



**STATE OF HAWAII  
OFFICE OF ELECTIONS**

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SCOTT T. NAGO  
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER

October 28, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Elections Commissioner Ralph Cushnie

RE: ECC-25-005

Dear Commissioner Cushnie,

This is in response to your correspondence dated September 24, 2025, requesting an agenda item for the meeting of the Elections Commission.

To the extent this could be considered a complaint regarding an administrative act of the Office of Elections, and you are seeking something within the jurisdiction of the Elections Commission, the administrative rules of the Elections Commission provide our office with an opportunity to respond. HAR §§ 3-170-6 & 3-170-8.

As your correspondence appears to relate to your allegation of a discrepancy of 19,042 ballots in the County of Hawaii, we would refer you to our *Response to the Elections Commission Permitted Interaction Group's Report on Complaints Relating to the Chain of Custody of Election Ballots and Reported Irregularities in the Administration of the 2024 General Election* available at [elections.hawaii.gov](https://elections.hawaii.gov).

This concludes our response to your complaint. Consistent with HAR § 3-170-8, a copy of this response is being forwarded to the Elections Commission.

Commissioner Ralph Cushnie  
October 28, 2025  
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Very truly yours,

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SCOTT T. NAGO  
Chief Election Officer

STN:rd  
OE-25-132

Enclosure

cc: Elections Commission

**From:** [Ralph Cushnie \(EC\)](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda Request for Oct 1 Meeting — Hawai'i County Envelope Discrepancy / USPS Postage Accountability (HAVA/Chain-of-Custody)  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 24, 2025 9:46:24 AM

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Chair Mike Curtis,

Pursuant to HRS §92-7 and HAR §3-170, please place the following action item on the October 1, 2025 Elections Commission agenda. Given the Sunshine Law's six-calendar-day notice requirement, this request is time-sensitive and should be docketed and posted without delay so the public may testify and commissioners can deliberate.

## Requested Agenda Item

Title: Discrepancy in Hawai'i County Mail-in Ballot Envelope Counts; USPS BRM Postage Accountability; Possible HAVA Compliance Issues

Summary/Background (for agenda packet):

- County of Hawai'i records (drop box logs + USPS Business Reply Mail receipts) document 57,553 ballot envelopes received in the 2024 General Election.
- The State's certified summary reports show 76,595 mail ballots counted for Hawai'i County, a difference of 19,042 not matched to corresponding envelopes.
- County correspondence (Jan. 8, 2025) states USPS "doesn't always provide... receipts" and asserts manual counts suffice; however, there is no county-USPS reconciliation on file, and SVRS daily envelope processing records were denied under UIPA.
- Centralization of chain-of-custody in SVRS (per the CEO's March 17, 2025 letter) leaves no independent county paper trail, frustrating reconciliation and public verification, and raising possible HAVA §301-§303 auditability and funding-use concerns (re: BRM postage for un-receipted envelopes).

Please confirm receipt and ensure this is circulated to all commissioners and included in the public packet in compliance with HRS Chapter 92.

Mahalo,

Ralph Cushnie



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October 28, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Doug Pasnik

RE: ECC-25-006

Dear Mr. Pasnik,

This is in response to your correspondence dated September 24, 2025, which appears to reflect a variety of issues regarding the 2022 General Election and the 2024 General Election.

To the extent your correspondence could be considered a complaint regarding an administrative act of the Office of Elections, and you are seeking something within the jurisdiction of the Elections Commission, the administrative rules of the Elections Commission provide our office with an opportunity to respond. HAR §§ 3-170-6 & 3-170-8.

To the extent your complaint relates to prior litigation those decisions speak for themselves. As for current litigation, we will not comment on it in this forum. In regard to actions of the Elections Commission, we cannot speak to them.

Finally, we would note Elections Commission complaints "shall be made in writing and must be filed within 90 days from the date of the incident or occurrence." HAR§ 3-170-7. It has been more than 90 days since both the 2022 General Election and the 2024 General Election.

This concludes our response to your complaint. Consistent with HAR § 3-170-8, a copy of this response is being forwarded to the Elections Commission.

Mr. Doug Pasnik  
October 28, 2025  
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Very truly yours,

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SCOTT T. NAGO  
Chief Election Officer

STN:rd  
OE-25-133

Enclosure

cc: Elections Commission

**From:** [X](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Formal Complaint to Elections Commission  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 24, 2025 2:47:55 PM  
**Attachments:** [Petition re Election Commission Refusal to Perform Statutory Duties 24 Sep 2025.pdf](#)

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Please file the attached formal complaint, pursuant to HAR §§3-170-5, 3-170-6, and 3-170-7, directly with the Elections Commission.

Thank you.

**24 September 2025**

Elections Commission  
802 Lehua Avenue  
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

**FORMAL COMPLAINT TO ELECTION COMMISSION – COMPLAINT OF MALFEASANCE, MISFEASANCE, AND NONFEASANCE – COMMISSION’S REFUSAL TO PERFORM STATUTORY DUTIES AND OVERSIGHT**

Dear Chair and Members of the Elections Commission,

This petition is submitted pursuant to **HAR §3-170-5**, which authorizes any person to bring matters concerning the administration of elections before the Elections Commission, and **HAR §3-170-9**, which requires the Commission to investigate such matters and, where appropriate, to hold a public hearing.

The **Commission**, not the Chief Election Officer, is the proper body to receive and consider this complaint under **HAR Chapter 3-170**. In this matter, however, *both the Chief Election Officer and the Elections Commission itself are respondents*. This creates an inherent conflict of interest: neither the CEO nor the Commission may serve as the gatekeeper of a complaint directed against them.

Any practice of routing petitions through the CEO for comment, or of allowing the Commission to screen out complaints about its own conduct, violates the plain requirements of **HAR §§3-170-5 and 3-170-9**. Such practices compound the very concerns of malfeasance, misfeasance, and nonfeasance documented herein.

Accordingly, this petition must be formally docketed, placed on the agenda of the next duly noticed Commission meeting, and addressed in accordance with HAR Chapter 3-170 through investigation and public hearing, without interference or pre-review by either respondent.

**I. Introduction**

This petition documents a sustained pattern of **malfeasance, misfeasance, and nonfeasance** by both the Commission and the CEO from 2022 through 2025. The Commission has repeatedly refused to enforce statutory duties, rescinded requests for independent oversight, and failed to act on documented complaints.

The Commission’s own **Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) reports of July 13 and August 27, 2025** confirmed that the **2024 election was “unverifiable”** and that the **Chief Election Officer did not certify the election in accordance with HRS §11-155**.

**II. Basis for Petition**

**2022 – Premature Certification & Improper Audits**

- On **Nov. 28, 2022**, the CEO signed certificates of election for Governor and Lt. Governor while contests were pending, contrary to **HRS §11-156**.
- On **Dec. 5, 2022**, the Governor and Lt. Governor were inaugurated before certification, contrary to **HRS §§11-155 and 11-156**.

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- On **Dec. 12, 2022**, the Commission acknowledged that the election was not certified due to pending litigation.
- In 2022 audits, the CEO admitted using **digital ballot scans instead of paper ballots** as required by **HRS §16-42(b)(3)**. Only one precinct race was hand-audited instead of the 27 required.
- Official observer logs for sealing, unsealing, recounts, and audits were missing certifications in 40–80% of cases, violating **HRS §§11-108, 11-152, 11-154, 16-45** and **HAR §§3-177-704 et seq.**

### 2024 – Failures to Investigate and Rescissions of Oversight

- On **Jan. 16, 2024**, the Commission considered but did not pass a motion to investigate ballot chain of custody.
- On **Mar. 19, 2024**, the Commission again considered but did not pass a motion to investigate ballot chain of custody.
- On **Aug. 27, 2024**, the Commission considered but did not pass a motion to advise the CEO to certify elections in accordance with **HRS §11-155**.
- **Aug. 27, 2024** — The Commission **requested** a DAG opinion on **how the CEO could sign certificates of election before certification**.
- **Dec. 18, 2024** — The Chair ruled **moot** a request for a DAG opinion on ballot constitutionality, and the Commission **rescinded** (i) the **Aug. 27, 2024** DAG-opinion request on **certificate-before-certification**, and (ii) a DAG-opinion request on the CEO’s authority to change voting methods.

### 2025 – Continued Failures and Confirmation of Violations

- On **Jan. 15, 2025**, the Commission considered but did not pass a motion to investigate ballot chain of custody; it also **failed to receive and discuss correspondence complaints**, contrary to **HAR §3-170-5**.
- On **Mar. 19, 2025**, the Commission again **failed to receive and discuss correspondence complaints** and considered but **did not pass a new motion** to request a DAG opinion on how the CEO could sign certificates before certification.
- On **Jul. 13, 2025**, the Kaua’i PIG confirmed chain-of-custody violations, including a **661-ballot discrepancy**, and concluded Kaua’i did not comply with **HAR §3-177-453**.
- On **Aug. 27, 2025**, the statewide PIG concluded that the **2024 election was “unverifiable”** and that the **CEO did not certify the election in accordance with HRS §11-155**.

### III. Questions Presented

1. Does the Commission’s repeated decision not to pass motions to investigate ballot chain of custody (2024–25) constitute nonfeasance under **HRS §19-3(8)**, which defines election fraud as willful failure to perform duties required by law?
2. Does the Commission’s decision not to pass a motion affirming certification in accordance with **HRS §11-155** (Aug. 2024) constitute malfeasance by failing to enforce a statutory requirement?

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3. Do the rescissions of DAG opinion requests (Dec. 2024, Mar. 2025) constitute misfeasance by blocking independent legal review of statutory duties?
4. Do the Commission’s failures to receive and consider correspondence complaints (Jan. and Mar. 2025) violate **HAR §3-170-5** and constitute systemic nonfeasance?
5. In light of the Commission’s own PIG findings that the 2024 election was **unverifiable** and unlawfully uncertified, how can the Commission justify its prior failures without acknowledging misconduct?

### **IV. Request for Action**

Pursuant to **HAR §3-170-9(c)**, I respectfully request that the Commission:

1. **Remove the Chief Election Officer** under **HRS §11-7.5**, for maladministration and repeated statutory violations.
2. **Refer these matters to the Attorney General** for investigation under **HRS §19-3(8)**.
3. **Hold a public hearing** to receive evidence and testimony concerning the Commission’s failures to investigate, its rescission of oversight motions, and the statutory consequences of certifying unverifiable elections.
4. **Adopt formal findings** identifying the Commission’s own failures — including:
  - Refusal to investigate chain of custody (Jan. 2024, Mar. 2024, Jan. 2025),
  - Failure to affirm certification standards under **HRS §11-155** (Aug. 2024), and
  - Rescission of DAG opinions on ballot constitutionality, voting method, and certificate authority (Dec. 2024, Mar. 2025).

These findings must:

- **Acknowledge that the Commission’s actions and inactions contributed to unlawful certification of the 2022 and 2024 elections,**
- **Be transmitted to the Attorney General and the Legislature** for further investigation into the Election Commission’s complicity in violations of **HRS §19-3(8)**, and
- **Implement corrective measures** to prevent recurrence, including mandatory enforcement of chain-of-custody requirements and certification procedures, and the establishment of *independent oversight* to monitor future compliance.

### **V. Conclusion**

The Elections Commission’s pattern of inaction from 2022 through 2025 — including premature certification, unlawful audits, refusal to investigate chain of custody, rescission of oversight, and failure to receive complaints — demonstrates sustained **malfeasance, misfeasance, and nonfeasance**.

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AND NOFEASANCE – COMMISSION’S REFUSAL TO PERFORM STATUTORY DUTIES AND OVERSIGHT**

The Commission’s own PIG reports now confirm that the 2024 election was both **unverifiable** and **not certified in accordance with statute**.

Continued inaction places the Commission itself in violation of **HRS §19-3(8)**.

Accordingly, I respectfully demand immediate action.

Sincerely,

S/F, Doug Pasnik, ARR.

Colonel, USMC (Retired)



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October 28, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Elections Commissioner Ralph Cushnie

RE: ECC-25-007

Dear Commissioner Cushnie,

This is in response to your correspondence dated September 25, 2025, in which you seek for the Elections Commission to hear what you have framed as a notarized HAVA Complaint.

To the extent your correspondence could be considered a complaint regarding an administrative act of the Office of Elections within the last 90 days, and you are seeking something within the jurisdiction of the Elections Commission, the administrative rules of the Elections Commission provide our office with an opportunity to respond. HAR §§ 3-170-6 to 3-170-8.

It is our understanding that the Elections Commission has no jurisdiction to decide alleged violations of the Help America Vote Act. Given this, the Elections Commission is not the proper venue for your complaint.

This concludes our response to your correspondence. Consistent with HAR § 3-170-8, a copy of this response is being forwarded to the Elections Commission.

Commissioner Ralph Cushnie  
October 28, 2025  
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Very truly yours,

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SCOTT T. NAGO  
Chief Election Officer

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OE-25-134

Enclosure

cc: Elections Commission

**From:** [Ralph Cushnie \(EC\)](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#); [OE.Elections](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] HAVA complaint To Hawaii Office of Elections and Elections Commission  
**Date:** Thursday, September 25, 2025 8:16:15 AM  
**Attachments:** [HAVA Complaint.pdf](#)  
[2024 BI General Election Drop Box Collection.pdf](#)  
[2024GeneralBRMReceipts Big Isle.pdf](#)  
[Big Isle General election.pdf](#)  
[Big Isle Envelope count.xlsx](#)  
[1360 NTR BI daily SVRS.pdf](#)  
[1471 NTR BI com with USPS.pdf](#)  
[Fwd Please review and confirm important information.msg](#)  
[OE-25-042 \(part 1\) - signed.pdf](#)

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Aloha Chair Curtis, Commissioners, and Chief Election Officer Nago,

Attached is a copy of my notarized HAVA Complaint with supporting attachments regarding the unexplained 19,042-ballot discrepancy in Hawai'i County's 2024 General Election. The original notarized complaint will be sent by certified mail to the Office of Elections for the official record.

Pursuant to HAR §3-170 and HRS Chapter 92, I respectfully request that this complaint be placed on the October 1, 2025 Elections Commission meeting agenda as a formal action item, and that it be circulated to all commissioners and included in the public meeting packet.

Given the seriousness of this matter and the federal implications under the Help America Vote Act, timely consideration by the full Commission is essential.

Mahalo for your attention to this request. Please confirm docketing of this complaint for the October 1 meeting.

Sincerely,  
Ralph Cushnie  
Elections Commissioner

## **HAVA COMPLAINT FORM**

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §15512 and HAR Chapter 3-170

### **Complainant Information**

Name: Ralph Cushnie

Title: Elections Commissioner, State of Hawai'i

Email: Ralphcushnieec@cushniecci.com

### **Respondent**

State of Hawai'i, Office of Elections / Elections Commission

Chief Election Officer Scott Nago and Elections Commission Members

802 Lehua Avenue

Pearl City, HI 96782

### **Election / Subject of Complaint**

2024 General Election – Hawai'i County Mail Ballot Envelope Discrepancy and USPS Business Reply Mail (BRM) Postage

### **Statement of Jurisdiction**

This complaint is filed under Section 402 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. §15512) and HAR Chapter 3-170. Hawai'i, as a recipient of federal HAVA funds, is required to maintain an administrative complaint procedure to resolve alleged violations of Title III of HAVA.

### **Statement of Facts**

1. Official Hawai'i County records show 57,553 ballot envelopes collected in the 2024 General Election (drop box + USPS BRM receipts).
2. The State's certified report for Hawai'i County shows 76,595 ballots counted.
3. This leaves a discrepancy of 19,042 ballots unaccounted for by envelopes.
4. In an email dated January 8, 2025, Hawai'i County Elections Program Administrator Cori Saiki admitted: "USPS doesn't always provide us with receipts which is the difference in the envelope count you are inquiring about."
5. A UIPA request for daily SVRS envelope processing logs was denied by the Office of Elections.
6. A UIPA request for correspondence between the County and USPS produced no records, confirming no reconciliation was attempted.

7. On March 17, 2025, the Chief Election Officer wrote to the Commission that counties no longer maintain their own chain-of-custody forms, and that the SVRS itself is the "form." This means there are no independent county records.
8. Without USPS receipts for 19,042 envelopes, the County may also have failed to reimburse USPS for postage — raising concerns of misuse of federal HAVA funds.

### Legal Basis

- HAVA Section 301(a)(2)(B) & 301(a)(5): Requires voting systems to provide a permanent paper record and be auditable. The missing envelopes and absence of independent records prevent reconciliation.

- HAVA Section 303(a)(1)(A): Requires accurate statewide registration lists coordinated with local officials. Eliminating county chain-of-custody records undermines this requirement.

- Federal funding conditions: HAVA funds may be used for ballot postage. Failure to account for USPS BRM receipts suggests possible misuse of funds.

### Relief Requested

9. An investigation into the 19,042-ballot discrepancy in Hawai'i County.
10. Production of all USPS BRM invoices, billing statements, and reconciliation records for 2024.
11. Production of SVRS daily envelope processing totals for the same election.
12. Restoration of independent county-level chain-of-custody documentation.
13. An audit to ensure USPS was reimbursed for all returned ballot envelopes.
14. That this matter be docketed on the next Elections Commission meeting agenda and all complaint documents distributed to commissioners and made available to the public.

### Request for Hearing

Complainant requests a hearing on the record, with the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine, as required by Section 402 of HAVA.

### Verification and Notarization

I, Ralph Cushnie, being duly sworn, state under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: Ralph Cushnie  
Date: September 25, 2025

Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

Notary Signature: [Handwritten Signature]  
My Commission Expires: March 16, 2029



Kehmay Arriola  
Notary Public, State of Hawaii  
Comm. Exp. Mar. 16, 2029

**Exhibits**

- 15. Hawai'i County 2024 Drop Box Collection Logs
- 16. USPS Business Reply Mail Receipts (2024 General)
- 17. State Certified Summary Report - Hawai'i County (76,595 ballots)
- 18. Spreadsheet Comparison (County envelopes vs. State ballots)
- 19. UIPA denial of SVRS daily envelope logs
- 20. UIPA confirmation of no USPS reconciliation communications
- 21. January 8, 2025 County email admitting missing USPS receipts
- 22. March 17, 2025 letter from Chief Election Officer on SVRS records

NOTARY CERTIFICATE  
KEHMAY ARRIOLA FIFTH CIRCUIT  
DOC DATE: 9/25/2025 # PAGES: 3  
DOC DESC: HAVA Complaint Form  
[Handwritten Signature] 9/25/25 MAR. 16, 2029  
SIGNATURE DATE COMM EXP



2024 GENERAL DROP BOX COLLECTION DATA								
Route Name	Placeof Deposit Name	Driver Name	District Coordinator Name	POD Time	D Total Ball	HQ Time	HQ Total Ballots	HQ Assisting Staff Name
Route 1	Hawaii County Building	Frank Yoshida	Ray Campaignha	10/17/2024 16:25	193	10/17/2024 16:42	193	Peter Daog
Route 1	Hilo Office	Frank Yoshida	Peter Daog	10/17/2024 16:45	55	10/17/2024 16:50	55	Peter Daog
Route 2	Kohala Police Station	Peter Daog	Brenda Cazimero	10/17/2024 13:31	2	10/17/2024 16:55	2	Frank Yoshida
Route 2	Laupahoehoe Police Station	Peter Daog	Glenn Yamane	10/17/2024 15:51	5	10/17/2024 16:57	5	Frank Yoshida
Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	Peter Daog	Claire Makahi	10/17/2024 12:31	13	10/17/2024 16:53	13	Frank Yoshida
Route 2	Waimea Police Station	Peter Daog	Kailee Dizol	10/17/2024 14:29	17	10/17/2024 16:56	17	Frank Yoshida
Route 3	Kona Office	JD	KRISTI	10/17/2024 13:43	9	10/17/2024 16:00	9	FRANK
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	JD	KRISTI	10/17/2024 13:54	34	10/17/2024 15:58	34	FRANK
Route 3	Yano Hall	JD	JOHN	10/17/2024 13:05	4	10/17/2024 15:55	4	FRANK
Route 4	Keaau Police Substation	Alika Medeiros	Santiago Gose	10/17/2024 14:12	18	10/17/2024 16:05	18	Frank Yoshida
Route 4	Naalehu Driver Licensing	Alika Medeiros	June Dumondon	10/17/2024 12:43	6	10/17/2024 16:04	6	Frank Yoshida
Route 4	Pahoa Driver Licensing	Alika Medeiros	Larry Akimseu	10/17/2024 14:49	48	10/17/2024 16:07	48	Frank Yoshida
Route 1	Hawaii County Building	Frank Yoshida	Ray Campaignha	10/18/2024 16:11	300	10/18/2024 16:26	300	Ray Campaignha
Route 1	Hilo Office	Frank Yoshida	Alika Medeiros	10/18/2024 16:34	14	10/18/2024 16:38	14	Alika Medeiros
Route 2	Kohala Police Station	Alika Medeiros	Brenda Cazimero	10/18/2024 13:40	13	10/18/2024 16:41	13	Frank Yoshida
Route 2	Laupahoehoe Police Station	Alika Medeiros	Glenn Yamane	10/18/2024 15:45	4	10/18/2024 16:44	4	Frank Yoshida
Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	Alika Medeiros	Claire Makahi	10/18/2024 12:38	21	10/18/2024 16:32	21	Frank Yoshida
Route 2	Waimea Police Station	Alika Medeiros	Kylee Dizol	10/18/2024 14:39	46	10/18/2024 16:43	46	Frank Yoshida
Route 3	Kona Office	Peter Daog	Frank Yoshida	10/18/2024 15:43	14	10/18/2024 15:48	14	Frank Yoshida
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	Peter Daog	Kristy Carvalho	10/18/2024 13:52	57	10/18/2024 15:47	57	Frank Yoshida
Route 3	Yano Hall	Peter Daog	Christy Ogg	10/18/2024 12:57	5	10/18/2024 15:46	5	Frank Yoshida
Route 4	Keaau Police Substation	JD	GOSE	10/18/2024 13:50	29	10/18/2024 15:13	29	TAYLOR
Route 4	Naalehu Driver Licensing	JD	JUNE	10/18/2024 12:29	7	10/18/2024 15:11	7	TAYLOR
Route 4	Pahoa Driver Licensing	JD	LARRY	10/18/2024 14:18	54	10/18/2024 15:14	54	TAYLOR
Route 1	Hawaii County Building	Frank Yoshida	Peter Daog	10/19/2024 15:33	151	10/19/2024 15:43	151	Peter Daog
Route 2	Kohala Police Station	JD	BRENDA	10/19/2024 13:30	17	10/19/2024 16:08	17	FRANK
Route 2	Laupahoehoe Police Station	JD	GLEN	10/19/2024 15:20	9	10/19/2024 16:10	9	FRANK
Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	JD	CLAIRE	10/19/2024 12:28	14	10/19/2024 16:07	14	FRANK
Route 2	Waimea Police Station	JD	KYLEE	10/19/2024 14:24	41	10/19/2024 16:09	41	FRANK
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	Alika Medeiros	Kristi Carvalho	10/19/2024 13:52	51	10/19/2024 15:55	51	Frank Yoshida
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Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	Peter Daog	Claire Makahi	10/21/2024 12:30	39	10/21/2024 16:31	39	Alika Medeiros
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Route 3	Yano Hall	JD	JOHN	10/21/2024 13:03	26	10/21/2024 15:45	26	FRANK
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Route 2	Laupahoehoe Police Station	Alika Medeiros	Glenn Yamane	10/22/2024 15:30	13	10/22/2024 16:25	13	Frank Yoshida
Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	Alika Medeiros	Claire Makahi	10/22/2024 12:25	44	10/22/2024 16:21	44	Frank Yoshida
Route 2	Waimea Police Station	Alika Medeiros	Kylee Dizol	10/22/2024 14:20	66	10/22/2024 16:24	66	Frank Yoshida
Route 3	Kona Office	Peter Daog	Justin Pang	10/22/2024 16:01	29	10/22/2024 16:03	29	Justin Pang
Route 3	Kona Voter Service Center	Peter Daog	Justin Pang	10/22/2024 15:56	101	10/22/2024 15:59	101	Justin Pang
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	Peter Daog	Kristi Carvalho	10/22/2024 13:45	133	10/22/2024 15:54	133	Justin Pang
Route 3	Yano Hall	Peter Daog	Christy Ogg	10/22/2024 13:02	20	10/22/2024 15:52	20	Justin pang
Route 4	Keaau Police Substation	JD	GOSE	10/22/2024 14:01	41	10/22/2024 15:22	41	FRANK
Route 4	Naalehu Driver Licensing	JD	JUNE	10/22/2024 12:40	16	10/22/2024 15:20	16	FRANK
Route 4	Pahoa Driver Licensing	JD	LARRY	10/22/2024 14:33	126	10/22/2024 15:24	126	FRANK
Route 1	Hawaii County Building	Frank Yoshida	Alika Medeiros	10/23/2024 16:50	455	10/23/2024 17:04	455	Justin Pang
Route 1	Hilo Office	Frank Yoshida	Justin Pang	10/23/2024 17:05	27	10/23/2024 17:08	27	Justin Pang
Route 1	Hilo Voter Service Center	Frank Yoshida	Justin Pang	10/23/2024 17:10	120	10/23/2024 17:14	120	Justin Pang
Route 2	Kohala Police Station	JD	BRENDA	10/23/2024 13:36	30	10/23/2024 16:44	30	ALIKA
Route 2	Laupahoehoe Police Station	JD	GLEN	10/23/2024 15:45	14	10/23/2024 16:48	14	ALIKA

Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	JD	CLAIRE	10/23/2024 12:27	45	10/23/2024 16:42	45	ALIKA
Route 2	Waimea Police Station	JD	KYLEE	10/23/2024 14:33	55	10/23/2024 16:46	55	ALIKA
Route 3	Kona Office	Alika Medeiros	Justin Pang	10/23/2024 16:35	15	10/23/2024 16:37	15	Justin Pang
Route 3	Kona Voter Service Center	Alika Medeiros	Frank Yoshida	10/23/2024 16:26	136	10/23/2024 16:33	136	JustinPang
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	Alika Medeiros	Kristi Carvalho	10/23/2024 14:27	125	10/23/2024 16:39	125	Justin Pang
Route 3	Yano Hall	Alika Medeiros	John Ogg	10/23/2024 13:08	34	10/23/2024 16:38	34	Justin Pang
Route 4	Keaau Police Substation	Peter Daog	Santiago Gose	10/23/2024 13:45	40	10/23/2024 15:04	40	Frank Yoshida
Route 4	Naalehu Driver Licensing	Peter Daog	June Domondon	10/23/2024 12:27	15	10/23/2024 15:03	15	Frank Yoshida
Route 4	Pahoa Driver Licensing	Peter Daog	Larry Akimseu	10/23/2024 14:16	127	10/23/2024 15:06	127	Frank Yoshida
Route 1	Hawaii County Building	Frank Yoshida	Peter Daog	10/24/2024 16:02	272	10/24/2024 16:12	272	Pete Daog
Route 1	Hilo Office	Frank Yoshida	Peter Daog	10/24/2024 16:43	11	10/24/2024 16:45	11	Peter Daog
Route 1	Hilo Voter Service Center	Frank Yoshida	Peter Daog	10/24/2024 16:36	107	10/24/2024 16:41	107	Peter Daog
Route 2	Kohala Police Station	Peter Daog	Brenda Cazimero	10/24/2024 13:21	19	10/24/2024 15:54	19	Frank Yoshida
Route 2	Laupahoehoe Police Station	Peter Daog	Glenn Yamane	10/24/2024 15:03	12	10/24/2024 15:56	12	Frank Yoshida
Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	Peter Daog	Claire Makahi	10/24/2024 12:21	39	10/24/2024 15:52	39	Frank Yoshida
Route 2	Waimea Police Station	Peter Daog	Kailee Dizol	10/24/2024 14:14	51	10/24/2024 15:55	51	Frank Yoshida
Route 3	Kona Office	JD	FRANK	10/24/2024 15:47	14	10/24/2024 15:48	14	FRANK
Route 3	Kona Voter Service Center	JD	FRANK	10/24/2024 15:49	79	10/24/2024 15:51	79	FRANK
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	JD	KRISTI	10/24/2024 13:50	61	10/24/2024 15:45	61	FRANK
Route 3	Yano Hall	JD	CRISTY	10/24/2024 12:57	15	10/24/2024 15:43	15	FRANK
Route 4	Keaau Police Substation	Alika Medeiros	Santiago Gose	10/24/2024 13:52	35	10/24/2024 15:10	35	Frank Yoshida
Route 4	Naalehu Driver Licensing	Alika Medeiros	June Dumondon	10/24/2024 12:32	24	10/24/2024 15:07	24	Frank Yoshida
Route 4	Pahoa Driver Licensing	Alika Medeiros	Larry Akimseu	10/24/2024 14:15	122	10/24/2024 15:14	122	Frank Yoshida
Route 1	Hawaii County Building	Frank Yoshida	Alika Medeiros	10/25/2024 16:49	254	10/25/2024 17:06	254	Peter Daog
Route 1	Hilo Office	Frank Yoshida	Peter Daog	10/25/2024 17:16	16	10/25/2024 17:20	16	Peter Daog
Route 1	Hilo Voter Service Center	Frank Yoshida	Peter Daog	10/25/2024 17:09	121	10/25/2024 17:15	121	Peter Daog
Route 2	Kohala Police Station	Alika Medeiros	Brenda Cazimero	10/25/2024 13:17	15	10/25/2024 16:41	15	Justin Pang
Route 2	Laupahoehoe Police Station	Alika Medeiros	Glenn Yamane	10/25/2024 14:56	16	10/25/2024 16:43	16	Justin Pang
Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	Alika Medeiros	Claire Makahi	10/25/2024 12:07	29	10/25/2024 16:39	29	Justin Pang
Route 2	Waimea Police Station	Alika Medeiros	Kylee Dizol	10/25/2024 14:05	63	10/25/2024 16:42	63	Justin Pang
Route 3	Kona Office	Peter Daog	Jd Pang	10/25/2024 16:57	9	10/25/2024 16:59	9	Jd Pang
Route 3	Kona Voter Service Center	Peter Daog	Jd Pang	10/25/2024 16:52	136	10/25/2024 16:56	136	Jd Pang
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	Peter Daog	Kristi Carvalho	10/25/2024 13:55	71	10/25/2024 16:50	71	Jd Pang

Route 3	Yano Hall	Peter Daog	Christy Ogg	10/25/2024 13:02	39	10/25/2024 16:49	39	Jd Pang
Route 4	Keaau Police Substation	JD	GOSE	10/25/2024 13:58	25	10/25/2024 16:45	25	PETER
Route 4	Naalehu Driver Licensing	JD	JUNE	10/25/2024 12:32	19	10/25/2024 16:44	19	PETER
Route 4	Pahoa Driver Licensing	JD	LARRY	10/25/2024 14:36	96	10/25/2024 16:46	96	PETER
Route 1	Hawaii County Building	Frank Yoshida	Alika Medeiros	10/26/2024 16:50	149	10/26/2024 17:01	149	Justin Pang
Route 1	Hilo Voter Service Center	Frank Yoshida	Justin Pang	10/26/2024 17:03	34	10/26/2024 17:06	34	Justin Pang
Route 2	Kohala Police Station	JD	BRENDA	10/26/2024 14:06	20	10/26/2024 16:55	20	PETER
Route 2	Laupahoehoe Police Station	JD	GLEN	10/26/2024 15:44	10	10/26/2024 16:56	10	PETER
Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	JD	CLAIRE	10/26/2024 12:25	18	10/26/2024 16:57	18	PETER
Route 2	Waimea Police Station	JD	KYLEE	10/26/2024 14:57	57	10/26/2024 16:58	57	PETER
Route 3	Kona Voter Service Center	Alika Medeiros	Peter Daog	10/26/2024 17:00	44	10/26/2024 17:03	44	Peter Daog
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	Alika Medeiros	Kristi Carvalho	10/26/2024 14:07	48	10/26/2024 17:06	48	Peter Daog
Route 3	Yano Hall	Alika Medeiros	John Ogg	10/26/2024 13:18	25	10/26/2024 17:04	25	Peter Daog
Route 4	Keaau Police Substation	Peter Daog	Santiago Gose	10/26/2024 13:33	20	10/26/2024 16:51	20	Jd Pang
Route 4	Naalehu Driver Licensing	Peter Daog	June Domondon	10/26/2024 12:15	16	10/26/2024 16:50	16	Jd Pang
Route 4	Pahoa Driver Licensing	Peter Daog	Larry Akimseu	10/26/2024 14:02	67	10/26/2024 16:53	67	Jd Pang
Route 1	Hawaii County Building	Frank Yoshida	Justin Pang	10/28/2024 16:20	580	10/28/2024 16:40	580	Justin Pang
Route 1	Hilo Office	Frank Yoshida	Justin Pang	10/28/2024 16:49	44	10/28/2024 16:53	44	Justin Pang
Route 1	Hilo Voter Service Center	Frank Yoshida	Justin Pang	10/28/2024 16:54	142	10/28/2024 17:05	142	Justin Pang
Route 2	Kohala Police Station	Peter Daog	Mary Salvador	10/28/2024 13:29	34	10/28/2024 16:08	34	Jd Pang
Route 2	Laupahoehoe Police Station	Peter Daog	Glenn Yamane	10/28/2024 15:16	16	10/28/2024 16:12	16	Jd Pang
Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	Peter Daog	Claire Makahi	10/28/2024 12:24	21	10/28/2024 16:07	21	Jd Pang
Route 2	Waimea Police Station	Peter Daog	Kailee Dizol	10/28/2024 14:25	142	10/28/2024 16:10	142	Jd Pang
Route 3	Kona Office	JD	HAZ	10/28/2024 16:02	4	10/28/2024 16:04	4	HAZ
Route 3	Kona Voter Service Center	JD	HAZ	10/28/2024 15:57	126	10/28/2024 16:02	126	HAZ
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	JD	LIMA	10/28/2024 13:47	184	10/28/2024 15:51	184	HAZ
Route 3	Yano Hall	JD	JOHN	10/28/2024 12:55	38	10/28/2024 15:49	38	HAZ
Route 4	Keaau Police Substation	Frank Yoshida	Bose Santiago	10/28/2024 13:53	72	10/28/2024 15:15	72	Chazlyn Noble
Route 4	Naalehu Driver Licensing	Frank Yoshida	June Domondon	10/28/2024 12:37	14	10/28/2024 15:13	14	Chazlyn Noble
Route 4	Pahoa Driver Licensing	Frank Yoshida	Larry Akimseu	10/28/2024 14:24	146	10/28/2024 15:19	146	Chazlyn Noble
Route 1	Hawaii County Building	Frank Yoshida	Peter Daog	10/29/2024 16:13	416	10/29/2024 16:30	416	Peter Daog
Route 1	Hilo Office	Frank Yoshida	Peter Daog	10/29/2024 16:47	26	10/29/2024 16:50	26	Peter Daog
Route 1	Hilo Voter Service Center	Frank Yoshida	Peter Daog	10/29/2024 16:41	174	10/29/2024 16:46	174	Peter Daog

Route 2	Kohala Police Station	Alika Medeiros	Brenda Cazimero	10/29/2024 13:35	30	10/29/2024 16:55	30	Peter Daog
Route 2	Laupahoehoe Police Station	Alika Medeiros	Glenn Yamane	10/29/2024 16:06	11	10/29/2024 16:59	11	Peter Daog
Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	Alika Medeiros	Claire Makahi	10/29/2024 12:17	40	10/29/2024 16:54	40	Peter Daog
Route 2	Waimea Police Station	Alika Medeiros	Kylee Dizol	10/29/2024 15:13	105	10/29/2024 16:57	105	Peter Daog
Route 3	Kona Office	Peter Daog	Jd Pang	10/29/2024 15:57	24	10/29/2024 16:00	24	Jd Pang
Route 3	Kona Voter Service Center	Peter Daog	Jd Pang	10/29/2024 16:01	190	10/29/2024 16:07	190	Jd Pang
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	Peter Daog	Kristy Carvalho	10/29/2024 13:46	138	10/29/2024 15:55	138	Jd Pang
Route 3	Yano Hall	Peter Daog	Christy Ogg	10/29/2024 12:54	31	10/29/2024 15:54	31	Jd Pang
Route 4	Keaau Police Substation	JD	GOSE	10/29/2024 13:49	38	10/29/2024 15:14	38	FRANK
Route 4	Naalehu Driver Licensing	JD	JUNE	10/29/2024 12:30	19	10/29/2024 15:12	19	TAYLOR
Route 4	Pahoa Driver Licensing	JD	LARRY	10/29/2024 14:16	119	10/29/2024 15:15	119	FRANK
Route 1	Hawaii County Building	Frank Yoshida	Justin pang	10/30/2024 16:25	394	10/30/2024 16:39	394	Justin Pang
Route 1	Hilo Office	Frank Yoshida	Justin Pang	10/30/2024 16:49	35	10/30/2024 16:51	35	Justin Pang
Route 1	Hilo Voter Service Center	Frank Yoshida	Justin Pang	10/30/2024 16:52	168	10/30/2024 16:58	168	Justin Pang
Route 2	Kohala Police Station	JD	BRENDA	10/30/2024 13:28	33	10/30/2024 16:19	33	FRANK
Route 2	Laupahoehoe Police Station	JD	GLEN	10/30/2024 15:16	10	10/30/2024 16:17	10	FRANK
Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	JD	CLAIRE	10/30/2024 12:25	33	10/30/2024 16:20	33	FRANK
Route 2	Waimea Police Station	JD	KYLEE	10/30/2024 14:23	88	10/30/2024 16:21	88	FRANK
Route 3	Kona Office	Alika Medeiros	Frank Yoshida	10/30/2024 16:11	11	10/30/2024 16:12	11	Frank Yoshida
Route 3	Kona Voter Service Center	Alika Medeiros	Justin Pang	10/30/2024 16:05	189	10/30/2024 16:10	189	Frank Yoshida
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	Alika Medeiros	Kristi Carvalho	10/30/2024 14:11	163	10/30/2024 16:15	163	Frank Yoshida
Route 3	Yano Hall	Alika Medeiros	John Ogg	10/30/2024 13:00	37	10/30/2024 16:13	37	Frank Yoshida
Route 4	Keaau Police Substation	Peter Daog	Santiago Gose	10/30/2024 13:35	50	10/30/2024 15:05	50	Frank Yoshida
Route 4	Naalehu Driver Licensing	Peter Daog	June Domondon	10/30/2024 12:17	16	10/30/2024 15:03	16	Frank Yoshida
Route 4	Pahoa Driver Licensing	Peter Daog	Larry Akimseu	10/30/2024 14:04	105	10/30/2024 15:07	105	Frank Yoshida
Route 1	Hawaii County Building	Frank Yoshida	Peter Daog	10/31/2024 17:13	418	10/31/2024 17:24	418	Peter Daog
Route 1	Hilo Office	Frank Yoshida	Peter Daog	10/31/2024 16:48	40	10/31/2024 16:51	40	Peter Daog
Route 1	Hilo Voter Service Center	Frank Yoshida	Peter Daog	10/31/2024 16:43	153	10/31/2024 16:47	153	Peter Daog
Route 2	Kohala Police Station	Peter Daog	Brenda Cazimero	10/31/2024 13:32	38	10/31/2024 16:54	38	Frank Yoshida
Route 2	Laupahoehoe Police Station	Peter Daog	Glenn Yamane	10/31/2024 15:56	14	10/31/2024 16:58	14	Frank Yoshida
Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	Peter Daog	Claire Makahi	10/31/2024 12:27	53	10/31/2024 16:52	53	Frank Yoshida
Route 2	Waimea Police Station	Peter Daog	Kailee Dizol	10/31/2024 14:30	111	10/31/2024 16:56	111	Frank Yoshida
Route 3	Kona Office	JD	FRANK	10/31/2024 17:09	16	10/31/2024 17:11	16	FRANK

