



Senate Committee on Judiciary
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair, Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Conference Room 016 and Videoconference
SB2702 Relating to Elections

TESTIMONY
Holly Plackett, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii **supports SB2702**, adding language to the Hawaii Revised Statutes which specifies that the practice of election fraud intimidation includes carrying any firearm or weapon and photographing the face of any voter without permission from both the voter and an appropriate election official when those actions occur at or near a voter service center, place of deposit, or polling place.

This additional language added to our Hawaii Revised Statutes not only reinforces our commitment to a free and fair electoral process but also sends a clear message that the state prioritizes the safety and well-being of its citizens, ensuring that every voter can participate in elections without facing intimidations or threats.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

TESTIMONY
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
SB2702 RELATING TO ELECTIONS
Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 10:00 am
State Capitol Conference Room 016 via Videoconference

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

Chair Rhoads Vice-Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members

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

Section 1. (B)(12). Every person who knowingly broadcasts, televises, circulates, publishes, distributes, or otherwise communicates, including by electronic means or advertisement, false information about the time, date, place, or means of voting with the purpose of impeding, preventing, or otherwise interfering with the free exercise of the elective franchise.

Photography in Public: It is our 1st Amendment right to photograph in public places. The ACLU and state of Hawai'i Attorney General agreed that it is a 1st Amendment right to take photographs in public, as affirmed in this 2016 case put forth by the ACLU. The Voter Service Centers are government buildings open to the public. Almost all of the places of deposit on Oahu are in public parks. Are all the newscasters going to need to get permission from every voter inside the Hales and on the sidewalks before filming?

If our lawmakers want to change the laws regarding photography in government buildings open to the public; this is not the section of the Hawaii Revised Statutes in which to address it. All the other sections of this bill need to be scrapped as they are contradicting Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Please vote NO on sB2702.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Detwiler, President
Hawaii Federation of Republican Women

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2702

TO: THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BY: JESSIE OJEDA
GUNS AND DEMOCRACY FELLOW
GIFFORDS LAW CENTER TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE

DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of GIFFORDS Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, the gun violence prevention organization founded and led by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, I submit the below testimony regarding SB 2702.

Armed voter intimidation is a serious issue and we appreciate the committee's attention to this matter. SB 2702 represents an important step forward in recognizing the inherently intimidating effect firearms have in these spaces, building on existing law prohibiting the open or concealed carrying of firearms in a polling location.

The Effect of Guns on Voter Intimidation

Last fall, GIFFORDS partnered with the Brennan Center for Justice to release a new report, simply titled [Guns & Voting](#),¹ which detailed the risks rising gun violence and armed intimidation pose to U.S. elections and voters. What we found was that the intersection of firearms and the democratic process has become a cause for grave concern, with election spaces transforming into potential flashpoints for armed intimidation and extremist activity.

The 2024 election will unfold in a transformed legal environment. In a majority of states, gun advocates have successfully pushed deregulation of firearms in legislatures and the courts. Gun sales also soared during this time. In fact, gun sales were [83% higher](#) in March 2020 than they were in March 2019.² Overall, Americans purchased an estimated [22 million guns](#) in 2020, an

¹ Sean Morales-Doyle et al., *Guns and Voting*, Brennan Center for Justice (Sept. 18, 2023, last updated Sept. 28, 2023), <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/policy-solutions/guns-and-voting>.

² Kelly Drane, *The Role of Guns in Rising Political Violence*, GIFFORDS Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence (Jan. 6, 2023), <https://giffords.org/report/the-role-of-guns-in-rising-political-violence/>.

increase of nearly 65 percent over the previous year’s sales.³ In the following two years, Americans bought more than [42 million guns](#).⁴

This same environment in which guns proliferate has witnessed a rising tolerance towards armed extremism and political violence:

- Presently, nearly [1 in 4](#) Americans polled believe violence could be necessary to “save the country.”⁵
- Threats against members of Congress are [ten times higher](#) than they were in 2017.⁶
- [The Violence Policy Research Center](#) at the University of California, Davis, found that 12.4 million Americans would be somewhat, very, or completely willing to kill a person in a situation in which they believe force or violence is justified to advance an important political objective.⁷
- More than [47.7 million Americans](#), including those who don’t own guns, think it is somewhat, very, or extremely likely that they will be armed with a gun in the next few years in a situation in which they think force or violence is justified to advance an important political objective.⁸

