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January 30, 2025

The Honorable Representative Marten, Chair
House Committee on Human Services and Homelessness
The Thirty-Third Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Marten, and Committee members:

SUBJECT: HB322 Relating to Voter Registration

The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities **strongly supports HB322**, which requires the Department of Human Services to automatically transmit voter registration information for any Med-Quest applicant. Authorizes state agencies to implement automatic voter registration if designated by the Office of Elections. Requires eligible applicants for instruction permits, provisional licenses, driver's licenses, and identification cards to be automatically registered or preregistered to vote unless the applicant opts out.

This bill addresses critical barriers faced by many in our community, including individuals with developmental disabilities, in accessing voter registration. By expanding automatic registration, HB322 ensures eligible residents are automatically registered to vote through interactions with state agencies like the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Transportation (DOT). This approach provides a more inclusive, accessible, and efficient path to voter registration while preserving individuals' right to opt-out.

The Council specifically appreciates page 2 subsection (b), which requires DHS to automatically transmit voter registration information for eligible Med-QUEST applicants, ensuring that underserved populations are not overlooked. For people with developmental disabilities, administrative barriers and lack of accessible opportunities often hinder their participation in elections. HB322 takes significant strides to overcome these challenges by integrating voter registration with routine government services, providing a seamless experience that empowers marginalized communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of HB322**.

Sincerely,

Daintry Bartoldus
Executive Administrator

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January 28, 2025

TO: The Honorable Representative Lisa Marten, Chair
House Committee on Human Services & Homelessness

FROM: Ryan I. Yamane, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 322 – RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION.**

Hearing: January 30, 2025, 9:35 a.m.
Conference Room 329 & Videoconference, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the bill's intent and offers comments.

PURPOSE: Requires the Department of Human Services to automatically transmit voter registration information for any Med-QUEST applicant. Authorizes state agencies to implement automatic voter registration if designated by the Office of Elections. Requires eligible applicants for instruction permits, provisional licenses, driver's licenses, and identification cards to be automatically registered or preregistered to vote unless the applicant opts out.

Currently, the application for Med-QUEST's Medicaid health care coverage is accompanied by a voter registration form. If a Medicaid applicant chooses to complete the voter registration form, Med-QUEST transmits the voter registration form to the State Office of Elections. This bill proposes that DHS automatically electronically transmit voter registration information for any Med-QUEST applicant that is of voting age, is a Hawaii resident, and has verified being a US citizen per the Med-QUEST application process. Instead of transmitting the

data to the State Office of Elections, the bill requires that the electronic transmission will go to the clerk of the county in which the applicant resides.

The data to be transmitted is set forth in section 11-15.7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), that directs the examiner of drivers to submit the following: 1) the applicant's name; 2) the applicant's date of birth; 3) the instruction permit, provisional license, driver's license, or state identification number of the applicant; 4) the applicant's residence address and mailing address, if different from the residence address; 5) the applicant's county of residence; 6) the applicant's citizenship status; 7) the applicant's signature as a digitized image; 8) the last four digits of the applicant's social security number, if available; 9) the applicant's telephone number, if available; and 10) the applicant's electronic mail address, if available.

DHS appreciates the intent to strengthen the state's automatic voter registration process, and there is some research that supports using such processes to boost enrollment. However, Med-QUEST's application for Medicaid health coverage does not collect all of the information the bill requires to transmit. We note that Med-QUEST is mandated to use available data sources to confirm eligibility, including citizenship. We do not collect IDs or other verification documents unless our initial matching with data sources reveals a mismatch of information provided. Thus, we would not collect driver's license or state identification numbers.

Further, we may not have the applicant's digitized signature if the applicant applies over the phone, instead we capture a voice signature. Additionally, even if Med-QUEST were able to transmit the information, DHS would need to make significant information system modifications in order to transmit the relevant information on applicants to the listed receiving entities (county clerks). DHS can provide estimated costs of those modifications should this bill move forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.