Route 3	Kona Voter Service Center	JD	FRANK	10/31/2024 17:04	153	10/31/2024 17:08	153	FRANK
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	JD	SIMILAR	10/31/2024 14:32	137	10/31/2024 17:02	137	FRANK
Route 3	Yano Hall	JD	JOHN	10/31/2024 13:33	47	10/31/2024 17:01	47	FRANK
Route 4	Keaau Police Substation	Alika Medeiros	Santiago Gose	10/31/2024 13:58	80	10/31/2024 15:50	80	Frank Yoshida
Route 4	Naalehu Driver Licensing	Alika Medeiros	June Dumondon	10/31/2024 12:41	19	10/31/2024 15:49	19	Frank Yoshida
Route 4	Pahoa Driver Licensing	Alika Medeiros	Larry Akimseu	10/31/2024 14:45	109	10/31/2024 15:52	109	Frank Yoshida
Route 1	Hawaii County Building	Frank Yoshida	Justin Pang	11/1/2024 17:00	475	11/1/2024 17:13	475	Justin Pang
Route 1	Hilo Office	Frank Yoshida	Justin Pang	11/1/2024 16:56	13	11/1/2024 16:58	13	Justin Pang
Route 1	Hilo Voter Service Center	Frank Yoshida	Justin Pang	11/1/2024 16:46	221	11/1/2024 16:55	221	Justin Pang
Route 2	Kohala Police Station	Alika Medeiros	Brenda Cazimero	11/1/2024 13:18	40	11/1/2024 16:37	40	Justin Pang
Route 2	Laupahoehoe Police Station	Alika Medeiros	Glenn Yamane	11/1/2024 15:32	18	11/1/2024 16:40	18	Justin Pang
Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	Alika Medeiros	Claire Makahi	11/1/2024 12:17	30	11/1/2024 16:36	30	Justin Pang
Route 2	Waimea Police Station	Alika Medeiros	Kylee Dizol	11/1/2024 14:17	112	11/1/2024 16:38	112	Justin Pang
Route 3	Kona Office	Peter Daog	Cori Saiki	11/1/2024 15:54	3	11/1/2024 15:57	3	Cori Saiki
Route 3	Kona Voter Service Center	Peter Daog	Cori Saiki	11/1/2024 15:59	207	11/1/2024 16:08	207	Chazlyn noble
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	Peter Daog	Kristi Carvalho	11/1/2024 13:51	117	11/1/2024 16:10	117	Chazlyn Noble
Route 3	Yano Hall	Peter Daog	John Ogg	11/1/2024 12:58	49	11/1/2024 15:50	49	Cori Saiki
Route 4	Keaau Police Substation	JD	GOSE	11/1/2024 13:55	54	11/1/2024 15:12	54	FRANK
Route 4	Naalehu Driver Licensing	JD	JUNE	11/1/2024 12:34	21	11/1/2024 15:13	21	FRANK
Route 4	Pahoa Driver Licensing	JD	LARRY	11/1/2024 14:21	119	11/1/2024 15:14	119	FRANK
Route 1	Hawaii County Building	Peter Daog	Jd Pang	11/2/2024 16:39	375	11/2/2024 16:49	375	Jd Pang
Route 1	Hilo Voter Service Center	Peter Daog	Alika Medeiros	11/2/2024 16:50	160	11/2/2024 16:55	160	Alika Medeiros
Route 2	Kohala Police Station	JD	BRENDA	11/2/2024 13:32	41	11/2/2024 16:29	41	PETER
Route 2	Laupahoehoe Police Station	JD	GLEN	11/2/2024 15:26	18	11/2/2024 16:27	18	PETER
Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	JD	CLAIRE	11/2/2024 12:26	50	11/2/2024 16:26	50	PETER
Route 2	Waimea Police Station	JD	KYLEE	11/2/2024 14:35	150	11/2/2024 16:29	150	PETER
Route 3	Kona Office	Alika Medeiros	Peter Daog	11/2/2024 16:03	7	11/2/2024 16:06	7	Peter Daog
Route 3	Kona Voter Service Center	Alika Medeiros	Peter Daog	11/2/2024 16:08	128	11/2/2024 16:12	128	Peter Daog
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	Alika Medeiros	Kristi Carvalho	11/2/2024 13:56	173	11/2/2024 16:16	173	Peter Daog
Route 3	Yano Hall	Alika Medeiros	John Ogg	11/2/2024 12:50	52	11/2/2024 16:15	52	Peter Daog
Route 4	Keaau Police Substation	Peter Daog	Santiago Gose	11/2/2024 13:40	86	11/2/2024 16:21	86	Jd pang
Route 4	Naalehu Driver Licensing	Peter Daog	June Domondon	11/2/2024 12:21	36	11/2/2024 16:19	36	Frank Yoshida
Route 4	Pahoa Driver Licensing	Peter Daog	Larry Akimseu	11/2/2024 14:06	109	11/2/2024 16:26	109	Jd Pang

Route 1	Hawaii County Building	Frank Yoshida	Peter Daog	11/4/2024 19:19	1391	11/4/2024 19:51	1391	Peter Daog
Route 1	Hilo Office	Frank Yoshida	Peter Daog	11/4/2024 18:37	30	11/4/2024 18:45	30	Peter Daog
Route 1	Hilo Voter Service Center	Frank Yoshida	Peter Daog	11/4/2024 18:47	386	11/4/2024 19:00	386	Peter Daog
Route 2	Kohala Police Station	Peter Daog	Brenda Cazimero	11/4/2024 13:28	73	11/4/2024 18:32	73	Alika Mederios
Route 2	Laupahoehoe Police Station	Peter Daog	Glenn Yamane	11/4/2024 15:51	22	11/4/2024 18:38	22	Frank Yoshida
Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	Peter Daog	Claire Makahi	11/4/2024 12:28	111	11/4/2024 18:29	111	Alika Mederios
Route 2	Waimea Police Station	Peter Daog	Kailee Dizol	11/4/2024 14:37	320	11/4/2024 18:34	320	Alika Mederios
Route 3	Kona Office	JD	PETER	11/4/2024 19:06	18	11/4/2024 19:09	18	PETER
Route 3	Kona Voter Service Center	JD	PETER	11/4/2024 19:10	324	11/4/2024 19:16	324	PETER
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	JD	Meli	11/4/2024 14:14	371	11/4/2024 19:04	371	PETER
Route 3	Yano Hall	JD	JOHN	11/4/2024 13:21	111	11/4/2024 19:01	111	PETER
Route 4	Keaau Police Substation	Alika Medeiros	Santiago Gose	11/4/2024 14:39	212	11/4/2024 18:19	212	Peter Daog
Route 4	Naalehu Driver Licensing	Alika Medeiros	June Dumondon	11/4/2024 12:49	47	11/4/2024 17:25	47	Frank Yoshida
Route 4	Pahoa Driver Licensing	Alika Medeiros	Larry Akimseu	11/4/2024 15:26	326	11/4/2024 18:24	326	Peter Daog
Route 1	Hawaii County Building	JD	PETER	11/5/2024 13:29	1275	11/5/2024 14:02	1275	PETER
Route 1	Hawaii County Building	Frank Yoshida	Kristen Veracruz	11/5/2024 19:31	911	11/5/2024 19:57	911	Kristen Veracruz
Route 1	Hilo Voter Service Center	JD	PETER	11/5/2024 14:04	467	11/5/2024 14:13	467	PETER
Route 1	Hilo Voter Service Center	Frank Yoshida	Kristen Veracruz	11/5/2024 20:30	502	11/5/2024 20:47	502	Kristen Veracruz
Route 2	Kohala Police Station	Peter Daog	Brenda Cazimero	11/5/2024 20:09	175	11/5/2024 23:21	175	Alika Mederios
Route 2	Laupahoehoe Police Station	Peter Daog	Glenn Yamane	11/5/2024 22:21	100	11/5/2024 23:30	100	Alika Mederios
Route 2	Waikoloa Village Association	Peter Daog	Claire Makahi	11/5/2024 19:00	232	11/5/2024 23:18	232	Alika Mederios
Route 2	Waimea Police Station	Peter Daog	Kailee Dizol	11/5/2024 21:05	742	11/5/2024 23:29	742	Alika Mederios
Route 3	Kona Voter Service Center	Alika Medeiros	Frank Yoshida	11/5/2024 23:09	478	11/5/2024 23:12	478	Frank Yoshida
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	JD	SIMI	11/5/2024 19:58	575	11/6/2024 1:06	575	PETER
Route 3	West Hawaii Civic Center	Alika Medeiros	Kristi Carvalho	11/5/2024 15:03	1068	11/5/2024 23:13	1068	Frank Yoshida
Route 3	Yano Hall	JD	JOHN	11/5/2024 18:59	334	11/6/2024 1:02	334	PETER
Route 4	Keaau Police Substation	Alika Medeiros	Santiago Gose	11/5/2024 20:35	570	11/5/2024 22:54	570	Frank Yoshida
Route 4	Naalehu Driver Licensing	Alika Medeiros	June Dumondon	11/5/2024 19:05	178	11/5/2024 22:51	178	Frank Yoshida
Route 4	Pahoa Driver Licensing	Alika Medeiros	Larry Akimseu	11/5/2024 21:34	729	11/5/2024 23:04	729	Frank Yoshida
Route 3	Kona Office	JD	PETER	11/6/2024 1:10	24	11/6/2024 1:12	24	PETER
Route 3	Kona Voter Service Center	JD	PETER	11/6/2024 1:13	11	11/6/2024 1:15	11	PETER

PLACE OF DEPOSIT COLLECTION  
HAWAII COUNTY

DATE: 10/21/24

ROUTE #: 4

LOCATION	TIME SCHEDULE		COMMENTS	COUNT	INITIAL	INITIAL
	ARRIVE	LEAVE				
KEAHOE POLICE DROP BOX		2:25		33	Am	MM
PAHOA POLICE DROP BOX	2:48 P	3:05 P	JPAD DOWN	159	Am	JR
NAALEHU POLICE DROP BOX	12:30 P	12:44 Pm		35	Am	MM
HAWAII COUNTY BLDG						

OFFICE USE ONLY:

I hereby swear that all information furnished on this form is true and correct:

*Francis Yoshida*  
Francis Yoshida

Signature *[Signature]*

Signature

FRANCIS YOSHIDA

Print Name

ALVA MEDeiros

Print Name

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Business Reply Postage

COST CENTER: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

DATE: 10/18/24



Current Balance: EPS \$234,089.07  
Contact: CORI SAIKI

Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS  
Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
HILO, HI 96720-4245

Where Issued: HI

Comments:

PO of Mailing: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

PO of Permit: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

BRM Invoice Type: High-Volume Qualified BRM

Mailing Date: 10/18/2024						
						Final
TRANS# 202429214395048BM						
Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
D1	Postcards	0	0	0.537	0.030	0.000
D4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	3.5	1,306	0.707	0.030	962.522
D6	Postage Due	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Postage:						\$962.52
Customer Reference ID						

The above amount has been deducted from your advance deposit account.

Clerk Initials: DPY

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**Business Reply Postage**

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DATE: 10/20/24



Current Balance: EPS \$230,100.04  
24 OCT 21 P12:22  
Contact: CORI SAIKI

Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS

Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
HILO, HI 96720-4245

PO of Mailing: 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI



PO of Permit: COUNTY OF HAWAII  
14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

Type of BRM Invoice: Qualified BRM

Mailing Date: 10/21/2024

Final

TRANS# 202429416030694BM

Line Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
C4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	1.000	2208	\$0.707	\$0.020	-\$1,605.220
Total Postage:						-\$1,805.220

Customer Reference ID: IMBAccounting

Clerk Initials: IMB

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Business Reply Postage

COST CENTER: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

RECEIVED DATE: 10/22/24



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Current Balance: EPS \$226,492.67  
Contact: CORLSAIKI



COUNTY CLERK  
ELECTIONS DIVISION  
COUNTY OF HAWAII

Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS  
Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
HILO, HI 96720-4245

Where Issued: n/a

Comments:

PO of Mailing: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

PO of Permit: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

BRM Invoice Type: High-Volume Qualified BRM

Mailing Date: 10/22/2024						
						Final
TRANS# 202429614240113BM						
Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
D1	Postcards	0	0	0.537	0.030	0.000
D4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	3.5	3,640	0.707	0.030	2,682.680
D6	Postage Due	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Postage:						\$2,682.68
Customer Reference ID						

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Clerk Initials: JSM

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DATE: 10/23/24



Current Balance: EPS \$222,188.78  
Contact: COR1 SAIKI

Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS

Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
HILO, HI 96720-4245

PO of Mailing: 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI



PO of Permit: 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

Type of BRM Invoice: Qualified BRM  
Mailing Date: 10/23/2024

Final

TRANS# 202429710000153BM

Line Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
C4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	1.000	2230	\$0.707	\$0.020	-\$1,621.210
Total Postage:						-\$1,621.210

Customer Reference ID: IMBAccounting

Clerk Initials: IMB

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Business Reply Postage

COST CENTER: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

DATE: 10/23/24



Current Balance: EPS \$222,188.78  
Contact: CORI SAIKI

Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS  
Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
HILO, HI 96720-4245

Where Issued: n/a



Comments:  
PO of Mailing: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

PO of Permt: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

BRM Invoice Type: High-Volume Qualified BRM

Mailing Date: 10/23/2024						
						<b>Final</b>
<b>TRANS# 202429715192231BM</b>						
Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
D1	Postcards	0	0	0.537	0.030	0.000
D4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	3.5	2,597	0.707	0.030	1,913.989
D6	Postage Due	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Postage:						\$1,913.99
Customer Reference ID						

The above amount has been deducted from your advance deposit account.

Clerk Initials: JSM



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10/24/2024

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### BRM Transaction Details

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Current Balance: EPS \$219,031.62

Contact: CORI SAIKI

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Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS



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Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
HILO, HI 96720-4245

PO of Mailing: 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

PO of Permit: 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

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Type of BRM Invoice: **Qualified BRM**

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TRANS# 202429810000287BM

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Line Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
C4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	1.000	1710	\$0.707	\$0.020	-\$1,243.170

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Customer Reference ID : IMBAccounting

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**Clerk Initials: IMB**

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Verification Assessment Summary	
Verification Method:	Mailpiece Review, Weight Verification
Verification Required:	Yes
Sample Size:	69
Verifying Employees Initials:	JSM

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**Business Reply Postage**

COST CENTER: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

DATE: 10/24/24



Current Balance: EPS \$219,031.62  
Contact: CORI SAIKI



Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS  
Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
HILO, HI 96720-4245

Where Issued: n/a

Comments:

PO of Mailing: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

PO of Permit: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

BRM Invoice Type: High-Volume Qualified BRM

Mailing Date: 10/24/2024						
						<b>Final</b>
<b>TRANS# 202429814243128BM</b>						
Seq#	Description	Weight Nol Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
D1	Postcards	0	0	0.537	0.030	0.000
D4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	3.5	1,876	0.707	0.030	1,382.612
D6	Postage Due	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Postage:						\$1,382.61
Customer Reference ID						

The above amount has been deducted from your advance deposit account.

Clerk Initials: JSM

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**Business Reply Postage**

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DATE: 10/25/24



Current Balance: EPS \$216,415.29  
Contact: CORI SAIKI

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Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS  
Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
HILO, HI 96720-4245  
PO of Mailing: 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

PO of Permit: 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

COUNTY CLERK  
ELECTIONS DIVISION  
COUNTY OF HAWAII

Type of BRM Invoice: Qualified BRM  
Mailing Date: 10/25/2024

Final

TRANS# 202429910000262BM

Line Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
C4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	1.000	1697	\$0.707	\$0.020	-\$1,233.720
Total Postage:						-\$1,233.720

Customer Reference ID: IMBAccounting

Clerk Initials: IMB



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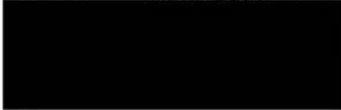
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Current Balance: EPS \$216,415.29

Contact: CORI SAKINTY CLERK



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Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS  
Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
HILO, HI 96720-4245

Where Issued: n/a

Comments:

PO of Mailing: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

PO of Permit: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

BRM Invoice Type: High-Volume Qualified BRM

Mailing Date: 10/25/2024						
						Final
TRANS# 202429914161198BM						
Seq#	Description	Weight Nol Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
D1	Postcards	0	0	0.537	0.030	0.000
D4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	3.5	1,782	0.707	0.030	1,313.334
D6	Postage Due	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Postage:						\$1,313.33
Customer Reference ID						

The above amount has been deducted from your advance deposit account.

Clerk Initials: JSM



**BRM Postage (First-Class Mail)**



Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS  
 Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
 HILO, HI 96720-4245  
 Where Issued: n/a  
 Comments:  
 PO of Mailing: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

Opening Balance: EPS \$213,472.03  
 Contact: CORI SAIKI



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COUNTY CLERK  
 COUNTY OF HAWAII

PO of Permit: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

The following postage and per piece fees (if applicable) have been charged to this account.

BRM Invoice Type: High-Volume Qualified BRM

Mailing Date: 10/28/2024						
						Final
TRANS# 202430215142205BM						
Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
D1	Postcards	0	0	0.537	0.030	0.000
D4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	3.5	2,691	0.707	0.030	1,983.267
D6	Postage Due	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Postage:						\$1,983.27
Customer Reference ID						

Clerk Initials: ALL

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**BRM Postage (First-Class Mail)**



Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS  
 Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
 HILO, HI 96720-4245  
 Where Issued: n/a  
 Comments:  
 PO of Mailing: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

Opening Balance: EPS \$210,201.24  
 Contact: CORI SAIKI



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PO of Permit: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI  
 COUNTY CLERK  
 COUNTY OF HAWAII

The following postage and per piece fees (if applicable) have been charged to this account.

BRM Invoice Type: High-Volume Qualified BRM

Mailing Date: 10/29/2024						
						Final
TRANS# 202430314475779BM						
Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
D1	Postcards	0	0	0.537	0.030	0.000
D4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	3.5	1,943	0.707	0.030	1,431.991
D6	Postage Due	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Postage:						\$1,431.99
Customer Reference ID						

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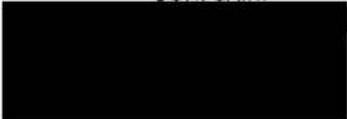
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Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS  
 Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
 HILO, HI 96720-4245  
 Where Issued: n/a  
 Comments:  
 PO of Mailing: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

Opening Balance: EPS \$207,629.31  
 Contact: CORI SAIKI



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PO of Permit: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI  
 COUNTY CLERK  
 DIVISION  
 COUNTY OF HAWAII

The following postage and per piece fees (if applicable) have been charged to this account.

BRM Invoice Type: High-Volume Qualified BRM

Mailing Date: 10/30/2024						
						Final
TRANS# 202430414411796BM						
Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
D1	Postcards	0	0	0.537	0.030	0.000
D4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	3.5	1,732	0.707	0.030	1,276.484
D6	Postage Due	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Postage:						\$1,276.48
Customer Reference ID						

Clerk Initials: ALL

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**BRM Postage (First-Class Mail)**



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Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS  
 Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
 HILO, HI 96720-4245  
 Where Issued: n/a  
 Comments:  
 PO of Mailing: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

Opening Balance: EPS \$205,561.13  
 Contact: CORI SAIKI



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PO of Permit: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

COUNTY CLERK  
 COUNTY OF HAWAII

The following postage and per piece fees (if applicable) have been charged to this account.

BRM Invoice Type: High-Volume Qualified BRM

Mailing Date: 10/31/2024						
						Final
TRANS# 202430514544087BM						
Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
D1	Postcards	0	0	0.537	0.030	0.000
D4	Letters up to 3.5 oz	3.5	1,373	0.707	0.030	1,011.901
D6	Postage Due	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Postage:						\$1,011.90
Customer Reference ID						

Clerk Initials: ALL

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**BRM Postage (First-Class Mail)**



Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS  
 Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
 HILO, HI 96720-4245  
 Where Issued: n/a  
 Comments:  
 PO of Mailing: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

Opening Balance: EPS \$203,787.33  
 Contact: CORI SAIKI



PO of Permit: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

The following postage and per piece fees (if applicable) have been charged to this account.

BRM Invoice Type: High-Volume Qualified BRM

Mailing Date: 11/01/2024						
						Final
TRANS# 202430614353070BM						
Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
D1	Postcards	0	0	0.537	0.030	0.000
D4	Letters up to 3.5 oz	3.5	783	0.707	0.030	577.071
D6	Postage Due	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Postage:						\$577.07
Customer Reference ID						

Clerk Initials: ALL

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Business Reply Postage

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DATE: 11/03/24



Current Balance: EPS \$202,436.00  
Contact: CORI SAIKI

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Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS

Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
HILO, HI 96720-4245

PO of Mailing: 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

PO of Permit: 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

COUNTY CLERK  
ELECTIONS DIVISION  
COUNTY OF HAWAII

Type of BRM Invoice: Qualified BRM  
Mailing Date: 11/04/2024

Final

TRANS# 202430816051090BM

Line Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
C4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	1.000	162	\$0.707	\$0.020	-\$117.770
Total Postage:						-\$117.770

Customer Reference ID: IMBAccounting

Clerk Initials: IMB

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Business Reply Postage

COST CENTER: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

DATE: 11/04/24



4 NOV -4 AIO :34

Current Balance: EPS \$202,436.00  
Contact: CORI SAIKI

Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII ELECTIONS  
Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 4502  
HILO, HI 96720-4245  
Where Issued: n/a



Comments:  
PO of Mailing: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

PO of Permit: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

BRM Invoice Type: High-Volume Qualified BRM

Mailing Date: 11/04/2024						
						Final
TRANS# 202430912352725BM						
Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
D1	Postcards	0	0	0.537	0.030	0.000
D4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	3.5	1,470	0.707	0.030	1,083.390
D6	Postage Due	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Postage:						\$1,083.390
Customer Reference ID						

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Clerk Initials: JSM

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DATE: 11/04/24



Current Balance: EPS \$202,436.00  
Contact: CORI SAIKI

24 NOV -4 A10 :34

Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS

Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
HILO, HI 96720-4245

PO of Mailing: 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI



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ELECTIONS DIVISION  
COUNTY OF HAWAII

PO of Permit: 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

Type of BRM Invoice: Qualified BRM

Mailing Date: 11/04/2024

Final

TRANS# 202430911000295BM

Line Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
C4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	1.000	8	\$0.707	\$0.020	\$5.820
Total Postage:						-\$5.820

Customer Reference ID: IMBAccounting

Clerk Initials: IMB

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COST CENTER: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

DATE: 11/05/24



Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS  
Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
HILO, HI 96720-4245  
Where Issued: n/a

Current Balance: EPS \$201,287.18  
Contact: CORI SAIKI



Comments:  
PO of Mailing: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

PO of Permit: Cost Center 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

BRM Invoice Type: High-Volume Qualified BRM

Mailing Date: 11/05/2024						
						Final
TRANS# 202431012094814BM						
Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
D1	Postcards	0	0	0.537	0.030	0.000
D4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	3.5	343	0.707	0.030	252.791
D6	Postage Due	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Postage:						\$252.79
Customer Reference ID						

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Clerk Initials: JSM

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**Business Reply Postage**

DATE: 11/05/24



Current Balance: EPS \$201,287.18  
Contact: CORI SAIKI

Company: COUNTY OF HAWAII-ELECTIONS

Address: 25 AUPUNI ST STE 1502  
HILO, HI 96720-4245

PO of Mailing: 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI



PO of Permit: 14-1900-0321 HILO, HI

Type of BRM Invoice: Qualified BRM

Mailing Date: 11/05/2024

Final

TRANS# 202431011000288BM

Line Seq#	Description	Weight Not Over (Ounces)	Number of Pieces	Postage per Piece	Per Piece Handling Charge	Postage
C4	Letters up to 3.5 oz.	1.000	90	\$0.707	\$0.020	-\$65.430
Total Postage:						-\$65.430

Customer Reference ID: IMBAccounting

Clerk Initials: IMB

<b>President and Vice President</b>			<b>State Representative, Dist 6</b>			<b>HAWAII: County Council Vacancy in Office</b>		
(D) HARRIS, Kamala D. For PRESIDENT WALZ, Tim For VICE PRESIDENT	52,163	62.3%	(D) KAHALOA, Kirstin	6,221	55.3%	YES	56,218	67.2%
(R) TRUMP, Donald J. For PRESIDENT VANCE, JD For VICE PRESIDENT	28,748	34.4%	(R) MADISON, Sylvie M.	3,891	34.6%	NO	16,203	19.4%
(G) STEIN, Jill For PRESIDENT WARE, Rudolph For VICE PRESIDENT	955	1.1%	Blank Votes:	1,123	10.0%	Blank Votes:	11,196	13.4%
(L) OLIVER, Chase For PRESIDENT TER MAAT, Mike For VICE PRESIDENT	492	0.6%	Over Votes:	5	0.0%	Over Votes:	69	0.1%
(SL) DE LA CRUZ, Claudia For PRESIDENT GARCIA, Karina For VICE PRESIDENT	337	0.4%	<b>State Representative, Dist 7</b>			<b>HAWAII: Mayoral Appointment of Department Heads</b>		
(S) SONSKI, Peter For PRESIDENT ONAK, Lauren For VICE PRESIDENT	128	0.2%	(D) LOWEN, Nicole	4,920	52.2%	YES	58,183	69.5%
Blank Votes:	777	0.9%	(R) DALHOUSE, Timothy A. (Tim)	3,953	41.9%	NO	15,230	18.2%
Over Votes:	86	0.1%	Blank Votes:	548	5.8%	Blank Votes:	10,212	12.2%
<b>U.S. Senator</b>			Over Votes:	6	0.1%	Over Votes:	61	0.1%
(D) HIRONO, Mazie K.	54,691	65.4%	<b>State Representative, Dist 8</b>			<b>HAWAII: Term of Office for the Cost of Government Commission</b>		
(R) MCDERMOTT, Bob	22,747	27.2%	(D) TARNAS, David A.	6,331	59.4%	YES	28,951	34.6%
(G) POHLMAN, Emma Jane Avila	1,600	1.9%	(R) PERREIRA, Monique CobbAdams	3,822	35.8%	NO	42,467	50.7%
(W) BILLIONAIRE, Shelby Pikachu	1,479	1.8%	Blank Votes:	505	4.7%	Blank Votes:	12,210	14.6%
Blank Votes:	3,092	3.7%	Over Votes:	8	0.1%	Over Votes:	58	0.1%
Over Votes:	77	0.1%	<b>Molokai Resident Trustee</b>			<b>REGISTRATION AND TURNOUT</b>		
<b>U.S. Representative, Dist II</b>			ALAPA, Luana	25,528	30.5%	.....		
(D) TOKUDA, Jill N.	53,501	63.9%	NIHIPALI, R. Kunani	19,796	23.7%	GENERAL		
(R) BOND, Steve	21,346	25.5%	Blank Votes:	38,300	45.8%	.....		
(L) TOMAN, Aaron	1,625	1.9%	Over Votes:	62	0.1%	TOTAL REGISTRATION		
(N) MEYER, Randall Kelly	1,086	1.3%	<b>Kauai Resident Trustee</b>			135,077		
Blank Votes:	6,070	7.3%	AHUNA, Dan	23,869	28.5%	TOTAL TURNOUT		
Over Votes:	58	0.1%	LINDSEY, Laura A.	20,100	24.0%	83,686		
<b>State Senator, Dist 3</b>			Blank Votes:	39,666	47.4%	MAIL TURNOUT		
(D) KANUHA, Dru Mamo	13,112	63.1%	Over Votes:	51	0.1%	76,595		
(R) SULLIVAN, Kurt (Sulli)	6,273	30.2%	<b>At-Large Trustee</b>			IN-PERSON TURNOUT		
Blank Votes:	1,388	6.7%	AKINA, Keli'i	32,743	39.1%	7,091		
Over Votes:	15	0.1%	AHU ISA, Lei	17,536	21.0%	5.2%		
<b>State Representative, Dist 3</b>			Blank Votes:	33,353	39.9%			
(D) TODD, Christopher L.T.	5,821	61.1%	Over Votes:	54	0.1%			
(R) WILSON, Kanoa	2,793	29.3%	<b>Mayor, County of Hawai'i</b>					
(L) MARTIN, Austin D. (Shiloh)	276	2.9%	ALAMEDA, C. Kimo	44,165	52.8%			
Blank Votes:	629	6.6%	ROTH, Mitch	35,560	42.5%			
Over Votes:	10	0.1%	Blank Votes:	3,897	4.7%			
<b>State Representative, Dist 4</b>			Over Votes:	64	0.1%			
(D) ILAGAN, Greggor	6,573	66.3%	<b>Councilmember, Dist 5, County of Hawai'i</b>					
(R) HO, Keikilani	2,825	28.5%	KANEALI'I-KLEINFELDER, Matt	4,309	50.5%			
Blank Votes:	513	5.2%	RODENHURST, Ikaika	3,265	38.3%			
Over Votes:	10	0.1%	Blank Votes:	944	11.1%			
<b>State Representative, Dist 5</b>			Over Votes:	8	0.1%			
(D) KAPELA, Jeanne	5,737	56.0%	<b>Councilmember, Dist 9, County of Hawai'i</b>					
(R) OYAMA, Ashley	3,466	33.8%	HUSTACE, James E.	5,182	53.4%			
(L) FOGEL, Frederick F.	300	2.9%	EVANS, Cindy	3,726	38.4%			
Blank Votes:	730	7.1%	Blank Votes:	793	8.2%			
Over Votes:	16	0.2%	Over Votes:	4	0.0%			
<b>CON. AMEND.: Marriage</b>			<b>CON. AMEND.: Senate Confirmation Process for Judicial Appointments</b>					
YES	43,973	52.5%	YES	49,774	59.5%			
NO	32,749	39.1%	NO	21,318	25.5%			
Blank Votes:	6,621	7.9%	Blank Votes:	12,529	15.0%			
Over Votes:	343	0.4%	Over Votes:	65	0.1%			

Envelope Counts

	Collection Date	1 Hawaii County Bu	1 Hilo Office	1 Hilo Voter Service	2 Kohala Police Stat	2 Laupahoehoe Poli	2 Waikoloa Village A	2 Waimea Police Sta	3 Kona Office	3 Kona Voter Servic	3 West Hawaii Civic	3 Yano Haul	4 Keau Police Statio	4 Naalehu Drivers L	4 Pahoa Drivers Lice		USPS 1	USPS 2	USPS 3		TOTAL	TOTAL	Envelope Transfers from Hawaii County to State Counting	State Summary Report
1	10/17/2024	193	55		2	5	13	17	9		34	4	18	6	48							404		
2	10/18/2024	300	14		13	4	21	46		14	57	5	29	7	54		1,306					1,870		
3	10/19/2024	151			17	9	14	41			51	13	27	11	60							394		
4	10/21/2024	542	38		36	12	39	126	56		149	26	33	35	159		2,208					3,459		
5	10/22/2024	391	44	116	22	13	44	66	29	101	133	20	41	16	126		3,640					4,802		
6	10/23/2024	455	27	120	30	14	45	55	15	136	125	34	40	15	127		2,230	2,597				6,065		
7	10/24/2024	272	11	107	19	12	39	51	14	79	61	15	35	24	122		1,710	1,876				4,447		
8	10/25/2024	254	16	121	15	16	29	63	9	136	71	39	25	19	96		1,697	1,782				4,388		
9	10/26/2024	149		34	20	10	18	57		44	48	25	20	16	67							508		
10	10/28/2024	580	44	142	34	16	21	142	4	126	184	38	72	14	146		2,691					4,254		
11	10/29/2024	416	26	174	30	11	40	105	24	190	138	31	38	19	119		1,943					3,304		
12	10/30/2024	394	35	168	33	10	33	88	11	189	163	37	50	16	105		1,732					3,064		
13	10/31/2024	418	40	153	38	14	53	111	16	153	137	47	80	19	109		1,373					2,761		
14	11/1/2024	475	13	221	40	18	30	112	3	207	117	49	54	21	119		783					2,262		
15	11/2/2024	375		160	41	18	50	150	7	128	173	52	86	36	109							1,385		
16	11/3/2024																					-		
17	11/4/2024	1,391	30	386	73	22	111	320	18	324	371	111	212	47	326		162	1,470	8			5,382		
18	11/5/2024	1,275		467	175	100	232	742		478	575	334	570	178	729		343	90				6,288		
19	11/5/2024	911		502							1,068											2,481		
20	11/6/2024								24	11												35		
21	(Uncured)																					-		
22	Cured																					-		
	TOTALS	8,942	393	2,871	638	304	832	2,292	239	2,316	3,655	880	1,430	499	2,621	-	21,818	7,815	8		57,553	57,553	-	76,595

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# NOTICE TO REQUESTER

TO: Ralph Cushnie

FROM: Office of Elections, (808) 453-VOTE (8683), [REDACTED]

DATE THAT THE RECORD REQUEST WAS RECEIVED BY AGENCY: March 19, 2025 (#1360)

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: April 1, 2025

**GOVERNMENT RECORDS YOU REQUESTED** (attach copy of request or provide brief description below):

Please provide the Daily record of the number of envelopes accepted through the statewide voter registration system for the County of Hawaii during the 2024 election.

**THIS NOTICE IS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR RECORD REQUEST:**

- Will be granted in its entirety.
- Cannot be granted. Agency is unable to disclose the requested records for the following reason:**
  - Agency does not maintain the records. (HRS § 92F-3)  
Other agency that is believed to maintain records: [REDACTED]
  - Agency needs further clarification or description of the records requested. Please contact the agency and provide the following information: [REDACTED]
  - Request requires agency to create a summary or compilation from records, but requested information is not readily retrievable. (HRS § 92F-11(c))

Will be granted in part and denied in part, **OR**  **Is denied in its entirety**  
**Although the agency maintains the requested records, it is not disclosing all or part of them based on the exemptions provided in HRS § 92F-13 and/or § 92F-22 or other laws cited below.**  
(Describe the portions of records that the agency will not disclose.)

<u>RECORDS OR</u> <u>INFORMATION WITHHELD</u>	<u>APPLICABLE</u> <u>STATUTES</u>	<u>AGENCY</u> <u>JUSTIFICATION</u>
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Your request is denied to the extent your request may relate to data from the statewide voter registration system held on behalf of the county clerks. Any request for data from the statewide voter registration system should be directed to the county clerks. Specifically, your request is covered by at least HRS § 92F-13(3) and (4) (“Government records that, by their nature, must be confidential in order for the government to avoid the frustration of a legitimate government function” and “Government records which, pursuant to state or federal law including an order of any state or federal court, are protected from disclosure”). Our election laws indicate that voter registration is the responsibility of the county clerks and that in combined federal, state, and county elections that the counties are responsible for the mailing and receipt of ballots. HRS §§ 11-11 and 11-110(b)(1)(A).

**REQUESTER’S RESPONSIBILITIES:**

You are required to (1) pay any lawful fees and costs assessed; (2) make any necessary arrangements with the agency to inspect, copy or receive copies as instructed below; and (3) provide the agency any additional information requested. **For questions about this notice or the records being sought, please ask the agency’s contact person named at the top of this form.** Also, please submit your payment, if any, to the agency at the address listed at the top of this

form. DO NOT SEND YOUR PAYMENT to the Office of Information Practices (OIP) unless you are requesting records directly from OIP.

If you do not comply with the requirements set forth in this notice within 20 business days after the postmark date of this notice or the date the agency makes the records available, you will be presumed to have abandoned your request and the agency shall have no further duty to process your request. Once the agency begins to process your request, you may be liable for any fees and costs incurred. If you wish to cancel or modify your request, you must advise the agency upon receipt of this notice.

