



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## ‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

### Legislative Testimony

### Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs  
Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

By  
Debora Halbert, Vice President for Academic Strategy  
University of Hawai'i System

#### HB 1678 – RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the designation of each University of Hawai'i (UH) campus as a voter service agency and the designation of each UH campus as a voter service center. Section 2 would be revised to designate each University of Hawai'i campus as a voter service agency as defined in the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

The University of Hawai'i already provides voter registration information on its systemwide website: <https://www.hawaii.edu/offices/student-affairs/voter-registration/>. This website includes information on registering to vote, including a link to the online voter registration form. It also provides information about where on each campus a student interested in registering to vote by paper form would go or if they need additional voting information.

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 identifies the following requirements for a voter service agency:

“Section 20506, (a)(4)(A) At each voter registration agency, the following services shall be made available:

- (i) Distribution of mail voter registration application forms in accordance with paragraph (6).
- (ii) Assistance to applicants in completing voter registration application forms, unless the applicant refuses such assistance.
- (iii) Acceptance of completed voter registration application forms for transmittal to the appropriate State election official.”

Given that all Hawai'i residents can register to vote online, accepting and transmitting paper copies of voter registrations would be a less-than-ideal requirement in the digital

age. Thus, it is unclear what additional services UH would provide if designated as a voter service agency.

HB 1678 also amends Section 5(a) to provide that the University of Hawai'i will be a voter service center. According to the City and County of Honolulu website, now that the State has moved to mail-in ballots, existing voter service centers are designated at Honolulu Hale and Kapolei Hale. (See: <https://www.honolulu.gov/elections/voting/voter-service-centers.html>).

Creating a voter service center at each campus in the UH system may be unnecessary, given the statewide transition to mail-in ballots. UH would need to identify dedicated facilities on each campus for the ten days required for such a service center, and it is not clear how these centers would be staffed or if the election offices need these additional facilities. Furthermore, requiring additional voter service centers may cause county elections offices logistical and personnel challenges, especially if UH employees would be expected to staff the service centers.

Regarding Section 4 (a)(2) regarding the use of student identification as ID for the purposes of establishing identity to vote, please be advised that student ID cards do not include a signature or an expiration date and are issued not only to residents of the State of Hawai'i but also to out-of state residents, exchange and international students, and adjunct affiliate faculty/staff.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

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January 29, 2024

TESTIMONY OF JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA  
COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY OF KAUAI  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1678  
RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Dear Chair Tarnas and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on House Bill No. 1678. This Bill proposes to designate all University of Hawai'i (University) system campuses as voter registration agencies; requires the Chief Election Officer to gather and examine voting related data to develop plans to improve youth voter participation; allow University issued student ID cards to be used to register to vote; and designates all University campuses as voter service centers.

Our office takes no position on the overall Bill but notes that establishing voter service centers (VSC) at all University campuses will impose significant fiscal challenges for election officials statewide since there is currently no funding for the additional equipment and staffing needed to operate the additional VSCs.

Logistically, identifying suitable, secure space on campus will be extremely difficult and enforcing the 200 foot no electioneering boundary virtually impossible. We also note that University campuses are closed on weekends and on General Election Days.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments for House Bill No. 1678.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jade K. Fountain-Tanigawa", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA  
County Clerk

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 9:57:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jacob Wiencek	Hawaii Young Republicans	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

On behalf of Hawaii Young Republicans, we support this bill. Expanding voter registration opportunities to University of Hawaii schools just seems like commonsense. Engaging the next generation of citizens is crucial to increasing the opportunity to participate. We encourage the committee to support this bill!

TESTIMONY  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
HB1678 RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 2:00 pm

State Capitol Conference Room 325 via Videoconference

Submitted in OPPOSITION by Mrs. Jamie Detwiler, President, Hawai'i Federation of Republican Women

Honorable Chair Tarnas, Vice-Chair Takayama, and Committee Members,

I am not opposed to requiring public institutions of higher learning to expand voting registration access and opportunities for young people to improve election participation as articulated in HB1678.

I oppose HB1678 for the following reasons:

1. Privacy and Bias Concerns. HB1678 requires the Chief Election Officer to use data concerning voter registration and election participation to study voter registration, absentee voting, and provisional voting trends by age, race, and class to improve youth voter registration and election participation.

