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## STATE OF HAWAII ELECTIONS COMMISSION

December 22, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President and Members of the Senate Thirty First State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 The Honorable Scott Saiki Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty First State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting the *"Elections Commission's Biennial Evaluation of Elections Operation,"* in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes §11-8.5.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 453-VOTE (8683).

Sincerely,

F.M. SCOTTY ANDERSON Elections Commission Chair

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Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 11-8.5, we are pleased to submit the following report concerning the operation of elections.

The 2022 election cycle was the second election cycle conducted by mail under Act 136, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, and the first to utilize the Verity voting system and new district lines drawn by the decennial state Reapportionment Commission and the applicable County redistricting commissions. The ballot tracking system, BallotTrax, which allows voters to sign up for text, voice, and email alerts, was also introduced this year.

We are continuing to see an increase in registration. The 2020 General Election included 832,466 registered voters, while the 2022 General Election recorded 861,358 registered voters.

Without the assistance from the numerous volunteers and various government agencies, the 2022 Elections would not have been possible. Every individual served a critical role in providing secure, accessible, and convenient election services for each voter statewide. Going forward, we will continue to review procedures to ensure both voters and volunteers have a smooth experience.

Finally, on Election Day and through the post-election audits and reconciliations conducted by the Office of Elections, no evidence of fraud or errors were found that would suggest our election had been tampered with.

The 2022 Elections went smoothly and were largely successful, and many lessons were learned that will help to improve the administration of elections going forward.

We are very proud of the job done by Chief Election Officer, Scott Nago, and his entire team of staff and volunteers.

Should you have any questions, you may contact me via email at <u>elections@hawaii.gov</u>, Attn: Scotty Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,

F.M. Scotty Anderson Elections Commission Chair