Unfortunately, election sites, election officials, and even voters have now become the targets of armed extremists across the country. The 2022 midterms saw election denial activists engage in a variety of intimidating or potentially intimidating tactics, including aggressive poll-watching efforts, armed “surveillance” of dropbox sites, and protests at counting facilities. In Arizona, false conspiracy theories about electoral fraud perpetrated at drop boxes led activists to organize [“dropbox tailgate parties,”](#) which placed angry—and often armed—protesters just outside the 75-foot electioneering perimeter established by Arizona law.⁹ These intimidating tactics have extended even further, often even to voter and candidate homes. In at least [19 states](#), door-to-door “canvassing” efforts were reported in which civilians knocked on doors to purportedly identify voter fraud.¹⁰

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ David Smith, *Nearly One in Four Americans Believe Political Violence Justified to ‘Save’ US*, The Guardian (Oct. 25, 2023), <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/oct/25/us-political-violence-justified-survey>.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Survey Finds Alarming Trend Toward Political Violence*, UC Davis Health (July 20, 2022), <https://health.ucdavis.edu/news/headlines/survey-finds-alarming-trend-toward-political-violence/2022/07>.

⁸ Garen J. Wintemute, et al., *Views of American Democracy and Society and Support for Political Violence: First Report from a Nationwide Population-Representative Survey* (July 19, 2022), <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.07.15.22277693v1>.

⁹ Carter Walker, *Elections Deniers Have Been Hard At Work. Here’s What They Have Previewed For the Midterm Elections*, Lancaster Online (Oct. 31, 2022), https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/elections-deniers-have-been-hard-at-work-heres-what-they-have-previewed-for-the-midterm/article_bc620722-5546-11ed-8af5-a30d837ba9c3.html.

¹⁰ Ned Parker & Andy Sullivan, *Insight: In the Hunt for Voter Fraud, Republican Door Knockers Are Intimidating Residents: Officials*, Reuters (Nov. 3, 2022), <https://www.reuters.com/legal/republican-door-knockers-intimidate-voters-while-hunting-voter-fraud-say-2022-11-03/>.

New studies have found that armed intimidation at the polls has a direct consequence on democratic engagement. A 2022 study by the [Global Project Against Hate and Extremism](#) indicated that less than half of respondents—merely 41 percent—now feel secure at their polling stations.¹¹ Likewise, almost one-third of respondents expressed significant apprehension regarding the possibility of violence or shootings on Election Day. Minority and historically disenfranchised voters indicated even higher levels of concern about violence at the polls.

Similarly, rising harassment and intimidation has resulted in a [mass exodus](#) of election workers across the country.¹² According to a [nationwide poll of Election workers](#) conducted by the Brennan Center for Justice, 11% of current officials say they are very or somewhat likely to leave before November 2024.¹³ Over half say they are concerned for the safety of their colleagues and staff and 30% admitted to having personally been abused, harassed, or threatened because of their job as a local election official.

Complementary Approaches

To address the direct threat of firearms to voters and election officials, GIFFORDS and the Brennan Center worked to develop an approach that recognizes the inherently intimidating effect of firearms at or near polling locations. This model law could serve as a helpful complement to address the problem of voter intimidation.

Under this approach, there would be a prohibition on threats, coercion, or intimidation, or attempts at such, against any person (1) voting or attempting to vote; (2) urging or aiding any person to vote or attempt to vote; (3) exercising any powers or duties to administer elections, or (4) on the basis of their past or present involvement as an election official.

These prohibitions would be enforceable by the application of a rebuttable presumption inspired by Section 11b of the federal Voting Rights Act recognizing that openly carrying a firearm while interacting with or observing those engaged in voting is inherently intimidating:

In any suit to enforce this provision, a person who openly carries a firearm, imitation firearm, or toy gun while interacting with or observing any of the activities described in subsections (a)(1) through (3) of this section shall be presumed to have engaged in intimidation prohibited by this act in the absence of an affirmative showing to the contrary by a preponderance of the evidence.