There is nothing positive about studying voting trends based on age, race, and class. Registering to vote or not to vote is a personal private decision. Results may cause division or incorrect conclusions. What is the mechanism to ensure privacy?

2. Non-citizen voters. HB1678 allows student identification cards issued by the University of Hawai'i system to be used to register to vote.

The Honolulu City Clerk recently stated that we do not verify citizenship. He stated that there is a self-attestation statement on the form. There is a concern that foreign students who are non-citizens will register to vote.

3. Waste of resources. If this bill passes, the office of election will have to spend resources such as manpower and perhaps money to "study" voting trends. Their budget will be better spent ensuring chain of custody of ballots and overall security of the election process.

Please do not pass HB1678. Please vote NO.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jamie Detwiler

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/26/2024 6:07:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **oppose** this Bill.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/27/2024 8:28:46 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaiulani Bowers	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it could allow noncitizens and others who are not qualified to vote

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/27/2024 8:31:52 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Moylan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose Bill HB1678. This Bill allows UH student ID cards to be used to register to vote which could allow non-citizens and others who are not qualified to vote in an election.



**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/27/2024 9:22:00 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kelly morgan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/27/2024 9:22:06 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
April Handog	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill as it leaves room for non-citizens to enjoy rights that are exclusive to citizens. What other country allows that? I've lived overseas for a couple of years was not allowed to vote.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/27/2024 9:54:01 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tatiana Maumausolo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I opose this bill and so should you. This bill allows University of Hawaii student ID cards to be used to be registered to vote which would allow us noncitizens and others who are not qualified to vote in an election.

Mahalo, Tatiana

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/27/2024 12:33:14 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sharron VanDeusen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/27/2024 1:15:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Leolani Mahuka iwaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/27/2024 1:30:41 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kamakani de dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. We need to have a legal ID to vote and be a citizen of the united states of america. No UH id cards to vote!

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/27/2024 2:08:44 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. We need to have a legal ID to vote and be a citizen of the united states of america. No UH id cards to vote!

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/27/2024 3:49:59 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
J. Chun	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.



**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/27/2024 4:07:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Scott Kidd	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Laws that restrict or hinder the ability to allow our constitutional right to vote are detrimental to our democracy. A valid student ID is often all a college aged person may have or have access to readily. Residency and validity can still be ensured along with using a student ID and does not impact the integrity of elections. Anything other than such would elude to voter suppression.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/27/2024 10:03:01 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lesha Mathes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

ID should be showing citizenship. Student ID'S do not show proof of citizenship.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 2:13:15 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Luis Ma	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong oppose. Wide open hole for international students, out of states students, and non citizens to vote.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 8:38:33 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael EKM Olderr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill because it would significantly affect the voter turnout of college students. It would also help establish young adults as a serious demographic that local politicians must listen to.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 8:47:56 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 8:56:47 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 10:16:16 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
THOMAS KENT	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I OPPOSE THIS BILL**

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 10:47:24 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sierra Palpallatoc	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL



**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 12:33:26 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Teresa Parmenter	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB 1678

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 1:47:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Candace Vizcarra	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STOP MAKING UP LAWS TO INTERFERE WITH ELECTION INTEGRITY!!! HAWAII  
NEEDS TRANSPARENCY!!! I REBUKE ANY EVIL THAT GOES AGAINST ALMIGHTY  
GOD!!!

CONCERNED RESIDENT

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 12:46:16 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TERI SAVAIINAEA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB 1678

Our Hawai'i youth are already preregistered to vote when they get their drivers license or at high school preregistration voter drives.

Independent data analysis of voter registration addresses at universities show massive problems with registrations that should be removed or inactivated.

Using student ID for voter registration is bad practice. it does not prevent non-US citizens from registering to vote. In the 2023 fall semester 1,189 international students enrolled at UH. It is against the law for these students to vote, and registration should not be encouraged and facilitated through a State law. There is no citizenship verification process in Hawai'i for voter registration.

Only US government issued photo ID should be allowed for voter registration.

I oppose HB 1678.

Thank you,

Teri Savaiinaea

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 1:55:07 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bad bill.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 1:56:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alika Valdez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 2:50:01 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
tania victorine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STUDENT ID SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A VALID ID TO REGISTER TO VOTE!

