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**TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON SENATE BILL NO. 2147
RELATING TO NOMINATION PAPERS**

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Chair Rhoads and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity provide comments on Senate Bill No. 2147. This bill extends by 1 month the deadline by which nomination papers for candidates for elected office shall be made available; and repeals on the same date of the repeal of section 4 of Act 14, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021.

We believe the intent of this measure relates to delays with the 2021 Reapportionment and Redistricting Plan and Act 14, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021 which pushed back the start of candidate filing by one month.

Since the Reapportionment Commission filed the final plan on January 28, 2022, and the plan was published on February 8, 2022, we are on schedule to begin candidate filing on March 1st.

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