

HB-86

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 12:18:29 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2019 2:05:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Gerard Silva | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

You should resign your seat if you are running for a nother Office this is only fair to every one else. That way there will be no coflict of interest. Righjt now it is a big rip off when a candiat runs and spens all that time runnig and dose not do the job they were elected to do. Wail they are running for a different seat. This needs to be FIXED.

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| Mary Smart | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Do not pass this bill. We do not want to change the constitution to facilitate office holders so they can run for another office while on the government payroll. If we elect a person as a Senator, we expect the Senator to focus on his or her job in the Senate. We don't expect to pay that official to run for a different office while being paid by the residents of the state. This change would be especially egregious to the people of the other political parties. Serving in political office is being a servant to the people, not about achieving personal life goal of rising up to a higher/national role. An individual should not run for the Senate if he or she has aspirations for higher office during their elected term and they are unwilling to terminate their seat to run for the alternate position. Vote NO on HB 86.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2019 2:45:55 PM

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| Mark White | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

I ooppose this Con-Am. Seated Senators should resign and exit their elected positions to run for another office because the chance for colusion and conflict of interest is too great otherwise. Let's keep our politics as clean as possible. If seated politicians want to run for a different office they should resign their current position and focus on campaigning for that office.

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| Kevin J. Cole | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

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My name is Jason Bradshaw and I am testifying in favor of HB86 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION RELATING TO THE RESINATION OF STATE SENATORS. I am testifying on behalf of the Labor Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

The proposed constitutional amendment before the committee attempts to address two issues: fairness and stability.

Fairness can be explained by the recent example of is the past election for Lieutenant Governor. Senator Willie Espero was in the middle of his four-year term while Senator Josh Green was at the end of his four-year term.

Under the current situation, it required Senator Espero to resign his senate seat upon filing by the deadline of June 7th. Senator Green, on the other hand, was able to serve in office as a state senator until the day of the General Election.

This isn't fair to any senator who happens to run for a state office while in the middle of the four-year term.

It also isn't fair to the constituents of the district since there will be no representation until a replacement is appointed.

This brings up the issue of stability and continuity. In Senator Espero's case, upon his resignation, the Democratic Party from that senatorial district had 30 days to submit a list of three names to the governor for consideration. If by chance, the governor appointed the sitting House member, it would have again triggered a 30-day process to appoint a replacement for the House seat. In this plausible scenario, the appointed House member would serve a very short time thereby depriving the district of representation while this whole process is ongoing.

It would be simpler and fairer to have anyone irrespective of whether it is a mid-term or end-or-term scenario to end the term on the day of the General Election. It would enable anyone seeking the open seats to run in the same way as all other candidates with the same timetable. It would also ensure that the affected districts have seamless representation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jason Bradshaw

Chair

Labor Caucus