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**TESTIMONY OF THE
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2539, HD1
RELATING TO ELECTION**

March 2, 2006

Chair Ige and members of the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 2539, HD1. The purpose of this bill is to standardize and make uniform the information provided by the courts to the county clerks to remove incarcerated felons from the voter rolls pursuant to section 831-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

The reporting requirement is found in section 806-76, HRS. It requires the courts to notify the respective county clerk of a felony conviction. However, because of variable information provided by the various circuit courts, at times the county clerks do not have sufficient information to positively identify an individual cited in the court report.

House Bill No. 2539, HD1 proposes to amend section 806-76, HRS, to standardize the reporting requirements to minimally provide the following:

1. Name;
2. Date of Birth;
3. Social Security Number;
4. Known Aliases, if any;
5. Residence Address or Last Known Residence Address;
6. Copies of the judgment of conviction and sentence; and
7. Mittimus (Warrant of Commitment).

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This information is necessary to maintain the integrity of the voter registration files by ensuring that convicted felons are not allowed to vote pursuant to section 831-2, HRS. Also, House Bill No. 2539, HD1 would ensure that all courts uniformly provide all necessary information to maintain our voter registration rolls.

We propose page 1, lines 15-18, be amended to read:

“..adjudication and [a sufficient identifying description of the citizen.]
the citizens name, any known aliases, date of birth, social security
number, and to the extent readily ascertainable by the clerk of the
court, the residence address or last known....”

The proposed amendment allows the courts to provide the best available information when a convicted felon may not have a readily ascertainable residence address.

We ask for your favorable consideration of this bill and thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 2538, HD1.