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January 28, 2025

**TESTIMONY OF JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 141
RELATING TO THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

Chair Tarnas and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill No. 141. This Bill makes the members of the Elections Commission subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

House Bill No. 141 will increase transparency to the process for appointing members of the Elections Commission by providing the public with more opportunities to learn about and offer comment on nominees.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill No. 141.

JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA
County Clerk



Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
Chair Dvid A. Tarnas, Vice Chair Mahina Poepoe

Jsnuary 28, 2025, 2 p.m. and Rm. 325
HB 141 — Relating to the Election Commission

TESTIMONY

Amy Monk, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports HB 141

The League of Women Voter (LWV) works to protect and expand voting rights by supporting free, fair and equitable elections.

The LWV **supports HB 141** which would subject Elections Commission nominees to the advice and consent of the Senate allowing basic screening of nominees to determine if they support free, fair and equitable elections and have a basic understanding of the election process in Hawaii. The LWV believes that anyone serving on the Elections Commission should support democratic elections.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB141, RELATING TO THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
JANUARY 28, 2025

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee:

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** HB141, RELATING TO THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION. Pursuant to the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the Party supports full transparency in all government functions and we endorse policies that safeguard the integrity of our electoral process.

This measure will significantly enhance the transparency and accountability of the Elections Commission in the State of Hawai'i. By requiring Senate confirmation for Election Commission members, the bill ensures thorough vetting and public accountability. It promotes bipartisan representation by mandating nominations from both majority and minority parties in the Senate and House of Representatives, fostering balanced political perspectives. Additionally, the confirmation process adds a layer of public involvement, enhancing transparency in appointments.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB141, RELATING TO THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Democratic Party of Hawai'i at legislation@hawaiidemocrats.org.



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The Thirty-Second Legislature
House of Representatives
Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Testimony by
Hawaii State AFL-CIO

January 28, 2025

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB141 – RELATING TO THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and members of the committee:

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO is a state federation of 74 affiliate labor organizations representing over 68,000 union members across Hawaii in industries including healthcare, construction, hospitality, entertainment, transportation, and government. The AFL-CIO serves its affiliates by advocating for the rights of working families, promoting fair wages, ensuring safe working conditions, and supporting policies that strengthen Hawaii's workforce.

We are in support of HB141, which requires nominations for Elections Commission members to be made by legislative leaders and confirmed by the Senate. This measure ensures a transparent and accountable process for appointing commission members responsible for overseeing Hawaii's election system.

Fair and transparent election processes are vital to ensuring all voices are heard in shaping Hawaii's future. This measure reinforces public trust by improving accountability in how Elections Commission members are selected. We respectfully urge the committee to advance this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
President



TESTIMONY
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HB141 RELATING TO THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, January 28, 2025, at 2:00 pm, State Capitol Conference Room 325

Honorable Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Committee

The current partisan balance of the Elections Commission (EC) is threatened by HB141. According to David R. Mayhew, PhD, Sterling Professor of Political Science at Yale University, “partisan balance (as demonstrated in Congress) is a system of government that has functioned for well over two centuries, even through heated partisan conflicts.”

Submitted in STRONG OPPOSITION by Jamie Detwiler, President, Hawaiian Islands Republican Women for the following reasons:

1. A threat to the current bipartisan representation on the Elections Commission

- The current formation of the Elections Commission provides balance. The Hawaii Revised Statutes as written, allows for a robust discussion, fair representation, and accountability.
- The EC also conducts meetings open to the public, which is an opportunity for solution-focused actions to improve elections operations and promote transparency.

2. Shift in power from bipartisan to partisan

- By changing the process of selecting EC Commissioners, HB141 proposes to shift the power to the “advice and consent of the Senate.” This would give the power and authority to the Democrat-majority Senate therefore creating an imbalance on the EC.
- An imbalance will also diminish the voices and opinions of the minority party on the EC.