Under this approach, election officials, the attorney general, and any other aggrieved person would have the right to bring a civil suit for equitable relief.

¹¹ *Americans' Fears Suppressing Participation in Democracy*, Global Project Against Hate and Extremism (Aug. 4, 2022), <https://globalextrremism.org/post/fear-and-elections/>.

¹² Fredreka Schouten, *A Tide of Election Worker Resignations Raises Alarms Ahead of 2024* (Nov. 5, 2023), <https://www.cnn.com/2023/11/05/politics/election-worker-resignations-2024-elections/index.html>.

¹³ *Local Election Officials Survey – April 2023*, Brennan Center for Justice (Apr. 25, 2023), <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/local-election-officials-survey-april-2023>.

Conclusion

Safe and secure elections are fundamental to our democracy. No one should fear gun violence when going to vote. As a poll worker myself, I understand how SB2702 can extend a crucial sense of assurance to election officers and voters during what promises to be a contentious election cycle. I thank the committee for the attention to this critical issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessie Ojeda
Guns & Democracy Fellow
Giffords Law Center to Prevent Violence

ABOUT GIFFORDS

Giffords is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives from gun violence. Led by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, Giffords shifts culture, changes policies, and challenges injustice, inspiring Americans across the country to fight gun violence.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:42:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Corinne Solomon	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Rhoads and Committee Members,

I strongly oppose SB2702.

While I understand that your intent is to ensure the safety of voters, there are several areas of major concern with this bill.

1. Redefining the definition of election fraud to include “intimidation”:

The US Elections Assistance Commission (EAC) defines election fraud as, “The misrepresentation or alteration of the true results of an election” (page 36 of EAC Glossary of Election Terminology

https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/glossary_files/Glossary_of_Election_Terms_EAC.pdf).

The addition of the word “intimidation” to the verbiage “election fraud” creates a nonsensical term that has **nothing** to do with the definition of election fraud.

1. SB2702 duplicates already existing Sensitive Places law, and at the same time unlawfully reextends it to certain public places that have been successfully challenged in court:

The August 8, 2023 ruling on Hawai’i’s Sensitive Places law in the United States District Court, District of Hawaii [Wolford vs. Lopez case](#) struck down the section of the law pertaining to firearms at public parks; “*the portions of Haw. Rev. Stat. § 134-A(a)(9) prohibiting the carrying of firearms in beaches, parks, and their adjacent parking areas*” (emphasis my own).

All of Oahu’s ballot places of deposit are in public parks, with the exception of the ones at Kapolei Hale and Honolulu Hale. The other counties also have ballot places of deposit in parks. This bill is in direct contradiction of the Wolford vs. Lopez case.

1. Photography in Public:

It is our 1st Amendment right to photograph in public places. The ACLU and state of Hawai’i Attorney General agreed that it is a 1st Amendment right to take photographs in public, as affirmed in this [2016 case put forth by the ACLU](#).

The Voter Service Centers are government buildings open to the public.

Almost all of the places of deposit on Oahu are in public parks.

Are all the newscasters going to need to get permission from every voter inside the Hales and on the sidewalks before filming?

If our lawmakers want to change the laws regarding photography in government buildings open to the public, this is not the section of the Hawaii Revised Statutes in which to address it.

All the other sections of this bill need to be scrapped as they are contradict Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Please vote no on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Solomon HD20

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:32:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Iaela	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I submit my testimony in OPPOSITION to this proposed bill, SB2702. It is a bill that seeks to violate both the 2nd amendment of the U.S. Constitution as well as to make the documenting of questionable, egregious, or outright illegal activities conducted during the election process at polling places, like those documented during the 2020 elections, illegal, a violation of the 1st Amendment.

Now that voter and election integrity are of greater concern, it appears that some in this body seek more to conceal rather than to make the electoral process more transparant. This Billl would serve to limit, if not stop, news crews or other members of the publicc from documenting citizens exercissing their right to vote, which hopefully would encourage more citizens to take part in the voting process as well as possibly filminng questionable practices or people at a polling site. One need only look at news footage of elections in our country or in others where the United States has assisted in securing and safeguarding the right of the populace to engage in open and fair elections to know this is true.

