

## STATE OF HAWAII OFFICE OF ELECTIONS

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To: Elections Commission

From: Scott T. Nago Chief Election Officer

Re: Status of Operations

The deadline for the Governor to inform the Legislature of any bills he may veto has passed. As such, the following two bills that impact the administration of elections will either be signed into law by the Governor by July 14, 2015 or they will they become law without his signature:

1. HB 179 HD 1 SD 1 CD 1, Relating to Permanent Absentee Ballots

This measure provides that the forwarding address for permanent absentee ballots be the in-state mailing address associated with the voter's registration record.

2. SB 440 SD 1 HD 1, Relating to Vacancies

This measure amends the timing for vacancy elections associated with the office of U.S. Senator to be the same as the candidate filing deadline for regularly scheduled offices to meet the 45 day ballot mailing requirement for overseas and military voters.

Since our last meeting, the Office of Elections has launched the updated website, and continues to develop the online voter registration system.

## **Online Voter Registration**

The online voter registration system is still on track to launch by August 3, 2015. We are currently testing the system to ensure access for the disabled. Additionally, we are finalizing a variety of network connections with the assistance of the Office of Information Management & Technology.

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## Office of Elections Website

The updated Office of Elections website went live on June 19, 2015. The revision of the site was done in conjunction with an ongoing project by the State to update all of its websites to ensure uniformity of appearance and navigation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 453-VOTE (8683) or 1-800-442-VOTE (8683).