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Submitted on: 4/6/2026 7:55:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann S Freed	Testifying for Hawai`i Democratic Party Women's Caucus	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and members,

We are wholeheartedly endorsing Aria Castillo for confirmation to the Board of Registration. As Caucus Co-Chair I know her through her insightful and diligent contribution to the Hawai`i Democratic Women's Caucus. She is passionate about expanding access to voting and increasing voter participation at a time when these basic rights are threatened.

She has worked on behalf of sunshine and fairness in government including access to open and free elections for the past 10 years. I can't imagine anyone better qualified to fill the role.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Ann S. Freed, Co-Chair Hawaii Democratic Party Women's Caucus.

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Submitted on: 4/9/2026 12:34:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bevin Parker-Evans	Testifying for Women's Caucus Democratic Party	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear JDC Committee:

I strongly support the nomination of Aria Castillo for appointment confirmation to the Board of Registration of the Island of Oahu, a Gubernatorial Nominee.

I live on the island of Kaua'i but I've worked online for years with Aria and she is extremely engaged in very important issues and is a very intelligent communicator.

She is a great leader who often makes certain that everyone has an opportunity to speak up about issues affecting our state and she is very good about listening to others with heartfelt compassion.

Mahalo for your support of this nomination,

Bevin Parker-Evans

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LATE

Kris Coffield

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Friday, April 10, 2026 — Committee Referral: JDC

Subject: Support for the Appointment of Aria Castillo to the Board of Registration (GM 685)

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Aria Castillo to the Board of Registration for the Island of O‘ahu, pursuant to GM685.

I have had the opportunity to engage with Aria through her work in civic engagement and public policy centered on campaign finance reform and government integrity, and I can attest to her strong commitment to democratic participation, transparency, and public accountability. She brings a thoughtful and principled approach to governance, grounded in a clear understanding of how systems can either empower or exclude community voices.

Aria has been enthusiastically engaged in Hawai‘i’s policy landscape as an advocate for reforms to improve elections, governance, and public access to decision-making processes. Through this work, she has demonstrated both a respect for the integrity of our institutions and a commitment to ensuring they remain accessible and responsive to the people they serve.

Aria brings a perspective that is both detail-oriented and community-minded. She understands that the work of the Board of Registration—maintaining accurate voter rolls and upholding the integrity of our elections—is foundational to public trust in government. Her experience engaging directly with the legislative process and her commitment to civic participation will help ensure that this work is carried out with fairness and fidelity.

Aria is thoughtful, diligent, and deeply values-driven. She approaches complex issues with care and a strong sense of responsibility, and she is committed to strengthening systems in ways that expand access and build trust. I strongly urge the Committee to confirm her appointment. Aria will be a dedicated and effective member of the Board of Registration and a strong steward of Hawai‘i’s democratic processes.

Sincerely,

Kris Coffield

Kris Coffield

MICHAEL J. GOLOJUCH, JR. (he/him)

Civil Rights Activist

April 7, 2026

Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: Friday, April 10, 2026 at 10:00 AM

RE: SUPPORT for Governor's Message 685 – Aria Castillo

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chairs Gabbard, and fellow committee members,

My name is Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him), and I am submitting this testimony in my personal capacity in strong support of Governor's Message 685, confirming Aria Castillo to the Board of Registration of the Island of O'ahu for a term to expire June 30, 2030.

I have had the privilege of working alongside Aria for more than six years, and during that time, I have come to know her as a person of exceptional integrity, professionalism, and dedication to public service. Aria consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to fairness, accountability, and the rule of law, qualities that are essential for service on the Board of Registration.

Aria brings a thoughtful and measured approach to her work, always taking care to consider the broader impact of decisions on the community. She is detail-oriented, dependable, and guided by a deep sense of responsibility to uphold the integrity of our democratic processes. Her ability to collaborate effectively, listen to diverse perspectives, and make informed decisions will serve the Board and the people of O'ahu well.

I have full faith and confidence in Aria's ability to serve with distinction in this role. She will be an excellent addition to the Board, and Hawai'i is fortunate that she is willing to step forward and serve in this important capacity.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to support Governor's Message 685 and confirm Aria Castillo to the Board of Registration of the Island of O'ahu.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

I Mua,

Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)
Civil Rights Activist

GM-685

Submitted on: 4/9/2026 9:01:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gregory Misakian	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I am in strong support of nominee Aria Castillo.