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 3:42:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rita Wong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB1678

This bill allows UH student ID cards to be used to register to vote which could allow noncitizens and others who are not qualified to vote in an election which would be so wrong!

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 3:51:32 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Fenton K lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Honorable Members of the JHA,

My name is Fenton Kaulana Lee, and I am writing to oppose HB1678, which proposes designating the University of Hawaii system campuses as voter registration agencies.

**Administrative and Compliance Challenges:** The Higher Education Act of 1965's voter registration requirements for colleges are often unheeded due to weak enforcement or unawareness. This situation indicates potential issues in implementing policies like those in HB1678, which could lead to inconsistencies and administrative burdens.

**Inconsistent University Policies:** Instances at institutions like Harvard and Princeton, where student calls for voting holidays were met with inaction, illustrate the potential for inconsistent application of voter registration duties across campuses. This inconsistency can lead to unequal access to voting resources for students.

**Complex State Legislation Impact:** In New Hampshire, legislative measures have been introduced to curtail student voting through confusing residency and ID laws, particularly impacting out-of-state students. This example demonstrates the complications that arise when universities are deeply involved in state voting legislation, which can disenfranchise student voters.

**Texas as a Cautionary Tale:** Texas' elimination of temporary voting sites in 2019, including those on college campuses, and the failure of legislation to establish permanent voting locations on campuses with certain student population thresholds, resulted in decreased student engagement



in voting. This situation highlights the challenges of ensuring consistent voting access on campuses and the potential for disenfranchisement of student voters.

In light of these examples, while the aim of HB1678 to enhance student voter registration and participation is commendable, the practical challenges and potential unintended consequences suggest the need for a reevaluation of this approach.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Fenton Kaulana Lee

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 4:16:53 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
CHESTER LUM	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony opposing this bill.

HB 1678 does not compel the chief election officer to provide, at a minimum, the data for the task of Section (d) of Page 3, lines 11 through 13, to the public.

HB 1678 does not compel the UH or any other institutions of higher education issuing student ID cards to show residency of the card holder. The Hawaii residency requirement is part of insuring integrity in Hawaii's voting system.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony opposing this bill.

Chester Lum

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 6:21:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Heather R Lauro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I vehemently oppose this bill. ONLY HAWAII RESIDENTS WITH GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID SHOULD BE ALLOW TO REGISTER AND VOTE IN HAWAII ELECTIONS! This bill doesn't protect the citizen of our state.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 7:15:59 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tiffany Salazar	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This Bill allows UH student ID cards to be used to register to vote which could allow non-citizens and others who are not qualified to vote in an election.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 8:48:14 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James R Cabodol Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Again I oppose this bill because ABSOLUTELY NO NON US CITIZEN SHOULD VOTE IN OUR ELECTIONS

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 9:00:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robin Gusich-Batara	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1678 because it will allow the University of Hawaii ID to be used for voter registration. Not all students at the University are US citizens. Using the University ID will make it possible for non-US citizens to vote. Voting is a privilege reserved for US citizens only. A vote from a non-citizen could cancel out the vote of a true citizen. Please protect the integrity of our elections and do not pass this bill.

Thank you.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 9:04:19 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lynne Bautista	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1678!

Our Hawai'i youth are already preregistered to vote when they get their drivers license or at high school preregistration voter drives. That in itself is a problem I had two children who got drivers licenses before they turned 18. They then went to college on the mainland and never voted in Hawaii yet their names were on the Hawaii County voter rolls until I made them fill out forms to take their names OFF!

Now you want to register international students and out of state students and let them vote? That is not legal. Making University of Hawaii campuses voter service centers is a bad idea and should not be done. I oppose!

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 9:09:44 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jessica Penner	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

UH student ID cards should not be adequate personal identification for voting. It is racist and ageist to think that college students are not able to get a drivers license or state ID and therefore need special accomidations. Our university hosts many individuals from all over the world who are wonderful - but have no interest or right to vote in out elections. This couple possibly create another pool of information that requires auditing to make sure any person using a student ID who has voted is legally allowed to do so. MORE work for our election officials and more risk to the legal citizens and residents of this state that their vote will be diluted.



