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CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 408
RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION

January 28, 2025

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. 408. This bill clarifies that the deadline to register to vote has been changed from 30 to 10 days prior to a primary or general election and repeals obsolete language regarding permanent absentee ballots.

In 2021, the deadline for the closing of the voter registration rolls was extended from the 30th day before an election to the 10th day in HRS § 11-24. Act 213, SLH 2021. However, the corresponding provisions in HRS §§ 11-16 and 15D-6(b) making it explicitly clear that the deadline for voter registration applications submitted by mail was likewise moved to the 10th day were not amended. This bill seeks to clarify that the voter registration deadline by mail is the 10th day prior to an election.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 408.

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January 28, 2025

**TESTIMONY OF JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA
COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY OF KAUAI
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 408
RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION**

Chair Tarnas and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill No. 408. This Bill extends the deadline to register to vote by mail from 30 to 10 days prior to a primary or general election and repeals obsolete language regarding permanent absentee ballots.

House Bill No. 408 will reduce the uncertainty and confusion for individuals wishing to register to vote by establishing a uniform deadline for submitting paper registration applications and for registering electronically via the online voter registration system.

The Bill will also repeal outdated language concerning permanent absentee ballots which no longer applies due to the adoption of vote by mail.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill No. 408.

JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA
County Clerk



House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Strongly Supports: HB408 Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 2:00pm; Conference Room 325

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

HAPA strongly supports HB408, which extends the deadline to register to vote by mail from 30 to 10 days prior to a primary or general election and repeals obsolete language regarding permanent absentee ballots.

In the 2024 general election, voters experienced long wait times at voting service centers on the day before Election Day. At Honolulu Hale, lines formed for both ballot drop-off and in-person voting. Neighbor islands also faced challenges with staffing and equipment, leading to warnings about potential long lines during Election Day. This bill would help alleviate some of these last-minute rushes since it gives more people time to register, especially those who decide to vote closer to election day.

Additionally, about 12% of Hawai'i's population has some form of disability, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. HB408 would also address their needs by simplifying the registration process and making the registration forms as accessible as possible. This means that for people who have difficulty registering in person, including individuals who are illiterate, blind, or have other physical disabilities, the bill allows them to register by mail using a simple oath to confirm their information is truthful. Additionally, the bill makes registration forms available in more places. They can be found through community groups, political parties, and when people apply for or renew their driver's licenses.

We urge you to support HB408 to modernize our voter registration system that makes voting more accessible and inclusive.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Frederick', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Anne Frederick, Executive Director



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB408, RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION

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 **SUPPORTS** HB408, RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION. Pursuant to the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the Party supports policies that safeguard the accessibility, inclusivity, and integrity of our electoral process.

By extending the voter registration deadline from 30 days to 10 days before a primary or general election, this bill ensures that more citizens have the opportunity to participate in our electoral process, thereby enhancing the accessibility and inclusivity of our democracy.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in support of HB408, RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION. 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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Rep. David A. Tarnas, Chair
Rep. Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
2:00 PM in Room 325

RE: **HB408** Extending Mail-In Voter Registration Deadline - **Support**

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

The Chamber of Sustainable Commerce strongly supports HB408 which would extend the mail-in registration deadline to 10 days prior to an election. We represent over 450 small businesses and entrepreneurs across the state that strive for a triple bottom line: people, planet and prosperity.

As small business owners who believe we can strengthen Hawaii's economy without hurting workers, consumers, communities or the environment, we urge this committee to vote in favor of passing HB408, which simplifies the voter registration process for those who cannot register in person due to illiteracy, blindness or other physical disabilities. Registration forms would also be available online, when getting a driver's license, through political parties and community groups, reducing barriers to registration.

As the number of voting residents continues to decline, we support initiatives to increase access and accessibility to voting.



HAWAII WORKERS CENTER

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January 28, 2025

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Hawaii State House of Representatives
Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
Rep. David Tarnas, Chair
Rep. Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair

RE: SUPPORT for H.B. 408 Relating to RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION

Dear Chair Rep. Tarnas, Vice-Chair Rep. Poe, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs:

The Hawaii Workers Center (HWC) envisions a Hawaii in which all workers are empowered to exercise their right to organize for their social, economic and political well-being.

It is a resource of information, education, training and organizing for Hawaii's workers.