Gregory Misakian

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Submitted on: 4/6/2026 2:59:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Caron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am writing in **strong support of GM685**, the nomination of Aria Castillo to the Board of Registration of the Island of O‘ahu, for a term expiring June 30, 2030.

The right person for a critical role

The Board of Registration is a quasi-judicial body that hears voter registration challenges and appeals. Its work is rarely in the spotlight, but it is essential to the integrity of our elections. Members must be fair, nonpartisan, and capable of applying the law consistently without fear or favor. Aria Castillo possesses all of these qualities in abundance.

A decade of commitment to voter participation

For the past 10 years, Aria has dedicated her work to increasing voter participation, encouraging civic engagement, and advocating for fair, good-government reforms that benefit the public above partisan lines. This nomination is not a departure from that work—it is an extension of it into a more impartial, administrative capacity. She understands that the quiet work of maintaining accurate voter rolls and resolving registration disputes is just as important as get-out-the-vote efforts.

Restoring balance to a lopsided board

The Board of Registration must include representation from more than one political party. Aria would fill the Democratic seat; currently, the only sitting member is a registered Republican. Her confirmation would restore the statutorily required balance and ensure that the Board functions as intended—with multiple perspectives at the table.

Filling a vacancy that has stalled governance

Aria has seen firsthand how board vacancies can stall governance. She wants to help ensure that when voter registration challenges arise—and they are rare—they are addressed fairly, promptly, and in accordance with the law. This is not about partisan advantage; it is about making a dormant body functional again.

Personal knowledge and endorsement

I have known Aria Castillo for a decade and have worked alongside her on multiple committees within the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, as well as on nonpartisan good-government campaigns. In every setting, her judgment has been impartial. Her ability to work across party lines is clear. Her commitment to doing the right thing while handling matters efficiently and fairly has been proven time and time again.

She will serve the Board—and the people of O‘ahu—with integrity, diligence, and fairness.

The Board of Registration needs a fair, experienced, and balanced voice. Aria Castillo is that voice. I urge the committee to recommend confirmation.

Mahalo for your consideration.

GM-685

Submitted on: 4/6/2026 3:16:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bixby Ho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have worked alongside Ms. Castillo for a long time and I know first hand her ability to work together for a common purpose and her ability to get the job done.

I know of no one more fitting to this position than that of Aria Castillo.

I ask you to cast your vote in support of this terrific public servant.

April 6, 2026

To: Committee On Judiciary

Hearing: Friday, April 10, 2026, Room 016

Re: **GM685**, Support for Nomination of Aria Juliet Castillo

Aloha e Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer my **strong support for Aria Juliet Castillo for selection to the O'ahu Board of Registration**. In every capacity I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Castillo, and in witnessing her professional work, I have found Ms. Castillo to be thoughtful and well-informed, and highly focused on fairness and acting with integrity.

I have seen Ms. Castillo's intelligence and hard work ethic on display in multiple roles. She is focused on the greater good and on supporting our democratic institutions, ensuring fair elections, and access to voting rights and to public office. I believe this perspective will be invaluable to work of the O'ahu Board of Registration.

Ms. Castillo is a dedicated leader, with clear integrity and care for Hawai'i. She is someone who listens to and respects others, and acts carefully and with intention.

I believe **Aria Juliet Castillo's personal skills coupled with her professional record and experience make her an excellent candidate to serve on the O'ahu Board of Registration**, and ask for your support for this nomination.

Mahalo nui for your time.

Suzanne Skjold
Founder, +PolicyLab
Honolulu, HI

**Written Testimony in Support of
GM 685**

*Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Registration of the Island of Oahu,
Gubernatorial Nominee, ARIA CASTILLO, for a term to expire 06-30-2030*

before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Friday, April 10, 2026, 10:00AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee:

I submit this written testimony in support of GM 685, appointing Gubernatorial Nominee, Aria Castillo, to the Board of Registration of the Island of O'ahu.

I have known Ms. Castillo for a decade, and throughout that time, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to Hawai'i and its people. Born and raised in Kaua'i, Aria is a proud local girl whose values are deeply rooted in our island communities. Her passion for public service, belief in free and fair elections, and dedication to equity and justice are not just professional interests; they are personal commitments shaped by her upbringing and lived experiences here at home.

As a young leader, Aria represents the very civic engagement we often encourage in Hawai'i's next generation. At a time when there is concern about limited participation by younger generations in government and the electoral process, Aria stands out as someone who is stepping forward to serve with purpose. As a long-serving millennial in public service, I am especially proud to support her willingness to give back to our state in this capacity.