**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 9:10:55 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Vivek Pathela	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

UH ID cards must NOT be allowed for voter registration.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 9:33:54 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
L M	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed to accepting a school ID card to register to vote. This could allow non-American citizens to voted in elections they are not qualified to vote it.

Thank you.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 9:34:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Amanda Scardilli	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposing due to: People attending the school need more than a student ID to take part in Hawaii State and United State topics at hand. Our Island is small, we don't need outsiders voting when they don't even pay into taxes here. Most of them claim other states and sometimes other countries as their residence.

Additional State I.D's with reference to residency need to be clearly identified for persons privileged enough to vote in Hawaii.

Thank you for your time,

Amanda Scardilli

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 10:28:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marlies Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Proper government ID's to vote!

No school ID!

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 11:33:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Emerson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Whoever wrote this bill has to resign. A UH ID card is not valid. Why would we allow people who are not residents, allowed to vote. This is a very incompetent bill, written by very incompetent people. There are students from out of country that will have access to vote. We the PEOPLE will not have any of this and reject this bill!

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 11:46:52 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Catherine Thyne	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 12:32:45 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Scott Shedko	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Allowing student id's for registration would allow non US citizens to register and vote.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 12:40:37 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose this bad bill please



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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 2:15:31 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jessica Tamaribuchi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1678. No University of Hawaii system campuses should become voter registration sites. Student IDs are not valid for registering to vote as this will encourage non citizens to participate in our elections. Therefore, I oppose HB1678.

Thank you,

Jessica Tamaribuchi

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 3:46:09 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mary Healy	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

UH needs to focus on academic achievement of its students. Enrollment is down and class availability is limited.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 4:29:00 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dalene McCormick	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

A student ID does not give individuals a right to vote in Hawaii elections. Hawaii residents should be the only people who have a say in how our leaders are elected. I do not agree in letting non Hawaii residents vote in our elections. This also opens the door to more fraud in which our registration and voter rolls are already riddled with.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 4:56:29 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
julie schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose hb1678

its against our constitution

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 5:06:03 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Greg schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose hb1678

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 5:12:29 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sam schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose hb1678

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 5:55:50 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Student ID is not sufficient ID to vote.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 6:02:35 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kathy Jenkins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB1678



**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 7:20:39 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas Stanton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Oppose HB1678

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 7:23:09 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this. A student ID is not an official ID, it is for identification on the campus, this for of identification does not indicate if the individual is qualified to vote in our Official Elections, here in the United States. Please protect the Election Registration and Processes. Thank you very much.

Noela von Wiegandt

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 7:43:38 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Anne Kamau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Mahalo.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 8:04:07 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jessica Caiazzo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha my name is Jessica “Priya” Caiazzo and I strongly oppose HB1678. This bill being pushed out goes further away from having U.S citizens with a valid government issue ID. We want to restore the election protection process and opposing this bill is the best way to do that.

Mahalo,

-Jessica "Priya" Caiazzo

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 8:44:37 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laura Cushnie	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There should be no means available for a noncitizen of the USA to register and/or vote in our elections at any level.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 9:37:01 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mark Au	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and JHA Committee members, I oppose this bill because it allows student identification cards issued by the University of Hawaii system or by other universities in the U.S. to be used to register to vote. This obviously invites the potential for voter fraud by having non-citizens register to vote and vote in U.S. elections. This is a poorly written bill to encourage greater voter registration. It weakens the integrity of our free elections process. Unless proper verification and certification is provided in this bill to ensure only U.S.citizens can register and vote in accordance with our laws, this bill should not be considered.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose this legislation as written.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony

Mark Au

Kailua, HI

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 9:59:39 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Terry Murakami	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

If younger people want to be involved in the election process they should put in the necessary effort to register to vote.

By allowing UH student ID cards as sufficient to used to register for elections allows non-citizens and others who would not be qualified to vote in an election.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 10:06:20 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chloe S	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose House Bill 1678. This bill is a disgrace to voter integrity.



**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 10:31:18 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vick Penn	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good Morning,

I am writing to OPPOSE bill HB1678.

If Hawai'i is important to you, if you see these beautiful islands as home, then commit to this state and get a valid Hawaii State ID card to participate in this state's elections! NO EXCEPTIONS!