The HWC stands in **support of H.B. 408** improves the voter registration process by extending the mail-in registration deadline from 30 days before an election to 10 days.

As a supporter of the "Good Government Reforms" initiative, we believe these measures are important to improve the democratic process and encourage greater civic participation. This is especially important to those who are working multiple jobs and putting food on the table and paying rent is an urgent need that competes with the requirements of voter registration.

We believe H.B. 408 will make it much easier for those wanting to participate in the democratic process and in our democracy.

Sincerely,

Sergio Alcubilla
Executive Director

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 4:01:03 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara Best	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

*I am in **STRONG support of HB408**, which extended the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before the election. By allowing more time to register, it will ensure that more people have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.*

Mahalo,

Bobbie Best, Wailuku

This bill is supported by the Office of Elections, the agency responsible for registering voters. We should support their initiatives to increase access and accessibility to voting.

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 4:50:51 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcia Kemble	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is Marcia Kemble and I am writing in **STRONG support of HB408**, which extended the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before the election. By allowing more time to register, it will ensure that more people have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

This bill is supported by the Office of Elections, the agency responsible for registering voters. We should support their initiatives to increase access and accessibility to voting.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Marcia Kemble

Makiki

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 5:21:17 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 408 RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION.

I support this bill because it increases voter access by extending the deadline to register to vote by mail from 30 to 10 days prior to a primary or general election. In addition, it repeals language regarding permanent absentee ballots made obsolete by vote-by-mail.

I appreciate the fact that our Elections Office is always trying to make voting more accessible.

I urge you to pass HB 408 RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION.

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

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 5:32:15 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emelia Briscoe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is Emelia, and I am writing in **STRONG** support of HB408, which extended the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before the election. By allowing more time to register, it will ensure that more people have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

This bill is supported by the Office of Elections, the agency responsible for registering voters. We should support their initiatives to increase access and accessibility to voting.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Emelia Briscoe, Honolulu

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 6:22:25 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Georgia L Hoopes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

*My name is GeorgiaHoopes, and I am writing in **STRONG support of HB408**, which extended the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before the election. By allowing more time to register, it will ensure that more people have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.*

This bill is supported by the Office of Elections, the agency responsible for registering voters. We should support their initiatives to increase access and accessibility to voting.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Georgia Hoopes, Kalaheo

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 6:35:04 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mishka Sulva	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

*My name is Mishka Sulva, and I am writing in **FULL support of HB408**, which extended the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before the election. By allowing more time to register, it will ensure that more people have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.*

This bill is supported by the Office of Elections, the agency responsible for registering voters. We should support their initiatives to increase access and accessibility to voting.

Mahalo,

Mishka Sulva, 96816

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 6:36:29 PM

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

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

Comments:

I support this bill. The more time and access we give citizens to vote in our elections, the stronger our democracy will be.

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 6:51:09 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kimdonghyeon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

*My name is kimdonghyeon, and I am writing in **STRONG support of HB408**, which extended the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before the election. By allowing more time to register, it will ensure that more people have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.*

This bill is supported by the Office of Elections, the agency responsible for registering voters. We should support their initiatives to increase access and accessibility to voting.

We need to examine whether the election is unfair or not and whether there is political funding involved in the election!

Mahalo for your consideration!

kimdonghyeon

Submit Testimony

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 7:40:22 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann Dorsey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge you to support of HB408, which will extend the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before the election. This bill has the support of the Office of Elections and will give more people the opportunity to vote, thereby strengthening the democratic process.

Thank you

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 8:17:46 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
karolle t. bidgood	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am in **strong** support of this and any other measure that will make it easier for eligible voters to register and then vote.

When I moved here in 1973 I was very impressed by the voter turnout. I have been appalled in recent years by our low turnout. Let's get people registered and voting!

Mahalo,

Karolle Bidgood

Kahaluu, HI

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 10:56:27 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elisa W Johnston	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I write in support of Extending the Mail-in Voter Deadline.

We want more registered voters, so let's give people more opportunity to register!

Mahalo,

Elisa W. Johnston

Makiki

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 1:01:48 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Kimo Pestana	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas

Vice Chair Poepoe

And members of the committee.

My name is Kimo Pestana and I am writing in strong support of HB 408, which extends mail-in voter registration to 10 days before an election.

This measure is supported by the Office of Elections.

Thank you.