Aria is thoughtful, compassionate, and deeply passionate about Hawai'i's future. She understands the diverse needs of our communities across the islands and approaches her work with integrity, fairness, and a strong sense of kuleana. Her commitment to serving the people of Hawai'i, and to upholding the integrity of our democratic processes, makes her exceptionally well-suited for this role.

Aria is thoughtful, passionate about Hawai'i's future, and deeply mindful of the needs of communities across our islands. She brings integrity, fairness, and a strong sense of responsibility; qualities that are essential for service on the Board of Registration.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Committee to support GM 685 and her appointment to the Board of Registration.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Danielle Bass

GM-685

Submitted on: 4/6/2026 8:31:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emily Grave	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is Emily Grave, and I am a resident of Honolulu, Hawai‘i. I am writing in strong support of Aria Juliet’s nomination to serve on the O‘ahu Board of Registration.

I have had the privilege of knowing Aria Juliet and can confidently speak to her integrity, thoughtfulness, and commitment to serving the community with fairness and respect. She approaches complex issues with a clear sense of responsibility and a genuine desire to do what is right—not what is expedient or politically convenient.

One of Aria’s greatest strengths is her ability to work across differences. In a time when public trust in institutions is more important than ever, she stands out as someone who is committed to engaging thoughtfully with diverse perspectives and finding common ground. She understands that the role of the Board of Registration is not partisan—it is to uphold the integrity of our elections and ensure that processes are conducted fairly, transparently, and efficiently.

In addition, Aria brings a strong sense of accountability and attention to detail. She is someone who follows through, listens carefully, and makes decisions grounded in both principle and practicality. These qualities are essential for maintaining public confidence in our electoral systems.

Hawai‘i’s elections depend on dedicated individuals who are willing to serve with integrity and impartiality. I believe Aria Juliet embodies these values and will be an outstanding asset to the O‘ahu Board of Registration.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to confirm her nomination.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Emily Grave, Honolulu

GM-685

Submitted on: 4/6/2026 9:19:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jesse K. Souki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support the nomination of Aria Juliet Castillo to the O‘ahu Board of Registration (G.M. No. 685).

I serve with Aria on the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i as the SCC Senate District 9 Representative, and have observed her judgment, professionalism, and ability to work across perspectives. She applies rules consistently, approaches issues thoughtfully, and maintains a clear focus on fairness and process.

Aria’s experience in elections support, policy work, and civic engagement provides a practical understanding of voter systems and governance. She also demonstrates appropriate awareness of conflict-of-interest obligations and the need for neutrality in quasi-judicial roles.

Based on my experience, she will carry out the Board’s responsibilities fairly, efficiently, and in accordance with the law.

Sincerely,
Jesse K. Souki

GM-685

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:43:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kate Stanley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Senate Committee on Judiciary

Chair Senator Karl Rhoads

Vice Chair Senator Mike Gabbrad

Members of the Committee

I am Kate Stanley asking for your support in confirming Aria Castillo as a member of the Oahu Board of Registration.

I have worked with Aria Castillo for over seven years in various fund raising efforts and on various governing bodies of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Aria has always carried out her responsibilities with fariness and efficiency. She has demonstrated an ability to work with people of many viewpoints and opinions.

In a time when so few people volunteer to serve on many Boards and Commissions we are indeed fortunate to have Aria volunteer to serve of the Board of Registration. I have no doubt that she will carry out her reponsibilities with integrity, fairness, and commitment .

Please support the nomination of Aria Castillo.

Kate Stanley, Private Citizen

GM-685

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:52:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the nomination of Aria Castillo to the Board of Registration for O'ahu. In meetings attended together, I note Aria's ability to communicate effectively, listen to all sides carefully, and concisely summarize points to achieve a fair conclusion. Aria will be a strong addition to the Board.

GM-685

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 6:20:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noelle Lindenmann	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha -

I am submitting testimony in support of the nomination of Aria Castillo to the Board of Registration. Ms Castillo has shown an extensive knowledge of ins and outs of the workings of our state and would be a stellar board of registration member. She has proven she has the ability to work beyond party lines and is committed to doing what is right and fair. She handles matters efficiently and fairly as they come before her.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in favor of the nomination of Aria Castillo.

Noelle Lindenmann

GM-685

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 5:19:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan B Roberts Emery	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Honorable Members of Committee,

My name is Susan RobertsEmery, as Co Chair of the Green Party of Hawai'i, I am offering my Very Strong Support to nominate Aria Juliet Castillo to serve on the O'ahu Board of Registration.

