORRIS	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this SB2392 bill. It is so wrong!!!

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 9:52:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brant Holland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Under normal conditions, I would agree it is reasonable to disqualify candidates from the ballot under Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. However, these are not normal conditions. President Trump has neither been charged with, indicted for, nor convicted of engaging in insurrection or rebellion.

The premise is absurd on its face as no such insurrection even occurred on January 6th. This is a politicized process intending to garner publicity and interfere with the 2024 election. The timing renders it a highly cynical and destructive action.

Should this bill pass, the only positive outcome one can reasonably infer is that everyone who votes in favor of it will affirm they believe January 6th was an insurrection. Thus, along with Senator Rhoads, they will have publicly confirmed their stupidity and ineligibility to hold elected office.

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 9:55:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erik	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I believe in the democratic principles by which the Republic of the United States of America and the State of Hawaii were founded on. If we are not going to uphold the principles of democracy we are taking away the right of the people of Hawaii to vote for a candidate of their choice, and we need to call ourselves a dictatorship!

I strongly oppose SB2392.

Sincerely,

Erik Eck

SB-2392

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 10:07:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/6/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bertram Kaeo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha! I oppose to this purposed bill because it is a radical attempt to deprive the people of Hawaii for the right to vote! It seems to be following the corruptions that we are witnessing in our nation today!

The power should never be taken away from the people and and given to the chief election officer or county clerk. Taking away that power only leaves the door open for more possible corruption leaving it in the peoples hand will allow the decision to be fair and just because it will have and outcome of the majority of all our people.

Using Donald trump because that is what this bill is all about, he has never been proven guilty for insurrection and removal on that grounds of accusation of insurrection would be totally unconstitutional and unjust! I highly oppose this bill again this is not freedom! Not just I! Not American! We are Hawaii, we should stand on what makes us Hawaiian! That is Aloha!

Don't let the norm of the mainland dictate our state! We should always do things our way! The Aloha way👍

February 6, 2024

From: ~~Blanca~~, concerned citizen.

FRANCINE KUHN

To whom may it concern: I oppose this bill. SB 2392 Relating to Election and Candidate disqualifications.

I oppose this bill because it takes away my freedom. The freedom to make my own decision to vote for whoever I want. To pass SB 2392 would be the wrong thing to do, because it infringe on my freedom of speech. This bill not only restricts Donald Trump from the ballot but also prohibits the electors and alternates from voting for their candidate. It prevents them from participating in the electoral system and it gives more power to the Government and less power to the people. This bill is against our US Constitutional rights and I oppose it. Please review this bill once again, because bias and hate for Trump aren't good reasons to change our US Constitution! Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. It was an honor.

I consider this bill election interference and I vehemently oppose it. Thank you for listenening to the tax payers of this country.

Sincerely,
FRANCINE KUHN
