

testimony for Hawai'i Island Advisory Council to the State Reapportionment Commission  
6 PM Monday, November 29, 2021  
from Cory Harden, Hilo  
via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98753033364> meeting ID: 987 5303 3364

Thank you for your service on this Council.

Please support two things:

First, re-evaluating military extraction numbers and re-drawing maps if necessary.

Second, publicizing Ralph Boyea's map.

First, on the military numbers:

The Commission extracted about 64,000 military, but new data indicates about 123,000--almost double the Commission numbers. The Commission numbers were suspect because they declined by almost one-third since 2012, though the military population had only declined by 5%. And numbers from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism were drastically different. Then the Commission only got new numbers late in the process--last month--and only got them because one Commissioner worked through her personal military contacts. And then it was testifiers, not the chair, who notified the Commission that there were new numbers. Is this any way to run the reapportionment process?

There is some question about how to handle military dependents, and whether the new numbers require re-drawing maps. Those questions should be debated in meetings open to the public, not behind closed doors, which is largely what has happened so far.

The new numbers may shift a house seat from O'ahu to Hawai'i Island and require re-mapping for both islands—a difficult pill to swallow for many people. So we need strong support from you as to the right course of action. If we get this wrong, it may land us in the Supreme Court again.

Second, on Ralph Boyea's map: it reflects a lot of community input, and, compared to the current Commission map, has less population deviation and more continuity between similar communities. This Advisory Council and the public should consider it, in case re-mapping of O'ahu and Hawai'i Island does not happen.

Mahalo.



Hawaii House - Ralph Boyea  
revision submitted November 29, 2021  
overall (total) deviation = 4.42%

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**From:** OE.Elections.Reapportionment  
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Aloha Hawaii Island Advisory Council,  
I am submitting my **written** and request for **oral testimony for Monday. November 29th, 6PM.**

Aloha kākou Hawaii Island Advisory Council,

My name is Maki Morinoue and I live in Holualoa, currently House District 6. As a resident of Hawai'i Island I am concerned about the proposed State House Redistricting maps for our island because multiple communities are being divided across numerous districts. I like the alternative proposed "House, Community Plan" submitted by Ralph Boyea because it keeps subdivisions together in more rural areas and also does a good job of keeping the urban areas on our island less split apart over numerous House Districts. I also like the fact that the "House, Community Plan" provides smaller deviations in population among the House Districts.

I would like to add that this plan was created with the 7 current House Districts and accompanying population numbers, I urge the Commission to reconsider that allotment moving forward. Based on the 123,000 updated military personnel number provided recently by PACOM our island deserves an additional representative in the State House. We are asking that you please take into account these new numbers and recalculate your extractions.

Please support this proposed plan moving forward as it seems to be the best option at the moment.

Mahalo,  
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"Aloha Spirit" is the coordination of mind and heart within each person. It brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good feelings to others. In the contemplation and presence of the life force, "Aloha,"

Advisory Council      Written testimony submitted by email.

Good evening Advisory Council Members,

I am here to request that you consider endorsing our Community Plan for the State of Hawaii House Districts on the Island of Hawaii.

My name is Ralph Boyea

I live in OLE on the Island of Hawaii in the District of Puna.

I have resided on the Big Island since 1974, my children were raised here.

A number of concerned community minded individuals from around the island met to discuss the State House Redistricting maps. We are very concerned about the maps for our island. We realize that addressing concerns in one District automatically affects the boundaries of all of the other Districts. Therefore we put together a plan that addresses all Districts.

Before addressing our plan, we all agree that the most important issue facing the Commission is the apportionment of the number of State Senate and House seats.

We are aware that after the seven (7) House Districts were assigned to our island the U.S. Department of Defense, via PACOM provided updated military non-resident numbers. Those more recent numbers are significantly higher than the numbers used by the HRC. As I understand it the revised NPR count is now 123,000 vs the 64,415 count used by the HRC to determine the number of House seats.

We respectfully request that the Advisory Council urge the HRC utilize those numbers in assigning House Districts. I am confident that the new numbers will justify an additional House seat for Hawaii Island.

However, Given the possibility that the HRC will continue with its assignment of seven House Districts we request an opportunity to present our proposed Community Plan for your consideration and support.

Our Plan was created to address concerns that communities are being divided across multiple House Districts. We also addressed concerns about rural agricultural subdivisions being included in urban districts.

For example about 80% of HPP was placed in a Hilo District. In another example the agricultural subdivisions of OL, Hwn Acres, Fern Forest, etc are placed in another Hilo District.

For these reasons and others we came up with an alternative redistricting plan for the Hawaii Island House Districts. We submitted that plan to the HRC with the title "Community Plan"

We believe the Community Plan serves the needs of our communities better than the proposed HRC plan. The Community Plan keeps the subdivisions together in more rural areas and it does a good job of keeping the urban areas less split between multiple House Districts.

Our Community Plan comes closer to reaching the goal of 28,584 residents per House District. Overall, our plan deviates from that goal by only 4.1% as opposed to the HRC deviation of 5.72%.

If possible, we request that you display the Community Plan that we submitted to the HRC. We would then be able to present the details of that plan.

We request that the Hawaii Island Advisory Council work with the Hawaii Redistricting Commission to make a URL link so that the public can easily access our Community Plan. The currently available process to access our plan is difficult at best.

We hope that you agree with us that the Community Plan better addresses the needs of the Hawaii Island residents.

Should you be unsuccessful in advocating for an eighth House District on the Island of Hawaii, then, in the alternative, please support our Community Plan.

Thank you.

Ralph C. Boyea