I have been very impressed with the hard work and dedication that Aria Juliet Castillo puts forward year after year in her quest for better governance. Yes, I am a Green and she is a Democrat but at the end of the day we are both striving for full transparency in our elections. That is a nonpartisan view. Arias' work with HAPA and the Kuleana Academy reflects her personal integrity and ethics. Both of these qualities are needed when we are striving for Truth and Justice. She will provide nonpartisan expertise and judgment. I believe with her commitment to truth in the law our elections will be under a watchful eye and a voice of reason. She will advocate for fair good governance reforms that will benefit the public above partisan lines.

It is with immense pleasure that I urge you to confirm Aria Juliet Castillo, O'ahu will greatly benefit from her service !

Mahaloa,

Susan RobertsEmery

Co Chair Green Party of Hawai'i

Paauiilo

GM-685

Submitted on: 4/8/2026 11:35:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tina Even	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Aria Castillo's appointment to the Board of Registration. Aria has a commitment to integrity, fairness, and thoughtful decision-making. She has a balanced perspective and a steady focus on what is right.

One of Aria's greatest strengths is her ability to work effectively across party lines. She understands the importance of collaboration and is able to engage with diverse viewpoints while maintaining a clear sense of purpose. She is grounded in fairness and efficiency, ensuring that matters are handled thoughtfully, and transparently.

These qualities are beneficial to increasing public trust. I am confident that Aria will serve with professionalism, accountability, and a deep respect for the responsibilities of the Board.

- Tina Marie Even

JoAnn A. Yukimura
2749 Kapena Street
Līhu‘e, HI 96766

April 8, 2026

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawai‘i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

Re: G.M. No. 685 – Support for the Nomination of **Aria Juliet Castillo** to the Board of Registration of the Island of O‘ahu

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the nomination of **Aria Juliet Castillo** to serve on the Board of Registration for the Island of O‘ahu.

I have known Aria through her advocacy work on Kaua‘i, and as I have watched it evolve statewide. I have been consistently impressed by Aria’s integrity and commitment to public service. She brings sound judgment, fairness, and the ability to work across many perspectives.

Aria understands the importance of applying the law consistently and without partisanship. Her decade of work advancing voter participation and good government reforms reflects a deep commitment to serving the public based on the common good.

I have the utmost confidence that she will serve with integrity and impartiality. I respectfully urge the Committee to confirm Aria’s nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JoAnn A. Yukimura". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JoAnn Yukimura

808-652-3988

To: Senate committee on Judiciary (JDC),

Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard

Re: In **support of GM 685 Nomination of Aria Castillo** to the Board of Registration

From: Amy Monk

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the JDC committee,

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony for **GM685 in support of the nomination of Aria Castillo** to the Board of Registration.

The Board of Registration should be fully staffed to decide the validity of any challenge during the 2026, 2028 or any special election. The Board of Registration must be able to promptly meet to determine whether the complaint has any validity and to resolve the complaint. As recently as this year, most of the seats on the Board have been vacant and been the source of election watcher concern.

The Board does need a partisan balance of fair-minded members. I have served on several Democratic Party of Hawaii committees with Aria Castillo and can recommend Aria Castillo as a responsible team player. Most recently, she has volunteered with the non-partisan League of Women Voters of Hawaii encouraging voter participation.

Please confirm her at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

Amy Monk

GM-685

Submitted on: 4/8/2026 6:54:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Derek Turbin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Aria Castillo's nomination to the the Board of Registration of the Island of Oahu. Aria is hard working, fair and committed to building a better Hawai'i.

GM-685

Submitted on: 4/8/2026 8:16:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kuulei santos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of Aria Juliet Castillo and her nomination to serve on the O‘ahu Board of Registration.

I have known Aria for 30 years, and over that time I have come to know her as a person of integrity, sound judgment, and deep commitment to doing what is right. She is thoughtful, fair-minded, and steady in the way she approaches important issues. She listens carefully, respects differing perspectives, and makes decisions based on principle and fairness rather than politics or personal interest.

This role requires someone who can be impartial, apply the law consistently, and handle matters efficiently and fairly. I believe Aria is exceptionally well suited for that responsibility. Her long-standing commitment to civic engagement, voter participation, and good government reflects the kind of character and public-mindedness that this position demands.

