



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**OFFICE OF ELECTIONS**  
802 LEHUA AVENUE  
PEARL CITY, HAWAII 96782  
elections.hawaii.gov

SCOTT T. NAGO  
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER

TESTIMONY OF THE  
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1879  
RELATING TO THE DIGITAL VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

January 30, 2024

Chair Tarnas and members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1879. This bill provides that certain information to be included in any digital voter information guide shall not be released to any requestor in whole or in part before the public release of the entire guide.

This bill seeks to ensure the uniform, equitable, and coordinated release of information of the contents of the voter information guide. We are proposing this change to clarify that a candidate's statement should not be available ahead of the release of the digital voter information guide as it may provide an unfair advantage to the requestor which could impact the election. Currently, the law is unclear as to whether an open records request can be made for a candidate's statement before the actual guide is released or if it should be rejected on the grounds that if granted it would frustrate a legitimate government function by undermining one of the purposes of the voter information guide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1879.



**LATE**

**Committee on JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Rep. David Tarnas, Chair**

**Rep. Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair**

**Tuesday, January 30 2024 – 2:00pm**

**Conference Room 325 and VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**HB 1879 – Relating to the Digital Voter Information Guide  
and Embargo on Release of Information**

**TESTIMONY**

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

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee Members:

**The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports HB1879** regarding the **Digital Voter Information Guide** and providing that certain information to be included in any digital voter information guide shall not be released to any requestor in whole or in part before the public release of the entire guide.

The League of Women Voters supports HB 1879's explanation from the State of Hawaii, Office of Elections and feels this is a necessary housekeeping item of clarification regarding the Digital Voter Information Guide – their testimony dated January 30, 2024.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

**HB-1879**

Submitted on: 1/26/2024 2:30:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Voting Has to Be done in only one way. Buy paper Baled with your license/ ID.

NO other WAY acceptable Period. All other ways are Treason and those pushing this will be Charged with Treason!!!!

**HB-1879**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 1:09:20 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Corinne Solomon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas and JHA Committee Members,

I support HB1879

I have one question-does this bill allow for candidates to review their information section for accuracy prior to release of the voter guide?

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony,

Corinne Solomon HD20