3. Erode public confidence

- With strong potential for an imbalance in the Elections Commission as proposed in HB141, the public will not trust the elections process.

4. Solutions and Recommendations

- Keep the current nomination process as written in the HRS while implementing additional transparency measures, such as scheduled public hearings for nominees.
- Ensuring equal representation of majority and minority parties in the commission without subjecting appointments to a potentially partisan confirmation process.

For these reasons, please vote NO on HB141. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 7:59:33 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this measure which seeks to put more layers between We the People and the integrity of our elections. I urge all members of the Committee to **VOTE NO** on this Bill.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 8:22:55 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I stand in strong opposition to this bill, mahalo.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 9:24:28 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill !

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 9:25:10 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 9:25:55 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 10:52:46 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| IONE CHITTENDEN | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Both sides, republicans and democrats should have a vote and consent of commissioners. I feel this bill is a deliberate attempt to lock out opponents of the other party.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 7:20:36 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members.

I am testifying in support of this measure. The legislature should act as a responsible and reasonable check on executive power, and holding confirming votes for executive nominees to various boards and commissions is crucial to successful oversight and accountability. I urge the Committee to pass this legislation.

Chair David Tarnas
Vice Chair Mahina Poepoe

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
2:00 PM

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB141 RELATING TO THE ELECTIONS
COMMISSION**

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is Jun Shin. I am testifying as an individual in **SUPPORT** of **HB141**, Relating to the Elections Commission. The Elections Commission has the responsibility of hiring, firing, and reviewing the job performance of the Chief Elections Officer, as well as advising the Chief Elections Officer on our elections. The Elections Commission plays an important role in our democratic process and the running of our elections.. Therefore, it is only right that democratically elected officials and members of the public have a say in who sits on the commission that will affect our civic responsibilities.

Please **PASS** House Bill 141 out of your committee.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Jun Shin
808-255-6663

Hello Legislators,

My name is Ralph Cushnie, and I am on the State of Hawaii Elections Commission.

I am against HB 141.

Requiring the consent of the Senate to appoint elections commissioners will perpetuate the public's mistrust of the elections process.

I have outlined in the attachment some of the issues with our current elections process. None of the issues are political, they are all procedural.

This bill is designed to silence the minorities concerns regarding our elections process.

Please vote no

Elections by Mail are Compromised

The laws that were enacted to safeguard elections by mail are not being followed.

Chain of custody: Chain of custody for the collection of ballots from the USPS and Drop boxes is not being kept by any of the counties. There is no accurate accounting of how many ballots were voted by mail and drop boxes.

Compromise: This allows the manipulation of the number of ballots reported electronically during the voting process.

Signature Verification: Signature verification is un-auditable. The signature on an envelope is presumed to be correct. Official observers are not allowed to witness the electronic signature verification process. We do not know the sensitivity settings on the software that verifies signatures and there are no logs or reports to conduct audits. The counties do not report the total number of envelopes that are verified. This reporting is done in the statewide voter registration system.

Voter Roles: Voter Roles are not kept current, allowing a flood of mail ballot packs to be sent out. This provides a reserve of registered voters that can be assigned as voted.

Compromise: “Rebuttable presumption” voters on the roles can be electronically added as passing signature verification. No one would ever know without logs or reports.

Compromise: the number of ballot envelopes increased while in signature verification during the 2024 election. This number can only decrease during signature verification due to invalid signatures.

Transfer of Ballots from the Counties to the State: The number of ballots transferred from the Counties to the State is not independently verified by observers. Observers only verify the number of trays of envelopes being transferred.

Compromise: The physical inventory of ballot envelopes is less than the number voters reported by the electronic voting machine.

State Counting Center: There is no independent physical verification of the number of envelopes in each ballot batch.

Compromise: More ballots are reported than actually exist.

Audits: For the mail in election are conducted using ballot images. Also, only one race is checked in a precinct.

