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**TESTIMONY OF THE
COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY OF KAUA'I**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

**ON SENATE BILL NO. 2430
RELATING TO JUDICIARY REPORTS OF CONVICTED FELONS
TO THE COUNTY CLERK**

February 9, 2006

Chair Ige and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2430. The purpose of this bill is to amend state law to direct the Judiciary to report felony convictions at the time of actual sentencing of the individual.

The Office of the County Clerk supports this measure as it will ensure that any voter convicted and incarcerated for a felony will be properly and promptly removed from the voter registry in accordance with Article II, Section 2 of the Hawai'i State Constitution.

Currently, reports from some Judicial Circuits do not contain enough information and are not transmitted to the Clerks on a timely basis. Senate Bill No. 2430 will ensure reports are transmitted within twenty (20) days after sentencing or entry of other adjudication, and require reports to contain detailed sentencing information to ensure Clerks can positively identify the correct individual for removal from the voter registry.

Additionally, Senate Bill No. 2430 will direct the Judiciary to transmit reports only to the Clerk of the respective County in which the person is convicted. This will ensure reports are only sent to the Clerk who has authorization to remove the convicted felon from the voter file.

The Office of the County Clerk supports this measure because it will significantly improve the process for removing convicted felons from the Hawai'i's voter roles.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2430.

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