In addition, since it has already been decided as a point of law that only one person need be aware that an interaction or incident is being recorded. This Bill goes against established legal precedent opening up our state to lawsuits for which we citizens have no more money to give.

William Iaela

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/8/2024 4:14:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **oppose** this Bill. These additional definitions of election fraud are much too vague and subjective to be universally enforceable. This is a poorly crafted Bill.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/8/2024 4:27:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bronson Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional and I vote to oppose sb2702

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/8/2024 5:35:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
CHESTER LUM	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

The amendments proposed goes against the Hawaii State and US Constitutions.

SB2702 should be tabled.

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

Chester Lum

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/8/2024 7:17:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In order for everyone to feel safe when voting this is a common sense bill. Please support it.
Mahalo.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/8/2024 7:32:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anne Kamau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Mahalo.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/8/2024 8:21:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cari Sasaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe this bill is unconstitutional and seems to infringe on the second amendment.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/9/2024 3:13:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Ruiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose, taking a picture! Really!

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/9/2024 8:26:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ben Robinson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/9/2024 11:58:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Grace Parubrub	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in favor of this bill.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/9/2024 5:15:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Darnell Domingo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to support Senate Bill 2702. I support the intent to prevent instances of election fraud intimidation. I support prohibiting the carrying of firearms or weapons and the unauthorized photographing of voters at or near voter service centers, places of deposit, or polling places.

It is fundamental for a democracy to have fair elections. And this bill ensures that, by allowing citizens to freely and fairly exercise their right to vote. The elimination of firearms from the area of polling places is essential to protecting a safe environment where voters can take part in the democratic process without unwarranted coercion/intimidation.

In addition to physical safety, protecting the privacy and confidentiality of voters is important. While photography in our country is a valued expression of free speech, photography intended to intimidate is harmful to the values of freedom.

Every eligible voter should feel secure in exercising their right to vote. I urge you to pass SB2702, ensuring the integrity of our elections and democracy.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/9/2024 7:40:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Apaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as this is unconstitutional. This bill is a clear violation of civil rights. The 2nd Amendment protects the right of those to keep and bear arms in public. The other issue of banning photography in public whether at a ballot drop box, of a voter, or election official, or anyone in a public setting is a violation of the 1st Amendment.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/9/2024 8:28:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Olderr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

With the rise of voter intimidation in the past few years, this bill is needed to ensure that Hawaii's elections are free and safe. I would also like to see protections against deep fakes and AI-generated material created for the sole purpose of getting people not to vote added to this bill. Making elections and election places a safe space is important, especially since the integrity of our elections is under bad faith scrutiny. We must ensure the gates of our freedoms by ensuring that our elections and electors move freely with peace.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:24:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor Muh	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The wording is too vague.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:38:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tania victorine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a public place and violates my 1st amendment rights!!

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:57:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wendy M Cook	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it infringes on first amendment rights to photograph or record in public spaces. This is government overreach to protect those engaging in election fraud.

Wendy Cook

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:59:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Moylan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose Bill SB2702.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:18:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kenny Wusstig	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it creates further corruption in the state's election process. This bill is a clear violation of the 1st Amendment and does not define any examples of intimidation. Why actual election integrity laws haven't been purposed or passed is beyond me. Purposed bills such as this one tends to shield corruption in darkness rather than been disclosed in light to the public.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:19:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in opposition of SB2702.

Thank you,

Teri Savaiinaea

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:22:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tatiana Maumausolo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill and so should you. This Bill is a 1st Amendment violation! The locations mentioned in the Bill are public spaces. Also, firearms are already addressed in the Sensitive Places Laws. Both of these contort the definition of "Election Fraud"

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:30:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yvonne Alvarado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Yvonne Alvarado Strong Oppose Bill SB2702