Compromise: Audits are designed so they will never catch fraud, mistakes, or manipulation. Ballot images can be manipulated or duplicated. The audit needs to be done with the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT). This is the only document verified by the voter.

Election Certification: Election certification is not conducted according to the law. The counties and State have numerous excuses for not following the laws and safeguards to secure elections by mail.

Compromise: None of the election documents are reconciled, allowing electronic manipulation of the vote count.

Conclusion:

The number of ballots was electronically manipulated in the 2024 general election.

By ignoring chain of custody requirements, excluding observers from the signature verification process, and using ballot images to conduct audits, the physical inventory of ballots is never confirmed.

The Results from Hawaii's voting by mail and using electronic voting machines to count the vote are compromised and therefore are not reliable.

An Audit must be conducted for the 2020 and 2024 General Elections to reconcile the physical number of ballots to the number of votes reported.

Sincerely,

Ralph Cushnie

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 5:15:16 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Brett Kulbis | Individual | Oppose | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

Chair Tarnas and Committee Members,

My name is Brett Kulbis, I'm a 26yr Navy Veteran and Retired Civil Servant. I live in Ewa Beach.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB-141.

I believe the intent of this bill misses the mark on fixing the Elections Commission. Adding an unnecessary process in the selection of commissioners will not solve the current problem.

The Advise and Consent process of the Senate is designed as the "check and balance" system, ensuring that gubernatorial appointments are scrutinized and approved by the legislative branch, thereby balancing executive power with legislative oversight. It is not designed for selecting volunteer positions.

The selection process of commissioners is usually done with coordination of the political party of the selecting legislature. It is the selecting legislature who has the responsibility of vetting any nominees. In my experience it's a challenge to find nominees since they serve without compensation, with the exception of being reimbursed for reasonable expenses, which includes travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

If you want to really fix the Elections Commission I recommend the following amendments:

1. Require all commissioners and the chair to have ethics, Robert's Rules of Order, Sunshine Law, and some version of board training.
2. Require DAGS to produce an Elections Commissioner Guidebook, similar to the City and County of Honolulu's Neighborhood Board Member Guidebook.

I would also recommend amending §11-7.5 Duties of the elections commission, subparagraph (7) to read "Advise Direct and supervise the chief election officer on matters relating to elections." Under subparagraphs (4) and (5), the commission already has hiring and evaluation authority. However, because they are restricted to only advising the Chief Election Officer, whoever is in that position can ignore the commission's advice, or go rogue. As was the case in 2024 when the Chief Election Officer testified in favor of the state joining the non-profit

organization Electronic Registration Information Center without discussing it with the commission, which was opposed.

Respectfully, I encourage you to consider making these amendments before voting on HB-141.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 5:49:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ruth Robison | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs,

I am a voter who lives in Hilo. I am testifying in support of HB 141 RELATING TO THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION.

The Elections Commission has very serious, non-partisan responsibilities and members deserve to be approved by the more deliberative body of the Hawai`i State Legislature, the Senate.

I urge you to pass HB 141 RELATING TO THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION and make the members of the Elections Commission subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. Thank you for your service to the people of Hawai`i.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 6:42:12 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB 141. The bill and proposed changes are partisan in nature. The changes will provide radical left democrats from the democrat-majority limitless power to manipulate the appointment process of Election Commissioners by requiring anyone nominated to the positions have the consent of the democrat-majority Senate. Hawaii Revised Statute (HRS) § 11-7 clearly details the establishment, appointment, duties, geographical requirements and vacancy protocols for the Hawaii State Election Commission. Its not necessarily that the laws we have currently for this process are bad (though some certainly are). The Election Commission representatives must be willing to take on abuse of power. This includes holding the Chief Election Officer accountable, and addressing misconduct. Faith in the election process and law is a safeguard against societal breakdown. Hawaii State elections have chain of custody issues that the Election Commission needs to address in a bipartisan manner. Thank you for reading my testimony, I will provide oral testimony via zoom.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:08:27 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Joelle Seashell | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

