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TESTIMONY OF DANNY A. MATEO

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

ON HOUSE BILL NO. 15, HD 1

RELATING TO ELECTIONS

MARCH 24, 2015

Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on House Bill No. 15, H.D. 1. The purpose of this bill is to create a statewide standard for the distribution of absentee ballots.

The Office of the County Clerk, County of Maui, supports House Bill No. 15, H.D. 1.

We feel that mailing absentee ballots no earlier than thirty days before the election gives the counties the ability and flexibility to work with the limited number of vendors in Hawaii and is a reasonable amount of time for voters to receive and return their ballot by election day.

Thank you for the opportunity testify in support of House Bill No. 15, HD 1.



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Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No.15, H.D.1. The purpose of this bill is to standardize the distribution of absentee ballots. We feel mailing absentee ballots no earlier than thirty days before the election provides a reasonable amount of time for voters to receive their ballot and return it for counting. Also, voters statewide can anticipate receiving their absentee ballot at similar times.

In regards to absentee ballot requests received on the last day specified, mailing these absentee ballot packets within twenty-four hours is in accord with our current practices. Again, we feel the proposed bill is reasonable and will help standardize receipt of absentee mail ballots.

In reference to Section 1 of the proposed House Bill No. 15, H.D.1, S.D.1, the Office of the City Clerk takes no position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 15, H.D.1