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:35:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TOM LODGE	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We STRENUOUSLY OPPOSE THIS BILL.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:42:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaiulani Bowers	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:53:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharron VanDeusen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2702.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:58:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharee Orr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The wording is ridiculous in an attempt at clamping down on the first amendment's freedoms. It twists and distorts definitions therefore I oppose this bill.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:39:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sierra Palpallatoc	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:00:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kamakani de dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:06:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:09:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Dedely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:37:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Manulani Garcia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:50:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
L.C.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. How does "carrying any firearm or weapon and photographing the face of any voter without permission from both the voter and an appropriate election official..." constitute voter fraud? This is just another way to ensure there is no accountability from our election officials and take away our second amendment constitutional rights.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:09:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chase Cavitt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2702. I would have more to say but I am sick with the flu and have spent hours responding and submitting testimonies to ensure my freedom as an American citizen and am too tired to go into further explanation. Simple idea here is that it is not illegal to video tape an individual in public and this would clearly be a first amendment violation. This unconstitutional bill should not be heard. I do not agree with intimidation tactics but this is simply taking away the rights of citizens to hold accountable those who hold our future in their hands literally in regards to elections. I am not saying it's okay to film inside a booth but all citizens should be allowed to film outside of voting areas and should remain allowed the current rights under the 1st amendment to do so. This will not hold up in the Supreme Court and hopefully this doesn't get to that point as it will have been a waste of tax dollars and time from our already oberburdoned and inefficient government.

please oppose SB2702

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:25:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brett Kulbis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB-2702.

It's already a Federal Crime for voter intimidation. Requiring an Election Official to approve photographing is ridiculous.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:47:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doug Pasnik	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this legislation.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:47:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justyce Torres	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Sharing the events of voting and the People voting isn't fraud. Hiding the votes is Fraud ! Let us sign a waiver to take photographs or let everyone vote outside under a tent!

I OPPOSE SB2702

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 1:58:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kelly morgan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 3:37:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andres Mateo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Establishing Criminal penalties for distributting "materially deceptive media" during election years is against the 1st Amendment of our Constitution.

the 1st amendment right of our constitution protest us from assembling, passing information by paper, digital, video, voice, or via other mediums. No information should be disguised as criminal if no law is being broken.

our election process should remain tangible and available to the common american including making an informed decision. If the public is not informed as what is happening with the election process and/or the candidates, the process is rigged. DO NOT PASS THIS BILL.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:02:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
L. Miles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose specifically Section #4, (B): "The act of photographing the face of any voter without permission from both the voter and an appropriate election official..."

Given the questions surrounding suspected voter fraud in past elections, there may be times when someone observes something they may believe is potentially fraudulent and wish to document it via photographs or video.

Polling sites and "drop boxes" are public places and videos or photographs should not be banned or made into a criminal act.

To require permission from a person or persons who are potentially committing election fraud, would only enable the fraud to occur, with no photographic or video evidence to prove the fraud.

It should not be deemed "election fraud" to attempt to document "election fraud."

The rest of the bill seems to address many important issues which I support.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:11:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeffrey F Mizuno	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:30:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Catherine Thyne	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONGLY OPPOSE this Bill, you are here to work for the people and protect our rights. Our Constitution is here for the people and **YOU** should be protecting our 1st Amendment Rights!

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 5:12:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erica E	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a poorly written bill and doesn't even make sense. This is embarrassing. First of all, taking photos is a constitutionally protected right. Voting centers are on public property and the first amendment provides us the right to photograph in public. Secondly, it is ridiculous that you would tie photography to armed voter intimidation. Finally, "voter fraud intimidation" doesn't make any sense. This is sloppy, unconstitutional, and embarrassing.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 5:27:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:10:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tamara Mckay	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Senate,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to S.B. 2702, which seeks to amend the Hawaii Revised Statutes relating to election frauds. This bill presents serious concerns that outweigh any potential benefits it may offer.

This bill introduces overly broad and vague language that could have far-reaching consequences on the fundamental rights of citizens. The inclusion of actions such as "photographing the face of any voter without permission" within the definition of election fraud intimidation is deeply problematic. It is essential to recognize that photography is a common practice in our digital age and may not always be conducted with malicious intent. Placing restrictions on such a common activity could potentially suppress legitimate journalistic endeavors and citizen engagement in the electoral process. We, as citizens, have a right to protect our votes to ensure the process is followed through and there is no tampering of our sacred rights as a voter of the United States of America.