**Please note that the Office of Information Practices (OIP) does not maintain the records of other agencies, and a requester must seek records directly from the agency it believes maintains the records.** If the agency denies or fails to respond to your written request for records or if you have other questions regarding compliance with the UIPA, then you may contact OIP at [REDACTED] or 250 South Hotel Street, Suite 107, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813.

#### **METHOD & TIMING OF DISCLOSURE:**

Records available for public access in their entireties must be disclosed within a reasonable time, not to exceed 10 business days from the date the request was received, or after receipt of any prepayment required. Records not available in their entireties must be disclosed within 5 business days after this notice or after receipt of any prepayment required. HAR § 2-71-13(c). If incremental disclosure is authorized by HAR § 2-71-15, the first increment must be disclosed within 5 business days of this notice or after receipt of any prepayment required.

#### **Method of Disclosure:**

- Inspection at the following location:
- As requested, a copy of the record(s) will be provided in the following manner:
  - Available for pick-up at the following location:
  - Will be mailed to you.
  - Will be transmitted to you by other means requested:

**Timing of Disclosure:** All records, or the first increment if applicable, will be made available or provided to you:

- On \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.
- After prepayment** of 50% of fees and 100% of costs, as estimated below.

**For incremental disclosures**, each subsequent increment will be disclosed within 20 business days after:

- The prior increment (if one prepayment of fees is required and received), or
- Receipt of each incremental prepayment, if prepayment for each increment is required.

**Records will be disclosed in increments because the records are voluminous and the following extenuating circumstances exist:**

- Agency must consult with another person to determine whether the record is exempt from disclosure under HRS chapter 92F.
- Request requires extensive agency efforts to search, review, or segregate the records or otherwise prepare the records for inspection or copying.
- Agency requires additional time to respond to the request in order to avoid an unreasonable interference with its other statutory duties and functions.
- A natural disaster or other situation beyond agency's control prevents agency from responding to the request within 10 business days.

#### **ESTIMATED FEES & COSTS AND PAYMENT:**

**FEES:** For personal record requests under Part III of chapter 92F, HRS, the agency may charge you for its costs only, and fee waivers do not apply.

For public record requests under Part II of chapter 92F, HRS, the agency is authorized to charge you fees to search for, review, and segregate your request (even if a record is subsequently found to not exist or will not be disclosed in its entirety). The agency must waive the first \$30 in fees assessed for general requesters, OR in the alternative, the first \$60 in fees when the agency finds that the request is made in the public interest. Only one waiver is provided for each request. See HAR §§ 2-71-19, -31 and -32.

**COSTS:** For either personal or public record requests, the agency may charge you for the costs of copying and delivering records in response to your request, and other lawful fees and costs.

**PREPAYMENT:** The agency may require prepayment of 50% of the total estimated fees and 100% of the total estimated costs prior to processing your request. If a prepayment is required, the agency may wait to start any search for or review of the records until the prepayment is received by the agency. Additionally, if you have outstanding fees or costs from previous requests, including abandoned requests, the agency may require prepayment of 100% of the unpaid balance from prior requests before it begins any search or review for the records you are now seeking.

**The following is an itemization of what you must pay, based on the estimated fees and costs that the agency will charge you and the applicable waiver amount that will be deducted:**

**For public record requests only:**

<b>Fees:</b> Search	Estimate of time to be spent: ___ hours (\$2.50 for each 15-minute period)	\$
Review & segregation	Estimate of time to be spent: ___ hours (\$5.00 for each 15-minute period)	\$
Fees waived	<input type="checkbox"/> general (\$30), <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> public interest (\$60) (Only one waiver per request)	<\$ ___>
Other	Click or tap here to enter text. (Pursuant to HAR §§ 2-71-19 & 2-71-31)	\$
<b>Total Estimated Fees:</b>		<b>\$</b>

**For public or personal record requests:**

<b>Costs:</b> Copying	Estimate of # of pages to be copied: _____ (@ \$ ___ per page, pursuant to HRS § 92-21)	\$
Delivery	Postage	\$
Other	Click or tap here to enter text.	\$
<b>Total Estimated Costs:</b>		<b>\$</b>

**TOTAL ESTIMATED FEES AND COSTS from above:** \$

- The estimated fees and costs above are for the first incremental disclosure only. Additional fees and costs, and no further fee waivers, will apply to future incremental disclosures.**
- PREPAYMENT IS REQUIRED** (50% of fees + 100% of costs, as estimated above) \$
- UNPAID BALANCE FROM PRIOR REQUESTS** (100% must be paid before work begins) \$

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AT THIS TIME** \$

Payment may be made by:  cash

personal check payable to: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

other

**Submit your payment to the agency at the address listed at the beginning of this form, including the name of the agency's contact person.**

# NOTICE TO REQUESTER

TO: Ralph Cushnie request+ [REDACTED]  
(Requester's name)

FROM: County of Hawai'i, Office of the County Clerk  
Relley Araceley [REDACTED] / [REDACTED]  
(Agency, and agency contact person's name, telephone number, & email address)

DATE THAT THE RECORD REQUEST WAS RECEIVED BY AGENCY: June 13, 2025

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: June 26, 2025

**GOVERNMENT RECORDS YOU REQUESTED** (attach copy of request or provide brief description below):

Please provide communication from the clerk's office to USPS to resolve 19, 042 BRM discrepancy for the 2024 general election.

**THIS NOTICE IS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR RECORD REQUEST:**

Will be granted in its entirety.

**Cannot be granted. Agency is unable to disclose the requested records for the following reason:**

- No Record exists

Will be granted in part and denied in part, **OR**  Is denied in its entirety  
Although the agency maintains the requested records, it is not disclosing all or part of them based on the exemptions provided in HRS § 92F-13 and/or § 92F-22 or other laws cited below.  
(Describe the portions of records that the agency will not disclose.)

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## REQUESTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

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Inspection at the following location: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Available for pick-up at the following location: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Will be mailed to you.
  - Will be transmitted to you by other means requested: [request+](#) [REDACTED]

**Timing of Disclosure:** All records, or the first increment if applicable, will be made available or provided to you:

- Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- After prepayment** of 50% of fees and 100% of costs, as estimated below.

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**ESTIMATED FEES & COSTS AND PAYMENT:**

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Review & segregation	Estimate of time to be spent: ___ hours ((\$5.00 for each 15-minute period)	\$ <u>0</u>
Fees waived	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> general (\$30), <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> public interest (\$60)	<\$ _____>

Other (Only one waiver per request) \_\_\_\_\_ \$  
(Pursuant to HAR §§ 2-71-19 & 2-71-31)

**Total Estimated Fees:** \$ 0

**For public or personal record requests:**

**Costs:** Copying Estimate of # of pages to be copied: \_\_\_\_\_ \$  
(@ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per page, pursuant to HRS § 92-21)

Delivery Postage \$

Other \_\_\_\_\_ \$

**Total Estimated Costs:** \$

**TOTAL ESTIMATED FEES AND COSTS from above:** \$ 0

The estimated fees and costs above are for the first incremental disclosure only. Additional fees and costs, and no further fee waivers, will apply to future incremental disclosures.

**PREPAYMENT IS REQUIRED** (50% of fees + 100% of costs, as estimated above) \$

**UNPAID BALANCE FROM PRIOR REQUESTS** (100% must be paid before work begins) \$

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AT THIS TIME** \$ 0

Payment may be made by:  cash  
 personal check payable to \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** [keikilani kealoha](#)  
**To:** [Ralph Cushnie \(EC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please review and confirm important information  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 15, 2025 11:00:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Henricks, Jon** <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Wed, Jan 15, 2025 at 4:02 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Please review and confirm important information  
**To:** keikilani kealoha <[REDACTED]>

Aloha Ms. Ho,

Please feel free to call me if you would like to discuss.

Regards,

Jon

**Jon Henricks**

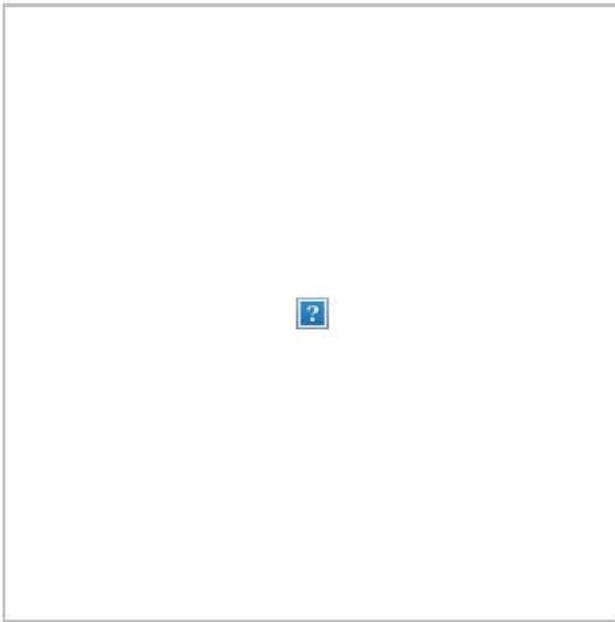
County Clerk

County of Hawai'i

[25 Aupuni St Room 1402](#)

[Hilo, Hawai'i 96720](#)

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**From:** keikilani kealoha <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 15, 2025 2:14 PM  
**To:** Henricks, Jon <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Please review and confirm important information

Aloha Mr. Henricks,

I appreciate your email.

I did hear back from Cori Saiki, and she was very kind to let me know that you are keeping an accounting for all ballots and envelopes. That was very good to hear.

I was wondering if I could please get a copy of the documentation of these numbers from the county?

As a candidate, it's important to me that the people of Hawai'i's Trust in elections be restored so that we are able to have a better turnout for future elections.

As a candidate, we invest much time and money into our campaigns.

As a candidate who ran twice, the voter turnout was not great. We have so many people who reside in my district (district 4) and while campaigning, many have expressed their loss of interest, and trust in our elections. As taxpayers, and people who raise their families here, it is so important that they feel heard and that their choices are reflected in our Hawai'i leadership.

I hope you understand where I am coming from, and I appreciate your hard work during these elections. I imagine it may not be easy, but with your help we can restore trust back in to our elections and I know so many would be very appreciative of your efforts.

Mahalo, Mahalo Mr. Henricks. I look forward to hearing from you,

Keikilani Ho

On Tue, Jan 14, 2025 at 10:23 AM Henricks, Jon <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Aloha Ms. Ho,

Please feel free to call me if you would like to discuss.

Regards,

Jon

**Jon Henricks**

County Clerk

County of Hawai'i

[25 Aupuni St Room 1402](#)

[Hilo, Hawai'i 96720](#)

(808) [REDACTED]



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**From:** keikilani kealoha <[REDACTED]>

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 8, 2025 9:12 PM

**To:** Saiki, Cori <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** Henricks, Jon <[REDACTED]> Brown, Aaron

<[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Re: Please review and confirm important information

Aloha Ms. Saiki,

This is good news. Would you please send the records that support your claim that your office can account for all the envelopes received by the county during the 2024 General Election? This is great to hear.

As you mentioned, envelopes that are empty or contain more than one ballot would be removed from the total count - so the number of mail in ballots reported should be equal or less than the number of envelopes collected by the county.

My supporters will be happy to see proof that the election was conducted properly.

Thank you so much for helping to resolve this issue, and for your quick response. I appreciate you.

Have a beautiful day.

Sincerely,

Keikilani Ho

On Wed, Jan 8, 2025 at 4:32 PM Saiki, Cori <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Aloha Ms. Ho:

The BRM receipts you reviewed were provided to us by USPS. USPS doesn't always provide us with receipts which is the difference in the envelope count you are inquiring about. Our office manually counts all election envelopes received daily via USPS, drop boxes, email, and voter service centers. Be assured we can account for all envelopes we receive.

On another note, envelope counts will never match with the state's summary report. The summary report is ballots counted. Envelopes opened at counting center may come in empty, with more than one ballot in an envelope, or contain a wrong election ballot (primary ballot in a general election envelope) which will all play a part in the reconciliation process.

Thank you,

**Cori Saiki**

**Elections Program Administrator**

**Tel: (808)** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

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**From:** kekilani kealoha <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 7, 2025 11:08 AM  
**To:** Clerk-Council <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Please review and confirm important information

Dear Mr. Henricks,

Attached is a summary spreadsheet compiling data from the Hawai'i County 2024 General Drop Box Collection Data sheets and Business Reply Mail receipts for mail return ballot envelopes along with the state final summary report for the County of

Hawai'i.

The Data shows that there were 57,553 Mail in Ballot Envelopes collected by the County of Hawai'i.

The State report shows there were 76,595 Mail in Ballots reported by the State (of Hawai'i).

Please look at this information and let me know if there is anything missing.

According to this information there were 19,042 more mail in votes counted by the State then Collected by the County via drop boxes and from the USPS.

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

Keikilani G. Ho

Candidate for State House of Representatives, District 4- Puna (2024 Hawai'i State Elections)



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SCOTT T. NAGO  
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER

March 17, 2025

Chair Curtis and Members of the Elections Commission  
c/o Office of Elections  
802 Lehua Avenue  
Pearl City, HI 96782

Dear Chair Curtis and Members of the Elections Commission:

Our office has heard various concerns related to the handling of ballots by the county clerks prior to their receipt at our State counting center. They have come in the form of lawsuits, correspondence with our office, and correspondence with the Elections Commission taking issue with various aspects of what these concerns term “chain of custody.” In response, our office would like to provide an overview of the roles of the Office of Elections and county clerks, and the associated transfer of materials from the county to the State.

**I. ROLES OF THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS AND THE COUNTY CLERKS**

The roles and responsibilities in the administration of elections in Hawaii are divided between State and county offices.

The Office of Elections is a State agency administratively attached to the Department of Accounting and General Services that provides support to the Chief Election Officer. See HRS § 11-1.5. As provided for in Article IV, Section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution, the Legislature has established specific statutory responsibilities of the Chief Election Officer that are found in Title 2, HRS.

At the county level, there are the county clerks who are appointed by their respective county councils and have duties and responsibilities based on their county charters, along with specific state laws, a significant portion of which involve the conduct of elections.

The regularly scheduled primary election and general election are considered combined federal, state, and county elections in which federal, state, and county contests, along with questions, appear on the same ballot. Since 2020, all elections are

required to be conducted by mail, with accommodations for voting in person at designated voter service centers. See HRS §§ 11-101 and 11-109.

The duties and responsibilities of the Office of Elections and county clerks in these types of elections are primarily summarized in HRS §§ 11-110(b)(1)(A) & (B). Specifically, “[t]he counties shall be responsible for voter registration, absentee voting, voter service centers, places of deposit, and the mailing and receipt of ballots,” while “[t]he State shall be responsible for the printing and counting of ballots. *Id.* The counting of ballots occurs at State counting centers operated by the Office of Elections. See HRS § 16-41. One of the benefits of the roles and responsibilities of election officials being divided is that it naturally establishes checks and balances of the processes such that there is no single entity completing all tasks and reconciliation.

As an example, the counties receive, validate, and track return identification envelopes, from voters using the statewide voter registration system. From there, the validated return identification envelopes are transferred to the State-operated counting center to open, process, and count. As voted ballots are processed at the counting center, our office compares the number of return envelopes accounted for in the statewide voter registration system to the number of voted ballots counted by the voting system.

## II. TRANSFER BETWEEN COUNTY AND STATE

As provided for in HRS § 11-102, election officials “mail a ballot package by non-forwardable mail to each registered voter[,]” except for those who are “identified as having an outdated or non-deliverable mailing address.” The ballot package itself includes: (1) the ballot, (2) return identification envelope; and (3) secrecy sleeve. Voters are also able to choose to vote at a voter service center. See HRS § 11-109.

The statewide voter registration system tracks the issuance of ballots for both mail and in-person voting. In terms of mail voting, the return identification envelope includes a barcode with a unique identifier associated with each voter. Return identification envelopes are scanned by the county clerks as part of the validation process and the statewide voter registration system is updated to reflect the receipt of the return identification envelopes. The system can also track other situations. For example, it can track if a previously validly issued ballot needs to be invalidated, such as when a voter changes address and requires a new ballot associated with the contests in their new community to be issued to them and the previously issued ballot to be invalidated.

For in-person voting, the issuance of a ballot to a voter at a voter service center is tracked by the statewide voter registration system. The voter directly casts the ballot in the voting machine, which scans it and drops it into a secure ballot box. Ballots issued at a voter service center are simultaneously considered received for purposes of the statewide voter registration system in terms of crediting the voter with having voted.

This tracking mechanism in the statewide voter registration system effectuates the language of HAR § 3-177-453(b) (i.e. “The clerk shall maintain a complete and current count of all marksense ballots issued, spoiled, and received in their county. The accounting of marksense ballots by the clerk shall be recorded on forms prescribed by the chief election officer). In other words, the “form” is electronic in that the county clerks interact with the statewide voter registration system for purposes of tracking the issuance, receipt, and spoiling of ballots.

The validated return identification envelopes are transferred by the county clerks to the State for purposes of opening and counting at the State counting center, along with the ballots that were already processed by the voting machines at the voter service centers. The amount of return identification envelopes and voter service center ballots are known values due to the previously mentioned statewide voter registration system that the county clerks interact with to track the ballots.

While the transfer of return identification envelopes and voter service center ballots is the responsibility of the county clerks, we seek to work collaboratively with their offices to conduct honest and efficient elections. As an outline, first, the county clerks secure the voted materials (e.g., return identification envelopes, voted ballot containers). Second, they transfer these items using Official Observers as witnesses to the State counting center. This typically involves a handoff at the county clerk’s office to a team of election officials and Official Observers who take custody of the items.

To emphasize, the counties know the exact number of ballots transferred to the counting center, due to the previously noted statewide voter registration system. In terms of the documentation of the transfer, each county does it in their own way (e.g. some additionally indicate in their documentation the number of envelopes in their documentation, while others do not). The documentation itself consists of either the counties using the State’s multi-purpose Certification of Sealing/Unsealing form, which

is a form used within the State's counting center, or creating its own paperwork to accompany the ballots.<sup>1</sup>

At the counting center, the return identification envelopes are opened, and the voted ballots are scanned by the vote counting system and securely stored. However, this does not apply to those having invalid ballot conditions. Invalid ballot conditions which stop a ballot from being counted, such as the envelope or secrecy sleeve is returned without a ballot or the voter returned two voted ballots (e.g. two household members accidentally enclose both of their ballots in a single return identification envelope) are tracked. Ballots invalidated at the counting center are not counted and are securely maintained by the Office of Elections.

### **2024 General Election Seal Certification Forms**

The documents related to the transfer of ballots from the county clerks to our State counting centers are enclosed.

The County of Hawaii used the State's Certification of Sealing/Certification of Unsealing form to transfer materials to the State counting center. The form is a multipurpose form that can be used for various containers and associated content. The Certification of Sealing/Certification of Unsealing documents reflect the documents that a reasonable search of our records have produced that could have been used in connection with the transfer of ballots from the county to the State counting center. All of them have been provided, and they have been bates stamped HAWAII 001 to HAWAII 114.

The County of Maui used the State's Certification of Sealing/Certification of Unsealing form to transfer materials to the State counting center. The form is a multipurpose form that can be used for various containers and associated content. The Certification of Sealing/Certification of Unsealing documents reflect the documents that a reasonable search of our records have produced that could have been used in

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<sup>1</sup> The Certification of Sealing/Unsealing form addresses various procedural matters and is found on pages 33, 51, 57, 83, 100, 108, and 125 of our 2024 Counting Center manual. *Counting Center*, Office of Elections, <https://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024-Counting-Center-manual.pdf>, Accessed 12 Mar. 2025. For example, seals are used in conjunction with the documentation of the sealing and unsealing of the following: (1) ballot transport containers (BTCs); (2) discard boxes; (3) equipment transport containers (ETCs); (4) security cages; (5) voted ballot containers (VBCs); (6) written vDrive cans; and (7) other containers. The contents of these items could include the following: (1) certified results; (2) County USB archives; (3) defective ballots; (4) duplicate ballot stock; (5) invalidated ballots; (6) test ballots; (7) test results; (8) unprocessed control packets; (9) vDrives (blank); (10) vDrives (test & accumulation); (11) vDrives (written & audit); (12) Verity Transmit devices; (13) voted ballots (counted); (14) voted ballots (uncounted); and (15) other items.

connection with the transfer of ballots from the county to the State counting center. All of them have been provided, and they have been bates stamped MAUI 001 to MAUI 036.

Our review of these documents reflected that some of the documents concerning the transfer of validated mail ballots, as opposed to voter service center ballots, that we expected to see were not present and may have been misplaced due to human error. We contacted the County of Maui, and it confirmed the process by which it would use the Certification of Sealing/Certification of Unsealing document each time it sealed validated return identification envelopes for transfer. Likewise, we confirmed with counting center staff that they unsealed the containers and filled out the Certification of Sealing/Certification of Unsealing forms as they had in prior elections. The forms ultimately should have been placed in the cut seals envelope, but our search of those envelopes does not reflect the forms.

We would emphasize that this human error appears to have resulted from the volume of forms and documents handled in the course of the election and is not indicative of a systemic issue or breach in the security of the ballots. Election processes are purposefully layered for redundancies. In this and all instances related to the security of the handling of the return envelopes, the county clerks maintain a record of the number of envelopes accepted through the statewide voter registration system on a regular (e.g., daily) basis. Likewise, our office tracks the number of voted ballots counted by the voting system on the dates of counting.

The County of Kauai used their own forms for the transfer of mail ballots, while using the State's Certification of Sealing/Certification of Unsealing forms for voted ballots from the voter service centers. As such, the county created forms, and all of the Certification of Sealing/Certification of Unsealing forms have been provided. They have been bates stamped KAUAI 001 to KAUAI 023.

The City and County of Honolulu used their own forms for the transfer of mail ballots and voter service center ballots. They have been bates stamped CITY 001 to CITY 159. The documentation of ballots associated with the transfer of mail ballots involved two forms. The first is their seal certification form. To the extent the form indicated a security cage or another container held uncounted ballots from its AIPA location, there was a corresponding form entitled "Mail Ballot Transfer Form," which would repeat the name of the container, indicate the number trays, and state the number of envelopes. This would be followed by a sheet of paper indicating each individual tray and how many envelopes were in each tray. Otherwise, the seal certification form was used to transfer voted ballots from its voter service centers. The form would indicate if the location was Honolulu Hale, Kapolei Hale, Kaneohe District

Park, or Wahiawa District Park. Please note that in relation to Seal No. 2456635 (CITY 156 to CITY 159), while it was originally sealed using the City’s form, the unsealing of it was documented on the State’s form. Otherwise, the unsealing of the City’s ballots at the State counting center was done using the original form that had been used to document the initial sealing.

**2024 General Election Over/Under Report**

Throughout the election, officials regularly track the number of return identification envelopes accounted for in the statewide voter registration system and the number of voted ballots counted by the vote counting system. The final reconciliation, or the Over/Under Report, of the 2 systems is compiled after each election in relation to the certification of the results. The 2024 General Election Over/Under Report is enclosed.

The reconciliation process in which we compare the number of ballots received and validated by the county clerks as documented in the statewide voter registration system against the number of ballots our office counted is one of the safeguards we follow to ensure chain of custody – or the handling, accounting, and security of the ballots. The information in the statewide voter registration system as to who voted is supported by the signed return identification envelopes for all voters who voted by mail and the in-person applications signed by all voters who voted in person. Likewise, the election results are supported by the actual ballots that have been preserved. We would note that the accounting of mail ballots is adjusted to address invalid ballot conditions that were recorded during the ballot opening process at the State counting centers.

As a summary of the 2024 General Election Over/Under report, the table below provides a cumulative comparison on the number of return envelopes received by the county clerk (i.e., Adj. Mail Total, Walk Turnout) as compared to the number of ballots counted at the State-operated counting centers (i.e., Mail Prec. Report, In-Person Prec. Report):

	Adj. Mail Total	Mail Prec. Report	Walk Turnout	In-Person Prec. Report
County of Hawaii	76,587	76,595	7,091	7,091
County of Maui	57,681	57,713	5,860	5,860
County of Kauai	27,050	27,075	3,484	3,491
City and County of Honolulu	321,734	321,695	22,698	22,716

Total (Statewide)	483,052	483,078	39,133	39,158
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### III. CONCLUSION

Recently, the issue of election integrity has been raised by some who allege what they see as “chain of custody” concerns. The processes by which Hawaii election officials maintain “chain of custody” come in many shapes and forms, all of which have merit and credibility. Our election officials, at all levels, work with the utmost integrity and dignity to ensure secure and accurate elections.

Among the allegations is a concern that there is a lack of transparency in the transfer of materials from the county to the State. However, any discussion regarding any alleged risks or opportunities for tampering with our elections first requires an understanding of how our elections operate and the procedures and safeguards that are in place. For example, when someone seeks to review and challenge a single process in isolation, they might not appreciate that the election has to be viewed in totality and that a check may already have been applied or will be conducted later in the process to address the issue they are concerned about. The layered safeguards and intentional checks election officials implement as part of their election processes are meant to work together to prevent and identify issues.

These processes include division of responsibilities between the county clerk and State Office of Elections as well as the tracking, accounting for, and securing ballots by hundreds of county and State election officials and volunteers, statewide. As we strive for excellence with each election, we will continue to work with the county clerks to refine the process of transferring materials between entities.

Finally, we would emphasize that there are provisions to file election contests with the Hawaii Supreme Court to resolve anomalies that challenge the accuracy and integrity of the results. Specifically, complaints in such cases are required to “set forth any cause of causes, such as but not limited to, provable fraud, overages, or underages, that could cause a difference in the election results.” See HRS §11-172. Allegations regarding “chain of custody” must necessarily allege provable fraud, overages, or underages that could cause a difference in the election results.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Nago', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

SCOTT T. NAGO  
Chief Election Officer

Enclosures



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SCOTT T. NAGO  
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER

October 28, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Peter Bernegger

RE: ECC-25-008

Dear Mr. Bernegger,

This is in response to your correspondence dated September 27, 2025, and September 29, 2025, which have been consolidated as ECC-25-008, and that you emailed to the Elections Commission. Your correspondence appears to include what you have framed as a HAVA complaint.

To the extent your correspondence could be considered a complaint regarding an administrative act of the Office of Elections within the last 90 days, and you are seeking something within the jurisdiction of the Elections Commission, the administrative rules of the Elections Commission provide our office with an opportunity to respond. HAR §§ 3-170-6 to 3-170-8.

It is our understanding that the Elections Commission has no jurisdiction to decide alleged violations of the Help America Vote Act. Given this, the Elections Commission is not the proper venue for your complaint.

This concludes our response to your correspondence. Consistent with HAR § 3-170-8, a copy of this response is being forwarded to the Elections Commission.

Mr. Peter Bernegger  
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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Nago', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

SCOTT T. NAGO  
Chief Election Officer

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Enclosure

cc: Elections Commission

**From:** [Peter Bernegger](#)  
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**Date:** Saturday, September 27, 2025 2:07:36 PM  
**Attachments:** [Hawaii Elections Commission Election Watch letter SEPT27th 2025.pdf](#)

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Please see our letter to you, attached here. Appreciate you acknowledge receipt of this email.

Peter Bernegger  
President - Election Watch, Inc.



VIA EMAIL

September 27, 2025

Hawai'i Elections Commission

c/o Office of Elections

802 Lehua Avenue

Pearl City, HI 96782

**Re: Notice of Concern and Request for Commission Action - Hawai'i County 2024 General Election Mail-Ballot Reconciliation; other issues**

Dear Commissioners:

We are very concerned about issues pertaining to the state of Hawaii's 2024 election. Election Watch, Inc. has reviewed records, your state's election data and field notes pertaining to the 2024 election. Based on the combined record thus far, we request that the Commission direct a formal, on-the-record reconciliation of Hawai'i County's 2024 General Election mail-ballot administration and resolve the custodianship disputes that have frustrated transparency.

**1) What the official record shows:**

- Statewide certified "REGISTRATION & TURNOUT" lists: TOTAL REGISTRATION 860,868; TOTAL TURNOUT 522,236 (60.7%); MAIL 483,078 (56.1%); IN-PERSON 39,158 (4.5%).
- EAC/EAVS submission by your state for 2024 reports 765,998 Active registrants, 522,236 ballots cast - 68.2% turnout of Active (49.6% of CVAP 1,053,254).
- County of Hawai'i certified results list: MAIL TURNOUT 76,595; IN-PERSON 7,091.

- State Over/Under table (Mar. 17, 2025) states mail accounting is “adjusted to address invalid ballot conditions” recorded during opening; for Hawai‘i County the table shows: Adjusted Mail 76,587; Mail Precinct 76,595 (delta +8). The same letter notes transfer-form gaps for Maui and variation in documentation across counties, and asserts counties know the exact number transferred via SVRS.

## **2) What County spreadsheets/logs show:**

- County summary spreadsheet totals: POD/VSC 27,912; USPS (three BRM streams) 29,641; ALL CHANNELS 57,553 return-ID envelopes. (Election Day 11/05: POD/VSC 8,336; USPS 433; Total 8,769.) There is a gap of 19,042 pertaining to the absentee mail-in envelopes to ballots cast.
- Route sheets for places of deposit and voter service centers exist; USPS BRM monthly statements/receipts exist; however, the daily SVRS “accepted” counts have not been provided to the public.

## **3) Why the 19,042 gap matters - and why it cannot be resolved without SVRS and manifests:**

- $76,595$  (State mail ballots counted) –  $57,553$  (County envelopes across POD/VSC + USPS) =  $19,042$ . The State explains that mail accounting is ‘adjusted’ for invalid conditions during opening, but those adjustments can only reduce the number of envelopes that yield ballots - they cannot increase the number of physical envelopes collected after the fact.
- The public has been ping-ponged between agencies: the Office of Elections denied daily SVRS acceptance counts and told requesters to ask the County; requesters report the County has pointed back to the State as SVRS administrator. This is an accountability and uniform-administration problem the Commission must resolve for the citizens of your state, but of course 2024 was a federal election thus it effects all USA voters.
- Commission-level action is required to obtain: (a) USPS PostalOne!/BRM daily piece counts; (b) POD/VSC intake logs by location and date; (c) any email-return logs if used; (d) SVRS daily accepted/rejected counts with reason codes; (e) opening-stage invalid-condition tallies; and (f) County→State transfer manifests that tie SVRS batches to physical handoffs. Only then can the State’s  $76,587/76,595$  figures be tied to the County’s  $57,553$  envelope total.

#### 4) Requested Commission actions:

A. Custodianship determination and production order. Within 10 days, we ask for you to identify the definitive custodian(s) for SVRS daily acceptance data and County→State transfer manifests for the 2024 General (Hawai‘i County). And to issue orders compelling production from the proper office(s).

B. To please produce an audit-ready, day-by-day ledger for Oct 1–Nov 30, 2024 (CSV/XLSX), containing at minimum:

- Envelopes received by channel (USPS/BRM; POD/VSC by location; any email returns if used);
- SVRS ‘accepted’ and ‘rejected’ counts with reason-code tallies;
- Opening/verification invalid-condition counts (empty, wrong ballot/election, signature mismatch, multiple ballots, etc.);
- Transfer/chain-of-custody manifests (date/time; origin/destination; container/tray/seal IDs; counts; releasing/receiving initials), cross-walked to SVRS batch IDs and any opening/scan batches;
- A tie-out worksheet proving: (USPS + POD/VSC + any other channels) → SVRS accepted → ballots opened → ballots counted, with a narrative for the +8 mail delta.

C. USPS source records. Direct the production of PostalOne!/BRM daily piece counts and monthly statements for the Elections BRM account(s) covering the election window, including any adjustments or late postings.

D. Physical-envelope inspection protocol. Authorize a supervised inspection (or statistically valid sample) of the 76,595 Hawai‘i County return-ID envelopes with PII redactions, to verify that physical inventory corresponds to SVRS acceptance and opening logs.

E. Statewide compliance plan (Title III). Adopt a uniform template for acceptance and transfer documentation with required SVRS batch IDs on every handoff; standardize retention ( $\geq 22$  months); and publish a post-election reconciliation timeline and report for the next federal election.

F. Public reporting. Given the ~19,000 gap, it would be very prudent to publish the reconciliation ledger and a plain-language summary within 45 days of this letter, and keep the Commission, and public, apprised of progress at each monthly meeting until closure.

## 5) Preservation and rolling production:

Please preserve all records reasonably related to these subjects, including SVRS acceptance logs, POD/VSC route sheets, USPS BRM data, opening/verification logs, transfer manifests, certification files, and related communications. Begin rolling production of readily retrievable items while more complex items are compiled. There is also the issue of other counties in Hawaii not saving election records, data, of a federal election. We'd appreciate an explanation as to why this is the case with those counties.

We are available to confer on formats and field definitions and offer to help. It would be appreciated for you to provide a written response within 14 days indicating the actions the Commission will undertake and the timetable for production. If you have an explanation, with documents, to clear up these issues that would be great. Our data people and attorneys will look them over promptly.

Respectfully,

Election Watch, Inc.

Peter Bernegger – President

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920-551-0510 [peter@electionwatch.info](mailto:peter@electionwatch.info)

cc: Chief Election Officer, State of Hawai'i; Hawai'i County Clerk (Elections); Office of Information Practices; USPS Business Service Network

**Attachments** (available electronically upon request): daily channel totals and by-location POD/VSC totals derived from County spreadsheet; USPS BRM receipts packet; Over/Under table and State letter; County certified summary; statewide certified summary; EAC/EAVS Hawai'i table; SVRS denial notice.

**From:** [Peter Bernegger](#)  
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**Attachments:** [Hawaii HAVA complaint Sept29th 2025 Election Watch.PDF](#)

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See the HAVA complaint attached.

Peter Bernegger  
President - Election Watch, Inc.

On Mon, Sep 29, 2025 at 11:11 AM Peter Bernegger <[peter@electionwatch.info](mailto:peter@electionwatch.info)> wrote:  
Please note I am sending a HAVA complaint in the next email.

Peter Bernegger  
President - Election Watch, Inc.

BEFORE THE STATE OF HAWAII OFFICE OF ELECTIONS

HAVA TITLE III ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT (52 U.S.C. § 21112)

Complainants: i. Election Watch, Inc., ii. and Peter Bernegger a qualified elector, taxpayer and citizen of the United States of America.

Respondents: i. State of Hawaii Elections Commission,

ii. Chief Election Officer Michael Curtis in his Official Capacity,

iii. County of Hawai'i (also known as "Hawaii County") - Official: County Clerk of the County of Hawai'i, Elections Division,

iv. County of Maui - Official: County Clerk of the County of Maui, Elections Division,

v. City and County of Honolulu (official name for Oahu) - Official: City Clerk of the City and County of Honolulu, Elections Division.

I. JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE

This sworn administrative complaint is filed under Section 402 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), 52 U.S.C. § 21112, alleging multiple violations of Title III requirements stemming from the administration of the 2024 General Election in the State of Hawaii, and also its named counties. The violations detailed herein demonstrate systemic failures in maintaining accurate voter registration databases, ensuring uniform election administration, and preserving essential election records as required by federal law.

Complainants request a formal hearing, comprehensive investigation, expedited review given the federal implications, and a final determination within 90 days or such other period permitted by law with Complainants' consent. Additionally, Complainants seek immediate interim relief including preservation orders, appointment of a fully independent investigator, and appropriate corrective action with prospective compliance measures to prevent recurrence of these violations.

## II. STATEMENT OF HARM

The violations alleged herein directly harm Complainant's fundamental rights to transparent and auditable elections, undermine public confidence in electoral integrity, and create unequal treatment of voters across Hawaiian counties. The inability to reconcile physical ballot envelopes with electronic voting records affects not only Hawai'i voters but, given this was a federal election, impacts the integrity of national electoral processes and the rights of all United States citizens to fair and accurate elections. Fully incorporating all of this complaint within this statement, including the Exhibits.

Complainant(s): Election Watch, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation organized under Wisconsin law and qualified to conduct activities in Hawaii, by and through its President Peter Bernegger. (collectively, "Complainants"). As a 501(c)(3) focused on election integrity, the organization's mission is directly impaired by the violations; its Officers/Directors are affected voters where the same votes in the 2024 federal election (President, Vice President) went into the same bucket; it has expended resources investigating these issues; the violations frustrate its tax-exempt purposes to have accurate, fair and honest elections. The hiding, destruction and apparently the non-existence of records of the 2024 election hinder its ability to analyze data to carry out its mission to inform the public and government officials of issues in elections. Fully incorporating all of this complaint within this statement, including the Exhibits.

## III. SUMMARY OF VIOLATIONS

The State of Hawai'i's own records reveal an irreconcilable discrepancy of 19,042 mail ballot envelopes in Hawai'i County's 2024 General Election - representing nearly twenty-five percent of all reported mail ballots for the county. This massive gap between physical envelope collections documented by the County (57,553 envelopes) and mail ballots reportedly counted by the State (76,595 ballots) cannot be explained by any legitimate electoral process, as the State itself acknowledges that there exists no legal mechanism by which the count of physical return-ID envelopes can increase after County collection. Complainants allege several thousand votes, possibly as many as ~19,000, were injected into the election. The

19,042 is for now an unreconciled Title III reconciliation gap. Complainants ask for §402/§303 remedies (records, batch-to-manifest crosswalks, a formal reconciliation, and a compliance plan).

The State's attempted explanation - that mail ballot accounting is "adjusted to address invalid ballot conditions recorded during the opening process" - is mathematically impossible, as such adjustments can only decrease, never increase, the number of ballots counted from envelopes collected. The State's Over/Under table shows only an 8-ballot discrepancy for Hawai'i County (Adjusted Mail 76,587 versus Mail Precinct Report 76,595), which cannot account for the 19,042-envelope gap documented in the County's own collection records.

