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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

ON SENATE BILL NO. 2242, SD 1

RELATING TO ELECTIONS

March 29, 2016

Chair Rhoads and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Senate Bill No. 2242, SD 1. This bill allows voters to exhibit their voted ballot.

The Office of Elections has no objection to the proposed bill, if it is meant to be read in conjunction with HRS § 11-137, to provide that no voter will be prohibited from taking an image of their ballot in the voting booth or any similar area designated by election officials for voting in private, so long as the voter does not exhibit their ballot or image of their ballot to other voters in the polling place, disrupt other voters, invade the privacy of other voters, utilize more than a nominal amount of time to take the image, and the voter does not take the image in conjunction with any election offense under chapter 19 or related offenses under the Hawaii Penal Code.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2242, SD 1.