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TESTIMONY OF THE
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1651
RELATING TO CLASS C FELONIES

February 2, 2016

Chair Rhoads and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1651. The purpose of this bill is to increase the fine associated with providing false information in relation to a same day voter registration application from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

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. 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 with the traditional fine of \$10,000 associated with a class C felony, the bill seeks to amend the fine in advance of the implementation of same day voter registration at absentee walk sites this year.

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



House Judiciary Committee
Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Joy San Buenaventura

Tuesday 02/02/2016 at 2:00 PM in Room 325
HB 1651 – Relating to Class C Felonies

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

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

Common Cause Hawaii supports HB1651 which would increase the fine from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for a person who provides false information when registering to vote late or at an absentee polling place.

While falsifying one's information when registering to vote is already considered a felony, we believe that increasing the applicable fine will act 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**.

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