Compounding this numerical impossibility, the State and County have engaged in a deliberate pattern of obstruction, with each entity directing public records requesters to the other in an endless loop that prevents any meaningful verification of the election results. In particular Chairman Michael Curtis, where citizens/voters look to him to ensure open, transparent, honest and fair elections. When citizens request daily Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) acceptance counts from the Office of Elections, they receive Notice to Requester #1360 directing them to county clerks. When the same data is requested from county clerks, requesters are directed back to the State as the SVRS administrator. This coordinated deflection violates HAVA's requirements for transparent, uniform, and auditable election administration. Chairman Curtis could have resolved this quickly, yet instead has not taken action.

#### IV. DETAILED FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The official statewide certified results show Total Registration of 860,868, Total Turnout of 522,236 (60.7%), Mail ballots of 483,078 (56.1%), and In-Person voting of 39,158 (4.5%). The State's submission to the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) through the Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS) reported 765,998 Active registrants with 522,236 ballots cast, indicating a 68.2% turnout of Active voters and 49.6% of Citizen Voting Age Population.

For Hawai'i County specifically, the certified results list Mail Turnout of 76,595 and In-Person Turnout of 7,091. These figures form the basis of the certified election

results that determined federal, state, and local offices. The accuracy and verifiability of these numbers is therefore essential to electoral integrity and public confidence in democratic processes. If any of these figures, or any throughout this complaint, are incorrect Complainants respectfully ask the Respondents to provide a correction.

The County of Hawai'i's Elections Division maintains detailed collection logs for all mail ballot return channels. According to the County's January 7, 2025 email to the County Council, which transmitted comprehensive drop-box and USPS collection summaries, there were exactly 57,553 mail-in ballot envelopes collected by the County of Hawai'i through all channels combined. This figure derives from meticulous documentation including Places of Deposit (POD) and Voter Service Center (VSC) route sheets totaling 27,912 envelopes, and United States Postal Service Business Reply Mail (BRM) receipts documenting 29,641 envelopes across three BRM streams.

The mathematical impossibility becomes stark when examining Election Day totals from November 5, 2024. The County's logs show POD/VSC collections of 8,336 envelopes and USPS deliveries of 433 envelopes, totaling 8,769 for that crucial day. If a 19,042-envelope injection had occurred, it would require more than doubling the Election Day volume without any documentation, witnesses, or physical evidence - a scenario that defies both logic and the extensive security protocols surrounding election administration.

The State's March 17, 2025 letter to the Elections Commission attempts to explain discrepancies through "invalid ballot conditions recorded during the opening process," claiming that mail accounting is "adjusted" for such conditions. However, this explanation fails basic mathematical scrutiny. Invalid conditions at opening - such as empty envelopes, wrong ballots, signature mismatches, or multiple ballots in one envelope - can only reduce the number of valid ballots extracted from collected envelopes. No opening-stage process can retroactively create additional physical envelopes that were not initially collected and documented by the County.

The State's letter also contains troubling admissions about systematic documentation failures. Expected transfer forms from Maui were not present and "may have been misplaced due to human error." Honolulu and Kaua'i counties used their own non-standard forms rather than uniform documentation. The State acknowledges that

documentation practices vary by county, directly contradicting HAVA's mandate for uniform and nondiscriminatory administration of federal elections.

Most critically, no transfer logs documenting the chain of custody from County to State counting center for Hawai'i County have been produced despite multiple public records requests. These manifests, required by law to establish the integrity of ballot handling, would show batch identifications, container seal numbers, timestamps, and signatures of releasing and receiving officials. Their absence represents not merely an administrative oversight but a fundamental breach of election security protocols and federal record retention requirements.

The SVRS, which the State claims as its authoritative ledger for tracking accepted ballots, remains inaccessible to public verification. The State's Notice to Requester #1360 dated April 1, 2025, explicitly denies disclosure of daily SVRS accepted counts, citing HRS §92F-13(3),(4) and directing requesters to county clerks. Yet when others have requested this same SVRS data from the Hawai'i County Clerk, they are told that the State Office of Elections is the SVRS administrator and custodian of such records. This circular misdirection has continued for months, effectively preventing any independent verification of the State's reconciliation claims.

Further investigation reveals that other Hawaiian counties failed to maintain basic election records entirely. Maui and Oahu counties reportedly did not keep drop box collection records for a federal election, a stunning admission that violates federal record retention requirements under 52 U.S.C. § 20701-20702, which mandates preservation of all records relating to federal elections for twenty-two months. The Respondents may wish to provide full and complete transparency right now; they fail to realize deleting federal election records, and/or other issues laid out in this complaint, can be seen as felony criminal acts. Based on the documents Complainants have in their possession, they ask if any of these may have occurred:

-52 U.S.C. § 20701 - Retention and Preservation of Records and Papers by Officers of Elections is alleged violated. If the ~19,000 envelopes never existed, it's a violation per 52 U.S.C. § 20511 under NVRA.

## V. LEGAL ANALYSIS AND VIOLATIONS

### Violation 1: Failure to Maintain Accurate Statewide Voter Registration Database (52 U.S.C. § 21083)

HAVA Section 303 requires each state to implement and maintain a single, uniform, official, centralized, interactive computerized statewide voter registration list that is accurate and regularly maintained. The 19,042-envelope discrepancy between physical collections and reported vote totals demonstrates that Hawai'i's SVRS either contains fundamental inaccuracies or has been manipulated without proper documentation. When nearly twenty-five percent of a county's mail ballot totals cannot be traced to physical envelopes collected through documented channels, the database fails HAVA's accuracy requirement.

The State's reliance on SVRS as authoritative while simultaneously refusing to provide SVRS data for verification creates an un-auditable black box that violates both the letter and spirit of HAVA's database requirements. A database that cannot be verified cannot be confirmed as accurate, and a system that shows 19,042 more votes than physical envelopes collected is, by definition, inaccurate.

### Violation 2: Lack of Uniform and Nondiscriminatory Administration (52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(1)(A))

HAVA explicitly requires that statewide voter registration systems be "administered in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner in compliance with the requirements of section 21083." The State's own admissions reveal systematic failures in uniform administration. Different counties use different transfer forms or no forms at all. Some counties maintain collection records while others do not. Documentation that should be standardized varies by county according to the State's March 17, 2025 letter.

The custodianship confusion between State and County offices regarding SVRS data access further demonstrates the absence of uniform procedures. When citizens cannot determine which office maintains required records, and when those offices point to each other in an endless loop, the system fails HAVA's uniformity requirement. This is not merely an inconvenience but a structural impediment to the transparency and accountability that federal law demands.

### Violation 3: Federal Election Records Retention Violations (52 U.S.C. § 20701-20702 and 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i))

Federal law unequivocally requires retention of all records and papers relating to any application, registration, or other act requisite to voting in federal elections for twenty-two months from the date of the election. The missing transfer manifests between County and State, the absent drop box collection records from Maui and Oahu counties, and the inaccessible SVRS daily acceptance counts all constitute violations of these retention requirements.

The State cannot claim compliance with retention requirements when essential chain-of-custody documentation does not exist or cannot be produced. Transfer manifests are not optional paperwork but fundamental security documents that establish the integrity of ballot handling. Their absence or destruction before the mandatory twenty-two month period represents a federal crime under 52 U.S.C. § 20701.

### Violation 4: Systematic Destruction of Federal Election Records in Maui and Oahu Counties

The scope of federal law violations extends beyond Hawai'i County to encompass a statewide pattern of illegal records destruction. Complainant has discovered that Maui and Oahu counties, which together account for the vast majority of Hawai'i's population and votes, failed to retain drop box collection records and other essential documentation from the 2024 federal election. This is not merely poor practice but a direct violation of federal criminal law under 52 U.S.C. § 20701, which mandates that "every officer of election shall retain and preserve, for a period of twenty-two months from the date of any general, special, or primary election... all records and papers which come into his possession relating to any application, registration, payment of poll tax, or other act requisite to voting in such election."

The destruction or failure to create these records in Maui and Oahu counties is particularly troubling given that these counties reported significantly higher vote totals than Hawai'i County. Oahu County, containing Honolulu and representing approximately 70% of the state's population, and Maui County, the second most populous county, have effectively made it impossible to verify the legitimacy of hundreds of thousands of ballots. When counties destroy or fail to maintain the very

records that would allow verification of ballot collection and chain of custody, they create an environment where fraud becomes undetectable and election integrity cannot be assured.

This systematic failure across multiple counties suggests coordinated action or, at minimum, statewide administrative negligence that violates HAVA's requirement for uniform election administration. The State Office of Elections, as the chief elections authority, has a duty to ensure all counties comply with federal record retention requirements. The fact that some counties maintained records while others destroyed them demonstrates a complete breakdown in statewide election administration oversight and uniformity.

The timing of this record destruction or non-retention is highly suspicious. These records should have been preserved through at least September 2026 - twenty-two months after the November 2024 election. Yet by early 2025, counties are already claiming the records don't exist. This premature destruction of federal election records may constitute willful violation of federal law, potentially rising to the level of obstruction of justice if done to prevent detection of irregularities.

The combined effect of Hawai'i County's 19,042-envelope discrepancy and the complete absence of verification records from Maui and Oahu counties means that the majority of Hawai'i's votes in the 2024 federal election cannot be properly audited or verified. This creates a constitutional crisis where the integrity of federal election results, including races for President, U.S. Senate, and U.S. House of Representatives, cannot be confirmed through documentary evidence as required by federal law.

#### Violation 5: Failure to Comply with HAVA Complaint Procedures (52 U.S.C. § 21112)

HAVA Section 402 requires states to establish administrative complaint procedures that include the ability to request a hearing on the record and to receive a final determination within prescribed timeframes. The State's pattern of misdirection, refusing to identify proper custodians of records, and failing to provide essential documentation frustrates the complaint process itself. When complainants cannot

access the very records necessary to document violations, the complaint procedure becomes meaningless.

## VI. THE MATHEMATICAL AND LOGICAL IMPOSSIBILITY

The core of this complaint rests on an indisputable mathematical fact that the State has not and cannot explain. Physical envelopes collected and documented by the County totaled 57,553. The State certified that 76,595 mail ballots were counted from Hawai'i County. This creates a gap of 19,042 ballots - nearly one in four - that materialized without corresponding physical envelopes.

The State's explanation about adjustments for invalid ballot conditions fails basic logic. When election workers open return envelopes, they may find various invalid conditions: the envelope might be empty, contain the wrong ballot, include multiple ballots, or have signature issues. Each of these conditions reduces the number of valid ballots that can be counted from the collected envelopes. It is physically impossible for the opening process to generate additional envelopes that were not originally collected. These are all ongoing violations, in particular due to the lack of Respondents making federal election records available.

If the State contends that 76,595 mail ballots were legitimately cast, it must document the collection of at least 76,595 return envelopes through recognized channels - USPS delivery, drop box collection, or in-person return at voter service centers. The County's meticulous logs show only 57,553 envelopes collected through all channels combined. The State has provided no documentation of any additional collection channel that could account for 19,042 envelopes.

The timing analysis further exposes the impossibility. Election Day collections, when scrutiny is highest and procedures most rigorously followed, produced 8,769 envelopes county-wide. The missing 19,042 envelopes represent more than twice the entire Election Day volume. Such a massive influx would require extraordinary logistics, documentation, and personnel - none of which appears in any record produced to date.

## VII. EVIDENCE OF SYSTEMIC FAILURE AND POTENTIAL MANIPULATION

The pattern of missing documentation, conflicting explanations, and bureaucratic misdirection suggests not isolated errors but systemic failure or deliberate manipulation. When transfer manifests vanish, when counties don't maintain collection records, when the State and County each claim the other has custody of critical data, and when a 19,042-envelope discrepancy emerges with no explanation, the integrity of the entire election comes into question.

Complainant has compiled extensive documentation supporting these allegations, including USPS BRM monthly statements and receipts covering the entire election period, POD/VSC route sheets and consolidation logs, the County's summary spreadsheet establishing the 57,553 total, the State's Over/Under table showing only an 8-ballot discrepancy, Notice to Requester #1360 demonstrating the State's refusal to provide SVRS data, and correspondence documenting the circular misdirection between State and County offices.

The State's defensive posture raises additional concerns, particularly when viewed in conjunction with the illegal records destruction in Maui and Oahu counties. Rather than welcoming verification to confirm the accuracy of results, the State has blocked access to data that should be readily available and contains no personally identifiable information requiring redaction. When three of four counties have either massive unexplained discrepancies (Hawai'i County) or no records at all (Maui and Oahu), the State's refusal to provide the limited documentation that allegedly exists appears to be part of a broader pattern of concealment. Daily aggregate acceptance counts from SVRS would allow independent verification of the State's claims, yet these remain hidden behind bureaucratic walls while other crucial records have been illegally destroyed.

## VIII. Timeliness and continuing violations

This complaint is timely filed as it addresses ongoing and continuing violations of federal law that persist to this day. While the 2024 General Election occurred on November 5, 2024, the violations alleged herein did not become apparent until the County's January 7, 2025 disclosure of the 19,042-envelope discrepancy, and

continue through the State's ongoing refusal to provide records, as evidenced by Notice to Requester #1360 dated April 1, 2025, and subsequent denials throughout 2025.

The continuing violation doctrine applies because: (a) the State and counties continue to illegally withhold and conceal election records in violation of federal transparency requirements; (b) the destruction of records in Maui and Oahu counties constitutes an ongoing violation of the 22-month retention requirement that continues each day the records remain destroyed; (c) the State's SVRS database remains inaccurate and unverifiable, a continuing violation of HAVA's accuracy requirements; (d) the circular misdirection between State and County offices regarding record custody continues to this day, preventing verification and frustrating the complaint process; and (e) the State continues to certify and rely upon election results that cannot be mathematically reconciled, perpetuating the original violations with each official action taken in reliance on these uncorrected results.

Moreover, Complainants could not have reasonably discovered these violations until the County's January 2025 disclosure revealed the envelope discrepancy, as the State actively concealed the true condition of election records through bureaucratic obstruction. The discovery rule tolls any limitations period until the violation could reasonably have been discovered. Complainants acted diligently upon learning of the discrepancy, submitting multiple public records requests that were denied or misdirected throughout 2025, necessitating this complaint after exhausting administrative remedies. The pertinent records still have not been made available, instead covered up/withheld by one or more Respondent.

Additionally, each day that election officials fail to produce federally mandated records, maintain inaccurate voter registration databases, and refuse to reconcile the 19,042-ballot discrepancy constitutes a new and independent violation. The State cannot claim staleness when it continues to violate federal law daily through active concealment and ongoing records destruction. This complaint, filed on September 27, 2025, addresses violations occurring as recently as this month, including continued denials of access to SVRS data and ongoing failure to preserve election records.

Reviewing - Hawaii's and other Respondents' own records present a material reconciliation delta of 19,042 for Hawai'i County in the 2024 General: the County's

intake materials total 57,553 return-ID envelopes across all channels, while the State reports 76,595 mail ballots counted; the State's Over/Under lists Adjusted Mail 76,587 vs. Mail Precinct 76,595 (+8). This delta cannot be tested without daily SVRS "accepted/rejected" counts, invalid-condition tallies, and batch-to-manifest crosswalks that the State cites but has not produced. The State and other Respondents also acknowledges non-uniform documentation practices and missing transfer forms in at least one county, defeating the uniform, auditable administration HAVA §303 requires. Complainants therefore seek §402 relief ordering: (1) production of the SVRS daily aggregates and reason-code summaries; (2) production of USPS PostalOne!/BRM piece counts and all POD/VSC logs; (3) production of county→state transfer manifests with batch IDs; and (4) a Commission-supervised reconciliation tying envelopes received → SVRS accepted → opening dispositions → ballots counted, plus a statewide compliance plan to standardize documentation and retention going forward.

## IX. RELIEF REQUESTED

To remedy these violations and restore public confidence in Hawai'i's elections, Complainant respectfully requests the following relief:

First, immediate production orders requiring within ten days the disclosure of all daily SVRS accepted and rejected counts for Hawai'i County mail ballot packages from October 1 through November 30, 2024, broken down by channel and including batch identifications and reason-code tallies for any rejections or invalid conditions recorded during processing.

Second, production of all USPS PostalOne! and BRM daily piece counts and monthly statements for all Hawai'i County Elections BRM accounts covering the election period, including any adjustments, corrections, or late postings that might explain discrepancies in mail ballot receipt.

Third, production of complete POD/VSC intake logs by location and date, documenting every collection from every drop box and voter service center, including timestamps, collector identifications, and seal numbers for secure transport.

Fourth, production of all County-to-State transfer manifests that should document the chain of custody for every batch of ballots moved from County custody to State counting facilities, including container identifications, seal numbers, piece counts, and signatures of releasing and receiving officials with timestamps.

Fifth, production of SVRS audit logs showing any data modifications, bulk imports, or administrative changes made to the database during the election period, particularly any entries that added accepted ballots without corresponding physical envelope receipt.

Sixth, immediate appointment of an independent investigator with forensic auditing expertise to conduct a comprehensive reconciliation analysis tying USPS receipts plus POD/VSC collections to SVRS accepted envelopes to opening dispositions to counted ballots, with a public report quantifying and explaining all discrepancies.

Seventh, a forensic audit of a statistically significant sample of the 76,595 return envelopes allegedly received from Hawai'i County to verify that physical inventory corresponds to electronic records and to identify any envelopes that lack proper documentation of their collection channel.

Eighth, sworn affidavits from all state and county election officials with knowledge of the 19,042-envelope discrepancy, explaining under penalty of perjury how mail ballots were counted without corresponding collected envelopes.

Ninth, adoption of uniform statewide transfer and acceptance protocols requiring standardized documentation with SVRS batch identifications on every transfer manifest, mandatory chain-of-custody tracking, and retention of all documents for the federally required twenty-two months.

Tenth, a public hearing within thirty days where election officials must explain these discrepancies on the record and answer questions from complainants and the public about the integrity of the 2024 election results.

Eleventh, if the investigation confirms that 19,042 ballots were counted without corresponding legally collected envelopes, appropriate remedial action including potential decertification of affected results, referral for criminal investigation, and implementation of enhanced security measures for future elections.

Twelfth, establishment of real-time public access to aggregate, non-personally-identifiable SVRS data for future elections, allowing independent verification of ballot acceptance and counting in compliance with HAVA transparency requirements.

Thirteenth, immediate federal investigation into the illegal destruction or non-retention of election records in Maui and Oahu counties, with referral to the U.S. Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution under 52 U.S.C. § 20701, which provides for fines and imprisonment up to one year for any officer of election who willfully fails to comply with record retention requirements.

Fourteenth, an order requiring Maui and Oahu counties to immediately cease any further destruction of 2024 election materials and to produce a detailed inventory of what records were destroyed, when they were destroyed, on whose authority, and whether any copies or backups exist in any format.

Fifteenth, appointment of federal monitors for all future federal elections in Hawai'i until the State can demonstrate compliance with federal record retention requirements across all counties, as the current violations demonstrate either inability or unwillingness to follow federal law.

Sixteenth, a comprehensive audit of all four Hawaiian counties' election procedures to determine whether any election records remain that could help verify the 2024 results, including but not limited to security camera footage, employee logs, transportation records, or any other peripheral documentation that might provide insight into ballot handling.

## X. PRESERVATION NOTICE

Respondents are hereby notified of their legal obligation to preserve all documents, electronic records, physical ballots, envelopes, and other materials relating to the 2024 General Election in Hawai'i County. This includes but is not limited to all SVRS data and audit logs, transfer manifests and chain-of-custody documents, USPS delivery records and BRM statements, drop box collection logs and route sheets, voter service center intake records, email communications regarding ballot

handling and counting, security camera footage from ballot processing facilities, and any other materials that might explain the 19,042-envelope discrepancy.

Destruction, alteration, or failure to preserve any such materials may constitute spoliation of evidence and federal crimes under 52 U.S.C. § 20701 and related statutes. The twenty-two month retention period has not expired, and all materials must be maintained in their current state pending resolution of this complaint.

Given the confirmed destruction of records in Maui and Oahu counties in violation of federal law, this preservation notice takes on heightened urgency. Any further destruction of election records will be considered willful spoliation and potential criminal conduct. All custodians of election records are reminded that violation of federal election record retention requirements carries criminal penalties including fines and imprisonment. The fact that some records have already been illegally destroyed makes preservation of remaining records even more critical and any further destruction even more suspicious.

## XI. VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. The facts stated herein are based on official government documents, public records properly obtained through lawful requests, and mathematical analysis of certified election results.

This complaint is filed in good faith to secure compliance with Title III of the Help America Vote Act and to ensure the integrity of federal elections. The discrepancies identified herein are not minor technical violations but fundamental breaches that call into question the validity of certified election results affecting federal offices including the President of the United States, United States Senators, and Members of Congress.

Time is of the essence in addressing these violations. Evidence may be destroyed, memories may fade, and public confidence continues to erode with each day that these discrepancies remain unexplained. Complainant therefore requests expedited consideration and immediate interim relief as specified above. Several individuals

have already come forward with information pertaining to the 2024 federal election in Hawaii. Complainants encourage more citizens and/or election officials to come forward with additional information.

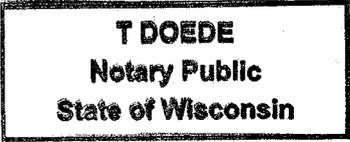
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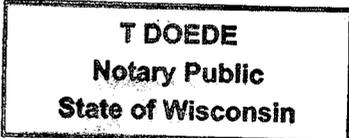
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## EXHIBITS LIST

Note: due to the geographic location of Hawaii, the exhibits will be placed on thumb drive then sent through the mail or Fedex to each Respondent. In support of this HAVA complaint.

Exhibit A: Statewide certified summary showing Total Registration 860,868, Total Turnout 522,236, Mail 483,078, In-Person 39,158

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Exhibit E: USPS BRM monthly statements and receipts for all Hawai'i County Elections BRM accounts covering October-November 2024

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Exhibit G: Notice to Requester #1360 dated April 1, 2025, denying disclosure of daily SVRS acceptance counts

Exhibit H: Documentation of circular misdirection between State and County offices regarding custody of SVRS data

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Exhibit J: EAVS submission data showing Hawai'i's report to the Election Assistance Commission

Exhibit K: Statement regarding missing transfer manifests and absent collection records from Maui and Oahu counties

Exhibit L: Documentation of records destruction or non-retention in Maui and Oahu counties in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 20701



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October 28, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Ms. Jennifer Hunt

RE: ECC-25-009

Dear Ms. Hunt,

This is in response to your complaint dated September 24, 2025, which appears to reflect matters concerning compliance with HAR § 3-177-453(b).

To the extent your complaint could be considered a complaint regarding an administrative act of the Office of Elections, and you are seeking something within the jurisdiction of the Elections Commission, the administrative rules of the Elections Commission provide our office with an opportunity to respond. HAR §§ 3-170-6 & 3-170-8.

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October 28, 2025  
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Enclosure

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**From:** [Jennifer Nardone](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Formal Complaint  
**Date:** Sunday, September 28, 2025 8:44:35 AM

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To Chair Curtis and Election Commissioners,

Subject: Formal Complaint Regarding Violations of Election Procedures and Chain of Custody Documentation

I am writing to officially file a formal complaint concerning the handling of ballots and the violation of election laws by the Chief Election Officer (CEO). This constitutes not only a breach of statutory obligations but also compromises the integrity of the election process.

Despite multiple prior requests, the CEO failed to maintain or provide records detailing the chain of custody of the ballots. These records—including forms tracking ballot box numbers, quantities, collection points, and signatures—are mandated by law and critical for ensuring transparency, accountability, and the ability to audit the election.

Specifically:

1. The CEO admitted in his March 17 2025 letter to the commissioners that the county did not possess these essential documents. He attributed this to "misplacement" of records as "human error".
2. I requested these documents early in the collection/counting process, and the county clerk was reminded multiple times of their legal obligation to maintain these records, specifically in the language of HAR 3-177-453 (b).
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5. Human error cannot be regarded as an acceptable reason for neglecting such critical responsibilities when the stakes involve high public trust and the integrity of the electoral process.

This issue has been addressed repeatedly, yet it remains unresolved. The failure of the CEO and the Maui County clerk to adhere to legal requirements must be formally recognized and addressed. I urge the commission to include a detailed review of this matter at the upcoming meeting, and I request that appropriate actions be taken to prevent similar failures in future elections.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter. Please acknowledge the receipt of this complaint, and please place it in the proper category of agenda materials. I look forward to your prompt response and to seeing this issue thoroughly examined in the upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Hunt



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**From:** [Ralph Cushnie \(EC\)](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Subject: Complaint and Agenda Request – Violation of 52 U.S.C. § 20701 and HAR § 3-177-453(b)  
**Date:** Monday, October 20, 2025 4:51:53 AM

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**To:** Hawai‘i State Elections Commission

**Subject:** Complaint and Agenda Request – Violation of 52 U.S.C. § 20701 and HAR § 3-177-453(b)

Dear Chair Curtis and Commissioners,

I am submitting this complaint under federal law, 52 U.S. Code § 20701, which requires every election officer to retain and preserve for twenty-two months all records and papers relating to any election involving federal offices. This includes any application, registration, or other act connected to the voting process. Federal law makes it clear that these records must be preserved for auditing and verification purposes, and that failing to do so is a criminal offense.

In his March 17, 2025 letter to the Elections Commission, Chief Election Officer Scott Nago admitted that Maui County does not have records documenting the transfer of mail ballots from the County Clerk’s office to the State counting center. He explained that these records “may have been misplaced due to human error.” That statement is a direct admission that official election records required by federal law are missing.

In addition to this federal requirement, Hawai‘i Administrative Rule § 3-177-453(b) requires every county clerk to “maintain a complete and current count of all marksense ballots issued, spoiled, and received.” Maui County has not produced any records that meet this requirement either. There are no documents showing the daily counts of envelopes received, how many ballots were issued or spoiled, or how many were transferred to the State. This means that Maui County is out of compliance not only with federal law, but also with Hawai‘i’s own election rules.

Without these records, it is impossible to confirm how ballots were transported from Maui County to the State counting center, or to verify the number of ballots received and counted. These are the very records that form the foundation of the certification process. It raises a serious question: how could the 2024 General Election have been certified without the legally required documentation of ballot custody and counts?

### **Requested Commission Action**

1. Place this matter on the next Elections Commission agenda for public discussion.
2. Require the Chief Election Officer to explain how the 2024 General Election was certified without the Maui County ballot-transfer records and without any documentation meeting HAR § 3-177-453(b).
3. Request that the Attorney General and, if necessary, federal authorities review these apparent violations of both 52 U.S.C. § 20701 and HAR § 3-177-453(b).
4. Direct the Office of Elections to establish a policy ensuring all counties preserve and deposit all required records with a designated custodian for the full twenty-two-month federal retention period.

The Elections Commission's role is to ensure that Hawai'i's elections are lawful and transparent. The loss of these records from Maui County and the failure to maintain proper counts under HAR § 3-177-453(b) are serious matters that must be addressed openly and corrected before the next election cycle.

Sincerely,

Ralph Cushnie

**From:** [Martha Nakajima](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:43:48 PM

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Dear Commissioners

Please retain mail-in voting for elections in

Hawaii. At age 83, physically going to a polling place and waiting in line would be taxing and stressful for me, and I know working age people with two jobs who would not risk absenting themselves from work to vote.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Martha Nakajima

Member of Indivisible.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [LL Tanner](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY for Oct. 29, 2025 Meeting for Election Commissioners, State of Hawaii  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:43:58 PM

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Elections Commission, c/o Office  
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Aloha Members of the Hawaii Elections Commission,  
And a special greeting to Maui representatives: Dylan Andrion and James 'Kimo' Apana;

I am writing to express my deep concern that our current election procedures have come under attack—namely, by individuals who are affiliated with political organizations attempting to gain your ear, ask you manipulate our current rules, generate distrust and to eliminate Hawaii's Vote-by-Mail system. Myself and my family urge you to MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY of our electoral process with the current Vote-by-Mail process.

The Problem: As you know, Hawaii's voter turnout was 50.3% in 2024's general election, which is lower than the national average of 64.1%. We need to continue sending yellow cards, information and ballots, encouraging all citizens to vote by increasing civic education-- not by creating obstacles to Hawaii's citizenry as we exercise our right to vote in the way we choose: by mail or in person at accessible facilities.

As you also must be aware, throughout the US, including Hawaii, there HAS NOT been any statistically significant cases of fraud found in the past eight years. What the government investigators found was election workers being threatened, voting machines maligned (and consequently the federal government sued by their manufacturers), a president recorded 'asking for votes' to be illegally 'found', some states with a small amount of anomalies (most of which were clerical errors in certain states) and our government employees and political party members discussing unnecessary identity requirements (to eliminate legitimate voters and intimidate people of color), creating hours-long voting lines, and spearheading distrust in our electoral process--even mentioning taking the vote away from women! And now more than ever, states are engaged in gerrymandering districts to manipulate election outcomes. This is unacceptable.

The Solution: As our commissioners, I implore you as a governmental body, to hold fast to fair, effective and accurate election processes and procedures, including our Vote-by-Mail which has been championed to increase voter turnout, having the ability to verify the exact identity of each voter, and each signature is secure. I do TRUST the US Postal Service to deliver ballots, to and from its addressees, and our Hawaii officials to be working without fear or favor. Furthermore, I trust this commission to protect our access to voting by

mail in every instance. You know Hawaii's invalids, kapuna/seniors, working adults, rural locations, parents and others with caretaking responsibilities, travelers (including service members), and those people who take time to research and thoughtfully make their choices **DEPEND ON YOU**.

I am a proud American, a Hawaii voter, having participated in every primary and general election since 1972, the first year 18 year olds became eligible to vote (some reasoning was 'if you're old enough to die for your country, you should have a say in its leadership') following the Viet Nam war. I am also a dedicated Hawaii public school teacher, retired, having educated our keiki about the checks and balances of a functioning democracy; the three branches of government designed to protect and secure citizens' rights which are literally in danger at this time. I received a 'due to the federal government shutdown, your questions cannot be answered' online message—**NOW MORE THAN EVER, WE NEED STATE OFFICIALS TO STAND STRONG AND CONSISTENTLY UPHOLD OUR RIGHTS**.

Mahalo for your service, doing your job and duty to hold public hearings in good faith, remaining factual while investigating complaints, and ethical in your advisements to Chief Election Officer Scott Nago on matters relating to our elections, which are the singularly, most critical hallmark of our constitutional democracy. Please let us maintain faith in the electoral process, and in Hawaii's great contribution of pono, righteousness in all our affairs.

With respect and aloha,

Laurie Tanner  
Maui 14-year resident  
Adicma@msn.com

**From:** [Rachel Coles](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail In Voting Testimony  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:44:28 PM

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Aloha Election Commissioners,

My name is Rachel Coles. I live in Pukalani on Maui, in zip code 96768. Please consider the following testimony:

Continuing mail-in voting is critical for Hawaii residents to get a full voice in elections and for majority of Hawaii residents to be accurately represented. For the past two general elections, mail-in ballots constituted 95-6% of all votes. This is unlikely to change due to the amount of work people need to engage in to make ends meet. According to a 2020 survey, almost a quarter of residents work multiple jobs, usually the people most vulnerable to hardship from budget cuts and policy changes. This situation often functionally restricts the likelihood of voting, even with Election Day being designated sacrosanct. And 44-45,000 of Hawaii residents are active military, who have no control over deployment, for whom mail-in ballots are often critical to exercise the right to vote that they are protecting by being in the military. And 13-14,000 are reservists, whose status still may require them to be out of Hawaii during elections. In addition to this are elderly or infirm people who struggle with mobility, and who would be impacted by this.

There have been arguments about the security of mail-in ballots, but there is no data to support a security risk any higher than with in-person voting. The opposite is true. A 2020 study by the Brennan Center for Justice revealed that incidence of voter fraud by mail-in ballot was .00001%, which equals 12 votes out of 100 MILLION votes since 2000. The study found that mail-in voting was in fact more secure and less subject to interference than in-person voting. As the commission, you are familiar with the mechanical safeguards, but just to review them: The envelopes dropped into a secure box, and monitored by the USPS who has their own law enforcement, the ballots not being counted if they have been tampered with, and the envelope safeguards to ensure that any tampering is clear, the privacy of the vote protected by a security sleeve, and the signature verified and as secure as that of any credit cards. If we are not willing to trust the mail-in ballots than we should not be utilizing credit cards either. Mail-in ballots are as secure as they have ever been, and there is no credible data to support ruling out mail-in ballots on the basis of security fears.

On the other hand, cutting out the option of mail-in ballots to Hawaii residents who for multiple reasons cannot show up in person, critically deprives a significant and election changing portion of the population of Hawaii of their constitutional right to exercise their vote, and unfairly influences the outcome of any election, tilts it in favor of those with privilege who have more resources and prevents those with needs from being heard. So while no method may be foolproof, including in-person voting, not allowing mail-in ballots when so many need access to it for their right to vote is a constitutional violation, and in itself would represent a different kind of voter fraud, that of unconstitutional vote deprivation.

Mahalo for your attention to this.  
Rachel Coles

**From:** [Marguerite Koster](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Protect Hawai'i VOTE BY MAIL & Integrity of Elections Commission  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:47:33 PM

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Aloha Elections Commission Members,

I strongly urge you to support the Hawaii VOTE BY MAIL system and to reject any attempts to undermine this system in Hawai'i. Rejecting the ability to vote by mail would seriously undermine the integrity of the Elections Commission. The ability to mail in my ballot is particularly important to me, as I am unable to stand in lines and vote in person due to a history of stroke. There are many other kapuna in my same situation who would be discouraged from voting if they had to travel to a polling location.

The hallmark of a vote-at-home elections system is the automatic delivery of ballots without voters needing to apply or submit a request. Numerous studies show that voters with ballots in hand vote at higher levels than those who have to go to a physical polling location. Ensuring they can obtain a mailed ballot without needing to worry about making a deadline or ensuring they filled out a form properly eliminates unnecessary hurdles for voters and gives them a greater opportunity to vote their ballot.

Also, providing voters postage-paid return envelopes and ballot tracking options further removes obstacles for voters and gives them confidence their mail ballot will be counted. Mail-in ballots are important because they:

- **Enfranchise voters.** Eliminating application requirements and simply sending all voters their ballots supports the enfranchisement of more voters because they don't need to worry about submitting an application in time. They can have confidence that their ballot will arrive to them several weeks before election day, giving them time to fill out their ballot at home and return it using a wide range of options.
- **Boost turnout.** Numerous studies have shown that when voters have easy access to mailed-out ballots, they vote, often at greater levels than their polling-place counterparts.
- **Increase access.** Finding time to get to the polls isn't always easy. With vote at home, democracy is delivered to your doorstep, without you ever having to make a request or visit a physical location if you don't want to. This is especially important to all adults (especially kapuna) with special needs and/or physical disabilities.

Please make the right decision and support the ability of Hawai'i citizens to VOTE BY MAIL.

Mahalo nui loa,

Marguerite Koster  
Honolulu, HI. 96814  
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**From:** [Phil Roque](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [Derek Turbin](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony re Oct 29, 2025 Election Commission Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:48:51 PM  
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Aloha,

Please see the attached testimony from the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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October 27, 2025

Hawai'i State Elections Commission  
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RE: In Strong Support of Hawai'i's All-Mail Voting System

Aloha Chair and Members of the Commission,

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i submits this testimony in strong support of Hawai'i's all-mail voting system.

Voting by mail has increased civic engagement, and participation amongst all members of our communities. In fact, from 2016 to 2020 which was the first year of Vote by mail, voter participation increased from 34.8% to 51.2%. Voting by mail also provides opportunities for members of rural communities and our Kupuna to have greater access to vote.

The recent attacks on our mail-in voting system are simply based on misinformation. Hawai'i has one of the most secure and safe voting structures in our country.

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i also supports the Chief Elections Officer Scott Nago and the entire team at the Office of Elections.

Sincerely,

**Derek Turbin**

*State Party Chair, Democratic Party of Hawai'i  
Western Region Vice President, Association of  
State Democratic Committees*

**Phil R. C. Roque**

*Executive Director, Democratic Party of Hawai'i*

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] mail in voting/testimony for oct. 29 meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:48:57 PM

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I am 3,000 percent (this is not a typo) opposed to this idiotic idea. Its only purpose is to suppress voting. Mail in voting is safe, secure, accomplished in the privacy of one's home or elsewhere, allows people to vote at their convenience, even when incapacitated in a hospital, nursing home, etc.

I have never voted at my poling place. In prior years I trekked to Honolulu Hale to early vote. But, mail voting has now made it easy.

Perhaps those of you should be sued for voter suppression.

I have sent you all an email telling you how stupid you look, fighting at meetings, acting like spoiled brats. This is just another area of your incompetence.

Lynne Matusow  
Honolulu

**From:** [Amy Stephens](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Voting by mail  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:51:08 PM

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Aloha Elections Commission,

I am testifying to ask you to please preserve voting by mail in Hawai'i.

Voting by mail is very secure and has a history that dates back to the civil war with absentee ballots. Democracy works best when the participating reflect our society through access to voting. I often have to work on Election Day. I remember when I was new to voting at 18 and for years after, the fear walking into a voting booth and feeling unprepared to vote. I didn't know the candidates nor the ballot measures. Voting by mail allows me to be more informed and better equipped to participate in the process by being able to review the ballot in a safe and comfortable environment.

I think voting by mail is the best way to encourage people to take part in the process. Please preserve voting by mail!

Mahalo for doing the right thing for Hawai'i,

Amy Stephens

Lahaina, Maui

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**From:** [larrysmith808@gmail.com](mailto:larrysmith808@gmail.com)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony Kupuna Caucus of the DPH supporting Mail-in voting  
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Aloha,

Attached is testimony in support of the Mail-in Voting program

Larry Smith

Chair, Kupuna Caucus

Democratic Party of Hawaii



October 27, 2025

Hawai'i State Elections Commission  
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RE: In Strong Support of Hawai'i's All-Mail Voting System

Aloha Chair and Members of the Commission,

The Kupuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i submits this testimony in strong support of Hawai'i's all-mail voting system.

