

**TESTIMONY to the HOUSE COMMITTEE on JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
SB1541 Relating to voting more than once during an election.**

Friday, March 17, 2023, at 2:00 PM  
Conference Room 325 and Videoconference

Submitted in STRONG OPPOSITION by Jamie Detwiler, President  
Hawaii Federation of Republican Women

Honorable Chair Tarnas, Vice-Chair Takayama, and Committee Members

I strongly oppose SB1541 for the following reasons:

- 1. Hawaii already has an existing law that prevents voting more than once during an election.** HRS 19-3(5)  
§19-3 Election frauds. The following persons shall be deemed guilty of an election fraud: (5) Every person who, at any election, votes or attempts to vote in the name of any other person, living or dead, or in some fictitious name, or who, having once voted, votes or attempts to vote again, or knowingly gives or attempts to give more than one ballot for the same office at one time of voting.
- 2. SB1541 is unenforceable.** Reference the added text (p.4, line 9 through p.5, line 2).  
“a person is properly registered to vote if the person's residence in the state in which they are currently voting was acquired with the intent to make that state their legal residence with all the accompanying obligations therein, and if, at the time of voting, that person is registered to vote with the office of elections of the state in which they are voting.”
  - Who will be adjudicating “intent”?
  - How will this verification be tracked and cross-checked with 49 other states; and done in a timely manner?
- 3. Cleaning the current voter rolls statewide should be the priority.**  
The Center for Election Integrity’s goal is to ensure each American citizen’s legal vote has the same value as any other American citizen’s legal vote. No more, no less. In order to achieve this, the process must start with clean, current, and accurate voter rolls.  
  
According to the Voting Integrity Institute, Nearly a quarter century after the enactment of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA), a key element of the law — to protect the integrity of the electoral processes and ensure accurate and current voter registration rolls — has not been enforced.

Please vote NO on SB1541. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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

**Hearing on Friday, March 17, 2023 2:00pm (HST)**  
**House Conference Room 325 & Via Videoconference**  
**SB1541 Relating to Voting More Than Once During An Election**

**TESTIMONY**

Holly Plackett, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members:

**The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports SB 1541.**

This bill is an important clarification to Hawaii's existing law with regard to voting more than once during an election. Because our current law does not expressly address the possibility that a person could cast a single vote in Hawaii and an additional vote in another state or territory of the United States, the additional language added to Section 5 makes it clear under what circumstances that situation could occur.

In this day and age when our voting rights are under scrutiny from every viewpoint, it is necessary to make these kinds of clarifications so that we cover all possible situations when it comes to voting in our elections. Voting is a basic civil right in a democracy and we need to make our laws easy, fair and understandable to our voting public.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

## Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

**Opposition to SB1541**  
**Corinne Solomon**  
**Oahu Resident**

Aloha Chair Tarnas and Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

I oppose SB1541.

How will SB1541 be enforced?

Will Hawaii need to develop a homegrown system that interacts with the voter registration data of the other 49 states and Washington DC, or join the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)?

How would either of these systems cross check voting data in real time across all states?

How will Hawai'i's residents be assured that their personal data remains private when it is shared across state lines?

ERIC, of which Hawai'i is NOT a member, is an organization that claims to assist states with the accuracy of the voter rolls. In fact, it has been found to do the opposite. Several states; Florida, Alabama, Missouri, West Virginia, and Louisiana, have recently pulled out of ERIC after identifying several issues with the organization's voter registration and data management processes.

Here is a summary of the concerns from John Ashcroft, the Missouri Secretary of State, taken from a [letter addressed to the Executive Director of ERIC](#):

- ERIC refuses to require member states to participate in addressing multi-state voter fraud
- ERIC focuses on adding names to voter rolls by requiring a solicitation to individuals who already had an opportunity to register to vote and made the conscious decision to not be registered
- ERIC allows for a hyper-partisan individual to be an ex-officio non-voting member on its governance board
- ERIC unnecessarily restricts how Missouri utilizes data reports

- ERIC's benefits to Missouri are limited as only three of the eight states that border Missouri are members

Additionally, [2023 research done by Judicial Watch](#) determined that “the large amount of sensitive data provided to ERIC by member states and the organization’s role in maintaining voter rolls may violate a number of federal statutes. Among them are the Help America Vote Act, National Voter Registration Act and Driver’s Privacy Protection Act.”