Moreover, the proposed inclusion of carrying firearms or weapons within the definition of election fraud intimidation is deeply concerning. While ensuring safety and security at polling places is paramount, conflating the exercise of Second Amendment rights with acts of intimidation during elections is unjustifiable. This provision risks unfairly stigmatizing responsible gun owners and infringing upon their constitutional rights.

Additionally, the bill's language lacks clarity and specificity, leaving room for misinterpretation and arbitrary enforcement. Without clear guidelines on what constitutes intimidation or improper photography, there is a risk of selective enforcement and undue burden falling disproportionately on certain groups.

While the goal of safeguarding the integrity of our elections is unquestionably important, S.B. NO. 2702 is not the appropriate means to achieve this aim. The bill's broad and ambiguous language, coupled with its potential to infringe upon constitutional rights and disproportionately impact certain communities, make it a deeply flawed piece of legislation. I urge you to reject this bill in its current form and explore alternative solutions that prioritize both election integrity and individual liberties.

It seems that the author of this bill and other bills that have been submitted by the same author have a common theme of infringing on the constitutional rights of the citizens of this state and country, as well as to control the election processes that limits transparency and accountability. As an elected representative, if the testimonies submitted by the citizens are overwhelming in opposition or in favor... the elected official should vote accordingly as what the citizens choose and not what the elected official chooses as each elected official is to be a voice of the people, NOT over the people. I would challenge MR. Rhodes and the co authors to meet with the legal team from the Republican National Committee and Election integrity organizations. To try and submit a bill at the end of the day of a work day and limited time to turn in written testimony without oral options by 10 am on Monday following that weekend, is a shallow move and not accommodating to the citizens of the State of Hawaii. The optics are that Mr. Rhodes had ulterior motives to his submissions. In addition the ERIC rule has shown to be a failure in many states and has been nationally reported. So why would a submission of failure be distributed in the state of Hawaii? The optics are questionable.

Vote NO on SB2702

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:13:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:14:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dalene McCormick	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

How many election bills do you all plan to waste your time on? Why is there a push to make changes to things that do nothing but suppress the voice and actions of the people? Please stop wasting your time looking for ways to entrap folks who question and watch our elections. Intimidation is a stretch, if anything you are trying to intimidate anyone who asks questions or tries to document things that look fishy.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:26:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Every American has a constitutionally protected right to voice their opinion, concerns and and redress their greivences to their public servants (you) under the first Amendment. Elections belong to The People, not to government, and as such when we find innumerable "anomalies" surrounding OUR elections and our public servants work overtime to ignore these concernst, one has to ask themselves why. Also why would said legislators try to pass legislation that is unconstitutional in its very nature, in order to supress those redresses? I think we all know. JUST STOP with the BOMBARDMENT of UNCONSTITUTIONAL laws.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:40:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Franz Weber	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for introducing this important bill, protecting the safety of citizens.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:49:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alberta Lono	Testifying for surfing for truth	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2702

Alberta Lono-Morolt

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:50:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peggy Regentine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2702 as it contains a illegitimate section on “intimidation”, and broadening the already existing Hawaii law on election fraud

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:17:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Virginia Enos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill SB2702 is a twisted attempt to insert non existing terms into the definition of election fraud by wrongly including " voter intimidation". This is a stretch. The US Election Assistance Commission (EAC) defines election fraud thusly: "The misrepresentation or alteration of the true results of an election." It says nothing about voter intimidation and should not be abused like this. Also, this Bill aims to restricting the 1st Amendment rights of individuals in public places and is an other example of government overreach.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:25:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Nakamura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2702 completely distorts and twists the definition of election fraud by adding a new totally illegitimate section on “intimidation”, and broadening the already existing Hawaii law on election fraud to now include photography in public places and carrying of firearms.

This is the US Election Assistance Commission (EAC) definition of Election Fraud: “The misrepresentation or alteration of the true results of an election”.

WHERE in the definition of election fraud is there anything about intimidation??

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:47:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gail Smith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2702. Please vote no.

Gail Smith

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:02:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruben Ongos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Oppose this bill!!!

