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TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 261, SD 1
REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PETITION THE HAWAII SUPREME
COURT SEEKING RELIEF TO PREVENT ACTION AGAINST THE
REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION FOR THE COMMISSION'S FAILURE TO MEET
STATUTORY OR CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINES RELATING TO THE 2021
REAPPORTIONMENT PLANS

April 5, 2021

Chair Nakashima and members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 261, SD 1.

The U.S. Census Bureau has already indicated that redistricting data will not be available until after the Constitutional deadline for the Reapportionment Commission to submit a final plan to our Office. This resolution would mitigate any unnecessary delays that could further hold up the 2021 Reapportionment Plan and our implementation and conduct of the 2022 Elections.

Once the final plan is in place, the State will further divide the districts into precincts to create ballot type. We also use the reapportionment data to assign candidates and voters to the correct districts for candidate filing, ballot mailing, and voter education. The Counties are required to send out notification cards to every registered voter, which includes the voter's electoral districts prior to the 2022 Elections. We are also statutorily required to publish an election proclamation by May 28, 2022, which includes the list of contests, districts, and terms of office.

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