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TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 322
RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION

January 30, 2025

Chair Marten and members of the House Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill No. 322. This bill requires the Department of Human Services to automatically transmit voter registration information for any Med-Quest applicant, authorizes state agencies to implement automatic voter registration if designated by the Office of Elections, and requires eligible applicants for instruction permits, provisional licenses, driver's licenses, and identification cards to be automatically registered or preregistered to vote unless the applicant opts out.

While our office agrees with the intent of the bill to provide more access to voter registration, we would defer to the state agencies and county clerks on any operational issues they foresee in terms of the implementation of this bill and how those could be best addressed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill No. 322.



Committee on HUMAN SERVICES AND HOMELESSNESS
Chair Lisa Marten, Vice Chair Ikaika Olds

Thursday, January 30, 2025, 9:35 a.m.
Conference Room 329 & Via Videoconference
HB 322 RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION

TESTIMONY

Janet Mason, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Marten, Vice Chair Olds, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii strongly supports the intent of HB 322 that would require the Department of Human Services to automatically transmit voter registration information to election officials for any Med-Quest applicant.

We agree with the basic premise of this bill - that it is important to expand our State's 2021 Automatic Voter Registration law, as indications are we still have many voter-eligible but unregistered people.¹

Though MedQuest is a target agency in this measure, the bill proposes permitting the Office of Elections to designate and implement automatic voter registration in other state agencies. As an alternative to this provision, we suggest amending this bill to designate the Department of Human Services and the Hawaii State Department of Health as voter registration agencies. To avoid confusion, it is a good idea to specifically designate participating agencies by law.

Since 2021, we have observed that though the technology for automatic voter registration can be set in place by public officials, this must be done very carefully, attending to the individual's needs and those of the participating State agencies and four County Clerks. Adding only two key agencies would make coordination among the newly designated agencies, the State and County Elections officials, more feasible.

Our understanding is that under the Under the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993, certain state agencies are already mandated to offer voter registration services, including agencies that offer public assistance or administer food assistance and

¹ In the 2022 General Election, the voting-eligible population was estimated at 1,046,736 people, yet our total turnout was only 423,443, some 40.5%. Source: <https://elections.hawaii.gov/election-results/>, <https://election.lab.ufl.edu>

Medicaid (like our Department of Human Resources) as well as offices that provide state-funded programs engaged in services for people with disabilities (like our Department of Health).

The existing Hawaii Act 26, Automatic Voter Registration, is an “opt-in” arrangement that requires the Department of Transportation to affirmatively ask individuals whether they would like to register to vote. This explicitly gives the person the choice to opt into voter registration. We suggest HB 322 be amended to provide this process instead of an “opt out” process, thereby making it consistent with the Department of Transportation approach and what is generally mandated under the National Voter Registration Act.² More importantly, this should mitigate concerns expressed in testimony by the Department of Human Services that an “opt out” arrangement might delay the issuance of benefits

The State Department of Transportation has already successfully established an automatic voter registration program in its core operation. While the Department collects relevant voting data, this does not include a determination of citizenship eligibility, which we think should continue to be left to County clerks. We suggest amending this measure to make clear this clear.

We support a modest appropriation to implement an expanded automatic voter registration program and defer to State and County officials, particularly our County Clerks, for a recommended amount.

We are thankful other worthy measures about voter registration have been introduced in this session, (such SB 81 and SB 78), so some consolidation with HB 322 may be possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

² Our understanding is that State laws could supersede the Federal guidance under NVRA.



LATE

**House Committee on Human Services & Homelessness
Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Strongly Supports: HB322
Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 9:35am; Conference Room 329**

Dear Chair Martin, Vice Chair Olds, and Members of the Committee,

HAPA is submitting testimony in STRONG Support of HB322, which requires the Department of Human Services to automatically transmit voter registration information for any Med-Quest applicant. It would also authorize state agencies to implement automatic voter registration if designated by the Office of Elections. Additionally, it requires eligible applicants for instruction permits, provisional licenses, driver's licenses, and identification cards to be automatically registered or preregistered to vote unless the applicant opts out.