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:15:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathy Jenkins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The voting process should be as secure as possible. To avoid a false election. I'm all for supporting any authority that wants that for me and my country; America. Having drop boxes for a non verified voter ballot and weeks to tally is as dangerous as an invasion from the enemies of our country itself. hope you will not allow this bill and I pray God help you to do what is right. I oppose this bill.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:15:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Magoon Ohana	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose changing the original. Not needed. Leave it as it is.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:18:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chanara Caey Richmond	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Chanara Richmond, oppose this bill.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:40:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
SUSAN MORRIS	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2702! This bill is against the First Amendment Rights! It is very misleading. It twists and distorts the defenition of election fraud. Adding new "intimidation", and broadening the already existing Hawaii Law on Election Fraud to include photograghy in public places and carring of firearms. This kind of changes need to be stopped!!

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:55:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Diamond	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2381. Open to manipulation. Bad.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:59:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marlies Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:07:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sheila Medeiros	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2702. Defines election fraud as carrying any weapon or photographing someone (i.e. drop box monitoring) near a voter service center, drop box, or polling place. This bill creates lack of transparency and serious questions of the person who introduced this bill. What are you trying to hide?

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sheila medeiros

District 43

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:33:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Tamaribuchi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stand in opposition to SB 2702.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:04:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terry Murakami	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:23:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose this bill. Violates our 1st amendment rights. Voting is held at public places.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:57:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vernelle Oku	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as written.

I believe photographing a voter or election official should not constitute election fraud.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:11:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adriel Lam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

How will these superfluous additions to law be enforced when the other para are not even enforced?

Has there been an investigatin or explanation of how a registered voter by the name of UNITED STATES HAWAII, who never resided or received mail at registered address could record a vote by mail it the 2020 General Election? This record remained on the books through two election cycles without correction or investigation.

These two provisions have no basis in practice or precedence.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:11:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ANTHONY M GAIRNESE	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is another attempt by current officeholders to make it difficult to protest and contest election results. Hard NO on this attempt to subvert our election process.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:46:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David E Shormann	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It is redundant and unnecessary. We need fewer laws, not more.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:00:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Vote NO on SB2702. It is unconstitutional because it attacks our basic first and second amendment rights.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:23:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Duclayan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB2702.

SB2702 completely distorts and twists the definition of election fraud by adding a new totally illegitimate section on “intimidation”, and broadening the already existing Hawaii law on election fraud to now include photography in public places and carrying of firearms.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:24:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
julie schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb 2702

this is an infringement on our first amendment rights

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:34:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Greg schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb2702

this violates our first amendment rights

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:40:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sam schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb 2702

our first amendment rights shall not be violated.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:53:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martin Choy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please oppose the bill. It tries to legitimize election fraud and introduces a loophole. The current law is clear and sufficient.

February 12, 2024

Submitting testimony opposing SB 2702

This bill completely distorts the definition of election fraud. I oppose this bill based on the way in which it was written and the purpose to confuse citizens of our state.

Respectfully submitted,

Signe Godfrey

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:21:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
L Toriki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

This bill would infringe upon our 1A & 2A constitutional rights. Voting is done in public space. And actually we already have harassment laws in this State. Since Hawaii is a mail in ballot state, why do we even need such a bill?? This is total government over reach and the slow, insidious and meticulous removal of our rights as citizens. Shame on the "elected" officials who are pushing and supporting such a bill.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:35:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tammy Perkins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is violates the rights of people to freely participate in our elections. This is an attempt to further steer us towards a total tyrannical Hawaii. You have a duty to support and protect our freedoms, not take them away. Freedom to take photos, freedom to bear arms, freedom to speak is absolutely necessary to live in a free world. We require your defense of our freedoms! Stop this bill in it's tracks!

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:54:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noela von wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose SB 2702 strongly.

Leave my First Amendment alone.

Where in the definition of election fraud is there anything about intimidation? Nowhere. You are distorting and twisting the definition of election fraud by adding an illegitimate section on "intimidation ".

Stop it!

Thank you very much.