1. Students are impermanent. After graduation, many immediately move on to their next chapter-- and most likely don't stay here (in Hawaii.) Hawaii is NOT a place that students can afford to live on a limited income. The high cost of living and high taxes here guarantees that.
2. It's also curious to me that students (of UH) were highlighted as the ones to have these voting privileges with their ID. As of late, the school has become an indoctrination center of socialist, left-of- center ideology. These students will vote based on ideology and NOT the reality of living with the issues that we face as residents of this state. This in my opinion leads me to believe there is a more nefarious agenda behind this bill.

Therefore, I STRONGLY OPPOSE.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 11:47:12 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marcelle Liana	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly Oppose!

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 12:24:11 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Adriel Lam	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

HB1678 is a subversion of every Hawaii citizen's equal protection of our votes under the law. There are no guarantees that this legislation will prevent non-citizens or foreigners from registering to vote and casting ballots in our elections. Further advancement of this legislation is an insurrection against We the People and the Constitution of Hawaii and the United States.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 12:29:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kim Cordery	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I appose this bill because a student ID is not the same as a drivers license that requires an american citizen to apply.

This leaves the door open for illegal aliens to vote, which violates the constitution!

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 12:35:12 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gary cordery	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Our voter roles are restricted to US citizens, we must have elections with voter ID

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 1:57:23 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tracy Gillard	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

If you can register to go to college, you can make it down to the DMV to get a State ID or a State Drivers license. A lot of college students are here temporary and they will not be affected by what the locals are voting on. This should never have been proposed.

**LATE**

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/29/2024 2:50:05 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Krista Vessell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose the Univeristy of Hawai'i being made into a voter registration agency based on the fact that out-of-state 18 year olds enrolled in college here in Hawai'i and who hold student IDs are given "Hawai'i residency" status with the ability to influence political outcomes. We already have documentation regarding voter fraud and abuse being used to facilitate the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom and the induction of Hawai'i into statehood. Hawai'i has a long and dirty history of empowering outsiders to change communities, and not for the better. "Residency cannot simply be because of the applicant's presence in the state, but that residency was acquired with the intent to make Hawai'i the person's legal residence with all the accompanying obligation therein." this is how "residency" is defined per the Office of Elections. This means a person who is not born and raised here, has no family roots here, and has spent NO amount of time LIVING in Hawai'i and LISTENING to and LEARNING from the host culture can have the authority to make decisions on political activities that will have an effect on every actual resident. This is wrong. Residency should be determined by tax filings and declared address (and not a college dorm or private college rental) of residency. Elections should not depend on importing a bunch of outside people who will support a certain political agenda and empowering them to do so. Keep Hawai'i Hawai'i.

**LATE**

Aloha to those concerned,

My name is Cardenas Pintor. I am studying social work and intersectionality at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa and am writing to support HB1678. I wanted to thank you for taking the time to hear this bill. To help testify for this bill, I wanted to see how to apply for a State ID to vote. This is where an obstacle is. I must get on to the AlohaQ to book an appointment. Some students may not know they have to book on AlohaQ, so it will take hours to get in when they do a walk-in. Based on my experience, it took me and another person from 7:00 AM-2:00 PM just to renew my driver’s permit and his state ID.

The next appointment I could take is February 5, Monday, from 11 am-3:38 pm. Class blocks can be from 10:30 am-11:45 am, 12:00 pm-1:15 pm, and 1:30 am-4:00 pm. I also have an internship and a part-time job. I am testifying for class during my break to prove my point. My practicum and internships are from 8:00-11:00 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 8:00 am-1:00 pm on Mondays and Fridays, and my part-time job is from 2:00-5:00 pm on some Wednesdays and Fridays. Once I get through that process, it will take six to eight weeks. Not only that, but last year, thousands of Hawaii ID cards were misprinted in February, and if that ever happens again, it will take weeks to get them back. Getting a State ID just to vote is long and tedious, which is intimidating, and there needs to be more resources telling us where to go or what to do. How can you know not just youth but also people who do not live here, who just moved here, or people with disabilities how to register to vote and how to get the documents just to register to vote? However, with this bill, I can just register with my UH ID, which I need to take everywhere I go because I use the bus. This will make voter registration more accessible, and eighteen states enacted this law. We also have experience with using school IDs as a form of identification. To get my first bus pass in 2021, when I was 17, I used my high school ID without



my parents, and I used it until the EXPRESS County Bus Pass Program was introduced. I, alongside other students, carry their UH ID, and whether you just moved or lost your driver's license/state identification card (which let us hope you did not), a UH ID should help students vote.

