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**TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1651, HD 2
RELATING TO CLASS C FELONIES**

March 17, 2016

Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1651, HD 2. The purpose of this bill is to clarify the penalties associated with providing false information in relation to a same day voter registration application.

Currently, the law provides that the provision of false information in relation to a same day voter registration application will constitute "a class C felony, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both." HRS §§ 11-15.2(c)(3) & 15-7(e)(3). A class C felony is normally associated with a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding five years. HRS §§ 706-640 & 706-660. In order to be consistent, the bill removes the specific reference to the fine and imprisonment in HRS §§ 11-15.2(c)(3) and 15-7(e)(3) and leaves the reference to a class C felony.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1651, HD 2.



Senate Judiciary + Labor Committee
Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Maile Shimabukuro

Thursday 03/17/2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 016
HB 1651 HD2 – Relating to Class C Felonies

TESTIMONY — SUPPORT
Carmille Lim, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Senate Judiciary + Labor Committee:

Common Cause Hawaii supports HB1651 which would essentially consider falsifying voter registration information as a class C felony, whereas currently, falsifying this information “may result in” a class C felony.

We believe that strengthening and clarifying the consequences for such an act will serve as a further deterrent toward individuals who are considering provide false information on his or her voter registration affidavit.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony **supporting HB1651 HD2**.

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