Paul Kimo Pestana

Diamond Head, Honolulu, Hawaii

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 6:58:25 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Chiwa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Representative Tarnas, Vice Chair Representative Poepoe and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

Please support HB408, a good government reform measure, that would extend the deadline to register to vote.

Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa

Makiki

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 7:28:00 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julia Marrack	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

*My name is Julia, and I am writing in **STRONG support of HB408**, which extended the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before the election. By allowing more time to register, it will ensure that more people have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.*

This bill is supported by the Office of Elections, the agency responsible for registering voters. We should support their initiatives to increase access and accessibility to voting.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Julia Marrack, Kamuela

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 7:30:09 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sven Sorge	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

*I am writing in **STRONG support of HB408**, which extended the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before the election. By allowing more time to register, it will ensure that more people have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.*

This bill is supported by the Office of Elections, the agency responsible for registering voters. We should support their initiatives to increase access and accessibility to voting.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Sven Sorge

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 9:24:52 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michele Mitsumori	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is Michele Mitsumori, and I am writing to strongly support HB408, which extends the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before the election.

As a volunteer with the League of Women Voters of Hawai'i County who has participated in voter registrations these past few elections, I have been able to hear some of the concerns people have, including not knowing how to confirm whether their registrations are current or how to register or not knowing if they have the proper documents required to vote. Many of the people I've helped to register have recently re-located to Hawai'i. We also have people who don't yet have an official address, and a number of our population are houseless or otherwise in transition. We also found that most people thought there was only 1 election in November, because there was hardly any coverage of the primaries. Grassroots, in-person conversations are a vital part of voter education and outreach, and being able to have people register right then and there at our table makes a difference. People often take home a registration form for another household member, who may not be mobile.

Our island is huge. The barriers to people finding transportation to get to the 2 voter service centers in Hilo and Kona are many. Extending the mail-in voter registration deadline can not only enable more people to register, but it can also avoid people having the bad experience of their registration being rejected.

This bill is supported by the Office of Elections, the agency responsible for registering voters. We should support their initiatives to increase access and accessibility to voting.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in SUPPORT OF HB408,

Michele Mitsumori
Hilo, HI

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 9:35:14 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Debra M Javar	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully SUPPORT HB408. More time should be allowed for voters to place their votes.

Mahalo

Debra M Javar

Kona, HI

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 9:37:54 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keila Paahana	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 10:12:43 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keith Neal	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

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

I strongly support of HB408.

Extending the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days prior to the election is important. Allowing more time to register will increase the amount of people the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

Keith Neal

Waimea

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:00:36 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is Nanea Lo, and I am writing in **strong support of HB408**, which seeks to extend the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before the election. By granting more time for eligible voters to register, this measure will help ensure that a greater number of people have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process, which is a cornerstone of our shared values and community well being.

As someone deeply committed to civic engagement and equity, I believe this bill is a step toward improving access to voting, especially for communities that face systemic barriers to timely registration. By reducing these barriers, we are helping to create a more inclusive and representative electoral process.

This measure is supported by the Office of Elections, the agency responsible for overseeing voter registration and ensuring accessible elections. Their endorsement reflects the importance and practicality of this initiative. It is essential that we align with and support their efforts to increase voter participation, as doing so strengthens our democracy.

I urge the committee to pass HB408 to expand access and ensure that everyone’s voice has a chance to be heard.

me ke aloha ‘āina,

Nanea Lo, Mō‘ili‘ili, HI 96826

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:41:16 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in favor of HB408 which extends the voter registration deadline from 30 days to 10 days. I do believe it is a good beginning, but would like to see the deadline extended to same-day voting and registration, as many people do vote in person and this would create more opportunities for people to register. But the extension from 30 days to 10 days is a big improvement and I'm glad to see it. Mahalo.

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:47:13 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KEALA FUNG	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is Keala Fung, and I am writing in **STRONG support of HB408**, which extended the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before the election. By allowing more time to register, it will ensure that more people have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

This bill is supported by the Office of Elections, the agency responsible for registering voters. We should support their initiatives to increase access and accessibility to voting.

I feel it is critical and also the responsibility of the government to make voting as accessible to everyone as possible. Extending the mail-in voter registration deadline will help with that, especially special needs individuals who may need more time and care with tasks in life.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Keala Fung, Honolulu Hawaii

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 1:14:32 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 this bill and will give testimony via zoom.