Mahalo nui for hearing this bill,

Cardenas Pintor

**LATE**

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 7:00:58 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lucricia Amaral	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill.

**LATE**

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 7:06:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Melvin Amaral	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill.

**LATE**

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 10:50:15 PM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Vernelle Oku	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it allows foreigners with a student ID to vote in our elections.

**HB-1678**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 8:28:16 AM

Testimony for JHA on 1/30/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Yvonne Alvarado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Yvonne L. Alvarado oppose Bill HB1678

**LATE**

Testimony HB1768

Aloha Chair Tarnas and JHA Committee Members,

I oppose HB1768

While the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) allows for states to designate college campuses as voter registration centers, it is not a requirement, and is not necessary for Hawai'i.

UH total enrollment is [43% out of state and international students](#).

For the 57% of students that are Hawai'i residents, they have ample opportunity to register to vote before attending UH:

- Voter registration is automatic at the DMV when obtaining a drivers license, even for under 18 year old drivers
- 16 and 17 year olds are preregistered to vote at Hawai'i high school voter registration drives
- Voter registration is quick and easy online
- Our youth are targeted on social media from voter registration organizations such as Rock the Vote and popup ads on Instagram that show up repeatedly offering a link to register to vote

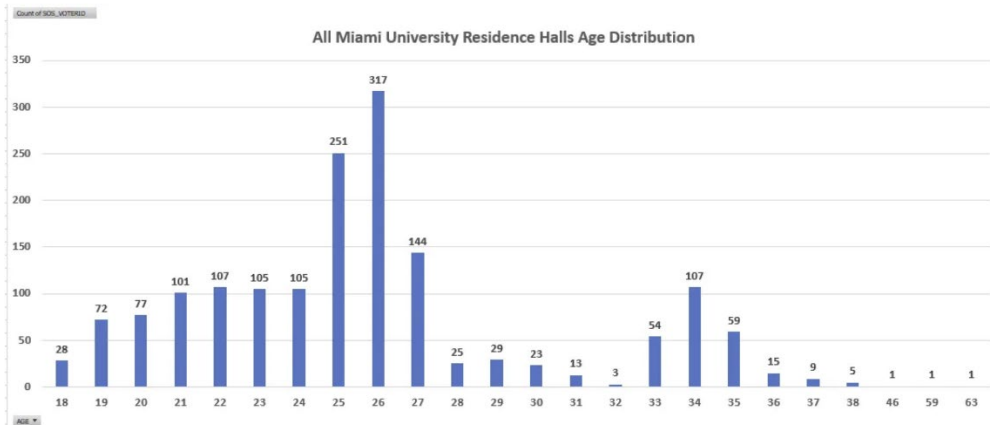
For the international students (or any person in Hawai'i) there is no citizen verification check done at any step of the voter registration process. It is merely a signature attestation that you are a citizen.

College campus residential addresses are notorious for being rife with outdated registrations.

A recent [analysis](#) of voter registration age distributions with residence halls at Miami University in Ohio showed 5 registrants older than 100 and a 63 year old who voted from the dorm address in 2023. While the majority of undergraduates start college at age 18-19 and finish at age 23-24, the analysis shows an unexpected number of voters still living and voting from dorms, if the voter rolls are accurate.

Take a look at the numbers of voters with residence hall addresses who are over age 24:

Chart 1



How many outdated registrations are already listed on our voter rolls with UH addresses? A similar analysis of UH campus affiliated voter registrations and corresponding ages needs to be done to check.

As Hawai'i does not provide date or year of birth with voter registration data to the public, this analysis needs to be done by the Office of Elections, or, a copy of the voter rolls with birthdates can be provided to citizen researchers for analysis.

Lastly, Hawai'i has the laxest voter ID laws in the country. Voter ID is not required. You can register to vote with a HECO or phone bill.

Allowing and encouraging voter registration with a Student ID does nothing to safeguard our elections, and in fact makes them even less secure.

We should be passing laws that strengthen our voter ID laws, not make them worse.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Solomon HD20