ERIC is the largest organization of its kind and still only covers 27 states. How would Hawaii monitor the registrations of voters in the remaining states that are not partnered with ERIC?

Hawaii’s voter rolls have roughly 100,000 “deadweight” registrations, this was admitted by Chief Elections Officer Scott Nago and Honolulu City Clerk Glen Takahashi on news articles and television interviews.

If the voter rolls were better maintained this would go a long way in preventing people from voting in both Hawaii and another state. This is where future legislation should focus.

SB1541 may seem to be well intended, but unless there is a clear plan on how it would be enforced, and how Hawai’i citizens’ private data would be kept secure, I encourage you to vote NO on this bill.

Mahalo,

Corinne Solomon

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 2:01:00 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No one should vote more than once in an election. Pick your state and stick with it. And, if you can't pick, don't vote. Please support this bill to reduce election fraud.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 7:44:51 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill. Fix the voter rolls instead.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:13:39 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
tania victorine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We always have laws that prohibit us to vote more than once during the election.  
you should be figuring out how to communicate in real time with the Continental US to see if a  
person has voted in another state.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:51:12 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Terrilynn Ono	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The state of Hawaii already has a law in place that prevents voting more than once. Hawaii needs to be more proactive rather than reactive. This can be accomplished by cleaning the voter rolls, and ensuring that each eligible voters' vote counts.



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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 10:07:54 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
james pirtle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not consent to this bill. I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:13:14 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
noela von	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please clean up the voter rolls. Thank you very much.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:48:34 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please do not support this bill. How are you going to make sure this does not happen with the current poor chain of custody system in place now. Vote NO for this bill.

Written Testimony for SB1541 Relating To Voting More Than Once During An Election Scheduled for March 17, 2023 @ @2:00 PM

Good afternoon.

My name is Chester Lum and I want to thank everyone involved for allowing me to submit my written testimony. I don't represent any group and I am here as a private citizen.

My testimony is in opposition to SB1541.

The proposed revisions to Section 2 appears as a loophole instead of clarifying this section and should not be revised.

SB1541 proposed revisions clouds the integrity of the election process which is why I am opposed to it.

Thank you.

Chester Lum

**SB-1541**

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:21:56 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Meribeth Kekumu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Cleaning the voter rolls should be the focus not writing unenforceable laws. Each state is responsible for their own citizens we cannot be in communication with the 49 other states during elections. This bill is redundant.**

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 1:50:54 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Scott Shedko	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in opposition to this bill.

It seems to me, if, for example, a person spends half of the year in Hawaii, and half of the year in another state, they should be allowed to vote on local issues that affect them in each state.

For Presidential and national issues, only one vote per person should be allowed, and that is already the law. This bill is unnecessary!

Mahalo!

Scott Shedko

**SB-1541**

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 1:59:26 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Adriel Lam	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The only guarantee of one person, one vote, is to vote in-person. Mail-in voting and same-day registration have eroded these guarantees, without the proper mechanism and procedures to ensure eligibility. This bill does nothing to guarantee only eligible votes count.

Vote in-person, with voter ID on Election Day is the preferred and primary option. Early voting and absentee ballots must show reasonable cause for any alternative form of voting.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2023 10:37:56 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael EKM Olderr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is irrelevant because it does not address actual election security concerns. Not only is voting twice in an election already a crime, it's a crime that just doesn't happen, with the actual cases of voter fraud happening in the past few years totalling in the dozens. We should focus on voter intimidation, and misinformation not the security theatre that is this bill. It also hurts dual citizen residents, who have a right to have their voices heard, if only in the state elections (please refer to my previous testimony for that). This bill is irrelevant, and does not address any legitimate concerns around legitimate concerns about how we conduct our elections. Please vote no on this bill, or at least appeal the repetitive aspects of the bill, and those who are voting out of state.