Recent data shows that turnout increases when voting and registering are more convenient. For example, in the 2020 general election, Hawai'i saw a dramatic increase in voter participation, with almost 70% of registered voters casting ballots. This jump could be largely attributed to the state's first all-mail election, which made voting more accessible and convenient for everyone.

Despite the significant increase in voter turnout during the 2020 general election, recent trends in the past few elections indicate a concerning decline in engagement. In the 2024 primary election, voter turnout plummeted to just about 32%. This sharp drop highlights a troubling inconsistency in civic participation, suggesting that even with improvements like the all-mail voting system that proved effective in 2020, many residents still struggle to register and engage in the electoral process since then. This tells us that we need to make a continuous effort to make registration and voting procedures as accessible and convenient as possible. States like Oregon saw a large increase in voter registration when they used a similar "opt-out" system, as highlighted in the bill.

Therefore, this bill makes voting more accessible by simplifying the registration process. Automatically registering eligible applicants removes obstacles that can prevent people from voting. Automatic voter registration also reduces mistakes in our voter rolls. Under a secure data system, officials share information directly with election clerks. This process can improve accuracy and save money on printing and mailing. It also lowers the risk of sending forms to the wrong addresses or allowing duplicates.

We urge you to support the passage of HB322 to improve voter participation in our state!

Thank you for your support and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Frederick', is placed below the text 'Thank you for your support and consideration,'.

Anne Frederick
Executive Director



LATE

HOUSE BILL 322, RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION

JANUARY 30, 2025 · HSH HEARING

POSITION: Support.

RATIONALE: The Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus **supports** HB 322, relating to voter registration, which requires the Department of Human Services to automatically transmit voter registration information for any Med-Quest applicant; authorizes state agencies to implement automatic voter registration if designated by the Office of Elections; and requires eligible applicants for instruction permits, provisional licenses, driver's licenses, and identification cards to be automatically registered or preregistered to vote unless the applicant opts out.

Our democracy belongs to we, the people. At a time when our nation is experiencing extreme political turmoil and basic civil liberties—including the right to vote—are under assault, we must take steps in Hawai'i to safeguard democratic participation. Every eligible person should be able to register to vote in a convenient and secure way that is beneficial to new voters and administrators alike. Key voter registration improvements can elevate electoral confidence, save public funds, and preserve the voice of our community in determining the course of our society's future.

In 2021, Hawai'i established automatic voter registration to increase the state's historically low voter participation rates. Yet, the automatic voter registration system established by the legislature was an opt-in system that places responsibility for registration on individual voters, thereby failing to fully include the total potential population of new voters. This undermines the full

impact of our automatic voter registration program, which is desperately needed to curb low voter participation rates. **In the 2024 primary election, for example, our state experienced its lowest turnout in 65 years, with only 32.1 percent of registered voters filling out a ballot.**

To improve those statistics, we must enact measures that strengthen the right to vote. HB 322 will make registration more efficient by empowering applications at public-facing state agencies—such as for Med-Quest licenses, permits, change of address forms, recertifications, or services offered by the state—to serve as “dual-purpose” voter registration applications, with the applicant being given the option to affirmatively declines (rather than being forced to affirmatively opt-in) to voter registration or preregistration.

This will change our automatic voter registration system from an “opt in” to an “opt out” model, which will guarantee that the intent of the program—to maximize democratic participation by making voter registration as “automatic” as possible—is fully effectuated, especially in light of other forward-thinking electoral programs that the state has undertaken, like mail-in voting.

Women, racial minorities, and members of the working class fought for years to obtain the right to vote. Sadly, we are seeing draconian efforts today to roll back those rights to entrench the power of autocratic regimes. We cannot allow these authoritarian actions to go unchallenged. We have a responsibility to fortify the voting franchise for generations to come.