This is a tyrannical proposition to silence the voice of anyone who might oppose the agenda of this one party state. If the state government really wanted fair elections with no fraud they would go back to in person, paper ballot voting. They have no intention of eliminating fraud which is why it's an agenda for them to write this bill. Shame on you for writing this bill. This is a perfect example of why Hawaii is number 1 in corruption.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:21:32 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire | Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands & United States of America | Oppose | In Person |

Comments:

Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 141

To the Honorable Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs:

I am writing to express my deep & strong opposition regarding House Bill 141, which proposes significant changes to the appointment process of the Elections Commission in Hawaii. My opposition is rooted in several critical areas, including the potential for increased political influence, administrative inefficiencies, the erosion of bipartisan representation, and, most critically, the marginalization of minority voices. Remove Scott Nago & Michael Curtis immediately for corruption and treason and the 4 other commissioners who are blatantly corrupt and I have attached below in this testimony, what I submitted to the office of elections on the January 15, 2025 meeting; same day as opening legislation day; that was held virtually on zoom on purpose!

Key Points of Opposition:

1. Blatant Corruption by the Chair & Colluding 4 appointees (TREASON)
 - o Violated State Of Hawaii Constitution Article 2, Section 4
 - o Michael Curtis = Chair w/ Bad Attitude & Avoids All Public's Questions
 - o Jeffrey Kuwada, appointed by the Speaker of the House
 - o Jeffrey Osterkamp, appointed by The Speaker of the House
 - o Peter Young, appointed by President of the Senate
 - o Clare McAdam, appointed by President of the Senate
1. Evidence
 1. State of Hawaii Office of Elections Meeting Jan 15, 2025

1. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cd_6kbFz-uY&t=4009s
2. Missing Chain of Custody
 1. Kauai is 3K+ Votes Over
 2. Big Island is 19K Votes Over
2. State of Hawaii Office of Elections Meeting October 8, 2024
 1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADZnC3MurxI>
3. State of Hawaii Office of Elections Meeting August 7, 2024
 1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3ZrT095rpQ&t=4s>

1. Political Influence and Independence:
 - Subjecting all commission members to Senate confirmation increases the risk of politicization, potentially skewing the commission towards the majority's political interests rather than maintaining its role as an impartial body. The Elections Commission must stand above partisan politics to ensure our elections remain fair and transparent.
2. Efficiency and Timeliness:
 - The introduction of Senate confirmation could delay the filling of commission vacancies, which is detrimental given the time-sensitive nature of election oversight. The current system allows for more immediate action, crucial for maintaining the integrity of our electoral processes.
3. Erosion of Bipartisan Representation:
 - The current method ensures a balance by allowing both majority and minority parties to nominate members. The proposed change would give the majority-dominated Senate disproportionate sway, risking the transformation of the Elections Commission into a partisan body. This could lead to a significant erosion of public trust in the commission's neutrality and fairness.
4. Concentration of Power:
 - Centralizing the appointment process in one legislative chamber reduces the influence of diverse stakeholders, including minority parties and representatives from various geographic regions. This concentration of power might sideline minority viewpoints, particularly those from smaller counties, thereby not reflecting Hawaii's rich diversity in political thought and geography. There's a real danger that the minority voice of the people will be lost.
5. Geographical Representation and Minority Voices:
 - Although the bill mandates representation from each county, the confirmation process might not genuinely mirror Hawaii's demographic diversity, particularly diminishing the impact of minority groups. The current structure allows for broader representation, including those from underrepresented communities, ensuring all voices are considered in the electoral process. The proposed system risks overshadowing these diverse community interests with Senate dynamics.
6. Loss of Minority Representation:
 - The Elections Commission is pivotal in ensuring that all segments of our population have their voices heard in elections. The changes proposed could lead

to policies and decisions that overlook or ignore the needs and perspectives of minority communities, fundamentally weakening our democratic fabric.