Noela von Wiegandt

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:15:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Stongly Oppose

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:20:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charlene Lum	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This bill is not in alignment with our US constitution 1st amendment. Unfortunately, everyone with a cell phone takes photos wherever they want. Why should it be specific to voting areas? Laws should not give privilege to one group of people over another. The second part of this bill has also be addressed even though it is against the second amendment.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:35:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
THOMAS KENT	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:05:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tonya Miller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed as I see it important to be able to document my vote for myself

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:12:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Denise Veal	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge our legislators to oppose this bill. Fraud is to misrepresent or alter the RESULTS of the election. What you are attempting to add has nothing to do with voting at all. What does intimidation, photography, or carrying a firearm have to do with it? Absolutely nothing. Just is just another way to take away a freedom that is ours as American citizens and as residents of Hawaii. Please oppose this bill. And do your jobs! You were voted in to represent ALL the people. If you've received an outpouring of "no(s)" and that is the majority, that is how you vote.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:19:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Shedko	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

Amendment II of the U. S. Constitution says, "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." This bill is clearly infringing on citizens' rights to bear arms. Everyone voting on this bill is sworn to uphold the Constitution.

Video and photography should be encouraged at all voter service centers, places of deposit, and polling places, to discourage criminal activity. Why would we eliminate transparency for concerned observers of Hawai'i elections, and make it easy for law breakers to remain unidentified, and do so by violating rights and freedoms of law abiding, honest citizens?

According to S19-3(4), any form of intimidation is clearly and explicitly forbidden, as it should be anywhere in our state, not just voter service centers. There is no need to add unnecessary laws.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:19:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steven Taylor	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill violates our 1st amendment Constitutional rights by outlawing photos in public places. Using intimidation to stop peaceful protests of, say, election fraud is anti free speech.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:22:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kealohi Hanohano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a violation to our first Amendment right. These are public places. The only reason you would want to banned these types of things are because someone is either cheating or hiding something.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:31:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:37:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
stacy diaz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

oppose

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:39:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
AnnMarie Hamilton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2702 completely distorts and twists

the definition of election fraud by adding a

new totally illegitimate section on “intimidation”,

and broadening the already existing Hawaii

law on election fraud to now include

photography in public places and carrying of firearms.

This is the US Election Assistance Commission

(EAC) definition of Election Fraud: “The misrepresentation or alteration of the true results of an election”.

WHERE in the definition of election

fraud is there anything about intimidation??

Nowhere of course.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:42:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carol D. Yokoyama	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee,

Please strongly OPPOSE SB2702. This bill attempts to violate our 1st Amendment rights.

Mahalo for your time.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:46:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Cordery	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it violates our constitutional rights of free speech. The need for documentating by taking photos at the polling inc places ie drop boxes is necessary no matter who you are voting for!

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:46:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kay Aina	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee members,

Please defer this measure. The intention to protect our voters and election workers may be commendable, but this measure misses the mark. The measure needs amending as the definition of intimidation is too vague, and the listed additions to intimidation will likely be declared unlawful and unconstitutional, as interfering with the first amendment rights to a free press, and second amendment rights to the lawful defense of the citizenry. Please defer this measure. Thank you.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:58:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joelle Seashell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Defining election fraud as carrying a weapon or phtographing someone is in violation of our consistutional rights.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:01:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barry Yokoyama	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please STRONGLY OPPOSE SB2702.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:42:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lora Santiago	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB2702.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:30:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeanine Acopan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE!!!

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:58:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tracey Beaudry	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a bad and unnecessary bill. I oppose this bill.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:59:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jowell Rivera	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a rediculous and inappropriate bill to try and pass. SB2702 completely distorts and twist the definition of election fraud. It add an itligimate section of intimidation and only brodens the already exisiting Hawaii Law on election fraud. This bill has nothing to do with fraud, but ONLY intends to restrict the rights of citizens in regards to the first and second ammendment.

I am thoroughly convinced that most of Hawaii Politicians cares nothing about the constitution that they swear to uphold.

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:14:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Dela Cruz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Infringement on 1A rights

SB-2702

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:52:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patty Takahashi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose!

Why are you trying to illuminate personal choice?

If you don't have a personal choice then it's intimidation.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:57:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/13/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
chris p pang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I oppose this bill because as a gun owner and friend of gun owners I sometimes like to shoot my friends guns at the range which are different caliber than my guns are, in order to do that I would have to purchase the ammunition at the store and take it to the range and not put the burden on my friend. It would be silly to even think of such a bill.

Thank you,

Chris Pang