Contact: educationcaucusdph@gmail.com

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 9:00:41 PM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this Bill to automatically register voters because our voter rolls in this state are already massively inflated with 100k+ deadwood voters and innumerable outdated entries. The Office of Elections should working on cleaning up our voter rolls, not making them even worse than they already are. I urge all members of the Committee to **VOTE NO** on this Bill.

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:30:14 AM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaili	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

i am in strong support of this measure beacuse poeple with disability with medquest have right to vote please pass this bill thank you.

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 3:36:23 PM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Stayton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Chair Martin, Vice Chair Olds, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Susan Stayton, and I am writing in STRONG support of HB322, which expands Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) by integrating voter registration with state agencies, permits, programs, or services with "dual-purpose applications," allowing individuals to register to vote, update their voter information, or decline to register through a checkbox.

As a senior citizen this would help me considerably.

This reform simplifies the registration process, ensuring that more eligible residents can easily register to vote while maintaining the integrity of our voter rolls through secure and accurate information sharing. The bill also respects personal choice by allowing individuals to opt-out and safeguards to prevent the registration of non-citizens.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Susan, Lawai, Kauai

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 3:51:05 PM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Janik	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Chair Martin, Vice Chair Olds, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Richard Janik,MD, and I am writing in STRONG support of HB322, which expands Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) by integrating voter registration with state agencies, permits, programs, or services with "dual-purpose applications," allowing individuals to register to vote, update their voter information, or decline to register through a checkbox.

This reform simplifies the registration process, ensuring that more eligible residents can easily register to vote while maintaining the integrity of our voter rolls through secure and accurate information sharing. The bill also respects personal choice by allowing individuals to opt-out and safeguards to prevent the registration of non-citizens.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Richard Janik, MD, Lihue, Kauai

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 4:03:23 PM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Theresa M Thompson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 322 RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION.

Mahalo,

Theresa Thompson

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 4:49:34 PM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing in STRONG support of HB322, which expands Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) by integrating voter registration with state agencies, permits, programs, or services with "dual-purpose applications," allowing individuals to register to vote, update their voter information, or decline to register through a checkbox. This reform simplifies the registration process, ensuring that more eligible residents can easily register to vote while maintaining the integrity of our voter rolls through secure and accurate information sharing. The bill also respects personal choice by allowing individuals to opt-out and safeguards to prevent the registration of non-citizens.

Mahalo for your consideration!

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 6:27:30 PM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann Dorsey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge you to support HB322, which expands Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) by integrating voter registration with state agencies, permits, programs, or services with "dual-purpose applications," allowing individuals to register to vote, update their voter information, or decline to register through a checkbox. Simplifying the registration process ensures that more eligible residents can easily register to vote and still maintain the integrity of our voter rolls through secure and accurate information sharing. The bill also respects personal choice by allowing individuals to opt-out and safeguards to prevent the registration of non-citizens.

Thank you

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:18:35 PM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello Chair Martin, Vice Chair Olds, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Nanea Lo, and I am writing in **strong support of HB 322**, which expands Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) by integrating voter registration with state agencies, permits, programs, or services that use “dual-purpose applications.” This bill ensures that individuals can easily register to vote, update their voter information, or decline registration through a simple checkbox system.

I sit on the Sierra Club of Hawai‘i’s Executive Commission, serve as a board member for the Hawai‘i Workers Center, and am a Kanaka Maoli, a lineal descendant of the Hawaiian Kingdom. As someone deeply involved in grassroots organizing, I know how critical access to the ballot box is for our communities. Many residents face unnecessary barriers to voter registration, and this bill helps to remove them.

Making voter registration more accessible strengthens our democracy by increasing participation while maintaining secure and accurate voter rolls. This bill also respects individual choice by allowing people to opt out and ensures that only eligible voters are registered. By simplifying the process, we empower more people to have a voice in the decisions that impact their lives.

I urge you to pass HB 322 and help create a more inclusive and accessible electoral process for all Hawai‘i residents.