Voting by mail is critical for many seniors who have mobility issues and cannot get to offsite locations. Senior may be residents of care homes, skilled nursing facilities or acute hospitals. These facilities do not have the resources available to transport patients to onsite voting locations. Kupuna who live at home with limited incomes, may not have the means to get to the voting location.

Many Seniors, who cherish the right to vote, look forward to voting, when the election may be their last. For them to miss this opportunity is significant in their last days.

The recent attacks on our mail-in voting system are simply based on misinformation. Hawai'i has one of the most secure and safe voting structures in our country.

Sincerely,

Larry Smith

Chair,

Kupuna Caucus

Democratic Party of Hawaii



**From:** [Thomas Clemens](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] in support of mail in voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:04:38 PM

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Hello,

My name is Thomas Clemens and I live in Makiki and am an employee at queens medical center. I would like to testify in support of mail in voting. My testimony relies on two different data points: firstly that mail in voting is safe/secure and that it assists many that wouldn't otherwise be able to vote.

Firstly, despite what seems to be popular to say these days, mail in voting is and has been safe and secure, with very few documented cases of fraud. To claim otherwise is either out of mistaken ignorance or malicious conspiracy.

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/false-narrative-vote-mail-fraud>  
<https://votingrights.news21.com/article/about/>  
[https://www.rand.org/pubs/research\\_reports/RRA112-25.html](https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RRA112-25.html)

Secondarily, I would like to testify personally that as a healthcare worker, I am unable to vote on election days. I am required to go in to work much like many other individuals, and that makes it extremely difficult to vote on election day. Early voting improves this but mail in votes makes it remarkably easier for working people who have no days off during the week to vote in every election.

In terms of accessibility, my job works with people that have mobility impairments. There are many people in Hawaii that live very far from polling places. they live in houses with multiple flights of stairs to get in/out. there are elderly people that only ever leave the house for appointments due to illness or immobility, not to mention a large number of people who are considered "bedbound" as the shorthand medical term goes, but that they are unable to even stand up to get to a wheelchair. If vote by mail is restricted or eliminated, how are these folks supposed to vote?

**are their fundamental rights to vote eliminated just because they're elderly?** I thought the ideas of caring for our elders was fundamental to the culture and lifestyle of hawaii, it astounds me that people would want to abandon the weak and elderly in this way.

I am in support of mail in voting in all of it's iterations, I reject the hypothesis that it is unsafe or fraudulent and instead promote the idea that it is most valuable to our most vulnerable residents

**Thomas Clemens, PT, DPT**  
(He/him/his)  
Physical Therapist  
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**From:** [Rob Kuntz](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I Support Vote by Mail  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:05:27 PM

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I am writing in support of Hawai'i Vote by Mail system and to protect the Integrity of Elections Commission. As a long-time resident of Makiki, I have witnessed the importance of maintaining Hawai'i's Vote by Mail system for our kupuna and for all workers who are not given time off to vote. Standing in long lines, sometimes in adverse weather, does not reflect a modern voting system.

Our handicapped and disabled seniors need a safe, secure method to participate in our democracy. Please ensure that the Integrity of Elections Commission can act independently without interference from political pressure. Please keep the Vote by Mail system.

Sincerely,

Robert Kuntz  
Makiki, Honolulu, Hawai'i  
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**From:** [Tamalita](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail-In Voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:07:30 PM

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## To the Members of the Hawai‘i Elections Commission,

I am writing to express my strong support for Hawai‘i’s mail-in voting system and to urge the Commission to reject any efforts to eliminate or undermine it.

Mail-in voting has been a cornerstone of accessible, secure, and efficient elections in our state. It has increased voter participation, especially among kupuna, working families, and those living in rural communities who may face barriers to in-person voting. Hawai‘i’s vote-by-mail system has proven to be safe and reliable, with robust safeguards in place to verify voter identity and prevent fraud.

Efforts to dismantle this system—particularly those driven by partisan pressure or misinformation—threaten to disenfranchise thousands of voters and erode public trust in our democratic process. I am deeply concerned by the recent push from certain members of the public and the Commission to eliminate mail-in voting and to politicize the leadership of the Commission itself.

The Chair and the Commission have a duty to uphold fair and impartial elections, not to bend to ideological demands. I urge you to stand firm in defense of voting access and to prioritize the voices of everyday Hawai‘i residents over national political agendas.

Please continue to protect and strengthen our mail-in voting system. It reflects the values of inclusion, equity, and civic participation that make Hawai‘i unique.

Mahalo for your service and for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,  
Tammy DeBernardi  
Ka'u

**From:** [Neola Caveny](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for 10/29  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:08:43 PM

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Aloha Members of the Hawai'i Elections Commission,

As a former precinct chairperson in District 13 (Huelo, Maui), I can attest to the difference that mail-in voting has made in voter turnout here in East Maui. Formerly, the physical ballots from our polling place in Huelo had to be driven 20 minutes to Haiku for pickup, then relayed to another driver to be delivered to Wailuku. The ballots from polling places from Keanae to Hana had to be driven in several relays to Haiku, then Wailuku, delaying the first printout by several hours. (I believe they were sometimes flown in from Hana Airport to Kahului, weather and time permitting). I was always impressed by the dedication of the basically unpaid polling place folks (of which I was occasionally one) who did this, usually after a 12-hour day working at the polls, not to mention the voters who had to often drive miles to get to the polling places.. Is this what we are supposed to go back to?

For many of us, mail-in voting is not only a matter of convenience—it's a matter of *democracy in action*. Having the ballot at home allows voters the time to study candidates and ballot measures carefully, to discuss them with family and friends, and to make thoughtful, informed choices. I can't count how many times my neighbors asked me for advice on voting at the polls (which, of course, I couldn't give), since this was the first time many of them had seen the ballot.

There is NO evidence of ANY fraud in Hawai'i's mail-in voting system—or anywhere else in the United States. What we are seeing now is not a good-faith effort to strengthen election integrity, but part of a coordinated national campaign driven by MAGA extremists to make voting harder, to intimidate people at the polls, and to sow distrust in democracy itself. Restricting access to mail-in ballots does not protect elections—it undermines them.

These are attempts to silence voters who may not agree with the current far-right agenda. These efforts are NOT about preventing fraud—they are about restricting access, because those pushing them know they cannot win when every eligible voter has the opportunity to cast a ballot.

I urge you to stand firm in protecting Hawai'i's mail-in voting system and to reject any attempt to roll it back. We must not allow national partisan tactics to erode the trust and fairness that Hawai'i's voters have built together over decades.

Please continue to uphold the right of every eligible citizen in our islands to vote safely, securely, and with dignity, especially since I am now too old to be driving around the countryside after a 12-hour day on my feet.

Mahalo for your service and for safeguarding our democracy.

With respect and aloha,

**Neola Caveny**

Haiku, Maui

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**From:** [Kristy Michelle McCullough](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:19:03 PM

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I was fortunate enough to come across a post on Facebook about a meeting you're having tomorrow morning about whether you will continue to allow mail in voting. You absolutely SHOULD continue mail in voting! There is no proof that it's not safe and it's very convenient for people. I'm 65 years old and have lived my whole life in Hawaii but many elections have been hard to vote in because of work / life schedules. Mail in voting also allows time to research.

Do not participate in a devious plan to suppress our vote!

Mahalo,  
Kristy M. Krug  
Maui

**From:** [G H](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [G H](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony Measure 9 VOTE NO  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:25:06 PM

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## TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO MAIL-IN VOTING (VOTE NO ON BALLOT MEASURE 9)

**Submitted to:** Hawaii State Elections Committee / Office of Elections

**From:** Virginia Hall

**Date:** October 28, 2025

**Subject:** Opposition to Ballot Measure 9 — Mail-In Voting

### Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Virginia Hsll, and I am a resident of Hawaii County (96740). I am writing to express STRONG opposition to mail-in voting in Hawaii. I believe our elections must be transparent, verifiable, and trusted by voters of every political background.

Mail-in voting has created confusion and a lack of confidence in the system. Ballot delivery issues, delayed counts, and questions about verification have caused many voters—across both major parties—to lose trust in the process. Elections should be conducted in a way that every eligible voter can see, verify, and have confidence in how their vote is handled.

I also have personal experiences that strengthened my views on fairness and accountability in public systems. During a recent emergency room visit in Kona, I suffered a broken pelvis and experienced what felt like an unfair prioritization in care despite being in extreme pain and fully insured. That moment reminded me that when systems lose transparency and accountability, people get hurt or overlooked. The same concern applies to how we run elections.

I want to see Hawaii return to a more accountable, in-person voting system where citizens can verify their ballots, confirm their voter identification, and know that the process is secure. Restoring in-person voting with clear ID verification would go a long way toward rebuilding confidence and ensuring every legitimate vote is counted once and accurately.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to **vote NO on Ballot Measure 9** and to prioritize reforms that strengthen trust, accountability, and transparency in Hawaii's elections.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**VIRGINIA HALL**  
HAWAII ISLAND

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**From:** [Melinda Tria Kerkvliet](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] October 29 commission"s meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:26:20 PM

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Dear commissioners,

I am an 83-year old resident of Kaimuki. I've been voting by email for several years now and I am not in favor of changing this policy because it works well--no fraud, no cheating. Why repair when it is not broken?

In addition, voting by mail suits my age and pre-existing health condition.

Very sincerely yours,

Melinda Tria Kerkvliet  
1355 Frank Street, Honolulu, HI 96816

**From:** [Christina Hughes](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Save Mail In Voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:28:09 PM

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I am a federal employee required to work without pay at that time, but I do wish to email in my support for mail in voting. It is convenient, and modern, and increases engagement. It is also a hallmark of state sovereignty for Hawaii to manage its own elections. The authoritarian movement wants to dismantle the 10th amendment because they know each sovereign state in the union would never agree with them. Don't let them hurt the kupuna, our brothers and sisters living remotely, the parents with small children, those traveling by bus or otherwise stuck in traffic. Getting word up to the alii by messenger is not outside the norm and shouldn't be tossed aside because the new conspiracy theory changed from voting machines to the election officials placing the ballots into the voting machines.

-Christina Hughes  
1914 Homerule St #4  
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**From:** [Rep. Adrian K. Tam](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** RE: In Strong Support of Hawai'i's All-Mail Voting System  
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Aloha Elections Commission,

Please find my testimony in strong support of mail in voting attached,

Mahalo,

Adrian

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*Hale o nā Luna Maka 'āinana*

**STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL**

October 28, 2025

Hawai'i State Elections Commission  
Office of Elections  
802 Lehua Avenue  
Pearl City, HI 96782

RE: In Strong Support of Hawai'i's All-Mail Voting System

Aloha Chair and Members of the Commission,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify before you in strong support of Hawai'i's all-mail voting system.

Voting by mail has increased civic engagement, and participation amongst all members of our communities. When comparing the 2020 election the first year of Vote by mail to the 2016 election, voter participation increased from 34.8% to 51.2%. Voting by mail also provides opportunities for members of Hawaii's numerous rural communities and our especially our Kupuna and other disabled community members greater access to voting.

As reported this year by AARP Hawaii kupuna make up 48.1% of District 24 Waikiki – Moiliili. Mail in voting increases accessibility for all voters, regardless of their physical abilities, affording the opportunity to participate fully and independently in the democratic process. In my district specifically this means kupuna and our hard-working family members can successfully exercise their voting rights.

The recent attacks on our mail-in voting system are simply based on misinformation. Hawai'i has one of the most secure and safe voting structures in our country.

Voting is a fundamental right, and equal access to voting methods is essential to maintaining a fair and inclusive democracy.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrian K. Tam".

Adrian K. Tam

**From:** [Romyn Sabatchi](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Keep Vote by Mail Accessible for Hawai'i Residents  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:31:04 PM

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Aloha!

I strongly urge you to keep **vote by mail** as an option for the people of Hawai'i. Life here is demanding — many residents juggle multiple jobs, family responsibilities, and long commutes. For many, standing in line for three to four hours on Election Day simply isn't possible.

Removing vote by mail would unintentionally **disenfranchise working families, caregivers, and kupuna** who may face transportation or mobility challenges. Vote by mail ensures that every eligible voter — regardless of schedule, ability, or circumstance — has a fair and dignified opportunity to participate.

It also encourages more **informed voting**. Having ballots at home gives voters time to research candidates and measures carefully, leading to more thoughtful participation in our democracy.

Please continue to protect and strengthen vote by mail — it's an essential part of ensuring that Hawai'i's elections remain **accessible, inclusive, and fair for everyone**.

**Mahalo for your leadership and service to our community.**

**Romyn Sabatchi**

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**From:** [Caroline Mackenzie](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PLEASE SUPPORT MAIL-IN VOTING.  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:37:06 PM

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Aloha.

I have voted by mail for over 30 years **BECAUSE I LIVED OVERSEAS AS AN EXPATRIATE AMERICAN. The ONLY WAY I could do my civic duty and vote was by mail-in ballots.**

I have lived in Italy, France, Singapore, Belgium and Ukraine and I have voted in every election since my life overseas began in 1971.

**DO NOT TAKE AWAY OUR RIGHT TO VOTE, JUST BECAUSE WE ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS.**

I live in Kaneohe now, and because I visit family on the mainland in the fall, I appreciate that Hawaii has mail in ballots.

Mahalo for letting me express my opinion.

Caroline L. Mackenzie  
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Kaneohe, HI 96744



**From:** [Nick Jurasek](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I would like to provide testimony to support Mail in Voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:40:38 PM

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Aloha Members of the Hawai'i Elections Commission,

I am writing in strong support of maintaining and expanding mail-in voting in Hawai'i. This system allows more U.S. citizens to exercise their constitutional right to vote by removing barriers such as transportation, limited polling locations, and conflicting work schedules.

Mail-in voting also helps maintain business productivity by reducing the need for employers to provide paid time off or adjust staffing on Election Day. Employees can vote securely from home without interrupting critical operations — especially important for small businesses and 24/7 essential services.

Importantly, a study by the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research — <https://news.stanford.edu/stories/2020/09/examining-effects-challenges-mail-in-voting> — found that vote-by-mail **does not advantage any political party**, but simply increases voter participation by making the process more accessible. In addition, Hawai'i's model gives voters time to research candidates and ballot measures thoroughly, leading to more informed decisions based on qualifications and values rather than just advertising exposure.

Mail-in voting supports civic participation, business efficiency, and election fairness. I strongly encourage its continued use and further improvement statewide.

Mahalo for your service and commitment to accessible democracy.

Respectfully,

Nick Jurasek

Kaneohe, HI

**From:** [Lois Langham](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail-in voting  
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I support mail-in voting. It is easy and with less concerted time and effort by voters, it is more likely to get people to vote. Hawaii has a terribly low voter turnout and if people had to physically go to a polling place I can't see that doing anything but making the turnout much lower. Also, under the current president's immigration policies and the apparent lack of respect for the law AND his white supremesist agenda, non-white people may be fearful of being illegally detained if they must show up at a polling place and would not be represented. I love mail-in voting and I vote regularly.  
Thank you for your time.

**From:** [Susan Steinemann](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Protect mail-in voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 5:04:33 PM

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Protect mail in voting for Hawai'i! It is essential to our democracy, and also essential for us essential workers who do not want to leave our critical duties (like taking care of sick patients) to go to the polls. Mail in voting is safe and secure and its integrity has stood the test of time in our state.

I live in Honolulu

[sksteinemann@gmail.com](mailto:sksteinemann@gmail.com)

**From:** [Elizabeth Keller](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Allow mail voting to continue  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 5:10:22 PM

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My name is elizabeth Keller, I live in Haiku. I firmly and passionately support mail- in voting. Please continue to allow the residents of Maui to vote this way. It is unspeakable that anything else is being considered when there almost NO fraud, ever with mail- in ballots and plenty of people including kapuna and service people need to be heard this way. It is a convenience to us and encourages us to vote and support democracy.

Thank you

Elizabeth Keller 1225 Hooilina Pl  
Haiku, Hi 96708

**From:** [CLAIRE NICELY](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Election Testimont  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 5:31:59 PM

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Aloha Hawai'i Elections Commission,

I understand there is pressure to eliminate mail-in voting in Hawaii.

For my family, mail-in voting has been helpful as we are busy and travel quite frequently, which makes this process very convenient. We do not have to rush to get to the polls, wait in line to cast our votes, or make hasty decisions because we were not prepared for the various state or county proposals on the ballot. There is also no need to request an absentee ballot as in the past.

The automatic mail-in ballots allow us to thoroughly check the candidates and issues that are being presented on the ballot in the comfort of our home, which improves making a good selection.

Please keep the present system to allow more people to vote and participate in government.

Mahalo for your consideration of my remarks.

Claire Nicely  
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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Yvette Kay](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Mail in Voting Integrity in Elections  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 5:35:12 PM

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Aloha Esteemed Election Commissioners,

My name is Yvette Kay and I am a resident of Kailua-Kona in Hawai'i County. I would like to testify regarding Mail-In Voting integrity in elections. I was thrilled when Hawai'i adopted Mail-In Voting because Kailua-Kona is a rural area with very little public transportation, in fact it's sorely lacking. It is unreasonable to force people to find a way to get to a voting precinct without having a car. It means that unless you can afford a car or have one at your ready you have to organize around this complication. I believe that voting should be easy. I also believe that voting by mail is far more secure than by machine, which is why the Republicans in our state are trying so hard to remove it. There is NO evidence that Mail-In Voting is insecure and prone to cheating. Instead the Republicans in this state would prefer to disenfranchise voters in order to rig a vote in their favor. Do not fall for it! Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Warmly,  
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**From:** [Kim Markham](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in ballots  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 5:37:58 PM

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Dear Elections Commission. My name is Kim Markham and I live in Kaluaaha, Molokai.

Continuing mail-in voting is critical for Hawaii residents to get a full voice in elections and for majority of Hawaii residents to be accurately represented. For the past two general elections, mail-in ballots constituted 95-6% of all votes. This is unlikely to change due to the amount of work people need to engage in to make ends meet. According to a 2020 survey, almost a quarter of residents work multiple jobs, usually the people most vulnerable to hardship from budget cuts and policy changes. This situation often functionally restricts the likelihood of voting, even with Election Day being designated sacrosanct. And 44-45,000 of Hawaii residents are active military, who have no control over deployment, for whom mail-in ballots are often critical to exercise the right to vote that they are protecting by being in the military. And 13-14,000 are reservists, whose status still may require them to be out of Hawaii during elections. In addition to this are elderly or infirm people who struggle with mobility, and who would be impacted by this.

There have been arguments about the security of mail-in ballots, but there is no data to support a security risk any higher than with in-person voting. The opposite is true. A 2020 study by the Brennan Center for Justice revealed that incidence of voter fraud by mail-in ballot was .00001%, which equals 12 votes out of 100 MILLION votes since 2000. The study found that mail-in voting was in fact more secure and less subject to interference than in-person voting. As the commission, you are familiar with the mechanical safeguards, but just to review them: The envelopes dropped into a secure box, and monitored by the USPS who has their own law enforcement, the ballots not being counted if they have been tampered with, and the envelope safeguards to ensure that any tampering is clear, the privacy of the vote protected by a security sleeve, and the signature verified and as secure as that of any credit cards. If we are not willing to trust the mail-in ballots than we should not be utilizing credit cards either. Mail-in ballots are as secure as they have ever been, and there is no credible data to support ruling out mail-in ballots on the basis of security fears.

On the other hand, cutting out the option of mail-in ballots to Hawaii residents who for multiple reasons cannot show up in person, critically deprives a significant and election-changing portion of the population of Hawaii of their constitutional right to exercise their vote, and unfairly influences the outcome of any election, tilts it in favor of those with privilege who have more resources and prevents those with needs from being heard. So while no method may be foolproof, including in-person voting, not allowing mail-in ballots when so many need access to it for their right to vote is a constitutional violation, and in itself would represent a different kind of voter fraud, that of unconstitutional vote deprivation.

Mahalo for your attention

**From:** [Keith Webster](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] mail-in voting - please support  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 5:51:33 PM

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Hello Commissioners,

I'm Keith Webster of Kaneohe. I'm writing to support the continuance of our mail-in voting. This has been very successful over the years in helping Hawaii's often overworked population conveniently participate in democracy.

Please continue to support our mail in voting systems.

thank you,

Keith Webster  
Kaneohe, HI

**From:** [Lewis Glenn](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in support of Vote by Mail  
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**Lewis Glenn**

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**Kailua, O'ahu, Hawai'i**

**October 28, 2025**

**Dear Hawai'i Elections Commission:**

**I write to submit testimony in support of continued vote by mail in the State of Hawai'i.**

- **Vote by mail has been shown to be secure and the process has evidenced high integrity.**
- **Vote by mail affords the opportunity to vote for those who cannot get to polling places, due to disability, being out of the state, or because of lack of transportation options to visit a polling place.**
- **Thus, vote by mail supports a greater voter turnout, in support of a broader based democracy.**

**I travel frequently and have voted by mail a number of times.**

**Restricting or eliminating this option to vote will limit the number of people that vote, and discriminate against those without transportation, some people with physical disabilities, and those who may be out of state on election days.**

**Seemingly the only reason to eliminate vote by mail is to limit the number of people that are able to vote. This is inherently undemocratic.**

**Sincerely,**

**Lewis Glenn**

**From:** [Moana](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Mail In Voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 5:58:31 PM

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Aloha,

My name is Moana Leong and I live in Mililani, Hawai'i. My email is [moana.leong@icloud.com](mailto:moana.leong@icloud.com). I love mail in ballots ever since that option was first offered because I didn't have to rush after work to get to the polls in time to vote. Now that I'm retired, I still prefer mail in voting because I don't have to drive anywhere and stand in line to vote. This will be even more important as I age. I also have time to research the charter amendments and other issues that are included in my ballot and I feel I do a better job of voting correctly according to my beliefs.

Mahalo,  
Moana G. G. F. Leong

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [John Webster](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PLEASE PROTECT OUR RIGHT TO MAIL-IN VOTING  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 6:10:16 PM

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Dear Chair and Commission Members:

Hawai‘i has long been a model for voter access and integrity. Quite simply - the people of Hawaii like it!

Having the ballot at home allows voters more time to study candidates and ballot measures carefully and to make thoughtful, informed choices.

We cannot let MAGA extremists make it harder to voter. Restricting access to mail-in ballots does not protect elections—it undermines them.

Please defend VOTE BY MAIL and help protect our democracy.

Thank you for your important work.

John Webster, PhD

**From:** [Dorien Mcclellan](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [Dorien Mcclellan](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] VOTE BY MAIL  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 6:25:31 PM

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VOTE BY MAIL MUST CONTINUE IN HAWAII. We are in danger of forgetting who we are: we are a series of islands spread across the Pacific Ocean. We are a wide variety of people with a wide variety of heritages, family responsibilities and work schedules. VOTE BY MAIL enables every eligible voter to participate.

VOTE BY MAIL expands the voting window and enables more eligible voters to submit their ballots. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to sit at my kitchen table, look through the ballot, and consider the issues and candidates before casting my all-important vote. I live on Ma'ili Point in Waianae and had serious surgery this year, which made me housebound. VOTE BY MAIL would have enabled me to vote!

We do not have a problem with fraud! VOTE BY MAIL has proven safe over several cycles.

Eliminating VOTE BY MAIL would make it more difficult for many of us to participate in our civic responsibility. We need to make sure everyone has a chance to vote.

In modern times, VOTE BY MAIL is essential to universal suffrage!

Dorien McClellan  
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Waianae, HI 96792

**From:** [Tyler G](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect mail-in voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 6:28:17 PM

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Hi, I am a registered voter living in Makiki. Mail-in voting is the best way to do elections, period. Anything short of it is unacceptable. Please protect mail-in voting. Thank you.

**From:** [Roree Oehlman](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in Voting.  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 6:29:33 PM

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I am unable to attend the meeting in person or remotely, but I wish to have my request to keep mail in voting considered.

I love the idea that our state which has come so far over the decades since statehood established mail in voting. I oppose those who would take that benefit from us after having voted for many years by mail, including Hawaii. It is something that the Republicans used to do in droves, now they drive to the capital to encourage our law makers to develop more restrictive voting regulations. My only objection to mail in voting is the use of requiring every ballot handler to be a handwriting expert. Not a factual or scientific way of determination. Too many voices have been inoculated by a thought process that creates an environment of distrust, and lack of faith in our voting practices. This push by citizens who follow a cult like leader, rather than adhering to the making it easier to vote ideal are also pushing conspiracy theories and forcing people to vote in person, often at the expense of a paycheck and time away from work. The nay sayers then stack the doors with armed observers and regulations that don't even allow for a drink of water from a stranger. Then they choke down the number of locations within a district with voting booths in an effort to discourage political aspirations from the community. Voting by mail is easy, convenient, fast, gas saving and without someone looking over your shoulder to take your voting booth or force you to make poor choices.

Roree M. Oehlman  
Honokaa, Hawaii

**From:** [Shalane Sambor](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in Voting  
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To the Elections Commission:

I am horrified to hear that some people are trying to eliminate mail-in voting in Hawaii! I saw from the last election statistics that since Hawaii is doing all mail-in voting, that our voter participation has increased dramatically, whereas Hawaii used to be one of the states with the lowest participation.

Personally, I live on Oahu in Honolulu and am a senior citizen with limited mobility. I've done mail-in voting for years, and it's been a blessing! Just physically getting to the voting place used to be difficult. Now I and all my friends (who are also senior citizens who don't drive) just fill out the ballot and mail it in! It's so easy and encourages those who would otherwise think twice about voting at all to participate in this most important process.

Mail in voting also encourages people to become informed on the political issues that are affecting our state. So not only does mail-in voting encourage more participation, but it also encourages people to become more informed on important issues. This benefits everyone regardless of political party!

Please keep Hawaii strong with mail-in voting!  
Mahalo,  
Shalane Sambor

**From:** [willow](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please help keep peaceful, effective mail-in voting  
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Aloha Members of the Hawai'i Elections Commission,

Mahalo for the work you do to keep our voting system accessible to all Hawai'i voters. Please continue to do all you can to maintain mail-in voting. Mail-in voting is peaceful and effective. I am a Puna district, Big Island voter. I work for the state of Hawai'i. I chose the mail-in option even before it became a requirement. Receiving my ballot in the mail allows me to research candidates and measures, discuss them with friends and family, and make more informed decisions.

Thank you for continuing to make sure the voices of the people of Hawai'i can be heard.

Mahalo nui loa

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**From:** [Caitlin Ramirez](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for continued mail-in voting in Hawai'i  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 7:09:38 PM

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Aloha Members of the Hawai'i Elections Commission,

I am writing in **strong support of maintaining mail-in voting** in Hawai'i. This system allows more Hawai'i residents to exercise their constitutional right to vote by removing significant barriers such as transportation, limited polling locations, and conflicting work schedules.

The data clearly demonstrates the positive impact of this system on civic participation in the islands. After moving to the all-mail system, Hawai'i's voter turnout in the 2020 General Election saw a notable increase to **58% of eligible voters**, up from 42% in the 2016 General Election. This shows that greater access leads directly to greater participation.

<https://publicintegrity.org/politics/elections/who-counts/hawaiis-all-mail-voting-system-a-barrier-for-unhoused-non-english-speakers/#:~:text=Mail%2Din%20voting%20seems%20to,the%2042%25%20turnout%20in%202016.>)

**Mail-in voting is a proven success**, strengthening **civic participation** and ensuring **election fairness**. We must continue to use and actively promote this system statewide.

Mahalo for your service and commitment to accessible democracy.

Respectfully,  
Caitlin Ramirez  
Kaneohe, O'ahu

**From:** [John Story](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Email testimony for Mail in ballots  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 7:13:43 PM

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"Aloha Election Commissioners,

My name is Johnathan Story. I Kihei on Maui, in zip code 96753. Please consider the following testimony:

Continuing mail-in voting is critical for Hawaii residents to get a full voice in elections and for majority of Hawaii residents to be accurately represented. For the past two general elections, mail-in ballots constituted 95-6% of all votes. This is unlikely to change due to the amount of work people need to engage in to make ends meet. According to a 2020 survey, almost a quarter of residents work multiple jobs, usually the people most vulnerable to hardship from budget cuts and policy changes. This situation often functionally restricts the likelihood of voting, even with Election Day being designated sacrosanct. And 44-45,000 of Hawaii residents are active military, who have no control over deployment, for whom mail-in ballots are often critical to exercise the right to vote that they are protecting by being in the military. And 13-14,000 are reservists, whose status still may require them to be out of Hawaii during elections. In addition to this are elderly or infirm people who struggle with mobility, and who would be impacted by this.

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On the other hand, cutting out the option of mail-in ballots to Hawaii residents who for multiple reasons cannot show up in person, critically deprives a significant and election-changing portion of the population of Hawaii of their constitutional right to exercise their vote, and unfairly influences the outcome of any election, tilts it in favor of those with privilege who have more resources and prevents those with needs from being heard. So while no method may be foolproof, including in-person voting, not allowing mail-in ballots when so many need access to it for their right to vote is a constitutional violation, and in itself would represent a different kind of voter fraud, that of unconstitutional vote deprivation.

Mahalo for your attention to this.

Johnathan Story

**From:** [Brodie Lockard](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Efforts to weaken Vote-By-Mail in Hawaii  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 7:14:27 PM

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To: Members of the Hawai'i Elections Commission  
From: Brodie Lockard  
Re: Efforts to weaken Vote-By-Mail in Hawaii

Hawaii's successful Vote-By-Mail system is under attack by the MAGA community. They claim, with no evidence, that Vote-By-Mail is unsafe. This is part of their nationwide effort to reduce voter turnout, which includes requiring expensive and excessive personal identification like passports, and rolling back the Voting Rights Act in southern states.

Nothing about Vote-By-Mail is unsafe. Since 2000, more than 250 million votes have been cast via mailed-out ballots in all 50 states, according to the National Vote at Home Institute, and fraud is all but non-existent. The MAGA community sees that it allows more people to vote, during a wider window, and without having to drive anywhere. As much as they can, they want to restrict voting to only people who will vote for their candidates, because the general electorate detests their candidates.

Hawaii voters have enough hurdles without losing this tool that was so effective during COVID and has continued to let many thousands vote more conveniently. I don't know why anyone would want to drive for miles and stand in line for hours when they can vote securely from their living room at their convenience, with plenty of time to make good choices.

As a wheelchair-bound voter, I have voted by mail for 25 years, and have never missed an election because I was stuck in bed, or my adapted van wouldn't work, or it was raining hard. How dare they threaten my right to vote!

Mahalo for safeguarding our democracy.

Brodie Lockard  
Kailua  
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*No matter that patriotism is too often the refuge of scoundrels. Dissent, rebellion, and all-around hell-raising remain the true duty of patriots.*

—Barbara Ehrenreich

**From:** [cookshi@aol.com](mailto:cookshi@aol.com)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony - Hawai'i Elections Commission - Meeting Oct. 29, 2025  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 7:19:45 PM

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***Aloha from Waimea, Hawai'i Island - May I please ask staff to confirm receipt of this testimony. MAHALO, Patti Cook***

***TO: THE HAWAII ELECTIONS COMMISSION - Meeting Wed., October 29, 2025***

***As a lifetime resident of Hawai'i and voter since turning 21, I am grateful for the privilege of voting and proud to say that I have never missed an election since first registering more than 50 years ago.***

***Having all this experience with voting, and also having actively participated in the elections process, I am a firm believer that VOTE BY MAIL in Hawai'i is absolutely the way to go for a number of reasons.***

***Mail-In voting removes significant barriers and I believe also gives voters a better opportunity to carefully weigh ballot decisions. Then, once actual voting on your ballot is complete, the choices for mailing in your ballot or dropping it into an official secure drop box or walking it into one of the walk-in vote locations is secure. I appreciate the help available too from County and State elections staff when I have had questions and also the convenience of on online voter registration.***

***I'm appalled that election commissioners would possibly be advocating to rescind Hawai'i's VOTE BY MAIL law and do intend to convey my support for this process to my own State Legislators.***

***There are ways to improve on VOTE BY MAIL such as adding more secure drop boxes and also adding more walk-in locations (perhaps allowing more rural/remote sites to be provided for shorter windows of time).***

***Mahalo for this opportunity to convey support for VOTE BY MAIL.***

***Patricia (Patti) Cook  
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Box 6960, Kamuela, HI 96743  
(808) 937-2833***

**From:** [Melissa Smith](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Save Vote by Mail!  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 7:31:38 PM

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Aloha! My name is Melissa Smith, a retired nurse who lives in Mt View on Hawai'i Island (96771).

Many of us seniors have been grateful and have utilized Hawai'i Vote by Mail system successfully.

It is such a convenient and easy way for us to vote and not have to worry about getting transportation to the polling places and having to stand in lines.

There has been no evidence of fraud and no real reason has been put forth regarding the removal of this popular voting platform. Why change something that is already in place and that works! Auwe!

Respectfully yours,  
Melissa Smith  
Mt View, HI  
96771

**From:** [Lynn Otaguro](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] supporting vote by mail and the integrity of our elections  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 7:35:15 PM

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Aloha,

I am a resident of Honolulu and am writing in support of the ability to vote by mail in our Hawaii elections.

Voting by mail has made it so much easier for my family and me to vote. I appreciate the ease in submitting my vote, without waiting in a long line with others, as I help care for my grandchildren, and on the other end of the spectrum, help out with my elderly father. I have appreciated the texts that I receive from the elections administrator confirming receipt of my vote and the ability to check online also.

The process is fair, nonpartisan, and secure. It makes it easier for more people to vote, which should be the point in the administration of fair and free elections. Please support it.

Thank you,  
Lynn Otaguro  
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**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail In Voting  
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Hi,

I am a resident of Kamuela, Hawai'i County.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT MAIL IN VOTING!

I also strongly oppose all efforts, particularly those of any committee members, to end mail in voting in Hawai'i.

As I understand it, this issue is being brought forth on the grounds of opinion, not on the basis of research/data/facts that prove mail in voting is injurious to the eligible voters or elections in Hawai'i.

In our most recent election, nearly a year ago now, I was quite sick and would not have been able to endure the physical requirements of voting in person at a voting site. Standing in line for any length of time was simply not possible.

But, being able to drive a short distance to a public mail box was possible.  
What a blessing!

I take my responsibility to vote as a primary right and responsibility for each and every USA citizen. I oppose anything that hinders that and support all that make it more reachable to each citizen.

Thanks for 'listening',  
Cathy Sterling  
POBox 1786  
Kamuela HI 96743

PS: I've recently learned that USPS, under the Trump administration, is seriously considering activating a proposal to reduce mail pickup in rural areas from places 50 miles or more from a major USPS facility responsible for moving mail onto its destination. That will certainly negatively impact how long it will take for mail in votes in Hawai'i to get to their destination.

Enough is enough!

**From:** [Hacskayloc Nitwoodmgsbtsoy](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail-in voting  
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Dear Commission Members,

I am writing you in support of mail in voting in Hawaii which I understand is being challenged. I have voted all my life, since I first became eligible.

As a Roosevelt grad of 1967, I remember our teachers during the Vietnam War stressing the value of our rights as citizens to vote and its profound importance to the direction of our country.

I am 77 now and getting to my polling place in person has become more difficult. I am thankful for the ability to vote by mail in ballot in Honolulu. I urge you all to protect our rights as citizens of the state of Hawaii to continue to do so.

Thank you,

Christine Hacskaylo  
Makiki Resident

**From:** [Vivian](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail-in ballots  
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Aloha,

I am a resident of Kihei, Maui (96753). Please continue offering mail-in ballots for voting in our state. It is difficult for many residents to have to go to a polling station with restricted hours. I understand there is much less fraud with mail-in ballots in comparison to in person voting.

As I age some days my body has limited mobility. If voting was required to be in person there may come a day where I wouldn't be able to access a polling station. Yet my vote should count like all others.

My daughter and son-in-law have very demanding jobs. Mail-in ballots allow them to exercise their right to vote. Taking time off work would come at a cost.

I frankly don't know anyone who wants to vote in person. Please continue this process.

Mahalo,  
Vivian Cohen

**From:** [Sue White](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] SAVE MAIL - IN VOTING IN HAWAII  
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note: if there are any errors in formatting of this email please contact me and I will send it as an attachment.

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF MAIL - IN VOTING IN HAWAII /OPPOSITION TO ENDING MAIL - IN VOTING IN HAWAII

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### TO THE COMMISSION MEMBERS OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION

#### IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING MAIL - IN VOTING IN HAWAII

I am a senior citizen and am very grateful that Hawaii has mail - in voting.

Mail - in voting is necessary, practical and safe for Hawaii's senior citizens and others who cannot for medical or other reasons get to the polls. In addition to the difficulty for some of physically getting to the polls, many seniors have compromised immune systems and should not have to be forced to go to the polls to vote where they risk being among voters who may have respiratory, communicable diseases. I personally am in this category, as is my husband and have been grateful that Hawaii has mail - in voting.

Not only do senior citizens benefit from being able to mail in our ballots but so do all registered voters in Hawaii.

**Numerous studies and investigations have corroborated that mail - in voting is safe and secure.**

In addition mail- voting reflects a **bi-partisan effort** to ensure safe, secure and accessible voting.

