

**SR-132**

Submitted on: 3/27/2024 6:14:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this resolution,

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Submitted on: 3/27/2024 6:24:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/27/2024 7:41:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Oppose!

we have the right to hear different opinions.  
we don't need overlords to tell us how to think!

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Submitted on: 3/27/2024 7:58:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This violates a person's First Amendment rights therefore I oppose. A person has the ability to discern on their own. No need for government interference. The state and federal constitutions are to limit the government not the people. Stop wasting time and taxpayer money on such things like this. Reread the constitutions and abide by them.

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Submitted on: 3/27/2024 9:10:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a minority, I believe this bill takes away my voice and freedom of speech. It's oppressive and insulting. I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/27/2024 9:44:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SR132. This is a blatant attack on our right to free speech. No one should be allowed to judge or rule on what someone's truth is. This is contrary to our Constitutional rights.

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Submitted on: 3/28/2024 8:20:13 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. The government should not have a role in regulating free speech. Professional journalism does not exist in Hawaii. Establishing a 'Ministry of Truth' is an oxymoron.

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Submitted on: 3/28/2024 9:04:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Absolutely cannot put our 1st amendment rights to be subjected to and determined to be true or false by any man, woman, group or government officials.

Paid Journalists should be held accountable for their reporting. If they are putting out lies and false narratives they should be held responsible by law and due process.

The people do not want to pay for a committee to decipher what they deem misinformation.



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Submitted on: 3/28/2024 9:07:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

1st Amendment pau?

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

Comments:

This bill is extremely dangerous and in direct violation of the first amendment

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Submitted on: 3/28/2024 10:21:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I can appreciate the desire to withhold information not to be considered accurate due to actions that may evolve from that information.

However, the COVID pandemic, the elections, and other topics have proven that information declared to be 'mis/disinformation' may actually be in fact, true. Even when the source of the 'mis/disinformation' is our Federal, State, and Local governments.

Inherent biases we all hold can not be used by one group to decide what is true and what is not. The government should never be the arbiter of that decision making process. That is for the public to decide, as individuals, and collectively as a society.

Failures in our own responsibilities to pursue more information on topics is deflected by pointing to Social Media (SM) as the cause. For better or for worse, SM has replaced the town square, the living room, or the local tavern as the zone for debating topics and events.

I strongly oppose SR132. Let the individuals decide for themselves after their own discussions with family, friends, neighbors, and yes, Social Media.

Mahalo,

Chuck Lyons

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Submitted on: 3/28/2024 3:25:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

HARD PASS---NO THANK YOU!!! IN GOD ALONE I TRUST 🙏

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Submitted on: 3/28/2024 5:11:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kainani Wills	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**SR 132**

March 28th, 2024

Kainani Wills

Introduction:

Introduction:

Greetings, my name is Kainani Wills, and I strongly advocate for bill 132 SR, which requests the Hawaii Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists to establish a process for evaluating and identifying news sources adhering to ethical and objective journalistic standards. In today's era of rapid information dissemination, ensuring the truthfulness, accuracy, and impartiality of news is paramount. The prevalence of misinformation and slander by the media, particularly during the previous presidential term, has led to perilous situations.

Content Paragraph:

As a mother of two children under 18, I am increasingly vigilant about the media I consume and the news sources I trust. It is concerning that local news outlets, often owned by larger corporations, may not provide comprehensive coverage or diverse perspectives due to corporate constraints. Establishing a process to assess reliable sources of information would alleviate my concerns and enable me to trust the news and radio broadcasts more confidently.

Closing:

As we approach the presidential election, I am deeply concerned about a recurrence of the challenges experienced during the last term. As a mother of children of Asian heritage, I felt anxious for their safety during a trip to New York, witnessing the scapegoating of Asians for the pandemic fueled by misinformation in the media. I implore you to pass bill SR 132, empowering the people of Hawai'i to access accurate and trustworthy information. I offer my wholehearted support for this crucial bill.

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Submitted on: 3/28/2024 6:19:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SR132!

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Submitted on: 3/29/2024 7:05:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

**1. Testimony Opposing Senate Bill [Number], State of Hawaii**

Honorable Members of the [Appropriate Legislative Committee],

My name is [Your Name], and I stand before you to express my profound opposition to Senate Bill [Number], which proposes to empower the government with the authority to define truth and regulate opinions on social media. This bill, while perhaps well-intentioned in its efforts to combat misinformation, poses a significant threat to the foundational principles of free speech and freedom of the press as enshrined in both the United States Constitution and the Hawaii State Constitution.

**First Amendment Concerns:** The First Amendment to the United States Constitution clearly prohibits any law that abridges the freedom of speech or of the press. By granting the government the power to determine the veracity of information and to limit expressions of opinion, this bill stands in direct opposition to these protections. The principle of free speech encompasses the right to speak truths, untruths, and opinions without fear of government retribution or censorship. The marketplace of ideas, a cornerstone of our democratic society, relies on the unfettered exchange of ideas and information, allowing truth to emerge through public discourse rather than governmental decree.