Me ke aloha ‘āina,

Nanea Lo
Mō‘ili‘ili, HI 96826
Sierra Club of Hawai‘i Executive Commission Member
Board Member, Hawai‘i Workers Center
Kanaka Maoli / Lineal Descendant of the Hawaiian Kingdom

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:01:31 PM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Faccenda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure. The easier it is to vote, the healthier a democracy.

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 11:12:25 PM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kimdonghyeon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Chair Martin, Vice Chair Olds, and Members of the Committee,

My name is kimdonghyeon, and I am writing in STRONG support of HB322, which expands Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) by integrating voter registration with state agencies, permits, programs, or services with "dual-purpose applications," allowing individuals to register to vote, update their voter information, or decline to register through a checkbox.

The United States has a history of voter suppression in the past, so we must provide a framework for equality, fairness, and equity!

This reform simplifies the registration process, ensuring that more eligible residents can easily register to vote while maintaining the integrity of our voter rolls through secure and accurate information sharing. The bill also respects personal choice by allowing individuals to opt-out and safeguards to prevent the registration of non-citizens.

Mahalo for your consideration!

kimdonghyeon

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 1:24:51 AM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I'm writing in favor of this bill because I believe any policy that makes registering to vote easier is a win for all of us and our democracy. Mahalo.

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 3:13:57 AM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sven Sorge	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Sirs and Madams,

This reform simplifies the registration process, ensuring that more eligible residents can easily register to vote while maintaining the integrity of our voter rolls through secure and accurate information sharing. The bill also respects personal choice by allowing individuals to opt-out and safeguards to prevent the registration of non-citizens.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Thank you very much!

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 3:46:06 AM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Kimo Pestana	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Chair Martin,

Vice Chair Olds, and

Members of the Committee,

My name is Kimo Pestana and I am writing in **STRONG** support of HB322, which expands Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) by integrating voter registration with state agencies, permits, programs, or services with "dual-purpose applications," allowing individuals to register to vote, update their voter information, or decline to register through a checkbox.

This reform simplifies the registration process, ensuring that more eligible residents can easily register to vote while maintaining the integrity of our voter rolls through secure and accurate information sharing. The bill also respects personal choice by allowing individuals to opt-out and safeguards to prevent the registration of non-citizens.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Paul Kiimo Pestana

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 5:46:06 AM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Chiwa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Representative Marten, Vice Chair Representative Olds and Members of the Committee on Human Services and Homelessness.

Please support HB322 which, to my understanding, will make registering to vote easier, simpler and more efficient.

Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa

Makiki

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 7:10:26 AM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa Barker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable, Chair Martin, Vice Chair Olds, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you support of HB322, which expands Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) by integrating voter registration with state agencies, permits, programs, or services with "dual-purpose applications," allowing individuals to register to vote, update their voter information, or decline to register through a checkbox.

This reform simplifies the registration process, ensuring that more eligible residents can easily register to vote while maintaining the integrity of our voter rolls through secure and accurate information sharing. The bill also respects personal choice by allowing individuals to opt-out and safeguards to prevent the registration of non-citizens.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Melissa Barker

Kapaa, HI

LATE

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 9:50:38 AM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dennis O'Shea	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill and hope you will too.

Mahalo

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 12:51:00 PM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
janice palma-glenie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Chair Martin, Vice Chair Olds, and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing from Kona in **STRONG** support of HB322, which expands Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) by integrating voter registration with state agencies, permits, programs, or services with "dual-purpose applications," allowing individuals to register to vote, update their voter information, or decline to register through a checkbox.

Any safeguards our legislature can make to help avoid impending threats and throttling of the rights of One Person, One Vote in our state must be employed.