Please see the following for one analysis of the safety of mail - in voting:

#### SOURCE:

[INSTITUTE FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT: \(website link at end\)](#)

#### The Facts

#### Mail voting is meticulously designed to ensure overlapping safeguards at every stage of the voting process.

- **Registration checks.** Only verified registered voters receive mail ballots. During the registration process, applicant information is verified against a variety of state and federal databases, and an array of federal and state requirements ensure that election officials routinely follow up with voters to ensure their information is current.
- **Strict mail security protocols.** Ballots are sent by non-forwardable mail in clearly marked envelopes, often with specialized security protocols like opaque envelopes, tamper-evident seals, and privacy sleeves. Any ballots that are returned as undeliverable are immediately canceled.
- **Ballot tracking.** In most jurisdictions, ballots are tracked so that both election officials and voters can follow their ballot through the mailstream and ensure it's been delivered and counted as expected.
- **Signature verification.** Once received by election officials, ballots are not unsealed or removed from envelopes until and unless the information on the ballot envelope is filled out, the signature matches the voter's signature on file, and the envelope is free from signs of tampering. A failure of any one of these points will be resolved by bipartisan teams, who do not count the ballot unless they can get in touch with the voter who can confirm the authenticity of the ballot or submit a new one.

- **Physical and digital security.** Ballots don't just sit around warehouses in unsecured stacks. Like ballots cast in person, mail ballots are subject to sophisticated and redundant chain-of-custody protocols, physical seals and barriers, exceedingly controlled access, bipartisan teams, and surveillance.

#### Bottom Line

Voting by mail is safe and secure. It's a popular choice for states across the political spectrum and is used by voters of all ideological stripes. The history of absentee voting reflects a bipartisan — and often Republican-led — commitment to providing voters with cost-effective, efficient, and user-friendly government solutions. We shouldn't let fiery, fact-free rhetoric lead us backward.

For additional resources or to talk to an expert, please contact Dan Rafter at [dan@responsivegov.org](mailto:dan@responsivegov.org).

#### AI Overview

Numerous reports and research studies from the past several years conclude that mail-in voting is a safe and secure method, despite politically-driven disinformation to the contrary

. While isolated cases of fraud have occurred, they are rare and are swiftly addressed by election officials and law enforcement.

Key findings from recent research on mail-in voting security:

**Layered security measures:** Election systems use multiple, overlapping safeguards to ensure mail ballot integrity. These include signature verification, unique ballot tracking barcodes, and strict chain-of-custody protocols.

**Widespread fraud is extremely unlikely:** Studies consistently find that mail-in voter fraud is exceptionally rare. A 2020 study from the National Vote at Home Institute found that over 20 years, only 143 criminal convictions for mail-in voter fraud occurred out of 250 million mail ballots cast. Research from the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project confirmed in 2020 that fraud is negligible.

**Low risk of tampering:** Experts consider large-scale tampering with mail ballots almost impossible due to the security features of the ballots and envelopes. Counterfeiting ballots is extremely difficult, and ballots are secured throughout the handling process.

**Ballot tracking:** Most states now offer ballot tracking tools that allow voters to monitor their ballot's status from mailing to counting. This increases transparency and allows officials to cancel and replace lost or stolen ballots.

**Impact on turnout:** Research from the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research found that vote-by-mail modestly increases overall voter turnout without benefiting a single political party.

Recent security discussions and updates

**USPS updates:** In 2024, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) continued its robust program for securely handling election mail, which includes a dedicated law enforcement agency, specialized handling, and working closely with election officials. However, recent USPS system changes have raised concerns about the timing of postmarks, which could affect the timeliness of last-minute ballots in some states.

**Drop box security:** Research from the [Brennan Center for Justice](#) shows that official ballot drop boxes, where available, are a secure and reliable option for returning mail-in ballots. They are provided by government officials and are often monitored by video surveillance.

**Ongoing legal challenges:** Mail-in voting continues to face legal challenges, such as a 2025 lawsuit in North Carolina targeting military mail-in ballots, which was ultimately rejected by a federal court.

Additional context on mail-in voting

**Long history:** Absentee voting has been used in the U.S. since the Civil War and is not a new or untested process.

**Partisan attacks:** According to a 2025 report from the [Voting Rights Lab](#), unfounded political attacks on mail voting have led to restrictive legislation in several states.

**Voter errors:** While fraud is minimal, a more significant issue identified by researchers is voter error. Ballots may be uncounted due to issues like mismatched signatures or being received after the deadline. Many states have "notice and cure" processes to inform voters of such issues so they can be fixed.

## Bottom Line

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source link : source: <https://responsivegov.org/research/why-mail-ballots-are-secure-layered-safeguards/#:~:text=In%20most%20jurisdictions%2C%20ballots%20are,voters%20of%20all%20ideological%20stripes>.

Please save mail - in voting.

Regards,  
Sharon Sue White  
Kailua, Hawaii

PS: I can provide links to many more research studies, etc that I find on the Internet. If I can be helpful to the Commission in this regard in a volunteer capacity, please do not hesitate to call on me.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Preserve mail in voting  
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Aloha Election Commission members,

As an informed voter who takes every election seriously, I spend several days gathering the information I need to vote responsibly. I use my home computer to review candidate statements and analyze the pros and cons of each measure. Even with careful preparation, questions sometimes come up while I'm filling out my ballot. Having access to my computer allows me to research these issues quickly and thoroughly. For me, the ballot box is not the place to do that kind of work.

As a disabled veteran, there are times when I simply can't leave my home. Taking away mail-in voting effectively suppresses the votes of people with disabilities.

When I served overseas, mail-in voting was my only way to participate in our democracy.

Let's not kid ourselves — efforts to restrict mail-in voting are blatant voter suppression. We're better than that. We don't live in Russia.

A response would be appreciated as well as a pointer to where in the record my opposition is documented.

Aloha,

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments Supporting Ending Mail-In Voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 8:13:06 PM

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October 28, 2025

Dear Elections Commission,

We are writing to give comments on why we no longer support mail-in voting.

For all of our voting lives we voted in person, on election day, in our district, where we would show our ID, be verified and sign the voter roll book, and cast our vote in person.

At some point mail-in voting became available, and we have utilized it in most cases.

We never thought there could be any problems with it until the 2020 election, where it seemed there were many problems verifying that the election results were correct around the entire country. We heard stories of people receiving multiple ballots, voter rolls containing deceased people, people that had moved and were not eligible to vote in that district, ballots appearing from under tables to be counted over and over, ballots being transported across state lines, poll watchers being denied viewing access, and on and on. We never got any real verification that the results were true and correct for the elections. We never saw any proof of the results, but rather every effort possible to block proving the results were correct from denials, to obfuscation, to lawsuits, to vicious character attacks and eventually persecutions of anyone who was deemed an "election denier." This left us mistrustful of the entire election process, and certainly did not give us any faith in "democracy."

Although the mail-in ballots are convenient, and allow time to research all the candidates, we now believe that they are potentially rampant for fraud, and the results can no longer be trusted.

We do not believe that voting in person, on election day, with an ID to verify that the person is a legitimate, LEGAL, registered voter, is a "threat to democracy." Rather, it is more of an assurance for everyone that election results are true and correct. Shouldn't that be more of a certification of "democracy?" Shouldn't we be able to know that election results are true,

correct, and verifiable?

While there needs to be a mail-in process for elderly, disabled, military and or persons who are not in the country or able to vote on election day at their polling places, this can be done with absentee ballots and they should be thoroughly vetted as well.

Mail-in ballots should no longer be the norm, since they have reached the point where they can be abused and fraudulent votes can potentially be cast.

Therefore, we no longer support mail-in voting.

We support returning to in-person voting, at our polling places, WITH ID, for LEGAL citizens who have PRE-REGISTERED on election day only. We also support results to be announced that night, and not drag on for days or weeks, while additional votes keep “coming in” to be counted. There should be a deadline for ballots to be received, and if they are not, they should not be counted.

Thank you.

James & Leslie Miles

**From:** [Team Edwards](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support Mail in Voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 8:14:31 PM

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Aloha

My support of the mail-in voting process is based on the fact that the primary turnout on Kauai is very low. In 2024, the primary turnout was 26%.

This count is not representative of eligible voters able to cast ballots for candidates of their choice. There are other situations preventing voter participation in person, especially those with disabilities.

Advocates for in-person only voting attempt to restrict eligible ones from participating. This is generally discriminatory and should be overruled.

If people aren't able to vote by mail, the turnout would be lower. Dismal voter turnout is not reflective of a viable system.

Sincerely,

Steven Nishimura

Kauai Resident  
Past Chair Kaua'i Democratic Party

**From:** [Kt Hancock](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in voting testimony  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 8:39:45 PM

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Aloha,

I live in Kaneohe and am writing in support of mail in voting. There have been many elections that I would not have been able to take the time off of work to go to a polling station and I have still been able to make my vote count by use of the mail in ballots. Additionally, we have a busy household with young children that makes standing in long lines for voting a logistical nightmare. This is also alleviated with mail in voting. My partner is often off-island for work and when work travel falls on Election Day, they have also been able to use the mail in vote prior to travel.

I have personally really enjoyed the ability to look at the ballot options for any new legislation or any unknown individuals running for office, do my research on the matter and consider the implications of both sides prior to submitting my ballot. This is not as easy of a feat with in person voting.

The drop boxes for mail in votes in my area are easy to access and are always secured appropriately.

Please continue to offer the mail in ballot service so that all of our community has a chance to share their voice.

Eliminating this option will reduce voter numbers, which becomes an unfair representation of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Katie Hancock

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Protect mail in voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 8:46:30 PM

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Aloha and good evening,

I am writing you this evening to urge you to keep mail in voting in the state of Hawai'i. Mail in ballots have long been a part of our democracy, dating back to the civil war. There is no proof of any sort, that voting by mail results in fraudulent results. None. By getting rid of mail in voting, more voters will be disenfranchised. Older individuals and people with disabilities, who are much less physically capable of getting around, depend on it as a way to make sure their voice is heard in elections. Do not bend the knee to a lawless president, behaving as a tyrant. Keep mail in voting in, in Hawai'i. Mahalo.

Mona Eisa  
[miszeisa@gmail.com](mailto:miszeisa@gmail.com)

**From:** [dheyak@aol.com](mailto:dheyak@aol.com)  
**To:** [OE.Elections](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Advocacy for the Continuation of Mail-In Ballots in Hawaii  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 8:48:42 PM

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Dear Esteemed Commissioners,

My name is Dheya Smith, and I was born and raised in Maui, Hawaii. I am writing to you today as a concerned resident of Hawaii to strongly urge the Commission to uphold and permanently maintain our current system of universal mail-in voting.

The implementation of mail-in ballots has been a resounding success across our islands, reinforcing the bedrock of our democracy by making the act of voting more accessible, secure, and representative. This system is uniquely suited to the geographical and demographic realities of our state. For residents across diverse islands, military families deployed overseas, the elderly, and working-class citizens juggling multiple responsibilities, mail-in voting eliminates barriers that traditional polling places often create. It ensures that participation is convenient, regardless of proximity to a precinct or ability to take time off work.

Furthermore, the data clearly demonstrates that this system has significantly boosted voter turnout, ensuring that a broader cross-section of Hawaii's population has their voice heard in our governance. Higher turnout leads to a more legitimate and representative democracy.

I want to acknowledge and address any concerns regarding election security. Hawaii's mail-in process is robust and secure, employing critical safeguards such as signature verification, detailed ballot tracking, and clear chain-of-custody procedures.

These measures ensure the integrity of every vote cast, maintaining public trust in the electoral process. The system is tried, tested, and proven safe.

Maintaining mail-in voting is not just about convenience; it is about protecting and expanding the franchise for all eligible voters in Hawaii. I respectfully ask that the Commission continue to champion this essential electoral method.

Thank you for your time and dedicated service to the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,  
Dheya Smith  
Haiku, Maui, Hawaii

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in voting  
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name: Brandon Sugiura

Getting rid of mail-in voting will help streamline the process and make it more effective.

Since it proposed in 2017, numbers had nearly doubled and people seemed to find it more easy than going to their nearest polling place in the island. Yes problems had existed, by the department was ready with resulting that would maintain the fairness of the elections. As a former temp worker of the department, I have seen the process in full and the problems. But with every registered voter now with ballots in their hands, they have helped risen the numbers of votes and voters than ever before. They maintained their closing call procedures and cut off when the department collects them. I'm tired of seeing Hawaii ranked, I want to see Hawaii make an impact knowing that we have a voice and the ballot reflects our vote.

I want to perpetuate mail in voting for the years to come and hopefully integrate it with in person voting.

I, Brandon Sugiura, motion to perpetuate the transition from in person to mail in voting come next voting cycle proposed in 2028.

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**From:** [Sara Collins](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Mail-in Elections and Comment on Agenda Items VII (a) and (c)  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 8:51:37 PM

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Aloha Members of the Hawaii Elections Commission,

As a longtime resident of Honolulu, I write to express my strong support for continuing Mail-In Elections. Mail-in voting is a safe, reliable, and convenient way for me to exercise my constitutional right to vote. I have used mail-in voting for years since it became available to voters here. Besides relieving me of the need to drive to a polling place, I can take my time to review the candidates and any issues on a ballot before voting as opposed to the very few minutes in a booth allowed in on-site voting. From my years of experience, I have never had cause to worry about the safety and confidentiality of my mail-in ballot or the accuracy of the election results. I have not seen or read of any credible evidence of fraudulent voting in Hawai'i or malfeasance by election officials. Voting by mail doesn't favor one political party over others. The online ballot tracking system works very well and I have used it in every election to be sure that my ballot was received and counted.

I also see that the agenda for the October 29, 2025 Elections Commission Meeting contains several "complaints" from Commissioner Cushnie. In particular, agenda items VII (a) and (c) appear to repeat prior claims Commissioner Cushnie has made about Hawaii County elections. These claims were thoroughly debunked in the September 2025 [report](#) made by the Permitted Interaction Group of the Hawaii Elections Commission:

In short, we find a **complete lack of credible evidence** to support the claim of a significant ballot discrepancy... We also reject any contention that the County is obligated to produce its confidential voter files in order to rebut an erroneous analysis. We have witnessed an unfortunate presumption in some quarters that any allegations of electoral wrongdoing are accurate unless disproven. As **these allegations lack an apparent basis**, we do not believe that the County is required to take additional steps. [Emphasis added]

Why is the Hawaii Elections Commission wasting more of its time (and public resources) on what have been shown to be baseless allegations?

I urge the Commissioners to set aside these recycled and groundless complaints and to work instead to protect and strengthen the mail-in voting process in Hawai'i. We should NOT be looking for ways to restrict or eliminate mail-in voting. We should be doing all we can to enable eligible citizens to vote in every election. Mail-in voting is an essential part of that effort.

Mahalo for considering my views.

Best,  
Sara Collins

**From:** [Desiree Kihano](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Testimony  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 8:52:57 PM

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Aloha Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Mail in Voting.

I am strongly in support of this continuing as it provides the option of voting at my convenience vs having to physically go to a specific polling location. I also appreciate that the Election Chair, Scott Nagao has continued to address concerns such as the additional drop box locations that were added in past elections, as I prefer to use that vs postal mail. Voting in person is no longer a viable option as arthritis makes standing in a long line painful.

I have to say though, during the last primary election, I waited till the last day to fill out my ballot and Dang! I made a mistake before I even chose the candidates

My only options were to not vote or brave the "crowds" and go in person.

I went in person to City Hall, called 1st to see how long the line was, there was none

Took my 6 yr old grandson & my dog (in her stroller) and was able to cast my ballot successfully. There were more election workers than voters. (Mid -day)

So yes, I strongly support the current system

btw; the stupid mistake I made on my ballot, I filled in Republican party instead of Democrat

My name is Desiree Kihano and I live in Palolo Valley. Email: [maile3@yahoo.com](mailto:maile3@yahoo.com)

Mahalo

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**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for 10/29/2025 Election Commission Meeting re: Mail in Voting  
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Name: Kenneth Morrison  
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City: Ewa Beach

Election Commission;

Mail-in voting has been critical for ensuring that everyone's voice is heard in our elections. The requirement of voting in person puts a significant burden on people who don't have the flexibility in their work or busy lives to take hours of their day to vote in-person, effectively disenfranchising our most vulnerable citizens. As we all know, there is no evidence of meaningful voter fraud due to mail-in voting, including in Hawaii, and so no reason currently exists to support any behavior that puts a burden on voters and causes economic costs to our state. Should there be concerns, the costs we would inherently incur by requiring in-person voting can instead be spent on auditing and security to ensure no burden is placed on the population that would limit the percentage of voter turnout.

For these reasons, I must demand the election commission reject any efforts to curtail or end mail-in voting in Hawaii.

Thank you!  
Kenneth Morrison

**From:** [maryellen tuttell](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony On Mail In Voting System  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 9:13:22 PM

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Aloha Commissioners:

Please do not change the state's mail in voting system. Our representation needs to reflect the wishes of all eligible voters. We should be encouraging voters to participate in elections and making it easy to do so. There is no evidence of any irregularities adversely affecting our elections. The fear mongering by the right wing about election security is a cover for their concerns that if all eligible voters vote, they will lose. The right wing attacks on free and fair elections across the nation are baseless and appalling. Please do not allow them and their conspiracy theories and baseless attacks on our elections to reduce voter access in Hawaii.

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Mahalo!  
Maryellen Tuttell  
Kailua Kona, Hawaii

**From:** [Bonnie Kakinami](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in Voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 9:18:06 PM

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Please continue mail in voting.

1. It is convenient.
2. Accessibility for many more people.
3. More time to make thoughtful decisions.
4. Having the ballot at home and seeing it reminds people to VOTE
5. Seeing parents vote sets a good example for kids.
6. Many more people send in ballots than go to the polls

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Bonnie Kakinami

**From:** [Gerald Montano](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Protecting Vote by Mail & Integrity of the Elections Commission  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 9:33:16 PM

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Aloha Members of the Hawai'i Elections Commission,

I am writing as a proud Hawai'i voter deeply concerned about current efforts to eliminate our state's vote-by-mail system. Hawai'i has long been a model for voter access, inclusion, and integrity. Our vote-by-mail process has proven to be secure, efficient, and overwhelmingly popular among Hawai'i residents.

For many of us, mail-in voting is not only a matter of convenience—it's a matter of *democracy in action*. Having the ballot at home allows voters the time to study candidates and ballot measures carefully, to discuss them with family and friends, and to make thoughtful, informed choices. This is especially important in a state where many people work multiple jobs, have family caregiving responsibilities, or live in rural areas far from polling places.

Additionally, as a healthcare provider, finding time to vote during our busy schedules can be challenging. Mail-in voting allows us to participate in democracy and give back to the community through our services. Restricting mail in voters will make it difficult for our health care workers--who are already overwhelmed with high demands--to participate in the voting process.

There is no evidence of widespread fraud in Hawai'i's mail-in voting system—or anywhere else in the United States. What we are seeing now is not a good-faith effort to strengthen election integrity, but part of a coordinated national campaign driven by MAGA extremists to make voting harder, to intimidate people at the polls, and to sow distrust in democracy itself. Restricting access to mail-in ballots does not protect elections—it undermines them.

Our vote-by-mail system increases participation, empowers citizens to make informed choices, and strengthens trust in the democratic process. Attempts to dismantle it are attempts to silence voters who may not agree with the current far-right agenda. These efforts are not about preventing fraud—they are about restricting access, because those pushing them know they cannot win when every eligible voter has the opportunity to cast a ballot.

I urge you to stand firm in protecting Hawai'i's mail-in voting system and to reject any attempt to roll it back. We must not allow national partisan tactics to erode the trust and fairness that Hawai'i's voters have built together over decades.

Please continue to uphold the right of every eligible citizen in our islands to vote safely, securely, and with dignity.

Mahalo for your service and for safeguarding our democracy.

With respect and aloha,

**Gerald T. Montano**

Kahului

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**From:** [Samuel Mitchell](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Writing in strong support of maintaining and expanding access to mail-in voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 10:09:26 PM

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Election Commission, Mahalo for the opportunity to testify:

My name is Samuel Moriwaki Mitchell. I am Kama'āina and a resident of Hawai'i. I've also been a long-time elected member of the City & County of Honolulu Makiki Neighborhood Board #10 and was twice a Presidential elector for Hawaii. I am writing in strong support of maintaining and expanding access to mail-in voting.

Mail-in voting is one of the most secure, convenient, and inclusive ways to ensure every eligible voter has a voice in our democracy. It's not a partisan issue — it's a participation issue. Across the country, states that have implemented vote-by-mail systems report higher voter turnout, fewer errors, and strong verification safeguards.

For many people — including seniors, students, working parents, military members, and those with health or mobility challenges — mail-in voting is not just a convenience, it's a necessity. It ensures that every citizen, regardless of their schedule, health, or access to transportation, can exercise their constitutional right to vote.

Hawai'i has shown that when mail-in voting is made accessible and well-managed, participation increases and trust in the process grows. Voters can track their ballots, verify receipt, and have confidence that their vote is counted. We should be focused on making voting easier, not harder. Strengthening mail-in voting — through clear communication, accessible drop boxes, and timely ballot processing — supports civic engagement and upholds the integrity of our elections.

In short, mail-in voting is safe, secure, and essential to a healthy democracy. Please continue supporting and improving this system so that every voice can be heard.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to protecting the right to vote.

Respectfully,

Samuel Moriwaki Mitchell & Mae Mitchell

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**From:** [Barbara Natale](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony IN SUPPORT of Mail-In-Voting  
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Aloha,

I am IN SUPPORT of mail-in-voting. Since mail-in-voting has occurred in Hawaii, I have had the opportunity to really research those on the ballot and make an informed decision before casting my vote. I was able to take as much time as I needed in my own home and also discuss with family members.

I did not need to take time off of work to vote; I was able to simply drive down to the District Park and put it in the voting box. VERY CONVENIENT.

Besides my own personal support, here are other reasons why keeping mail-in-voting makes sense:

**Greater voter participation:** Since transitioning to vote-by-mail, Hawaii has experienced higher voter turnout. For example, a 2023 study found that Hawaii saw a 14% increase in turnout of registered voters between the 2016 and 2020 presidential elections. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/20531680221089197>

**Enough ballots:** In 2012, 51 polling places in Hawaii ran out of paper ballots. The Hawaii Elections Commission was told that the elections office had used the wrong formula to determine how many ballots would be needed. Additionally, some voters were given the wrong ballots.

**Non-Partisan Favor:** There is no evidence to suggest that voting by mail favors one party over another. The Stanford study found that the increase in voting changed the amount of voting but not the composition of eligible voters. It didn't favor any racial, age, or economic groups. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f0cxGEvuqJ-aYl0nRQyq62Glo6bWquXC/view>

**Ballot tracking:** Hawaii voters can sign up for notifications to track their ballot, receiving alerts when it has been mailed, received, and accepted for counting. This increases transparency and provides peace of mind.

**Multiple return options:** Voted ballots can be returned by mail or dropped off at designated "places of deposit" located across the islands, providing flexible options for voters.

**Reduces the cost of recruiting and training poll workers:** This allows local election officials and county election officials to focus on other problems.

**Fraud is extremely rare:** Hawaii's election officials maintain that robust security protocols are in place to ensure the integrity of the vote. These protocols include a "cure process" that allows voters to fix signature mismatches, which further secures the validation process.

**Paper trail for security:** All mail-in voting uses hand-marked paper ballots, which are considered the "gold standard" for election security. This provides a paper trail for potential recounts or audits, including risk-limiting audits.

**Workload management:** The all-mail system allows election officials to process and scrutinize ballots over a longer period, reducing the administrative burden on Election Day and enabling them to catch potential issues early.

**Faster results (in some cases):** While not guaranteed, the ability to pre-process ballots ahead of Election Day can expedite the release of results. This helps combat

misinformation that can arise from slow ballot counting.

Mahalo,  
Barbara Natale  
Kalihi Valley

**From:** [Esme Gwyn Damon](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In support of mail-in voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 10:19:00 PM

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Dear Elections Commission,

Thank you for accepting my testimony today. My name is Esme Damon and I was born and raised in Hawai'i and currently reside in Kaimukī. I am asking you to please maintain and expand access to mail-in voting as it is a very secure and convenient way for citizens who may not otherwise be able to vote, to have the opportunity to exercise this very important right. As a single mom with two young children I know firsthand how much more feasible of an option mail-in ballot casting is compared to traditional voting. As a social worker I can attest that without this service it would make it difficult for many in our community to get their vote counted due to many issues related to mobility and access. Please continue to support and improve the mail-in voting system rather than eliminate it in order to ensure continued access to all. Voting is a fundamental right afforded to all citizens that should be protected and encouraged by being made as seamless and secure as possible.

Mahalo kindly,  
Esme Damon  
Kaimukī, HI

**From:** [JoAnn Yukimura](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail-In Voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 11:17:38 PM

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Chair Curtis and Members of the Hawai'i Elections Commission--

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on the very important issue of Mail-In Voting.

I urge you to support and strengthen Mail-In Voting for Hawai'i as an important component of a democracy.

When my parents were young adults on Kaua'i in the 1950's, voting turnout was in the 80-90 percentile. We need to get back to those percentages to ensure that the people we elect and the issues we pass are truly supported by a majority of those who are eligible to vote.

By making voting easy, comfortable, and convenient, Mail-In Voting makes it more likely that people will vote.

It has been shown over and over again that Mail-In Voting can be done securely if properly administered. Not only has Mail-In voting been used for State and County elections on Kaua'i. We also use it to elect our Kauai Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) Board, and there have been no problems.

If there are problems with the administration of voting that have been well documented, then correct that, but don't throw out the good with the bad.

Please support and continue Mail-In Voting for County and State elections.

Mahalo nui loa!

*Me ke aloha,*  
*JoAnn A. Yukimura*



**From:** [Cindy Hartman](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] mail-in voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 11:52:12 PM

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It just came to my attention today that the poorly-informed Republican members of the HI Elections Commission are pushing to eliminate mail-in voting. It's well-established that mail-in voting is no less secure than voting in-person. Everyone in the US should have this option.

I'm 75 & live in a very remote area of the Big Island. Mail-in voting allows me to cast my vote without seeking some kind of dispensation, should I choose to travel last minute or become ill & unable to get to the polls on election day. Please continue to allow all Hawai'i residents to continue mail-in voting.

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**From:** [Buck Joiner](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In support of voting by mail  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 11:55:30 PM

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I am 83, deaf and seldom leave home. Voting by mail is quantum levels easier AND BETTER than going to the polls. The primary reason is that it gives me an opportunity to review all of the candidates and all of the issues IN DEPTH prior to voting.

Buck Joiner  
Kihei, Maui

**From:** [Joan Levy](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Election by mail testimony  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 1:13:34 AM

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meeting 10am , Oct 29,

Please maintain and in fact expand mail in voting. It makes no sense not to do so. In whatever ways that we can expedite the people's vote it is very important to do so. Especially now. There is no down side. Only beneficial. For the voters. For the timely receipt and counting of votes. For expanded access. Your message to the voters is to make voting as accessible as possible.

Thank you for voting for mail in voting!

Sincerely,  
Joan Levy,  
310 Kihapai St  
Kapaa, HI. 96746

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [NADINE FERRARO](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Protect Mail-In Voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 3:37:47 AM

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To: Election Commission  
From: Nadine Ferraro  
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RE: Why I Want Mail-In Voting

I have been using mail-in voting for years with complete confidence in this system because:

- Elderly people and others who may have mobility issues, or physical limitations can easily and safely cast votes from home.
- Working people can vote without missing work.
- Parents with young children don't need to find childcare in order to vote.
- Inclement weather such as heavy rain, and wind; or, extra high-temperatures won't deter, or delay voting.
- It's been found that there's little to no fraud

Mahalo for this opportunity to express my view that mail-in voting is working well!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [LAUREL PETTERSON](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in ballots  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 5:00:00 AM

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Elections Commission,

There are many of us who have limited ability to physically go to a voting location. This may be bad health , lack of transportation or even a complicated work schedule. We want to vote. A mail in ballot is the only opportunity we have; please keep this available for us.

Many thanks, Laurel Petterson McGraw  
Kauai, 96746

**From:** [Miso One](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote by Mail and Election Integrity  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 5:24:46 AM

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My name is Jim and I live partway up Wilhelmina Rise. My neighbors are a variety of older multigenerational families, young working families and a few younger college students. I believe everyone in my neighborhood deserves an opportunity to vote.

And isn't that the goal of a healthy democracy, to ensure everyone can vote? To ensure that every eligible citizen has a genuine, practical and accessible way to cast their ballot. Democracy should not create hurdles and test a voter's endurance, flexibility, and free time.

Providing a secure, reliable, and universal option for mail-in balloting is not just a convenience, it's a necessity for a truly representative democracy.

Think about the single mother working two jobs, who can't afford to take time off. Think about the nurse or the factory worker on a 12-hour shift that starts before the polls open and ends after they close. For them, voting in person on a specific Tuesday isn't a simple civic duty; it's a logistical nightmare. They are forced to choose between a day's pay and their right to vote. That is not a fair choice.

What about our older citizens? What about a grandfather who is perfectly sharp but has difficulty with mobility? Or a neighbor with a disability or a chronic illness? Should they be forced to navigate transportation, stand in long lines, and risk their health just to participate? Voting should not be an obstacle course. Providing a mail-in option says to these citizens: "Your voice matters, and we will not make you overcome a physical barrier to be heard."

Mail-in balloting offers a benefit to *all* of us. It respects the voter.

And let's be clear: this accessibility does not come at the cost of security. Mail-in ballot systems are built with strong safeguards. The most critical is signature verification, where election officials meticulously match the signature on the ballot envelope to the verified signature they have on file for that voter. This is a proven, reliable way to ensure the integrity of every vote.

Making our democracy more accessible does not make it weaker. It makes it stronger. It invites more people into the process. Mail-in balloting works, it's a system that ensures every voice—whether they are working late, at home with an illness, or simply being a diligent citizen—has the opportunity to be counted.

Thank you.

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**From:** [Diana Sanchez](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support mail-in voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 6:14:47 AM

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To the Hawaii Elections Commission:

Mail-in voting gives me a chance to vote in a less-hurried and organized way.

I appreciate the opportunity to use mail-in voting and urge the Hawaii Elections Commission to retain this option in order to practice democratic citizenship.

Thank you!

Diana Sanchez  
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**From:** [Diane Ware](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 6:38:39 AM

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Dear Chair and Commissioners,

I support mail in voting with the possibility of greater walk in/drop off for those who choose that option. I am 77 and have voted by mail for years. I occasionally had problems with the electronic machines when voting in person.

I do support an audit to determine the degree of accuracy of the elections and upgrading accountability of the election process.

Respectfully,

Diane Ware  
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**From:** [Stacie Burke](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Protect mail in voting  
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Aloha Commissioners

I ask that you do all in your power to preserve mail in voting. I could give you volumes of data in support of mail in voting, but in these polarizing times I feel it would be best to share a personal experience.

My civic minded father was hospitalized during the last Presidential election. It brought him great joy to be able to participate one last time.

Please ensure that the citizens of Hawai'i are not robbed of a fair election. Do not restrict mail in voting.

Mahalo

Stacie Maile Burke  
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'Aiea Hawai'i 96701

**From:** [Patty Wright](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 6:42:32 AM

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I am Patricia D Wright of Kailua O'ahu. I am testifying to urge the commission to continue mail-in ballots. I have cast my vote in every election by mail-in for many years. I know that the system is secure and it is a great convenience to this 91 year old!

The Republicans want fewer people to vote and I fear they want to go to the polling place so they can have military presence to intimidate and challenge voters. This must not happen. Please retain our election system as it is - it is working great.

Sincerely, Patricia D Wright, 529 Paokano Loop, Kailua.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Carolyn Rose-Smith](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dr. Carolyn Rose-Smith Testimony in Support of Mail-In Voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 6:48:37 AM

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Good Morning Election Commission,

My name is Dr. Carolyn Rose-Smith, and I am an Air Force Veteran. I live in Mililani. I fully support mail-in voting. When I was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base, I was able to use the secure mail-in voting method to vote in my state of residence. Mail-in voting allows citizens to increase their participation in elections, regardless of their political affiliation. Everyone can use mail-in voting, and reputable research has shown that mail-in voting does not favor one political party over another.

Since moving to Oahu, Hawaii, with my family, my husband, Dr. Scott Rose-Smith, and I, appreciate that we were able to use mail-in voting. Mail-in voting is secure; therefore, its benefits outweigh any arguments to eliminate it. Especially now, when everyone's health should be a priority, mail-in voting reduces everyone's exposure to illness, both voters and poll workers. Many people have weakened immune systems and should be protected, including the elderly and those with underlying conditions. Mail-in voting increases everyone's accessibility to voting, including people with disabilities. There are many people with disabilities, including military veterans. Therefore, mail-in voting is beneficial to people who are vulnerable.

The bottom line is that mail-in voting should be a right that is always protected for everyone. We should all strive to look out for each other, protect each other, and make each other's lives better. This includes making it easier for everyone to participate in our political system, so that their voices can be heard. My email address is [carolyn.rosesmith@yahoo.com](mailto:carolyn.rosesmith@yahoo.com). Thank you for your time. Have a great day!

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Pamela Davis-Lee](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] A PLEA TO KEEP mail-in voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 6:53:27 AM

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Mahalo Members of the Hawai'i Elections Commission for listening to my plea to keep mail-in voting.

When I mail my ballot in the secured envelope, I feel that the process validates my freedom to elect candidates of my choice. I feel lucky we live in Hawaii and lucky democracy ensures my freedom of choice.

When I mail my ballot in the secured envelope, I feel that my vote counts because the process of counting and recording the votes of all is protected and secured.

When I mail my ballot in the secured envelope, I feel that the Hawai'i Elections Commission will protect the rights of Hawai'i people to vote by mail or in person.

They and volunteers will act with integrity to ensure the procedures to receive, count and record the votes are securely and justly handled.

Pamela Lee  
Hawai'i Kai







**From:** [HENRIETTA JONES](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] testimony to support mail in voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 6:55:52 AM

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I support the continued practice of mail in voting in Hawaii. First, It is an easy process-the ballot is mailed to your place of residence and you mail it back. Second, you avoid standing in long lines to cast your ballot. Third, the mail in voting process allows those that are home bound the opportunity to vote. My sister age 88 is not able to leave her house and the mail in ballot allowed her to cast her vote. She stated "I am an American and it is my duty and responsibility to vote in an election, I am proud to be given the opportunity to fulfill my obligation." if mail in voting is not longer an option she will not be able to vote.

Mahalo,  
HENRIETTA JONES  
Resident of Kaimuki

**From:** [Kathryn Shawhan](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Protect our Mail in Vote!  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 7:05:44 AM

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Please retain and protect our mail -in vote in Hawaii! Many of us are not able to attend this election commission meeting to stand up for this election access right due to our own economical (job), physical (disability), or geographic limitations. Regardless of in-person or mail-in access, there will always be a level of scrutiny required to assure accuracy. In-person voting will not prevent that. Yet, it will definitely present barriers to thousands of residents such as ourselves. Don't make it more difficult for our residents to participate in this democratic process. We greatly appreciate your support in this process.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Shawhan

And

Alpheus Mathis

Of Kaneohe, O'ahu, Hawaii

Honolulukats@gmail.com

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Mary Lee Knapstad](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support vote-by-mail  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 7:12:53 AM

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Voting by mail strikes me as a way to promote voting accessibility. All those who are eligible to vote should be able to vote. I believe voting by mail is fair and secure. To get rid of it smacks of voter suppression, along with so many other measures that one party has promoted in an apparent attempt to lead the U.S. into fascism. For god's sake, keep it! Do not cave to these bullies.

Mary Lee Knapstad  
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Volcano, HI  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Larry woody](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in voting  
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Why mail in voting? My wife and I get our ballots, sit down and go over candidates and questions together. Get in our car and head out to drop off box. We take a picture of us dropping ballots in box. Text picture of us to our sons, "we voted it is your turn". This is done within 48 hours of receiving ballots. We follow up on line to see where ballots are. Mail in is fast, organized, and safe. If mail in is taken away by Republicans, it will be chaotic, and frustrating at voting stations. Less people will vote. Must not be taken away. Thank you, Larry

**From:** [Danae 96761](mailto:danae96761@gmail.com)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](mailto:OE.Elections.Commission)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Protect Hawai'i VOTE BY MAIL & Integrity of Elections Commission  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 7:43:18 AM

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Aloha members of the Elections Commission,

I am a female resident of Hawaii who's ancestors resided here 7 generations. I writing to submit testimony in support of continuing to offer the much needed ability to vote by mail.

Where I reside on Maui and where I just purchased a new home on Hawai'i island are both rural areas. I experienced having to drive over 30 minutes just to vote and then being forced to stand in line for hours waiting to get into a voting booth. Last election I was forced to give up over 5 hours of my day that literally cost me hundreds of dollars of my work/career time as I stood in line to exercise my right to vote. I do this because every vote is important and it wasn't long ago a single, indigenous female like me was able to vote.

I witnessed some of our most vulnerable community members--elderly and mothers caring for small children at their feet who were forced to stand in line for hours. These lines on Maui were out in the hot sun and no water was provided. It is 2025, there is no reason for voters to have to suffer like this. Well, it does make me think that some powers in office want it to be so difficult and discouraging in order to prevent the people from voting. This is simply unacceptable.

I urge you to keep mail in voting in place so that more of our most vulnerable community members are able to vote without facing dire and unnecessary conditions waiting in line.

Please don't forget that your role includes correct representation of the people here. Please continue to make voting more accessible to all who deserve to participate in electing our future representatives.

Sincerely,

Danae Marin

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**From:** [Lani Twomey](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony - Hawai'i Elections Commission - Meeting Oct. 29, 2025  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 7:48:07 AM

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I support continued use of Vote-by-Mail in Hawaii.

I was born and raised in Hawaii and have lived here for all of my adult life. I have also voted in every election here since I was able to register in 1969.