7. Administrative Burden:

- Adding a layer of Senate confirmation increases administrative complexity, time, and cost without clear advantages for election integrity or public trust.

Recommendations:

- Instead of adopting HB141, consider retaining the current nomination process with enhanced transparency measures like public hearings for nominees.
- Ensure equal representation from both majority and minority parties without subjecting appointments to a potentially partisan confirmation process, thereby preserving the commission's independence and inclusivity.
- Remove Michael Curtis and the 4 Colluding Corrupt Commissioners who Do Not Follow their own State of Hawaii Constitution made in 1978, create unconstitutional ballots in every primary election, Do Not listen to the will of the people, Do not answer a single question generated from the public, and is a farce of a “kukae show” when anyone from the public looks at the Office of Elections Meetings of Corruption!

Conclusion:

House Bill 141 poses a significant threat to the independence of the Elections Commission and to the representation of Hawaii's diverse electorate. By potentially silencing minority communities, this bill could compromise the integrity of our democratic system. I urge the committee to oppose HB141, to protect the bipartisan integrity and ensure the fair, balanced, and inclusive nature of our electoral oversight body.

Thank you for considering this testimony.

Sincerely,

President Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM

Ke Aupuni o Ko Hawai'i Pae Aina &

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This testimony now provides a comprehensive argument against HB141, focusing on the preservation of minority representation, the importance of bipartisan and geographical inclusivity, and the overall maintenance of trust in our electoral process.

This is the letter I publicly submitted to The Office of Elections Meeting and Commissioners and was mentioned by Jeffrey Osterkamp during the January 15, 2025 Live via The State of Hawaii Office of Elections Official Youtube Channel

To the Egregiously Corrupt State of Hawaii Office of Elections Commission Corrupt Chair Michael Curtis & Cohorts: Corrupt Commissioners Jeffrey Kawada, Jeffrey Osterkamp, Clare McAdam, & Peter Young,

802 Lehua Avenue Pearl City, HI 96782

Subject: Demand for Immediate Rectification of Profound Election Fraud & Constitutional Violations - With Accountability and Consequences

Distinguished yet Deeply Errant Commissioners,

I write to you with grave concern, presenting a catalog of severe violations that have not only besmirched the sanctity of our elections but also threaten the very foundation of our democratic republic. These allegations, each marked by deliberate intent (mens rea) and overt action (actus reus), demand immediate and stringent action:

- Systematic Corruption and Fraud: Your deliberate manipulation of votes is an outright attack on democracy, undermining the core of voter integrity and public trust.
- Chain of Custody Violations: Significant breaches, notably on Kauai with a 3,000 vote discrepancy, indicate either profound negligence or a calculated scheme to corrupt the electoral process. This is not mere error; it's a calculated act of deceit.
- Unprecedented Vote Discrepancy on the Big Island: An alarming 19,000 vote surplus, which demands immediate, transparent investigation, points to either gross incompetence or deliberate fraud.
- Persecution of Whistleblower Ralph Cushnie:
 - Retaliatory Actions: The punitive dismissal of Commissioner Cushnie for his integrity in exposing corruption, followed by the abrupt cessation of the live broadcast, is a direct affront to justice, law, and the principles of free speech.
- Disregard for Procedural Integrity:
 - Violation of Roberts Rules of Order: Your blatant disregard for these fundamental procedural rules has turned democratic discourse into a mockery, stripping away transparency and fairness.
- Constitutional and Statutory Violations:
 - 1978 Hawaii Constitution: The unconstitutional manipulation of primary ballots is a clear violation of Article 2, Section 4, undermining the constitutional right to a fair and secret ballot.
 - Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS): You have egregiously violated:
 - HRS 11-7.5, HRS 19-3, HRS 11-172, HRS 11-174.5, HRS 1-1, HRS 5-7.5, showcasing a pattern of legal defiance.
- Treason and High Crimes: These actions could be considered treasonous, betraying the state and qualifying as "high crimes" due to the malicious intent to distort the electoral process.
- Federal Implications & Actions:
 - Title 18, U.S. Code: Under the direct oversight of President Donald J. Trump, FBI Director Kash Patel is tasked with a rigorous investigation into these acts of fraud, obstruction, and conspiracy.
 - Title 32, U.S. Code: The severity of these offenses justifies immediate federal intervention to restore order, integrity, and public faith in our electoral system.

