October 30, 2015

To: Elections Commission

From: Scott T. Nago
Chief Election Officer

Re: Status of Operations

Since our last meeting, the Office of Elections met with the counties in preparation for the 2016 Elections.

Online Voter Registration

As of October 30, 2015, the online voter registration system has processed 1,838 transactions.

Statewide
New Registration ................... 829
Updated Registration ............... 1,009
Total Transactions .................. 1,838

County of Hawaii
New Registration ................... 123
Updated Registration ............... 145
Total Transactions .................. 268

County of Maui
New Registration ................... 95
Updated Registration ............... 135
Total Transactions .................. 230
County of Kauai
New Registration .....................32
Updated Registration .....................34
Total Transactions .....................66

City and County of Honolulu
New Registration .....................579
Updated Registration .....................695
Total Transactions .....................1,274

Manuals & Procedures

On September 28, 2015, we met with the counties to go over updated procedures and manuals. These updates were adopted and are ready for implementation in 2016. Candidate filing training with the counties is scheduled for December 1, 2015.

Legislative Informational Session

The Office of Elections and the county clerks have been invited to attend a legislative informational briefing being held by the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, which has been scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on November 3, 2015. The agenda covers voter convenience reforms such as online voter registration, which is currently being implemented, and same day voter registration that will be implemented at absentee walk sites in 2016 and at election day polling places in 2018. Additionally, we have been invited to discuss other potential tools for modernizing elections including all-mail elections, electronic transmission of ballots, and electronic and automatic voter registration.

Voter Outreach

The Office of Elections provided voter registration assistance and information on voting and election accessibility at a variety of events over the last two months. We attended naturalization ceremonies for new citizens aboard the USS Missouri and at Mission Memorial Auditorium. We also attended the Disability Employment Forum & Disability Fair on Kauai, a National Federation for the Blind of Hawaii meeting, the First Hawaiian Bank Prime Time Senior and Disability Fair, and conducted a voter education presentation for people with disabilities at the ARC in Kona.

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