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**STATE OF HAWAII
ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**BIENNIAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
ON THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS**

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Following the November 2014 General Election, the Commission met on November 14, 2014, and the following was concluded:

1. There were no apparent problems associated with the conduct of the General Election.
2. Regarding the Primary Election, the Commission concluded that the actions taken by the Chief Election Officer in regard to the problems encountered on the County of Hawaii due to Hurricane Isele were consistent with the current election statutes. However, the Commission recommended that current statutes governing the conduct of elections during such "natural disasters" be addressed by the legislature.
3. As to the 800 uncounted ballots on Maui, the Commission concluded that it was a factor of the onsite voting machine vendor acting without the knowledge of the Elections Office Staff in doing a re-count of ballots. However, the system, as designed, subsequently found the error and the ballots were counted.

The Commission felt that a thorough evaluation of the Chief Election Officer should be done. This process is underway with the full report from the Commission expected in the next meeting.