Aria has the ability to work across lines, treat people with respect, and focus on the broader public good. I am confident she would serve on the Board with professionalism, care, and a clear understanding of the importance of fairness and public trust in its work.

I respectfully urge your support for GM685 and for the appointment of Aria Juliet Castillo to the O‘ahu Board of Registration.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

GM-685

Submitted on: 4/9/2026 6:33:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Klayton Kubo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

Klayton Kubo

Waimea, Kaua'i

GM-685

Submitted on: 4/9/2026 7:33:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/10/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jackie Keefe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Jackie Keefe, and I am **in strong support of GM685**. Aria Castillo has been fighting for our democracy for over a decade, and O‘ahu will be lucky to have her on their Board of Registration.

Aria leads with humility and integrity, and the people of Hawai‘i deserve more people like her in positions of power.

Please support Aria's nomination to the Board of Registration.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Jackie Keefe, Lahaina

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

April 10, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 016 & via Videoconference

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF
ARIA JULIET CASTILLO**
Board of Registration of the Island of O‘ahu Gov. Msg. No. 685

My name is Kainoa Kaumeheiwa-Rego and I am honored to submit this testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Aria Juliet Castillo to the Board of Registration of the Island of O‘ahu for a term to expire on 06-30-2030.

I have known Ms. Castillo for years, having served alongside her on the Executive Board of the Young Democrats of Hawai‘i during my tenure as President and as members of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i State Central Committee in various leadership roles. It was in that setting — where the work is unglamorous, the stakes feel high, and showing up consistently is what separates people who talk about civic engagement from those who actually practice it — that I came to know the quality of Aria's character and commitment firsthand. She was and remains dependable, principled, and deeply serious about the mission. That experience gives me a strong foundation for this testimony, and I urge the Senate to confirm her without delay.

Ms. Castillo's professional life has been defined by a commitment to strengthening democratic institutions and expanding public participation. As Program Director of the Reclaiming Democracy Program and long-serving Program Manager of the Kuleana Academy at the Hawai‘i Alliance for Progressive Action, she has spent years leading statewide policy initiatives focused on campaign finance reform, election modernization, ethics, and government accountability. She has drafted legislative testimony, written policy briefs, built cross-sector coalitions, and designed and executed a five-month leadership and candidate training program — work that directly speaks to the mission of the Board of Registration.

Through VoteHI Voter Registration, Ms. Castillo spent four years on the ground registering voters across our community — not as a political exercise, but as a genuine expression of her belief that every eligible resident deserves a voice. That hands-on commitment to broad voter participation is precisely the spirit the Board of Registration was created to uphold.

Ms. Castillo has demonstrated in her written responses to the Senate's questions that she understands exactly what the Board of Registration does and why it matters. She recognizes that the Board hears and decides appeals on voter registration challenges and the clerk's decisions — a function that must be carried out impartially, on a strict timeline, and with meticulous recordkeeping. She has also identified forward-looking priorities for the Board, including maintaining accurate voter rolls, keeping pace with evolving technology and data security, and making the registration process more accessible and clearly communicated to the public.

Throughout her career, she has been an outspoken advocate for government transparency and public accountability — not to destabilize institutions, but to strengthen them. That orientation is exactly right for a Board charged with protecting the integrity of voter registration on O'ahu.

I respectfully and enthusiastically urge this body to confirm Ms. Castillo's nomination.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Hainoa Kaumeheiwa Pego

Melissa Pavlicek, J.D.
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

LATE

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: G.M. No. 685 – Support for the Nomination of Aria Juliet Castillo to the Board of Registration of the Island of O'ahu

Aloha Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

I am an attorney, small business owner, and resident of Nu'uano. I write today to support the nomination of Aria Juliet Castillo to serve on the Board of Registration for the Island of O'ahu.

Aria and I recently participated together in an in-depth policy cohort, where we engaged in substantive discussions on governmental ethics, policy development, and the responsibility we share in holding our public institutions—and ourselves—to the highest standards of integrity. Through this experience, I came to appreciate Aria's deep commitment to ethical leadership, transparency, and accountability in public service. She consistently demonstrated a thoughtful, principled approach and a willingness to speak up when it matters.

I am confident that Aria will serve with sound judgment, fairness, and a strong commitment to the public interest. I understand that she brings more than a decade of experience advancing voter participation and promoting good-government reforms, reflecting a dedication to serving the people of Hawai'i irrespective of political affiliation.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you confirm her nomination.

Sincerely,

Melissa Pavlicek