Having all this experience with voting, and also having actively participated in the elections process, I am a firm believer that VOTE BY MAIL in Hawai'i is absolutely the way to go for a number of reasons. Mail-In voting provides these benefits to us voters and to the State of Hawaii

- Removes significant barriers to voting in the polling stations such as having to work during the voting hours or not being able to drive to the polling stations.
- Gives voters the opportunity to make more informed decisions on ballot issues. It permits me time to research both issues and candidates prior to filling in my ballot.
- Permits voters to safely vote in the privacy of their own home. Recently there have been reports on the mainland of ICE agents stationing themselves outside of polling stations. This is intimidating for some voters to the point that they turn around and don't vote. Though I don't think we've seen that yet, ICE has been active in picking up people in our islands. Who knows what they would do at our polling stations if everyone had to do walk-in voting. I believe the majority of us here are hapa so I guess we're all suspicious in the eyes of ICE personnel.
- Permits family members to help their kupuna with the voting process. For example, reminding them to sign their completed ballot at the appropriate spot.
- Gives voters convenient, secure choices for turning in their completed ballots - mail back, drop in an official secure drop box or walk into one of the walk-in vote locations.

I'm appalled that election commissioners would possibly be advocating to rescind Hawai'i's VOTE BY MAIL law and intend to convey my support for this process to my own State Legislators.

There are ways to improve on VOTE BY MAIL such as adding more secure drop boxes and also adding more walk-in locations (perhaps allowing more rural/remote sites to be provided for shorter windows of time).

Mahalo for this opportunity to convey support for VOTE BY MAIL.

Please confirm receipt of this testimony.

Mahalo,  
Lani Twomey

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**From:** [Danielle Goren](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Election Commission Testimony  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 7:52:37 AM

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Aloha Members of the Election Commission,

My name is Danielle Goren, and I live in Lahaina on Maui, my zip code is 96761. My e-mail address is [daniellenicole31@gmail.com](mailto:daniellenicole31@gmail.com). As a proud Hawai'i voter deeply concerned about current efforts to eliminate our great state's vote-by-mail system, I feel compelled to provide my testimony via e-mail in support of mail-in voting:

Vote-by-mail is proven to be secure, efficient, and overwhelmingly popular in Hawai'i. As a model for voter access, inclusion, and integrity to democracy, Hawai'i must ensure that mail-in voting remains an option.

I personally find it of utmost importance to have my ballot at home to study candidates and ballot measures in order to make informed, thoughtful decisions in support of our democracy. Living on the West side of Maui, we experience road closures and traffic delays that can impede our ability to vote in person. Having the option to mail-in vote ensures that us on the West side have our fair opportunity to vote.

There is no evidence of widespread fraud in our mail-in voting system. I reject this coordinated attempt by extremists to disenfranchise and limit the ability of our citizens to vote. I respectfully beseech you to reject these attempts to erode our fragile democracy as well.

I leave you with these words from Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th President of the United States, in his special message to the Congress, "The American Promise," wherein he speaks for the dignity of man and the destiny of democracy, outlining the principles of the bill he was about to send to the Congress, designed to eliminate the illegal barriers to the right to vote, what is now the Civil Rights Act of 1964:

*"There is no constitutional issue here. The command of the Constitution is plain.*

*There is no moral issue. It is wrong - deadly wrong - to deny any of your fellow Americans the right to vote in this country.*

*There is no issue of States rights or national rights. There is only the struggle for human rights.*

...

*We cannot, we must not, refuse to protect the right of every American to vote in every election that he may desire to participate in. ...*

*For from the window where i sit with the problems of our country, I recognize that outside this chamber is the outraged conscience of a nation, the grave concern of many nations, and the harsh judgment of history on our acts.*

...

*These are the enemies: poverty, ignorance, disease. They are the enemies and not our fellow man, not our neighbor. And these enemies too, poverty, disease, and ignorance, we shall overcome.*

*But let each of us look within our own hearts and our own communities, and let each of us put our shoulder to the wheel to root out injustice wherever it exists.*

*It is We The People who must make good the promise of America.*

*For at the real heart of battle for equality is a deep-seated belief in the democratic process. Equality depends not on the force of arms or tear gas, but upon the force of moral right; not on recourse to violence, but on respect for law and order.*

*In Selma, as everywhere, we seek and pray for peace. We seek order. We seek unity. But we will not accept the peace of stifled rights, or the order imposed by fear, or the unity that stifles protest. For peace cannot be purchased at the cost of liberty."*

I ask you, Members of the Election Commission, to utilize this opportunity for you to look within your own hearts, within our own community, and put your shoulders to the wheel to root out injustice as it presents itself here: in the unconstitutional attempt to limit access to the democratic institution via mail-in voting. Our mission, as We The People, is to right wrong, to do justice, and to serve our fellow man. Please honor these tenets as guardians of "liberty and justice for all."

Mahalo to you all.

With respect and aloha,

Danielle Goren  
Lahaina, Maui

P.S.

I urge you all to read the full text of President Johnson's special message to the congress. You can access it at <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/242211>

**From:** [Craig Udy](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:00:53 AM

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Please preserve mail in voting. As a disabled person, I rely on mail in voting.

Craig Udy  
1031 Nuuanu Ave Apt 905

**From:** [Jason Lewis](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Election Commission Testimony  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:03:15 AM

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Aloha Members of the Election Commission,

My name is Jason Lewis, and I live in Lahaina on Maui, my zip code is 96761. My e-mail address is [dvrjason77@aim.com](mailto:dvrjason77@aim.com). As a proud Hawai'i voter deeply concerned about current efforts to eliminate our great state's vote-by-mail system, I feel compelled to provide my testimony via e-mail in support of mail-in voting:

Vote-by-mail is proven to be secure, efficient, and overwhelmingly popular in Hawai'i. As a model for voter access, inclusion, and integrity to democracy, Hawai'i must ensure that mail-in voting remains an option.

I personally find it of utmost importance to have my ballot at home to study candidates and ballot measures in order to make informed, thoughtful decisions in support of our democracy. Living on the West side of Maui, we experience road closures and traffic delays that can impede our ability to vote in person. Having the option to mail-in vote ensures that us on the West side have our fair opportunity to vote.

There is no evidence of widespread fraud in our mail-in voting system. I reject this coordinated attempt by extremists to disenfranchise and limit the ability of our citizens to vote. I respectfully beseech you to reject these attempts to erode our fragile democracy as well.

I leave you with these words from Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th President of the United States, in his special message to the Congress, "The American Promise," wherein he speaks for the dignity of man and the destiny of democracy, outlining the principles of the bill he was about to send to the Congress, designed to eliminate the illegal barriers to the right to vote, what is now the Civil Rights Act of 1964:

*"There is no constitutional issue here. The command of the Constitution is plain.*

*There is no moral issue. It is wrong - deadly wrong - to deny any of your fellow Americans the right to vote in this country.*

*There is no issue of States rights or national rights. There is only the struggle for human rights.*

...

*We cannot, we must not, refuse to protect the right of every American to vote in every election that he may desire to participate in. ...*

*For from the window where i sit with the problems of our country, I recognize that outside this chamber is the outraged conscience of a nation, the grave concern of many nations, and the harsh judgment of history on our acts.*

...

*These are the enemies: poverty, ignorance, disease. They are the enemies and not our fellow man, not our neighbor. And these enemies too, poverty, disease, and ignorance, we shall overcome.*

*But let each of us look within our own hearts and our own communities, and let each of us put our shoulder to the wheel to root out injustice wherever it exists.*

*It is We The People who must make good the promise of America.*

*For at the real heart of battle for equality is a deep-seated belief in the democratic process. Equality depends not on the force of arms or tear gas, but upon the force of moral right; not on recourse to violence, but on respect for law and order.*

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Mahalo to you all.

With respect and aloha,

Jason Lewis  
Lahaina, Maui

**From:** [Lisa Gibson](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] SUPPORT FOR VOTE BY MAIL  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:07:16 AM

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***Aloha - I would like to request confirmation of receipt of this testimony.  
Mahalo, Lisa Gibson***

**TO: THE HAWAII ELECTIONS COMMISSION - Meeting Wed., October 29, 2025**

**SUPPORT FOR VOTE BY MAIL**

***I have never missed an election in my life. And, I have never missed an election in the more than 50 years I have lived in Hawaii.***

***Mail-In voting removes significant barriers and I believe also gives voters a better opportunity to carefully weigh ballot decisions.***

***I'm appalled that election commissioners would possibly be advocating to rescind Hawaii's VOTE BY MAIL law and do intend to convey my support for this process to my own State Legislators.***

***While there are ways to improve on VOTE BY MAIL, this program is critical for Hawaii to increase voter participation.***

***Mahalo for this opportunity to convey support for VOTE BY MAIL.***

***Lisa H. Gibson  
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(808) 753-5475***

**From:** [Mike Golojuch](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Strong Support for Hawaii's All-Mail Voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:11:00 AM

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Chair and Election Commissioners,  
I'm in strong support of our current All-Mail Voting. Even before All-Mail Voting started, I regularly would do a mail-in ballot when it was available.

The current system does allow people to vote in person if they desire. All-Mail allows those with any disability or seniors to vote without leaving their residence.

Thank you for letting me provide my viewpoint.

Sincerely,  
Mike Golojuch  
Makakilo

**From:** [Robert M. Armstrong](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Keep voting by mail  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:20:24 AM

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I realize my testimony is last minute but please do NOT eliminate a great, affordable, easy way to participate in democracy because a few people can't cope with CHANGE.

Change is inevitable and necessary and the ridiculous specter of LOUD folks lining up for hours on election day or attending this Wednesday's meeting because they can't cope with positive change must not sway us from what is right!

Yes, an informational/public relations system needs to be in place (and perhaps a few more in-person voting sites at libraries) but the current voting procedures works, is verifiable, and FAIR.

We all also know that eliminating mail-in voting is a conservative talking point and action plan.

To give in to this terrorism, would make you complicit in aiding the destruction of our threatened democracy here in Hawaii.  
Keep mail-in voting as it is!

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**From:** [Betty Burdick](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in Ballots  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:25:05 AM

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Please don't take away our mail ballots!

I am a Hawaii resident, registered voter, and senior citizen. I vote in every election. I strongly support mail-in voting. It is very easy and extremely convenient. There's no chance of missing a vote because of bad weather or poor health.

**I URGE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF HAWAII MAIL-IN VOTING.**

I am unavailable to participate in the hearing on October 29 either in person or virtually.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Burdick

State House District: 26  
Precinct: 01  
State Senatorial District: 11  
Congressional District: 1  
City Council District: 6

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**From:** [Jennifer Schember-Lang](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in SUPPORT of Mail-In Voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:38:23 AM  
**Attachments:** Testimony\_Elections Commission\_10.29.2025.docx

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Please see attached personal testimony. Thank you.

Jennifer Schember-Lang, Voter  
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jschember-lang@hotmail.com

TO: Hawaii Elections Commission

FROM: Jennifer Schember-Lang  
Voter and Resident of Kailua, Hawaii

RE: Testimony in SUPPORT of Mail-in Voting

DATE: October 29, 2025

I submit this testimony to support the continued practice of mail-in voting in Hawaii elections. I have been a resident of Kailua, Hawaii for 37 years and I am proud to have exercised by right and civic responsibility to vote in all elections since that time.

I recall the switch to mail-in voting and believe it is a superior method with significant security procedures in place. Rather than stand in line, my ballot is delivered directly to me. I have time to review it, research any issues, think through the candidate's positions (as needed), and make my decisions in a timely manner. I must sign the ballot envelope and I know my individualized signature will be reviewed to assure I am eligible to vote.

Security of ballots is assured as they are picked up from the post office and transported in secure containers. And ballots are processed by teams of trained election staff to ensure the integrity of the counting process.

Mail-in voting has been in existence for a significant length of time. It is fair, it does not favor any candidate or party, it is secure, and it should continue.

Thank you.

**From:** [Scott Larson](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Keep mail in ballots, mahalo  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:45:31 AM

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Aloha Hawaii leaders

I live in Honaunau on the Big Island. I have voted every election using the mail in ballots provided by Hawaii election laws and wish the rest of the country would make this an option and, ideally, a requirement.

Please please please keep mail in ballots for all Hawaii elections.

It's so much easier for me to make informed choices after the ballot arrives in the mail using the Internet without causing delays for others in line, safer for me to cast my vote from home, and easier on the environment.

This option is a blessing I have used in the past in every state that offered this.

Mahalo, Scott Larson

**From:** [KEVIN J H WONG](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail In Voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:45:53 AM

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My name is Kevin Wong

I am in support of Mail In Voting and the Election Commission.

In recent times, there appears to be a group of people who are trying to limit our rights to vote. They employ various tactics to subvert and undermine the election process. The majority of their accusations and claims are without any evidence or proof. In the end all they're doing is wasting our time and resources.

Thank you all for the hard work and dedication to protecting our basic rights to vote and voice our opinions.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [gpalmer002@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:gpalmer002@hawaii.rr.com)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] continue mail-in voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:12:56 AM

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Dear folks,

I would like to continue to have the option of mail in voting. There have been times in the past where I have needed this due to family obligations and once for travel. I very much want to participate in choosing those who will be in the government and this has allowed me to do so. Please maintain this option. Thank you very much,

James Palmer 2118-A Kanealii Ave Honolulu, HI 96813

[gpalmer002@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:gpalmer002@hawaii.rr.com)

**From:** [Angelina Keighley](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in Ballots  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:24:38 AM

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Aloha,

Mail in ballots are essential to keep voting accessible for all registered voters.

I have voted in every election since I requested ballots. More than 20 years.

I am a better informed voter. With time to read everything and do research, I am able to participate fully.

Disabled friends would not be able to vote if they had to walk and stand in line. A 100 year old neighbor votes in every election from home in Kailua. She insists we all vote.

We need to encourage everyone to vote.

Mahalo

Patricia Keighley

Honolulu

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

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**From:** [Osler Andres](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] protect mail-in voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:28:25 AM

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**To the Esteemed Members of the Election Commission,**

I am 92 years old. I have lived and voted in Hawaii for most of my life, a privilege I hold sacred.

Today, however, I must rely on a written statement because I am physically unable to appear before you. I am battling end-stage renal disease, which confines me to my home and requires continuous, critical medical care. The simple act of traveling to my precinct polling place is difficult.

I am a citizen, I have opinions, and I have the right to choose my representatives. My inability to leave my house due to disability and advanced age should not result in the denial of my fundamental constitutional right to vote. A mail-in ballot is not a convenience for me; it is the **only way** for me to exercise the franchise I cherish and fought to preserve throughout my life.

I implore you to support legislation that makes mail-in voting the standard, accessible method for all residents. Do not allow illness or age to disenfranchise those who have dedicated their lives to this community. Please ensure that every elderly and disabled resident of Hawaii can cast their ballot with dignity and safety, right from their own homes.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

OB Andres

**From:** [Charlene Avallone](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony: Keep the option to vote by mail  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:30:46 AM

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To the Hawai'i Elections Commission:

Both principle and facts weigh against eliminating the mail-in vote.

A democracy should promote ways to involve citizens in exercising their right to vote not restrict that right. The option of the mail-in vote makes it not only easier for some to vote, but possible for those who cannot vote in person. This is true for voters of all political parties.

The greatest objection to the mail-in vote comes from those who perpetuate the myth that it promotes voter fraud. But there simply is not evidence to support this claim. The nonpartisan Brennan Center for Social Justice, for example, reports that numerous investigations into fraudulent voting by mail, including investigation sponsored by the Trump administration, have been unable to discover evidence of significant fraud.

The current system works well. I urge that we protect it here in Hawai'i.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Charlene Avallone  
Kailua

**From:** [Dana St.Claire](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:36:12 AM

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I write to you today to say it is imperative to keep mail-in voting alive and well in the State of Hawaii. Please don't allow our "blue" state to be misguided by a few noisy MAGA reactionaries.

You have to admit, mail-in voting suits the diverse Hawaii electorate. We want to encourage voting, not hog-tie it. Many people... seniors, working folk, shut-ins... would be challenged to make it to a voting station. That's why mail-in voting is ideal for our State.

Those trying to end mail-in voting are simply apeing Trump's disrespect for diversity and fear the out-of-step Republican party will lose elections.

I live in rural Honaunau on Hawaii Island.

I believe I speak for the vast majority of my fellow citizens when I say Keep Mail-in Voting for Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and for serving the people of Hawaii.

Best Regards ~ Rev. Dana St.Claire

May The Best of Life Always Find You

Rev. Dana St.Claire

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**From:** [Trifona Andres](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] protect mail-in ballots  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:37:50 AM

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To the Members of the Election Commission,

My name is Trifona Andres, and I am 89 years old. My husband, Osler, is 92 and has end-stage renal disease. While I am not under the same critical medical constraints as he is, my age and growing frailty make the process of voting at a precinct a significant hardship and a source of great anxiety.

In my later years, every outing requires careful planning, and often, assistance. To travel, even a short distance, stand in line, and manage potential physical exhaustion is a major risk to my health. Furthermore, I cannot leave my husband alone for the length of time it takes to travel and vote, as he requires someone to be with him.

Voting is a lifelong habit and a deeply held belief for me. I refuse to surrender my voice simply because I can no longer easily walk into a polling booth. Mail-in voting allows me to vote thoughtfully, securely, and most importantly, without compromising my health or my ability to care for my husband.

Passing legislation that supports and maintains mail-in ballots is a declaration that the voices of Hawaii's seniors and caregivers matter. Please vote in favor of a process that respects the realities of advanced age and home care.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Trifona Andres

**From:** [ML](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] protect mail-in ballots  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:41:09 AM

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My name is Marilou Andres. I am here to provide testimony from the perspective of a full-time employee, a parent to an 11-year-old son, and the primary, dedicated caregiver for my elderly parents, ages 92 and 89.

My life is a constant, exhausting juggling act. A typical day involves managing my work schedule, ensuring my son gets to school, coordinating my father's complex medical treatments, and assisting my mother with household and personal needs. Time is not a luxury for me; it is a resource that is completely depleted by the demands of my family.

When it comes to Election Day, the thought of adding a mandatory trip to the precinct is overwhelming. It means taking time off work, scrambling to find childcare for my son, and most critically, arranging short-term relief care for my fragile parents. The stress is immense, and in the past, it has felt like a choice between upholding my caregiving responsibilities and exercising my right to vote.

Universal mail-in voting is not merely a convenience for people like me—it is a vital measure of support. It allows me to participate in our democracy late in the evening, after the day's work and caregiving duties are done. It removes a major source of stress and ensures that the voices of working caregivers and those they support are not silenced by the sheer impossibility of their schedule.

Please support mail-in voting for the sake of working families and those who dedicate their lives to the service of their loved ones. Thank you.

Marilou Andres

**From:** [Carrie Harrington](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [Carrie L Harrington](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in Voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:45:37 AM

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Dear Hawai'i Election Commission,

I strongly support mail in voting. I have voted using mail in voting for years and have complete confidence that it is regulated and monitored closely to avoid fraudulent voting. I am gravely concerned by the GOP's efforts to restrict voting rights and lawless redistricting across the nation. Mail in voting also benefits disabled people and people with limited mobility for myriad reasons. Please preserve our right to mail in voting and ensure the GOP does not interfere with election integrity in Hawai'i.

Mahalo,  
Carrie Harrington  
Kailua, HI

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**From:** [Kit Muhs, Your Hawaii Agent](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support mail-in voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:47:40 AM

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I am writing to vehemently support keeping mail-in voting in Hawaii. It was absolutely no reason to go back to in person voting only.

-Kit Muhs  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kit Muhs](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Keep mail-in voting!  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:50:14 AM

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Please keep mail-in voting in Hawaii.  
Thank you,  
-Ray Doblack  
Keaau,HI

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jalene-Ann Mastin](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support mail in ballots  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:52:17 AM

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Aloha

My name is Jalene-Ann Mastin and I am a lifetime resident of Pearl City Hawaii. I am in support of continuing the usage of mail in ballots for the following reasons:

- This email is being submitted because I have fractured ankle and am not able to attend today's scheduled meeting at 10:00. Specifically, people like myself with injuries and/or disabilities have a difficult time going to polling places to submit their ballots. Physical challenges, transportation and support (physical and/or mental) are barriers for too many.
- If a citizen is adamant about submitting a ballot in person, Hawaii has established protocols to achieve this.
- With the high cost of living and other daily issues, people living in Hawaii are more likely to submit a mail in ballot than go to an appointed polling station.
- To the best of my knowledge, with the exception of one incident on Kauai, Mail in ballots have been a reliable and effective way for voters to exercise their Constitutional right. I am also aware that the State has back up systems to verify information about the results.
- Allegations made by a specific political party about extensive "fraud" thru mail in ballot usage has not been substantiated nor evidence provided.

Therefore, I kindly ask that my opinions be considered during decision making as to this very important issue.

Mahalo, Jalene-Ann Mastin. 808-383-4606

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**From:** [Valerie Barber](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Election Commission 10/29/25 meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 10:05:13 AM

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Dear Commission Chair,

My name is Valerie Barber, and I live in Kapoho, Lower Puna District. I wish to provide testimony that mail-in voting is absolutely essential for my vote to be cast. I am single, elder, manage a disability, and, furthermore, my vehicle was subjected to rear-ending by a hit-and-run uninsured driver, damaging it beyond repair. Thus I have no transportation.

My home is located in a remote area, un-served by public transportation as the region is still recovering from the 2018 Kilauea eruption.

If Hawaii, and the United States at large, is to continue to be a democracy in which the peoples' votes has any meaning, I urge the commission to resist efforts to undermine the right to vote by mail or any other legal means.

Thank you for your consideration.

Valerie Barber

Hwy 132, Kapoho, Paho, Hawaii.

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**From:** [Debra Tanaka](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail-in Voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 10:05:40 AM

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My name is Debra Tanaka, I live in Ewa Beach, and I am writing to you to **plead** that you keep mail-in voting! I have been participating in mail-in voting since it started, and I feel that it enables me to make better decisions. I can look up every candidate and bill being presented and make more informed decisions in my voting. I don't have to deal with going to a polling place and standing in line, I can vote in the comfort of my own home. I have returned my ballot by mailing it in, but most of the time I will go to the drop off box at our satellite city hall so that I know it is absolutely guaranteed that it is safely there! Mail-in voting is a much more user- friendly way to vote, and it makes me furious that Republicans are trying to put a stop to it and make it harder for hard working American citizens to vote! For the record I have voted for both Republican and Democratic candidates; but after this administration I know for this upcoming election I will definitely not support any candidate that supports this administration.



**From:** [Terry McDonald](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item 4 Mail in Voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 10:10:10 AM

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Thank you for holding this public hearing to explore mail-in voting.

I am writing in support of mail-in voting. It is a proven, secure method to tabulate votes and increase voter turnout. It is also particularly well-suited for Hawaii's aging population. I believe it will ensure larger turnout than in-person voting alone.

Mail-in voting has demonstrated security over decades of use, with zero evidence of widespread voter fraud and only minimal undercounting, which can be addressed and cured. Despite some challenges during the 2024 election cycle—its first full-scale implementation—this approach makes particular sense for Hawaii's islands given our rural geography outside of a few major population centers.

I am confident that the Election Commission will base its decision on the merits and the substantial evidence showing the absence of voter fraud, rather than on unfounded hysteria or conspiracy theories.

Mail-in voting is only a threat if one fears greater voter participation—which I do not.

Making it easier to vote was once a shared value across the political spectrum. We have the methods and tools necessary to run successful mail-in elections, and the process will continue to improve with experience.

Mahalo,

Terry McDonald  
1667 Kilauea Ave, Hilo, HI 96720

Best,

**Terry McDonald**  
704-390-6221

**From:** [Anne Anderson](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 10:10:42 AM

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I vote by mail and I love it. I love getting the ballot and being able to sit down and research the various issues so that I can make informed choices when I do cast my vote. Sure I could go to the polling location and wait in line. I'm healthy enough to do that, but what about those who are not able to do that and why make it more difficult to cast your ballot?.

Vote by mail makes voting accessible to everyone, and it should be honored and kept.

**From:** [Vernelle Oku](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Removal of Office of Election Commissioners  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 10:17:12 AM

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Dear Officer of Elections Commission,

Please advise how we can remove commissioners that are not following the law. Please also advise how they can be prosecuted for treason against our country for subverting the integrity of our elections.  
Thank you for your help.

Kind Regards,  
Vernelle Oku

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jennifer Stolze](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Keep mail in ballots  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 10:20:26 AM

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Aloha,

I'd like to submit testimony in support of mail in ballots. Firstly, this enables more people to vote. Elderly, like my homebound 92 year old mother, would not get to participate and vote if she had to appear in person. People with disabilities and families with children are also less able to appear in person to vote. People who work in the hospitality industry may not be able to get time off to vote. Weather is also an issue. Many people cannot stand in the sun for hours waiting to get into a building to vote. These are only a few of the examples of how in person voting would suppress people from casting their vote.

Our signatures are individually checked to verify that the person who registered is the person who completed the ballot. Absentee ballots are not new and have been an important tool in providing all voters with the opportunity to vote.

Mahalo. Jennifer Stolze, Hawaii Kai.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Makali'i Brown](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 10:29:13 AM

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Aloha, my name is Makali'i Brown and I live in Liliha, Oahu.

I am submitting my testimony here via email regarding the meeting by the Election Commission, with proposal to end mail-in ballot voting and return to in-person-only ballots.

I strongly urge the commission to continue allowing for mail-in voting. To not do so would significantly limit the ability of many people to vote, particularly voters who are physically or financially unable to attend in-person voting stations, and would also de-incentivise many people from voting by adding additional inconveniences and stressors to the voting process.

Please continue to allow for Mail-in ballots.

Sincerely, Makalii

**From:** [Michael Collat](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in favor mail-in balloting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 10:38:37 AM

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Aloha Hawai`i Elections Commission -

I live in the Mānoa-Makiki and understand the Commission is considering advancing initiatives to the state legislature to restrict mail-in balloting by requiring mail receipts. Let me register my strong opposition and briefly share why mail-in balloting is important to the integrity of Hawai`i elections and should not only be maintained but strengthened.

My support for mail-in balloting is rooted in both practical considerations and in principle:

**Practical:** as a busy working professional, I had to find time to participate in the democratic process by finding a polling station, driving there, and waiting in line to cast my vote. While the commission did a reasonably good job of establishing a polling place near me and staffing it to reduce the wait time, this still created a barrier to voting that mail-in balloting completely eliminated. I was fortunate to have the flexibility in my work schedule to vote; I was fortunate to have transportation to the polling station. Others are not as fortunate, and we should not create unnecessary restrictions to having citizens' voice heard. Additionally, equipping and staffing all those polling locations requires resources that mail-in balloting helps lessen. An initiative that makes it easier for citizens to cast their votes and reduces resource requirements would seem to be a no-brainer.

**Principle:** In a country founded on the principle of government of the people, by the people, and for the people, any effort to restrict citizens' electoral participation is undemocratic and un-American. It would seem to be the Election Commission's purpose to make participation in the democratic process as easy as possible while maintaining the integrity of that process. It makes one wonder why anyone would seek to make it harder for citizens to vote. Lacking any evidence impugning the integrity of mail-in balloting, we must assume that such efforts represent an attempt at voter suppression.

I appreciate the opportunity to address the commission this morning and offer these words as documentation of what I tried convey verbally.

Bottom line: the Commission should do nothing that restricts citizens' ability to participate in the democratic process via mail-in balloting. Please feel free to contact me if you would like further input.

Aloha,  
Michael Collat  
808-341-4695

**From:** [K.Osh](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Keep Mail-in Voting!  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 10:52:44 AM

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You MUST keep mail-in voting for Hawaii! I support 100% Mail-In voting.

Access to voting stations is a major reason to keep Mail-In voting. Many of us, including myself, live in rural areas (ie: Waiahole Valley, as my example) and it is not easy for us to access voting stations. Many of my neighbors do not drive, or cannot afford to own a vehicle and drive, thus restricting their access to voting stations. I live over one mile away from the closest bus stop; many of my neighbors live over 2 miles away from the nearest bus stop. At age 77, I try my best to provide local transportation to some of my neighbors, but I have an old truck that they find difficult to get into. Personally, it is difficult for me to get to the voting station and stand in line and operate the machines. This is why I use mail-in voting!

Another consideration is those who work: so, so many of our Hawaii citizens work for establishments who do not give their employees time off to vote. Also, so many work two jobs so they cannot vote during the given times at the voting stations. This is why you MUST keep mail-in voting in Hawaii!

A Handy-Van trip is \$2.25, one way; that's \$4.50 per round-trip. This may sound "affordable" but the simple fact is: if you don't have \$4.50 you have no transportation, period.

I am VERY shocked, and upset, that so many are trying to take away my right to vote! How dare you! Shame!

Keep Mail-In Voting in Hawaii!

Wiih aloha,

Kathleen Oshiro  
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**From:** [Lynn Ryan](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] testimony regarding mail in voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 11:13:54 AM

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Dear Commission,

My name is Lynn Ryan resident of Kailua Kona. I am a retired Registered Nurse.

I testify in favor of mail in voting, mail in ballots.

The integrity of mail in voting has been proven for over 40 years. It was called absentee voting.

We must do nothing to restrict mail in voting. Leave the current system alone.

Fraud is essentially non existent at 0.00001% as stated by league of voters representative.

Do not depart from the present system. If you are considering a change away from mail in voting, we need noticed public meetings to allow people to be heard, to testify on this issue.

We must do nothing to restrict mail in voting.

I am 75 years, not always able to travel to a polling place.

Sincerely,

Lynn Ryan

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**From:** [Carrie Harrington](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [Carrie L Harrington](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Mail in Voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 11:15:58 AM

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Dear Election Committee,

I would also like to add that if you find any actual verifiable errors in our voting process, fix them by means that do not interfere with our right to vote by mail. We should have, and deserve as citizens, a truly bipartisan election committee that makes every effort to give every citizen an easy way to vote and that holds all parties/entities accountable to maintain voting integrity regardless of the outcome, regardless if it yields a result they do not like. It appears our local GOP has fallen prey to the brainwashing and corruption in the national GOP. This is highly disturbing.

Sincerely,  
Carrie Harrington  
Kailua, HI

On Wednesday, October 29, 2025, Carrie Harrington <[carrielynn.harrington@gmail.com](mailto:carrielynn.harrington@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Hawai'i Election Commission,

I strongly support mail in voting. I have voted using mail in voting for years and have complete confidence that it is regulated and monitored closely to avoid fraudulent voting. I am gravely concerned by the GOP's efforts to restrict voting rights and lawless redistricting across the nation. Mail in voting also benefits disabled people and people with limited mobility for myriad reasons. Please preserve our right to mail in voting and ensure the GOP does not interfere with election integrity in Hawai'i.

Mahalo,  
Carrie Harrington  
Kailua, HI

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**From:** [Pat Murakami](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In Support of Mail-In Voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 11:20:56 AM

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Aside from the incredible convenience of mail-in voting, especially for senior citizens, I believe it results in more people voting than if they have to take the time to go to polls.

PLUS - think of the environmental benefit of not having thousands and thousands of people driving their cars to their polling place.

Mail-in voting has been a secure way of voting for many years in many states. The only person who questions the security is a person who has hypocritically used it himself and has been convicted of 34 felonies. Don't let one demon destroy the convenience and effectiveness of mail-in voting for the rest of us.

Sincerely,  
Pat Murakami  
Orchidland Estates, Hawaii, Hawaii

**From:** [kathyleoroxy@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyleoroxy@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No mail- in - ballots  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 11:23:52 AM

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Aloha Election board,

I am totally against mail-in -ballots. This is asking for trouble & leaves the gate open for fraud. Just have walk- in like the good old days. We need honesty in our system.

Kathleen M. Frontino

[Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer](#)

**From:** [Reza Morin-Dayani](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please don't take away absentee voting.  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 11:41:37 AM

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Aloha mai kakou,

Many working people with kids and kupuna cannot take time off of work and life to stand in line to vote. Absentee voting allows them to have a voice. Please don't take away our right to vote safely, (no covid exposure) and efficiently.

Mahalo nui,

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Reza Morin-Dayani

**From:** [Akuakea](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony on4B for October 29, 2025  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 12:02:55 PM

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Its almost noon and it looks like I will not be able to testify in favor of the return to in-person, paper ballots.

There was a testifier who stated that it is more likely to be struck by lightening than to experience voter fraud in America. While I wish that were the case - very simple research about methods that are used to manipulate mail in balloting and electronic voting world-wide creates a very long list of possible forms of manipulation. THE GOLD STANDARD and most difficult (though not impossible) to manipulate is IN PERSON - PAPER ELECTIONS.

Voting is the most sacred duty of a Citizen. However you vote, it is sacred and inconvenience is not the highest priority - integrity is, accuracy, accountability, transparency and truthfulness.

Elections world-wide have been manipulated. Elections in Hawaii have been manipulated. I know of many lawsuits filed in the last couple of election cycles that were simply not heard by the judiciary. Its not that there aren't valid issues - whatever your political position - not a partisan issue; its that they are not being heard by our judiciary.

I am in strong support of integrity in our elections by returning to the GOLD Standard of in-person, paper elections with accommodations for those who for medical or other reasons need help in filing their ballot. Personally I think its is of such importance that even MAIL-INS should be limited in favor of each person choosing and recording ahead of time who will HAND DELIVER their ballot to the precinct and can be verified that that pre-approval has been assigned,

Thank you

Kevin Hill  
Big Island

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

**From:** [Peter Matlock](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support mail-in voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 12:08:43 PM

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Aloha Hawai'i Elections Commission,

I strongly support mail-in voting.

I have used mail-in voting for years and have never had any concerns about voter fraud. I have trusted the reliable and competent work of elections officials to maintain proper voting rolls and mail-in voting procedures.

I strongly oppose efforts by those who cast doubts on mail-in voting, because an objective, third-party observer can clearly see that these doubts are based not on real problems but on attempts to limit voting (i.e.--voter suppression).

Please do not be swayed by frivolous and non-factual arguments that claim mail-in voting is not secure. It is.

Please do maintain the ability to enable as many citizens as possible to participate in our democracy.

Mahalo!

Peter

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Peter Matlock  
Kailua Kona, HI

**From:** [MARY M FIEDLER](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Voting by Mail  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 12:24:21 PM

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Dear Elections Committee:

My name is Mary Midkiff Fiedler, and I live in Waialae Nui.

I support and endorse mail-in voting. It has always enabled me to look and carefully consider my ballot. I am so pleased that you have ballot tracking - ever since you enabled it, I use it, and trust it.

I have voted by mail in every single election since anyone could use it (previously, you had to fill in a form each election and say why you wanted to mail your ballot).

It is so convenient. It is safe. I trust it.

And I have voted in every election since I attained voting age in Hawaii. I was born here. And now, in my seventies, I appreciate mail-in voting more than ever. I don't have to drive to a precinct, stand in line - I don't enjoy that. I want to consider my choices carefully, in my home.

I want to cast my vote in private.

Please keep mail-in voting in Hawaii.

Aloha, Mary Fiedler  
2291 Halehaka St.  
Honolulu, HI. 96821

**From:** [Catherine Jordan](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 1:07:39 PM

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## VOTE BY MAIL

VOTE BY MAIL is an essential guarantee for the ability to vote. I am 64 and have been temporarily and now permanently disabled throughout my adult years as a victim of a car accident at the age of 26.

I appreciate that I can vote and have missed the opportunity when in hospital and at other times still unable to reach a designated voting place. There's limited handicap parking, standing in line, and each day is different as to what my physical limitations are.

I live in Senior housing in Honolulu, and many of my neighbors don't speak up about the disconnect and lack of support to exercise our right to vote. It is akin to being a prisoner when our minds are sharp and our abilities are curtailed.

Please protect our rights to have a voice in government by allowing us to vote by mail.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Catherine M Jordan  
Honolulu, HI 96817

**From:** [Storm Stoker](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Protect vote by Mail!  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 1:42:38 PM

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Please make voting as easy as possible and give folks every possible option! Defend democracy!

**From:** [Sylvia Spalding](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposal to require in person voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 2:06:43 PM

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Dear Elections Commissioners:

I urge you to continue to allow us to vote by mail. I am 70 years old and caring for my 95- and 96-year-old parents. My father is a Korean and Vietnam War vet with 100% service-connected disabilities. My mother has pulmonary fibrosis and is on oxygen. Both are essentially homebound. It would be hard if not impossible for us to vote if we had to go to the voting booth. A large part of Hawaii's population is over 60 years old.

Thank you

Sylvia Spalding

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**From:** [Doris Boushey](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I was on the zoom  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 2:53:12 PM

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Hi,

I wasn't allowed to testify while on zoom. Not sure why. I waited for a long time then had to go off and came back on.

Anyway, my name is Deelani Boushey, a resident of Ewa beach, Hawaii.

I'm in favor of mail in voting as our state elected to do many years ago with other states doing it as well. I was a former election chairperson for various precincts in my area. The system works! We would have meetings after various elections about any problems encountered. There was no fraud and there would be observers from both parties. We need more people voting not less and mail in has been working for our state. Unfortunately, the percentage of ppl voting barely changed. The only reason why there's questions is because of the MAGAs and conspiracy theories. I listened to many of the testimony on both sides and we need to get a grip on this now. It's spread because of the current president.

There has been many court cases that has proven that across the country there was 0.002 % of voter fraud. It's ridiculous!

I'm in favor of mail in voting for many of the same reasons mentioned on zoom and maybe more precincts available for in person for day Of...for the election deniers! The lines were ridiculous last time with ppl waiting in the rain.

Ppl need to plan it out. Also there were Trump supporters waiving flags within the limits of the Kapolei Hale.

Mahalo,

Aloha,

Deelani Boushey

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dennis Barger](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Election Integrity Mail-in ballots  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 4:13:07 PM

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Elections Commission, c/o Office of Elections

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*Aloha* Members of the Hawaii Elections Commission,

Special greetings to Maui representatives: Dylan Andrion and James 'Kimo' Apana;

I am writing to express my deep concern that our current election procedures have come under attack by people affiliated with political interests attempting to persuade you to change our current rules, to generate distrust and ultimately eliminate Hawaii's Vote-by-Mail system.