Demands for Accountability and Consequences:

- Immediate FBI Investigation: An independent audit, under the stringent oversight of FBI Director Kash Patel and with President Trump's direct involvement, is imperative to restore public trust.

- Severe Legal Repercussions: Those found guilty must face the harshest penalties, including significant prison terms, hefty fines, and permanent bans from public office, reflecting the egregious nature of these breaches.
- Restoration and Justice: Reinstate Commissioner Cushnie, rectify the unconstitutional ballot manipulations, and ensure all future elections adhere strictly to both state and federal law.
- Reform and Absolute Transparency: Implement strict reforms with relentless oversight to prevent such acts, ensuring compliance with all legal and constitutional mandates. Public transparency at every step is non-negotiable.

The people of Hawaii, with President Donald J. Trump and FBI Director Kash Patel standing firm on accountability, demand swift justice. Your actions have not only violated our laws but have also betrayed the very electorate you are meant to serve. We will not rest until accountability is exacted, and the integrity of our democratic process is unequivocally restored.

With utmost urgency and determination,

President Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM

Ke Aupuni o Ko Hawai'i Pae Aina &

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:21:43 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Claudia Pokipala | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I, Claudia Pokipala, I'm writing in to testify in opposition of HB 141. Please don't pass this bill. there are already too many one-sided bills, and this having to do with election fraud is at the pinnacle of the problem. Hawaii as a whole is not being fairly represented. We need to ensure transparency and legality of our elections to the utmost importance. This bill would further block the Hawaiian citizens right to ensure that elections are fair and legal. Therefore, I oppose Bill HB 141.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:25:44 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB141.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:27:14 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Absolutely oppose this bill the more you keep trying to do these weird shenanigans and making things harder for transparency with our elections the more it seems like you guys are not being truthful with us there should be more transparency and less bureaucracy. What happened at the last election commission meeting was a disgrace.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:39:52 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jeanine Acopan | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

No, no, no!!!

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:40:47 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill, elections need to fair and impartial, and the election process here in Hawaii is not at all that. I have no trust in this system and this will only make it worst.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:57:41 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is not a good bill. A democrat majority congress could go with only Democrats on the board. Disenfranchising those whom don't vote like a democrat. Not surprised this bill is up for a vote because of a majority Democrat congress wanting to only do as Democrats do.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 9:08:42 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill, I believe that this will not allow the citizens to vote on who we want on the commission and because Hawaii is a democratic state it allows the majority of the house to vote so a strong HELL NO

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 9:12:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Bradley Lindsey | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB141, a bill that proposes significant changes to the composition and appointment process of the Elections Commission.

1. **Undermining Bipartisanship:** The current system, which allows both Republicans and Democrats to appoint half of the commissioners, ensures a balanced and fair representation of political interests. By making all members subject to the advice of the Senate, which currently holds a Democrat majority, HB141 risks undermining this balance and could lead to a partisan commission that does not reflect the diverse political landscape of our state.
2. **Threat to Election Integrity:** The bill's language suggests that this change is a direct measure to prevent individuals like Ralph Cushinie, who have been vocal and active in election integrity efforts, from being appointed to the commission. This move could be seen as an attempt to silence dissenting voices and reduce transparency in the election process.
3. **Erosion of Public Trust:** The perception of a partisan commission could erode public trust in the electoral process. It is crucial that the Elections Commission remains impartial and independent to maintain the confidence of all voters, regardless of their political affiliation.
4. **Potential for Increased Partisanship:** By centralizing the appointment power within a single political body, HB141 could lead to increased partisanship and conflict within the commission. This could hinder its ability to function effectively and make unbiased decisions that are in the best interest of all citizens.

