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TESTIMONY OF THE

CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1880

RELATING TO THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

January 30, 2024

Chair Tarnas and members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1880. This bill reschedules the post-election assembly of presidential electors to the first Tuesday after the second Wednesday in December next following their election.

Congress passed the Electoral Count Reform and Presidential Transition Improvement Act of 2022, which changed the date of the Electoral College by one day (i.e., 3 USC § 7 was changed from "the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December" to "the first Tuesday"). As such, this is just a housekeeping measure to amend HRS § 14-26 to conform to 3 USC § 7 regarding the date of the convening of the Electoral College.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1880.