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**TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON SENATE BILL NO. 2114, SD 1
RELATING TO CLASS C FELONIES**

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Chair Rhoads and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2114, SD 1. 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 Senate Bill No. 2114, SD 1.