Simplifying the registration process, ensuring that more eligible residents can easily register to vote, and maintaining the integrity of our voter rolls through secure and accurate information sharing is crucial again, with federal loathing for protecting those rights. at the same time, this bill respects personal choice by allowing individuals to opt-out while including safeguards to prevent the registration of non-citizens.

mahalo for your vote in strong support of HN322.

sincerely,

janice palma-glennie

kailua-kona

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HB-322

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 1:03:01 PM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michele Nihipali	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Chair Martin, Vice Chair Olds, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Michele Nihipali, and I am writing in STRONG support of HB322, which expands Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) by integrating voter registration with state agencies, permits, programs, or services with "dual-purpose applications," allowing individuals to register to vote, update their voter information, or decline to register through a checkbox.

This reform simplifies the registration process, ensuring that more eligible residents can easily register to vote while maintaining the integrity of our voter rolls through secure and accurate information sharing. The bill also respects personal choice by allowing individuals to opt-out and safeguards to prevent the registration of non-citizens.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Michele Nihipali

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HB-322

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 1:16:19 PM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcia Kemble	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Chair Martin, Vice Chair Olds, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Marcia Kemble and I am writing in **STRONG** support of HB322, which expands Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) by integrating voter registration with state agencies, permits, programs, or services with "dual-purpose applications," allowing individuals to register to vote, update their voter information, or decline to register through a checkbox.

This reform simplifies the registration process, ensuring that more eligible residents can easily register to vote while maintaining the integrity of our voter rolls through secure and accurate information sharing. The bill also respects personal choice by allowing individuals to opt-out and safeguards to prevent the registration of non-citizens.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Marcia Kemble

Makiki

January 30, 2025

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Aloha Chair Marten, Vice Chair Olds, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Joyce Martin, and I am writing in **STRONG support of HB322**, which expands Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) by integrating voter registration with state agencies, permits, programs, or services with "dual-purpose applications," allowing individuals to register to vote, update their voter information, or decline to register through a checkbox.

When I turned 18, I registered to vote when I received my first State ID. This ultimately encouraged me to become the first U.S. citizen in my family to vote! If voter registration had not been accessible, I would not have participated as a young individual navigating the democratic process. Although I cannot speak for every individual or family, ensuring accessibility to voter registration guarantees that quiet voices, like mine, are heard.

Overall, H.B. 322 simplifies the registration process, ensuring that more eligible residents can easily register to vote while maintaining the integrity of our voter rolls through secure and accurate information sharing. The bill also respects personal choice by allowing individuals to opt-out.

Mahalo for your consideration!



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HB-322

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 2:22:59 PM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2025 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shay Chan Hodges	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Chair Martin, Vice Chair Olds, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Shay Chan Hodges, and I am writing in STRONG support of HB322, which expands Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) by integrating voter registration with state agencies, permits, programs, or services with "dual-purpose applications," allowing individuals to register to vote, update their voter information, or decline to register through a checkbox.

This reform simplifies the registration process, ensuring that more eligible residents can easily register to vote while maintaining the integrity of our voter rolls through secure and accurate information sharing. The bill also respects personal choice by allowing individuals to opt-out and safeguards to prevent the registration of non-citizens.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Shay Chan Hodges

Haiku, Maui, HI

LATE

HB-322

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 7:20:03 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kayla Marie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

Comments:

Chair Martin, Committee Members

My name is Brett Kulbis, I'm a 26yr Navy Veteran and Retired Civil Servant. I live in Ewa Beach.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB-322.

Any department within the State is woefully incapable of determining the eligibility and required supporting documentation to register anyone to vote. Our voting rolls are already full of potentially ineligible voters and this action could put even more ineligible voters on our rolls.

Last year you approved the Office of Elections to enter into agreement with the non-profit third party organization Electronic Registration Information Center (Act 190), which is supposed to identify individuals who appear to be eligible to vote but who are not yet registered. The cost is \$125,000+ annually.

There is no legitimate reason for this bill. Our State and County Election Offices already have sufficient ways for registering voters, to include registering voters applying for or renewing driver's licenses.

Respectfully, I **STRONGLY** encourage you to vote **NO** on HB-322.