I urge the legislature to reconsider HB141 and to maintain the current bipartisan appointment process. It is essential to preserve the integrity and impartiality of the Elections Commission to ensure fair and transparent elections for all.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 9:15:22 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Paul Giles | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose HB141,

Paul Giles

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 9:18:37 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill. This bill clearly favors the Democratic Party in Hawaii. It's time that you understand that "We the People", have a strong position, if only you folks would LISTEN to us. Hawaii is in a very bad state when it comes to our Elections. I ask, why only the Democrat-majority Senate to be the deciding party? Why not the Republicans and Democrats? Seems unfair and unbalanced. Thank you!

Noela von Wiegandt

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 9:20:33 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sally Lee | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose this bill. With this bill, the balance of power is NOT balanced. This bill is NOT in the best interest of the people of Hawai'i therefore I oppose this bill.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 9:23:26 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Rosemarie Vailisale | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 9:44:20 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| J S | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

oppose

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 10:57:35 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Keenan Place-Puaa | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I Keenan Place-Puaa, oppose HB141.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:18:36 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Undermining Bipartisanship should be illegal and that is what this bill is doing. Right now, each party gets to pick half of the commissioners, which ensures balance. It seems this bill is being put out there because some of the people don't like that the commissioners are being questioned. The integrity of our election is the most important thing. Having one single political body to appointment the electrion commissioners, sure sounds like more ways for corruption to happen.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:27:14 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Kim Cordery | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

This is another attempt to oust fair elections and keep we the people silent!

I Strongly APPOSE this Bill!

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:30:10 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hawaii needs FAST, fraudulent free elections, and more transparency. This bill limits transparency by appointing commisioners based on the majority party's consent. The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness. This bill encourages wickedness (corruption, power, control, etc.)

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:59:02 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Doug Pasnik | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Opposition to HB141

HB141 proposes significant changes to the current bipartisan appointment process of the Elections Commission by introducing an additional layer of Senate approval. While the stated intent may be to increase oversight, this legislation fundamentally undermines the balance and fairness that the current system provides. It replaces a bipartisan structure with one that subjects appointments to super-majority partisan legislative control, eroding public trust and potentially damaging the neutrality of the commission.

The existing appointment process has effectively ensured fair representation from both majority and minority parties, fostering public confidence in the Elections Commission's impartiality. HB141 would disrupt this balance by granting the Senate—which is controlled by a single party—final approval over all appointments. This shift risks creating a commission that is perceived as politically biased, rather than one that works for all voters in Hawai‘i.

HB 141:

Erodes Bipartisan Representation: The current system includes voices from both majority and minority parties, ensuring diverse perspectives and maintaining public trust. By centralizing appointment power in the Senate, HB141 jeopardizes this balance and risks turning the commission into a partisan body.

Concentrates Power: Granting final approval authority to the Senate diminishes the role of minority parties and community voices, reducing the diversity of thought that is crucial for addressing an election process that is representative of the people.

Delays Appointments: Requiring Senate approval introduces the risk of political gridlock, potentially delaying critical appointments and decisions that are essential for smooth election administration.

Destroys Public Trust: Subjecting appointments to partisan approval could undermine public confidence in the Elections Commission's neutrality, a cornerstone of democratic integrity.

What is wrong with the current appointment process that requires this change?

Instead of introducing a partisan approval process, efforts should focus on enhancing the transparency of the existing bipartisan system. Public hearings for nominees, detailed reports on the selection process, or the creation of an independent advisory panel to vet candidates would strengthen accountability without compromising fairness. Maintaining equal representation from majority and minority parties ensures the Elections Commission continues to reflect the diverse needs of Hawai'i's electorate.