**Threats to Democracy and Civil Liberties:** Allowing the government to arbitrate truth and falsehoods sets a dangerous precedent that threatens the very fabric of our democracy. History shows that empowering governmental bodies to control narratives and silence dissent leads to the erosion of civil liberties and the suppression of political dissent. Such power can be misused to stifle opposition, suppress minority viewpoints, and consolidate governmental control over public discourse.

**Legal and Constitutional Implications:** The proposed legislation is likely to face significant legal challenges, not only on the grounds of violating constitutional protections for free speech and the press but also due to concerns about vagueness, overbreadth, and the potential for arbitrary enforcement. These legal battles will not only burden our judicial system but also consume public resources that could be better allocated to addressing the root causes of misinformation through education and media literacy programs.

In conclusion, while the concerns driving Senate Bill [Number] are understandable in an age of unprecedented information dissemination, the approach it proposes is not only constitutionally untenable but also detrimental to the principles of democratic governance and civil liberties. I urge this committee to consider the profound implications of this bill and to reject any measure that compromises our constitutional rights to free speech and a free press.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.



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Submitted on: 3/29/2024 10:02:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The truth does not need censorship to protect it, because with the free exchange of ideas it's usually very easy to prove if something is true or not. The only thing censorship is useful for is protecting lies.

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Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tracey Souza	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary

Monday, April 1, 2024

10:30AM, CR 016 & Videoconference

Support for S.R. No. 132, Relating to Professional Journalism

Aloha, Senator Rhoads and the Judiciary Committee. My name is Tracey Souza and I am Graduate student studying Social Work at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa as well as a Substance Abuse Specialist for the State of Hawai'i Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. I strongly support S.R. No. 132 which would help to ensure ethical and objective journalism, decreasing the proliferation of misinformation.

The people of Hawai'i deserve to have access to accurate, objective, and verifiable information. As a lifetime resident of Hawai'i, a consumer of information, and a mother of five, I am concerned for myself, my community, and the future of my children.

Information trends such as social media and artificial intelligence (AI) have contributed to the rapid dissemination of unverifiable information and quite frankly, fake news. It is time for Hawai'i to take a stand on this. Other states and countries have led the way, by establishing task forces, media literacy campaigns, and other legislation to minimize the harmful effects of spreading misinformation.

The Hawai'i Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists has a responsibility to ensure that information is reported with accuracy, objectivity, and in accordance with ethical

standards. Establishing a process to evaluate and identify reputable sources which adhere to ethical and objective sources will go a long way in helping the average citizen distinguish which sources are trustworthy.

Thank you so much for your time.

Tracey Souza

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 9:43:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose this!!! Propaganda should not be spread by government. Didn't you learn anything from SARSCov2? Protect the 1st amendment!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 10:08:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

<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!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 10:11:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

<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!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 10:13:12 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 10:27:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.



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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 1:56:14 PM

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<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 Resolution and I urge all committee members to **vote NO**.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 2:24:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

<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

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 3:18:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 6:53:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Journalists are to present the facts with no bias. We the people are perfectly capable of deciding what is truth and what is a lie. We don't want the media telling us what we should believe. Stay out of it! Once again overstepping your boundaries. We as adults do not need or want your input. Who decides what is truth? Not your job.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 7:03:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hawaii voters are more than capable in determining what is misinformation. We dont need a group of "professional journalist" telling us what is misinformation.

I oppose this bill!!

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 9:56:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

<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 resolution.

It is the Government's job to protect the rights of citizens and professional journalists alike and not determine what information should be dispensed.

SR132 should be withdrawn.

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

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 10:27:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 11:18:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is unconstitutional



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Submitted on: 3/31/2024 7:57:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

In regards to SR132, I strongly oppose as it goes against my First amendment rights of FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2024 9:16:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Since successful court cases abound right now, demonstrating that "misinformation" throughout the pandemic came primarily from official sources (including in collusion with social media), since we saw that Russiagate was orchestrated by forces within government in alliance with a candidate, since information about the Hunter Biden laptop was suppressed by official sources, etc., and since the MSM was officially AWOL in terms of its old presence as genuine investigative journalists, to now expect the same MSM to help us distinguish misinformation is ludicrous... they have been a significant part of the problem.

This smacks of the early stages of taking down our Constitutional rights, which allow everyone to speak their own truth, to share their own perceptions. As the FIRST amendment, it is clear that the premises on which our nation was founded described free speech as the most fundamental of the rights that we needed to affirm.

This is the slippery slope towards thoughtcrime (1984, George Orwell).

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Submitted on: 3/31/2024 11:33:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SR132.

Legacy media is not unbiased enough to objectively make determinations on whether journalism pieces are misinformation. All of Hawaii's legacy media are left leaning.

Look at the political leanings of the Board of Directors and Executive leadership of the Hawaii Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. If the Executive leadership and Board of Directors is more than 50% Democrats they will not be unbiased. I would wager that it is close to or equal to 100%.

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Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I do no consent

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Submitted on: 3/31/2024 7:01:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

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Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Wendy D BowlesDomingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

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Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

i strongly oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2024 8:24:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill!!



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Submitted on: 4/1/2024 8:40:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2024 10:30:00 AM

<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!