**I and my family urge you to maintain the integrity of our electoral process with the current Vote-by-Mail procedures.**

The real problem: As you know, Hawaii's voter turnout was 50.3% in 2024's general election, and below the national average of 64.1%.

The solution: We need to continue making it easier to vote by encouraging all citizens to vote through increasing civic education (sending yellow cards, information and ballots), --- not by creating obstacles to Hawaii's citizenry exercising our right to vote in the way we choose, by mail or in person at accessible facilities.

As you also must be aware, throughout the US, including Hawaii, there HAS NOT been any statistically significant cases of fraud found. What the government investigators did find was election workers being threatened, voting machines maligned (and consequently the federal government sued by their manufacturers), a president recorded 'asking for votes' to be illegally 'found', some states with a small amount of anomalies (most of which were clerical errors) and our government employees and

political party members discussing unnecessary identity requirements (to eliminate legitimate voters and intimidate people of color), creating hours-long voting lines, and creating distrust in our electoral process--even suggesting taking the vote away from women! And now more than ever, states are engaged in gerrymandering districts to manipulate election outcomes. This is unacceptable.

You are part of the solution. As our commissioners, I implore you as a governmental body, to hold fast to fair, effective and accurate election processes and procedures, including our Vote-by-Mail. It has been shown to increase voter turnout, having the ability to verify the exact identity of each voter, and each signature is secure. I TRUST the US Postal Service to deliver ballots, to and from its addressees, and our Hawaii officials to be working without fear or favor. Furthermore, I trust this commission to protect our access to voting by mail in every instance. You know Hawaii's invalids, kapuna/seniors, working adults, rural locations, parents and others with caretaking responsibilities, travelers (including service members), and those people who take time to research and thoughtfully make their choices DEPEND ON YOU.

NOW MORE THAN EVER, WE NEED STATE OFFICIALS TO STAND STRONG AND CONSISTENTLY UPHOLD OUR RIGHTS.

I am a proud American, a Hawai'i voter, having participated in every primary and general election since 1967, the first year I was eligible to vote. I am a dedicated retired Pastor having served churches in California, Michigan, Oregon and Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your service, doing your job and duty to hold public hearings in good faith, remaining factual while investigating complaints, and ethical in your advisements to Chief Election Officer Scott Nago on matters relating to our elections, which are the singularly, most critical hallmark of our constitutional democracy. Please let us maintain faith in the electoral process, and in Hawai'i's great contribution of pono (righteousness) in all our affairs.

With respect and aloha,

Rev. Dennis F. Barger

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Rev. Dennis Barger, M.Div., MPH

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**From:** [Gay Barfield](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in voting -yes!!!!  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 4:21:42 PM

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Aloha. I'd like to give my strong support to continuing mail in voting. I'm nearly 90 years old and it would be very challenging for me to get to vote in person at this point. I've never missed a vote in my long life and I intend to vote again by mail. Please protect our rights to choose how and when we vote during an election.

Gay Barfield, PhD  
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**From:** [Aloha Conservatives](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Sunshine Law  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 5:07:02 PM

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Aloha Chair Curtis,

I am writing to formally express concern regarding your recent action to remove **Commissioner Ralph Cushnie** from an official meeting of the Office of Elections Commission. Your stated justification, that this action was permitted under the **Hawai'i Sunshine Law**, is factually and legally incorrect.

The **Sunshine Law**, codified as **HRS Chapter 92**, governs *public access to meetings, notice, minutes, and transparency*. It does **not** contain any provision authorizing a commissioner or chair to remove another member from a public meeting. Specifically, **HRS 92-2**, which defines terms such as “board,” “meeting,” and “deliberation,” provides no disciplinary or removal authority whatsoever. The Sunshine Law exists to ensure that public meetings are conducted openly ... not to provide a mechanism for silencing or excluding members.

By invoking Chapter 92 as justification, your action misrepresented the law and violated the very principles of transparency it was intended to protect.

Furthermore, the Commission conducts its meetings in accordance with **Robert's Rules of Order**, which strictly outline how order is to be maintained. Under those rules:

- Only the **presiding officer** may call a member to order for disorderly conduct, and
- No member may be removed or silenced without due process — which includes a clear finding of disorderly behavior and, if necessary, a motion, a second, and a majority vote of the body.

Your unilateral action to remove Commissioner Cushnie, absent such procedure, constitutes a **violation of Robert's Rules of Order** and a denial of due process within the meeting.

This action undermines both the integrity of the Commission and the public's trust in its fairness. Commissioner Cushnie was duly appointed under **HRS 11-7**, to represent the citizens of Hawaii. No provision of the Sunshine Law or Robert's Rules confers that power upon the Chair or any other member during a meeting.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Commission:

1. **Acknowledge on the record** that the Sunshine Law does not provide authority for a commissioner's removal from a meeting;
2. **Correct the meeting minutes** to accurately reflect that the Chair's action was procedurally improper and contested; and
3. **Ensure compliance** with both HRS Chapter 92 and Robert's Rules of Order in all future meetings, protecting the lawful participation of all commissioners and the public.

Transparency, fairness, and adherence to the law are the foundation of public confidence in this Commission. I urge you to correct this matter promptly and reaffirm the Commission's commitment to lawful and respectful conduct in all proceedings. If you want trust, build trust. Be part of the solution, not perpetuate a problem.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tamara McKay  
Citizen, Voter, and Advocate for Transparent Governance

President and Founder, Aloha Conservative Alliance

**From:** [Robin Copper](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Voting by Mail  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 7:41:13 PM

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Please vote to keep the ability to vote by mail for ALL registered voters. It is an important option to keep people engaged in our Democracy

Thank you  
Robin Cooper  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Wes.](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for mail in voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 10:00:19 PM

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Aloha, my name is Wesley Lum, and I'm a resident of Honolulu, Hawai'i (Liliha NB 14). I'm writing in support of mail in voting. I have parents that have difficulty getting around, and being able to vote by mail is so important for them. It is also important for me and my wife. We have 3 kids and work full time. It's difficult to 1) take time off of work, 2) and once off of work, stand in line with kids. Being able to vote by mail just makes sense. All Americans should be encouraged and have easy, convenient access to participate in elections.

Thank you,  
Wes

**From:** [Sarah Casken](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: support for mail-in ballots  
**Date:** Thursday, October 30, 2025 5:01:03 AM

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I am a Hawaii voter residing in Kailua. I strongly support the use of mail-in ballots. There is no evidence of fraud and there is ample evidence that mail-in ballots increase access to participation in the democratic process. I appreciate being able to sit down in my home at my convenience to review the ballot, do further research on the issues or candidates, mark my ballot, and drop off in one of the drop-off boxes. Let's not make it harder to vote.

Thank you for considering my view.

Sarah Casken  
650 Kanaha St, Kailua, HI 96734

**From:** [Dennis Les](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] When Will Testimonies from Yesterday's Teleconference Be Posted?  
**Date:** Thursday, October 30, 2025 6:56:00 AM

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Aloha Elections Commission,

I wanted to ask when the testimonies and related materials from yesterday's teleconference meeting will be posted to the Elections Commission website. Many of us who attended or viewed online are having difficulty locating the video or written testimony.

Mahalo for your time and assistance,  
Dennis L.

Concerned Kaka'ako Resident, Retired Air Force, Clinical Mental Health Graduate Student  
8086756277

**From:** [Cynthia Scheinert](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Please don't eliminate mail-in voting  
**Date:** Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:43:29 AM

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To: Election Commission Members:

Eliminating the option to vote by mail will affect many Hawai'i residents. Voting in person will be especially difficult, perhaps impossible, for our seniors, many of whom are non-ambulatory and/or in poor health. Should they lose their right to vote just because they are old or infirm?

Having to vote in person will also make it very hard for those who work multiple jobs to get to the polls. I know many folks who begin their first job early in the morning, switch to a second job in early afternoon, and some even pick up a third job at night! Workers who barely have time to eat a meal between their various shifts will have extreme difficulty getting to the polls to vote in person. Should these hard-working people lose their right to vote?

Removing the mail-in ballot option will also be a burden for those who don't own cars and must use public transportation or a ride service. We have many folks in this category on our islands. Owning a car should not be a requirement for being able to cast one's vote!

It is clear that getting rid of mail-in voting will further lower Hawai'i's voter turnout, which is already frighteningly low.

Since there have been no credible stats showing that Hawai'i's mail-in voting system is problematic in any way, why change something that is working for the people?

The only answer I can see is that some people wish to disenfranchise Hawai'i residents and rob them of their constitutional right to vote.

As the men and women charged with preserving our constitutional right to vote, you must not allow this attack on mail-in voting to prevail.

Thank you for time.

Cynthia D. Scheinert  
Hawai'i resident since 1980

**From:** [Nancy Neubauer](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 4A  
**Date:** Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:33:39 AM

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I strongly OPPOSE agenda item 4A to return to polling place voting.  
I 100% SUPPORT mail in voting

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**From:** [R.Welsch](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Measure 4A  
**Date:** Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:50:53 AM

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I strongly OPPOSE agenda item 4A to return to polling place voting.  
I 100% SUPPORT mail in voting

I use mail in voting as I live rurally in Lower Puna on Hawaii Island.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Welsch

12-4401 Ho'onone Road

Pahoa, HI 96778

“Measure your impact on humanity not in likes, but in the lives you touch. Not in popularity, but in the people you serve.” - Tim Cook

**From:** [pete shimazaki doktor](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] public testimony: mail in ballots  
**Date:** Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:21:36 AM

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Aloha Elections Commission,

Apologies for the late submission of this testimony, as i did not know about it until the day after hearing, i will keep this brief:

As a disabled veteran, I depend on mail-in ballots to fulfill my citizenry kuleana to vote for our representative leaders. I have a genetic condition in which I am slowly going blind, and had to give up driving. As I will be living alone soon, I have real fear and anxiety that my right and freedom that i voluntarily enlisted to help defend, is being effectively disenfranchised by the ongoing effort to subvert our democracy for an authoritarian form of government in practice. Moreover, I have enjoyed the ability to vote securely for years, going back to when I was active duty, and demand Elections Commission stand their ground and maintain its voting integrity, just as generations of my family have stepped up in the collective defense of our democratic system that enables ALL citizens their right and duty to vote, not just the privileged, as oligarchy is the end result of any system taken over by greed for power as our has.

Please continue mail-in ballots so that I may have the dignity as a veteran to vote in elections I helped defend and depend on for the well-being of our `ohana. Do not cower or concede to conspiracy theorists in the absence of any hard evidence!

E Mālama Pono,

Pete Doktor

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**From:** [Piia Aarma](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in support of Mail in Voting  
**Date:** Thursday, October 30, 2025 4:26:43 PM

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To the Elections Commission:

I have been a grateful and proud resident of Hawaii since 1987 and care deeply about the future of democracy, this state, its residents and our cherished culture.

There are several reasons I support voting my mail:

It provides an easy avenue for everyone to vote. Requiring individuals to vote only at a physical location is unfair to the elderly who may have mobility difficulties, to those with limited access to transportation, to those with work requirements that make standing in line or getting to voting locations during open hours difficult, if not impossible. It allows military members and other Hawaii residents who are stationed elsewhere to vote. We do not want to disenfranchise these voters.

Receiving the ballots in the mail allows people to take more time to pursue knowledge of the candidates at the time they are casting or thinking about casting their vote.

There is no history of voter fraud.

I do not think there is a credible reason to eliminate mail-in voting.

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**From:** [Teri Skillman](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Voting by mail  
**Date:** Thursday, October 30, 2025 10:56:38 PM

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Aloha Elections Commission,

I am a 40 year Hawaiian resident. I have worked at voting stations in my neighborhood and I am registered to vote by mail in ballot.

I am writing in support of mail in ballots. It is convenient, and makes it easy for me to do my research on the candidates at home and then vote for the person that I consider will do the best for me and my community.

Many of my neighbors are retirees so the mail in ballots make it easy for them to participate in our right to vote.

Please do NOT change Hawaii's voting system. I stand in strong support of the mail in ballot.

Mahalo nui,

Teri

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Teri Skillman  
Email: [teriskillman77@gmail.com](mailto:teriskillman77@gmail.com)  
Cell: (808) 389-4462

**Don't you know yet? It is your light that lights the world.**  
**Rumi**

**From:** [sharon.o](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] mail-in voting  
**Date:** Friday, October 31, 2025 8:47:01 AM

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Aloha Election Commissioners:

My name is Sharon O'Shaughnessy. I have lived in Kihei, Maui for 48 years.

Mail-in voting is important in Hawaii. So many people work more than one job, and cannot vote in person. Or they have babies or disabled family members to care for, or they are disabled themselves. Don't take away this access to voting. Thank you. Sharon O'Shaughnessy, 146 Pauloa Place, Kihei, HI 96753

**From:** [jun look](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in Voting  
**Date:** Friday, October 31, 2025 8:52:31 AM

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Mail in voting has been wonderful for me! I travel a lot and being able to do my civic duty via mail in voting has allowed me to do just that.

Let's keep it in Hawaii.

Mahalo

Jun Look  
voter- McCully

**From:** [mching@hawaiian.net](mailto:mching@hawaiian.net)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] voting by mail  
**Date:** Friday, October 31, 2025 10:23:25 AM

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Dear Election Commission:

I have been voting since 1972 and have never missed voting in an election. While attending an out of state college, I had to request an absentee ballot. When the laws changed to allow voting by mail, it made it very convenient. As time went on, employers are less sympathetic in giving an employee time off for voting. In the past, General Election day was a quasi holiday for many; not any more.

I support allowing Hawaii Residents to vote by mail.

Thank you.

Michael G. Ching  
PO Box 298  
Hanalei, HI 96714

**From:** [Karen Hester](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE agenda item 4A to return to polling place voting  
**Date:** Friday, October 31, 2025 11:22:53 AM

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I strongly OPPOSE agenda item 4A to return to polling place voting.  
I 100% SUPPORT mail in voting

Karen Hester  
Immigration Activist  
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**From:** [Rachele McFarland](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony on behalf of Mail-in Ballots . . .  
**Date:** Friday, October 31, 2025 11:56:27 AM

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Please do not vote to eliminate Mail-in Voting in Hawaii. Thousands of elderly and disabled Hawaii citizens use this when they do not have any other access to voting. We should have the same right to vote in our state as others, as well as having safe election sites at a time when important American rights are being taken away from us. Trump is attempting to extend his political power by threatening to send "fake election supervisors" and militarized thugs to polling sites to frighten voters. Mail-in voting is the BEST alternative to this.

Warmest Aloha,

Terry & Rachele McFarland  
44-119B Kahinani Way  
Kaneohe, HI 96744  
808-235-7669  
[rachelemcf@gmail.com](mailto:rachelemcf@gmail.com)

**From:** [troyarnold@gmail.com](mailto:troyarnold@gmail.com)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In support of mail-in voting  
**Date:** Friday, October 31, 2025 12:52:49 PM

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I completely OPPOSE agenda item 4A to return to polling place voting.

I 100% SUPPORT mail in voting.

Troy Arnold

415 724 0347 voice/mobile

There is no greater illusion than fear, no greater wrong than preparing to defend yourself, no greater misfortune than having an enemy.

- Tao Te Ching

**From:** [Barbara Segal](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 4A  
**Date:** Friday, October 31, 2025 5:10:17 PM

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I strongly OPPOSE agenda item 4A to return to polling place voting.  
I 100% SUPPORT mail in voting

Barbara Segal  
Pahoa, HI 96778

**From:** [M.S.F.](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Regarding Mail-In Voting  
**Date:** Saturday, November 1, 2025 4:18:44 AM

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Commissioners;

I have lately heard that the MAGA crowd is attempting to get rid of mail-in voting in Hawaii.

Many people in Hawaii work two jobs. Of those people, many are still required to work one or both of those jobs on election day, which makes it inconvenient for them to show up in person. Although I personally work only one job, I work a night shift, which makes it problematic to vote in a very similar way.

Furthermore, as ballots are only sent to those who have registered to vote in a given district, that registration already requires ID and proof of residency, which renders the argument that 'ID should be presented' as unnecessarily prohibitive.

Please do not be swayed by this blatant and obvious attempt to disenfranchise working-class citizens who live in Hawaii.

Regards,

Catherine S. Fairow  
Commercial Truck Driver  
Concerned Citizen

**From:** [Progressive HI](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Protect Hawai'i vote by mail  
**Date:** Saturday, November 1, 2025 6:55:46 AM

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Aloha Elections Commission,

I am a Hawai'i voter and do not wish to see any rollback in voter's ability to vote by mail. I will support this view by voting, contributing and working for candidates and causes who support expanding the voice of the people by expanding the opportunity to participate. The concern about voter and identity fraud should be met with allocating more financial resources to improving our accountability and monitoring systems.

Mahalo,  
Lawrence Basha  
Kailua

**From:** [Kevin Kalley](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Voting  
**Date:** Saturday, November 1, 2025 8:59:03 AM

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We strongly OPPOSE agenda item 4A to return to polling place voting.  
We 100% SUPPORT mail in voting

Kevin Kalley and David Currier

**From:** [kris kilz](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Voting by Mail  
**Date:** Sunday, November 2, 2025 8:22:07 AM

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I was very disappointed to read the article in Civil Beat saying the Elections Board is considering changing our current voting system.

I am opposed to dropping mail in ballots. I see no good reason to make this change. Standing in lines does not appeal to me. I trust mail in ballots. I moved from a state with mail in ballots and their validity was never questioned. I have lived on Hawaii for eight years and see no reason to question their validity here either. I have always voted (age 73) so I have voted in person standing in line, used absentee ballots as well as mail in ballots.

It is apparent that the Trump cry of fraud (false) is the only reason this is being questioned.

I do hope that common sense prevails and mail in ballots use continues. Educate the public.

Kris Kilz  
Captain Cook, HI

**From:** [kathydrabek17@gmail.com](mailto:kathydrabek17@gmail.com)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail In voting  
**Date:** Sunday, November 2, 2025 11:34:59 AM

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Hello Commissioners:

I am a new resident here on Kauai and am trying to learn the ways and history of this beautiful island. It is my understanding that many conservative forces are attempting to chock off the multiple options we enjoy now! Please consider the possibility of voting rights being taken away from the elderly, infirm and remotely located people that live here and vote here! There is scant evidence that supports the need for denying mail in voting and volumes of evidence to allow it to continue. My request is to continue this opportunity for any and all citizens of this state. Thank you for considering my support of Mail in voting for this one and all.

Most sincerely,

Kathleen Drabek  
807-654-4905

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Barbara Penn](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in Voting  
**Date:** Sunday, November 2, 2025 12:27:03 PM

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Aloha,

I am a resident of Wailua Homesteads on the Island of Kauai. We prefer mail-in voting!!  
So much easier for us seniors!! Please vote to continue mail-in votes.

Mahalo,

Barbara Penn

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**From:** [mkelley323@gmail.com](mailto:mkelley323@gmail.com)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](mailto:OE.Elections.Commission)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony RE: Agenda Items 4A & 4B:  
**Date:** Sunday, November 2, 2025 12:45:23 PM

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Aloha Elections Commission members.

RE: Agenda Items: 4A & 4B:

I am writing to you today, and after having listened to the lengthy on-line commission meetings most of 2025.

**I am against doing an audit.** The voting issues in question have had 2 times in court and failed both at local and state levels.

I am strongly requesting that Hawaii **keep voting by mail** and **rescind/deny the request to open polling centers.**

I am a 40-year resident of Kauai, a non-disabled 74-year-old, a lifelong voter, I am in total support of **continuing, mail-in voting!!**

I appreciate this opportunity to testify in accord with our constitutional rights.

Do the right thing.

Thank you,  
Mary Lu

**From:** [Robin Reith](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] mail in ballot = accessibility  
**Date:** Sunday, November 2, 2025 12:46:46 PM

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aloha,

I wanted to let you know how great the mail in ballot is. It is secure, and it makes voting available. I am elderly with many diseases and my husband is blind. in person voting is unattainable.

please continue to have mail in voting.

Robin Reith

**From:** [G Uyehara](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY for 5 Nov 2025 Meeting  
**Date:** Sunday, November 2, 2025 1:46:50 PM  
**Attachments:** 20251102 TESTIMONY for Office of Elections.pdf

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Please see attached. Mahalo.

Kimberly J. Uyehara  
Anahola, Hawaii 96703

November 2, 2025

Chairman Curtis and Commission Members  
Hawaii Elections Commission

**Re: TESTIMONY in Opposition of Motions to Audit Hawaii's 2024 Election Results**

Dear Chairman Curtis and Commission Members:

I am strongly opposed to the Motions to Audit our 2024 Election Results (October 29, 2025 Agenda Item IV a) and acquire U.S. Postal Service business reply mail receipts to be used to account for 2024 mail-in ballots (Agenda Item IV b).

In any large system there will be insignificant discrepancies. I support resolving the small portion of credible discrepancies. However, the data do not support an audit of Hawaii's 2024 election results. In particular, an audit with the underlying intent of returning back to in-person voting.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Uyehara', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kimberly J. Uyehara

**From:** [Phyllis A Stanwood](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#); [OE.Elections](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in Support of Mail-in Voting  
**Date:** Sunday, November 2, 2025 10:52:01 PM

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Dear Elections Commission,

I would like to wholeheartedly express my support for mail-in voting. My husband and I live on Kauai and are 72 and 68 years of age. Mail-in voting makes fulfilling our obligation and our right to vote so easy and convenient; it saves us time, effort and gas money. Fortunately we are still healthy, mobile and able to drive, so we could vote in person if we needed to, but there are so many others who are not as fortunate. Consider these statistics:

\*Hawaii has a higher than average number of 65+ year olds.

\*19.1% are persons over 65 with mobility difficulties...and that is increasing significantly.

I can use my parents as an example. My father was 80 and my mother 78 years old when they had to move into an assisted living facility, and both of them were no longer able to drive. Of course, I could have driven them to the polls on voting day. But, as they got older and their health issues increased and their mobility decreased, they became more 'home bound'. Along with their lost mobility, there were many days that they simply did not have the energy to get in the car and go anywhere, much less stand in a line and go thru the process of physically voting. So being able to receive their ballots by mail ensured that they could continue to exercise their right to vote. Without mail-in voting they literally would have lost their right to vote! There are many, many other residents in assisted living facilities and care homes throughout the state who are in the same situation.

If we are to have the best representation of our island population, we need to have mail in voting for older residents. This is especially true since the average age of our residents keeps going higher every year. And, as the population ages, they become more infirm making voting in person more difficult.

Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Stanwood  
3906 Hunakai St.  
Lihue, HI

Sent from HPOP's iPad

**From:** [Noelle Lindenmann](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Agenda Item 4A  
**Date:** Monday, November 3, 2025 10:06:31 AM

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Aloha Elections Commission & Chief Elections Officer -

I submitted testimony prior to last week's meeting, and wanted to submit again, with the correct subject line.

I write in opposition to Agenda Item 4A. We should be increasing voter turnout, versus decreasing, and continuing to allow voting by mail is an imperative part of this.

Thank you,  
Noelle Lindenmann, Kailua-Kona  
Noelle Lindenmann (she/her/hers)  
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From: **Noelle Lindenmann** <[noelle.royer@gmail.com](mailto:noelle.royer@gmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, Oct 23, 2025 at 2:41 PM  
Subject: testimony regarding returning to polling places  
To: <[elections.commission@hawaii.gov](mailto:elections.commission@hawaii.gov)>

Aloha Commission & Chief Elections Officer -

I write in opposition to the proposal to return to in person polling places. This is something that disenfranchises many people and will have a dampening effect on how many people are able to vote.

We already have a very minimal percentage of turnout, and if you require in person voting, it will be even worse, as folks have to go to a polling place and potentially lose income, or pay extra for childcare, etc.

Thank you,

Noelle Lindenmann (she/her/hers)  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740  
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**From:** [Betsy Scolnik](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No polling stations  
**Date:** Monday, November 3, 2025 10:35:48 AM

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I am a voting Hawaii resident. Keep voting by mail. We cant be restricted to polls!! Stop this craziness  
Mahalo

Betsy Scolnik  
3648 Moloa'a Rd.  
Anahola, Hi 96703  
[Betsyscolnik.org](#)

**From:** [connie.clune](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony Support for Voting by Mail - meeting Nov. 5, 2025  
**Date:** Monday, November 3, 2025 11:01:19 AM

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November 3, 2025

Hawaii State Elections Commission  
Office of Elections, 802 Lehua Avenue  
Pearl City, HI 96782

Re: In Support of Hawaii's All-Mail Voting System

Aloha Chairman Curtis and Members of the Commission:

I strongly support vote by mail, especially as an older retired person. I do understand that some people prefer voting in person and our system provides this opportunity. Mail-in voting has made civic participation more accessible, and secure for working people, those with disabilities, multiple jobs, or caregiving responsibilities. Many voters feel they are substantially more confident of their vote since they have time to study the issues and candidates in the comfort of home. Since its implementation statewide in 2020, this system has improved voter turnout and ensured that every eligible voter can make their voice heard safely and conveniently.

Hawaii is one of the eight states - Oregon, Washington, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Vermont, California and the District of Columbia that voters automatically receive a ballot mailed to them at home. In each of these states Republicans have introduced legislation and or lawsuits to dismantle or change the popular vote by mail system. In each proposed legislation or law suit attacking this voting right the phrases "to secure a trustworthy election" and "eliminate fraud, the integrity of the electoral process" are used. Sound familiar? In each state extensive review, audits and studies have been conducted finding the mail-in system is safe and encourages voter turnout.

In the Elections Commission's own September 29, 2025 *Permitted Interaction Group on Purported Big Island Ballot Discrepancy* report stated in part "we find a complete lack of credible evidence to support the claim of a significant ballot discrepancy."

I agree with Commissioner Osterkamp and other members who advocate a stance of assuring voters in Hawaii our voting system is safe, their vote does count and we value their right to vote without fear of voter suppression. We the people understand the many attempts to suppress our voices that are currently being pursued. One core value of our democracy is the right to participate in elections, to cast our vote. Please do not allow a false narrative to continue to churn the citizenry.

Sincerely,  
Constance Clune  
PO Box 860  
Lawai, HI

**From:** [peter eacott](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Peter Eacott wants to vote by mail!  
**Date:** Monday, November 3, 2025 2:25:20 PM

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Peter Eacott of 3531 Moloaa Rd.  
Po box 534,  
Anahola, hi 96703 wants to vote by mail!

Friends... they cherish one another's hopes. They are kind to one another's dreams. hdt

**From:** [Shanda Brack](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Testimony  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025 6:43:23 AM

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Dear Members of the Elections Commission,

I am writing to urge you NOT to eliminate mail-in ballots and to maintain — or strengthen — access to voting by mail.

Mail-in voting has become a critical part of how many voters safely and reliably participate in our democracy, including kūpuna/older adults, people with disabilities or chronic illness, caregivers, working people with inflexible schedules, and residents in rural or remote areas. For many of these voters, in-person voting is not just inconvenient — it is effectively a barrier to participation.

In addition, multiple reviews and audits across the country have shown that mail-in voting is secure and that fraud rates are extremely low, especially when standard safeguards are in place (signature verification, barcodes, ballot tracking, and strict chain-of-custody procedures). Removing or restricting vote-by-mail would solve no real problem, while creating very real harms: lower turnout, longer lines at polling places, and the disproportionate disenfranchisement of already-marginalized communities.

Please protect and preserve mail-in voting as an essential tool for free, fair, and accessible elections. I respectfully request that the Commission reject any proposal that would eliminate or significantly roll back access to mail-in ballots.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to ensuring that every eligible voter can make their voice heard.

Sincerely,

Shanda Brack

**From:** [Elizabeth Borchelt](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Voting by mail  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025 11:57:58 AM

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I have just recently discovered that the commission is considering a change to our voting process by switching to in person on election day only, except for limited circumstances. Reading the commissions mission which I have listed below, this does not meet your mission statement.

To provide secure, accessible, and convenient election services to all citizens statewide.

Many states have been voting by mail for years and experts say it is safe and it is what we the majority of citizens want. When you vote by mail you have the ability to never miss an election. Life happens and if you only have a limited time and have to travel to vote in person you could miss your responsibility. Traffic happens, storms happen, work schedule changes happen, health concerns happen. Do not change our current process.

Elizabeth Borchelt  
Hawaii resident and registered voter

**From:** [Michael Becker](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please keep vote by mail  
**Date:** Monday, November 3, 2025 7:12:07 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please keep vote by mail. It enfranchises all at the expense only of those who wish to limit voting access.

Warmest Regards,

Michael Becker  
3584 B Moloa'a Road  
Anahola, Hawaii 96703

**From:** [Alyce Dodge](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] yes to voting by mail  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025 5:01:29 PM

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Aloha Hawaii Elections Commission,

Please don't take away mail-in voting. Once I was visiting family on the continent and my stay was extended due to unforeseen circumstances. I am grateful I was able to request my Hawaii ballot, vote and mail it in.

Please keep the vote by mail option. It has proven to be safe, fair, secure and a good method to provide access for voters to exercise their right to vote.

Thank you,  
Alyce Dodge

**From:** [Terri Scarborough](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: mail in voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025 6:51:32 PM

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Aloha!

I'm a senior citizen, resident of Hawaii, and a registered voter.

I really want us to be able to keep mail-in voting as an option for Hawaii residents.

Why would you want to make it harder for people to vote in an election?

It would limit availability for the elderly, disabled and those who may not be able to take off work to get to a polling station.

Please think about all these reasons when considering the mail-in voting question.

Mahalo!

Terri Scarborough  
Lihue, Hawaii

**From:** [Kurt Johnson](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in voting  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025 9:37:33 PM

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Aloha-

I am disappointed in your recent decision to ask the legislature to ban mail-in and early voting and return to traditional in-person voting on Election Day.

My work schedule makes in-person voting a challenge. Additionally, my wife's health often prohibits her from getting out of the house. If she is having a 'bad health day' on election day, she would be unable to stand in the voting lines.

I would ask you to reconsider your recommendation and continue with mail in voting. It has been very advantageous for my wife and I.

Mahalo-  
Kurt Johnson  
Laie, Hawaii

**From:** [Richard Stange](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Protect Mail-In Voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 5, 2025 4:53:30 AM

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Aloha,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Richard Stange. My email is [richardstng83@gmail.com](mailto:richardstng83@gmail.com). I am a resident of Kapolei.

Please do not allow the Republican members of the Hawaii State Elections Commission to sabotage or undermine the voting process. Mail-in voting has been a success in Hawaii for years. One must be registered to vote in order to receive a ballot in the mail. Therefore, whatever Fox News influenced paranoia they are attempting to conjure up is a pure political stunt in order to make it more difficult for people to vote.

Please protect mail-in voting. Protect democracy. All eligible citizens have a right to vote. Please do not let the Republican members of the Elections Commission to silence voters by making the voting process less obtainable for the elderly, disabled, or anyone who may face medical dangers by standing in line out in the heat for a long period of time.

Let's be honest. We all know what this is. Please do not allow it.

Thank you.

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Sincerely,  
Richard Stange

**From:** [Teresa P](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Keep Mail-in voting  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 5, 2025 6:58:48 AM

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Commissioners,

I am concerned with the news of your recommendation to return to in-person voting. As a healthcare provider, my schedule is extremely difficult to predict and mail-in voting is the answer to this problem. This is an especially important for Presidential year elections when lines at polling places can be long.

Do NOT recommend changing the current status of mail-in voting.

Teresa Parsons  
Kaneohe HI

**From:** [Sarah Burns](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for 10/29 Elections Commission  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 5, 2025 7:14:41 AM

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I am writing to express my **extreme disappointment** in the commission's recommendation to end mail-in voting. Mail-in voting increases voting access (for every party) and makes exercising our constitutionally protected right to help chart the course of politics easier. There is no evidence that mail-in voting increases fraud. In fact, the great state of Maine last night voted against restriction on voting and their state boasts one of the highest voter participation rates in the country. A matter with such grave consequences to voter turnout should go before the people as a ballot measure. I'm confident it would be supported by the majority of citizens.

<https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2025/11/05/hawaii-elections-commission-calls-end-mail-in-voting/>

<https://www.democracymarket.com/news-alerts/maine-rejects-anti-voting-ballot-measure-reaffirms-voting-access/>

Please reconsider this backwards, and frankly insulting, recommendation.

On Tue, Oct 28, 2025 at 8:46 AM OE.Elections.Commission  
<[elections.commission@hawaii.gov](mailto:elections.commission@hawaii.gov)> wrote:

Aloha,

Thank you for your email. This is to confirm that we have received your written testimony.

If you also intend to provide oral testimony, please click 'Raise Hand' under reactions on Zoom when the meeting has reached the agenda item that you wish to provide testimony on.

Thank you,

Office of Elections

[elections.commission@hawaii.gov](mailto:elections.commission@hawaii.gov)

(808) 453-VOTE (8683)

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**From:** Sarah Burns <[sarahelizabeth2365@gmail.com](mailto:sarahelizabeth2365@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 7:33 AM  
**To:** OE.Elections.Commission <[elections.commission@hawaii.gov](mailto:elections.commission@hawaii.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for 10/29 Elections Commission

Aloha and good morning,

I am unable to attend tomorrow's Election Commission meeting so I am submitting my comments and testimony in deep **support** of mail-in voting in Hawaii. I urge the commission not to fall victim to the "voter fraud" talking points of the current administration. These lies that are still being spread about the integrity of our elections will have impacts for decades to come. Mail-in voting makes voting easy and accessible to all, and my favorite part is that I can sit down with my ballot and research the candidate and issues before me without feeling rushed, or needing to take time off of work to stand in line at a polling place.

Again, our elections in this country were FINE before ONE INDIVIDUAL started spreading misinformation. The damage he has done might never be repaired. By capitulating to this dangerous rhetoric about voter fraud and voter ID regulations, we are feeding into the idea that our country's elections have been compromised. The people of Hawaii are busy enough working two to three jobs to survive, and voting should be made **easier** and more accessible, not more difficult.

Thank you for accepting my comments, and thank you for protecting the people of Hawaii from the harmful misinformation being spread by the GOP.

Sincerely,

Sarah Burns

Resident of Kaimuki, 96816

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please do not STOP mail in voting  
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Why would u want to go backwards in TIME .

We will fight u for Mail In vote take it to a vote first and lets see how we the VOTERS FILI NOT this President who doesn't own me or speak for me .

Mahalo a voter

Kelli Blincoe Hawaii

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [SALLY TOMIKO](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] public testimony in support of continuing mail-in voting in Hawaii  
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My name is Sally Tomiko. I reside at 4322 Ioela Place, Kilauea HI 96754. Please include this as part of the public testimony during today's "...Continuance of Meeting Originally Convened on October 29, 2025" I strongly believe that mail-in voting during federal, state, and county elections in Hawaii are safe and effective ways to ensure that the voice of the greatest number of citizens are heard. Study after study has shown that mail-in voting can be handled in a manner that is safe and secure. Protests to the contrary tend to be fomented by a minority who speak loudly of their opinions, but do not have evidence to support their claims.

It is difficult for the elderly, the infirm, the transportation-challenged, and working citizens to exercise their right to vote when it requires going to a public polling site. It is difficult to have enough trained poll-watchers at many separate vote in person sites.

Instead, the government should train sufficient personnel to oversee the collection and counting and certification of mail-in ballots, to ensure that the majority of citizens can exercise their democratic right to vote in the USA

Sincerely,  
Sally Tomiko, PhD

**From:** [Vivienne Aronowitz](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail in ballots are safe and accessible to all  
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Aloha,

I find the attempt to do away with mail in ballots disingenuous. It is totally unrelated to the validity and safety of this way of voting. I have been a voter since I have come of age to vote and I believe we should continue with what is working and what allows every person regardless of their disability or closeness to a polling station to vote. Do not change what is working!!!!

Vivienne Aronowitz  
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**From:** [Kate McAlpine](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mail-in voting  
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Please explain the logic in voting to ask the legislature to return to in-person voting only. This is an idiotic decision and every one of you who votes for it need to be removed from the committee. Voting to do away with what works means you simply want to make it more challenging for voters. This is a reckless and irresponsible move. Shame on you.

Kate McAlpine, RPR, CSR, CCR

**From:** [Nancy Moser](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Here is how I testified verbally at the 11/5/2025 Hawaii Election Commission meeting  
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Aloha Election Commission Staff,

Please share with the Commission this testimony I gave verbally today.

On October 1, 2025, five of nine Election Commission members voted in favor to write to the legislature and advise the Chief Election Officer to make 7 named changes to current election procedures. These 7 changes are:

- \* Return to in-person voting in the precinct
- \* Hand count paper ballots
- \* One day voting
- \* Require ID
- \* Make exception to the above for military and special needs [implied: only these]
- \* Count votes where cast [that would be in each precinct, as seen above]
- \* Report the vote count before sending ballots to the county

Essentially this request is for a system that restricts voter access. These changes would alter current procedure to provide:

- One day only for voting, and only in person. No early voting days.
- Mailed ballots only if by exceptional request, only from a military voter or a special needs voter
- Every precinct statewide would need to staff and train its Elections Office volunteers not just in voting day procedures but also in ballot counting

Note: the current mail-in procedure does already use predominantly paper ballots. That is relevant to the second item in the Commission's motion to write to the legislature. (Currently, exceptions allow assistive technology to be used as requested. Voters with special needs may request an accessible electronic ballot)

Our present mail-in system works. The effort by a bare majority of Commissioners on October 1st to dump the mail-in balloting and revert to voting in-person on one day only, is a "solution" in search of a "problem."

I am calling this out as it restricts citizens' access to voting. It especially restricts voting access by working people, elderly, low income voters, and houseless citizens.

I urge the Commission to rescind this request to radically change the mail-in system.

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