In summary, HB141 unnecessarily disrupts a system that has effectively provided balanced and fair representation in the Elections Commission. By replacing bipartisan collaboration with partisan control, it undermines the trust and neutrality critical to Hawai'i's electoral process. I strongly urge the legislature to reject HB141 and focus instead on measures that enhance, rather than erode, the transparency and fairness of the existing appointment process.

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Submitted on: 1/27/2025 12:40:13 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sharan Sadowski | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose HB 141 as I believe it is detrimental to election integrity.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 12:47:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Alexander Meimer | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

In order to preserve our 2 party system, it is imperative to empower the minority party, and not to deprive them of the small voice they have. It is natural for power seeking to consolidate and dominate and to snuff out any competition, but this system was NOT designed for one party to win, but with the understanding that an adversarial system benefits the citizens and voters best. I advise against HB141

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 12:57:46 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Laurie West | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Please oppose HB141.

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Submitted on: 1/27/2025 1:13:57 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

January 27, 2025

Aloha JDC Chair Tarnas and Vice Chair Poepoe,

I oppose HB141. With Hawaii’s trifecta supermajority government, few opportunities exist for true bipartisanship work. The Elections Commission is an example of this rare bipartisanship representation.

HB141 will subject the appointment of Elections Commissioners to the “advice and consent of the Senate”, thus eliminating the true bipartisan composition of the Elections Commission.

Faith in our elections is already low due to lack of transparency and the inability to access public records (records which are freely available in other states, including “Blue” states). We are one of only a few states that appoints, not elects, our Chief Officer of Elections. Subjecting the appointment of Elections Commissioners to the Democrat supermajority Senate will further undermine trust and confidence in our elections.

Please leave the appointment of the Commissioners the way it stands.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Solomon
Oahu Resident

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 2:00:42 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| L.C | Individual | Oppose | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

I oppose HB141

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:17:56 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Adriel Lam | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose this proposed legislation. The Election Commissioners are appointed on a bipartisan basis and should remain so and does not need the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Chief Election Officer should however be subject to greater scrutiny. If any election official should have the advice and consent of the Senate, the Chief Election Officer's appointment or reappointment should have the advice and consent of the Senate.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:53:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/27/2025 6:30:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Nikos Leverenz | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Committee Members:

I am writing in strong support of HB 141, which would make members of the Elections Commission subject to approval by the Senate.

The current formula for appointments to the Elections Commission is inadequate.

Sadly, that formula has resulted in a Commission that's devolved into a morbid theater for vituperative caterwauling, baseless accusations, and untoward partisan buncombe that simply do not advance the mission of the Office of Elections or larger public interest.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 5:48:41 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Bart Burford | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Please note that this tax paying air citizen is 100% against further taxation, especially given the dubious nature of what this bill is intended to do.

I vehemently oppose the passing of this bill I would suggest that we completely refocus our efforts on more immediate and obvious needs in this community and in our state of Hawaii

Mahalo for your Kokua

Bart Burford

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:13:02 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Hunter Gentry | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

You are expected to uphold election integrity or be removed from office if you fail to do so. This bill needs to be rejected now.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 11:53:10 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Tim Huycke | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I strongly support HB141.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 11:57:42 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| jaerick medeiros-garcia | Individual | Oppose | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

As a voter and taxpayer I'm in opposition to this crazy legislation. Legislatures are proposing to control our elections is corruption at its worst. How's about make legislation to jail legislators who propose legislation that targets taking away from the people who pay your wages and creates a gain of control and or power for the legislators. Acts of corruption. This is criminal acts with intent.

HB-141

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 12:45:24 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/28/2025 2:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Lois Langham | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am in support of this bill. We need more transparency in government. Thank you!