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:34:00 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maki Morinoue	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is Maki Morinoue, and I write in strong support of HB408, which extends the mail-in voter registration deadline from 30 days to 10 days before an election.

What Does HB408 Do?

- Extends the mail-in registration deadline, giving more people time to register.
- Simplifies registration for individuals with disabilities or those unable to register in person.
- Expands access to registration forms through community groups, political parties, and when applying for or renewing a driver’s license.

Why Is This Important?

- Gives voters more flexibility and time to register, especially those who decide closer to election day.
- Ensures equitable access for individuals with disabilities or barriers to in-person registration.
- Reduces barriers to registration by making forms widely accessible.

By extending the deadline and simplifying the process, HB408 empowers more residents to participate in our democracy.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Maki Morinoue

Holualoa, HI

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:53:07 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stacey Alapai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is Stacey, and I am writing in **STRONG support of HB408**, which extended the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before the election. By allowing more time to register, it will ensure that more people have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

This bill is supported by the Office of Elections, the agency responsible for registering voters. We should support their initiatives to increase access and accessibility to voting.

I have voted by mail for most of my adult life. With Hawaii's embarrassingly low voter turnout we should do everything we possibly can to make the process easy and accessible to as many people as possible.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Stacey Alapai, Makawao Maui

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 4:49:55 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephanie Austin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this bill, strengthening voting rights!

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 4:50:35 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
fred hofer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this Bill

Fred Hofer

Hilo

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 6:13:22 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 support of HB 408, which would reduce the limit on the number of days that a person could register by mail from 30 to 10.

With same day voter registration available at voter service centers during early voting and via election day, along with online voter registration, affording prospective voters the option to do so via mail is sensible given that is how most submit their ballots.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:24:29 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Lum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is Jennifer Lum, and I'm a strong supporter of HB408. This bill extends the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before Election Day, and I believe it's crucial for our democracy.

Think about it – more time means more people can register to vote! That's how we ensure everyone has a fair shot at participating in our government.

The Office of Elections, the experts on this stuff, support this bill too. We should trust their judgment and do everything we can to make voting easier and more accessible.

Mahalo for considering this important bill!

Jennifer Lum, 'Ewa Beach

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 10:26:06 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Faccenda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. It is also supported by the Office of Elections, the agency responsible for registering voters. We should support their initiatives to increase access and accessibility to voting.

Mahalo,

Kevin Faccenda

HB-408

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:05:38 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dawn Morais Webster Ph.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We should all support measures that improve voter engagement as this bill could. Our democracy is under attack. Please pass this and other measures that could help increase voter attention to the issues of the day and engage them more fully in our politics. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 5:34:09 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
The Rev. Prof. GREGORY JOHNSON	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

PLEASE vote in favor of HB408.

- Extending the mail-in registration deadline allows more people to have ample time to register, especially those who decide to vote closer to election day.
- Simplifying the registration process for individuals with disabilities or those who cannot easily visit registration offices ensures everyone has the opportunity to vote.
- Increasing access to registration forms through various channels, including online and when getting a driver's license, reduces barriers to registration.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:18:13 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Stayton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

*My name is Susan Stayton, and I am writing in **STRONG support of HB408**, which extended the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before the election. By allowing more time to register, it will ensure that more people have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.*

This bill is supported by the Office of Elections, the agency responsible for registering voters. We should support their initiatives to increase access and accessibility to voting.

As a senior citizen, I really appreciate this proposal.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Susan, Lawai, Kauai

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:26:48 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa Barker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am writing to respectfully as that you support HB408, which extends the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before the election. By allowing more time to register, it will ensure that more people have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

This bill is supported by the Office of Elections, the agency responsible for registering voters. We should support their initiatives to increase access and accessibility to voting.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Melissa Barker

Kapaa, HI

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 11:19:01 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leo Nahe Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Leo Nahe, and I am writing in **STRONG support of HB408**, which extended the mail-in voter registration deadline to 10 days before the election. By allowing more time to register, it will ensure that more people have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

This bill is supported by the Office of Elections, the agency responsible for registering voters. We should support their initiatives to increase access and accessibility to voting.

As a voter myself, I know that there were many obstacles in my personal life that made it harder to register on time and I had to go WAY out of my way to get to done in time. If there was more time, this action would not have been nearly as hard!

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Leo Nahe