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## **TESTIMONY OF THE**

## CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 848 NOMINATION OF ROSE KURITA TO THE

## BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF THE ISLANDS OF KAUAI AND NIIHAU

April 18, 2016

Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Rose Kurita to the Board of Registration of the Islands of Kauai and Niihau, for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

The purpose of the Boards of Registration is to hear and decide on appeals that arise from a voter challenge or a clerk's decision regarding voter registration. On election days, Board of Registration members sit in their respective counties to hear appeals that may arise from voters registered within the districts.

Ms. Kurita was initially appointed on July 25, 2012 with a term that will expire on June 30, 2016.

Ms. Kurita served as a Member in the 2012 Primary and General Elections, as well as in the 2014 Primary Election. Ms. Kurita served as the Chairperson in the 2014 General Election. Ms. Kurita's previous experience and willingness to continue to serve the people of Hawaii makes her an excellent nominee for the Board of Registration of the Islands of Kauai and Niihau.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Ms. Kurita to the Board of Registration of the Islands of Kauai and Niihau.