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Testimony

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Meeting Date: May 4, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 46

Oppose: 2

I wish to comment: 2

Name: Brett Kulbis	Email: chair@oahugop.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Honolulu County Republican Party	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 04:16 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha Chair Waters and Council Members,</p> <p>On behalf of the ten thousand plus members of the Honolulu County Republican Party, we STRONGLY SUPPORT Bill 29.</p> <p>Election information is public information!</p> <p>We strongly support removal of fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City Clerk's certificates of voter registration; 2. Countywide voter data or any portion thereof (as may be available), or for a voter data subscription; 3. Election maps, including but not limited to, geographic information system (GIS) maps; 4. Voter matchback files, which are ballot return data that include a list of voters in a current election that have returned a ballot; <p>and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. All other public voter documents, records, and data files. <p>Election information and voter data should be accessible and available to the public at no cost, and is vital to free and fair elections in the City and County of Honolulu!</p> <p>Mahalo!</p> <p>Brett Kulbis Chairman Honolulu County Republican Party</p>		
Name: Keikilani Ho	Email: keikilaniho@aol.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 05:03 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Election information is public information!</p> <p>I support Bill 29 to remove fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information. Election information and voter data should be accessible and available to the public at no cost.</p> <p>On principle, we oppose fees applied to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City Clerk's certificates of voter registration; 2. Countywide voter data or any portion thereof (as may be available), or for a voter data subscription; 3. Election maps, including but not limited to, geographic information system (GIS) maps; 4. Voter matchback files, which are ballot return data that include a list of voters in a current election that have returned a ballot; <p>and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. All other public voter documents, records, and data files. <p>I support free and fair elections in the City and County of Honolulu!</p>		
Name: Jay Dee Penn	Email: pennforgov.kho@gmail.com	Zip: 96720
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 05:05 PM
<p>Testimony:</p>		

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I support Bill 29 to remove fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information. Election information and voter data should be accessible and available to the public at no cost.

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I support free and fair elections in the City and County of Honolulu!

Name: Peter Finnegan	Email: peter4freedom@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 05:18 PM

Testimony:

Election information is public information. I support all efforts to increase the public confidence in our voting system. Allowing access to public voting records without restrictive fees helps to raise that confidence.

I support Bill 29 to remove fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information. Election information and voter data should be accessible and available to the public at no cost.

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I support free and fair elections in the City and County of Honolulu!

Name: Robert Cleveland	Email: mcleveland808@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 06:42 PM

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Name: Corinne Solomon	Email: corinnessolomon@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 07:14 PM
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Name: Noela von Wiegandt	Email: noelavonw@yahoo.com	Zip: 96815
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 07:26 PM
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Testimony:
Aloha
The documents we request are a matter of PUBLIC RECORDS, therefore, We the People Should not have to pay for them. Please stop charging We The People for Public Documents. It's plain wrong to continue this practice. Enough is enough.
Thank you
Noela von Wiegandt

Name: Jamie Detwiler	Email: jamied1025@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 07:39 PM
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Testimony:
Dear Honorable Chair and Council Members,

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and
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I support free and fair elections in the City and County of Honolulu!

Respectfully,
Jamie Detwiler

Name: Shannon Tecson	Email: shannontecson@mail.com	Zip: 96707
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Representing: Audit The Vote Hawaii	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 07:41 PM
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Name: Tristen Daniel	Email: kauaitristen1020@gmail.com	Zip: 96730
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 07:44 PM

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Name: Jordan HO	Email: ikaikahozo@aol.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 07:57 PM

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Name: Jordan Seto-Ho	Email: jordansetoho@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 07:58 PM

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Name: Chelsey Seto	Email: kaehugirl@aol.com	Zip: 96744
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 08:09 PM
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I support free and fair elections in the City and County of Honolulu!

Name: Jr Tupa'i	Email: seaula37@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 08:33 PM
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Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Basilio Nava	basilio.i.nava@outlook.com	96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 08:33 PM
<p>Testimony: Election information is public information!</p> <p>I support Bill 29 to remove fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information. Election information and voter data should be accessible and available to the public at no cost.</p> <p>On principle, we oppose fees applied to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City Clerk's certificates of voter registration; 2. Countywide voter data or any portion thereof (as may be available), or for a voter data subscription; 3. Election maps, including but not limited to, geographic information system (GIS) maps; 4. Voter matchback files, which are ballot return data that include a list of voters in a current election that have returned a ballot; and 5. All other public voter documents, records, and data files. 		
Name: Kirk Mikami	Email: kmikami72@gmail.com	Zip: 96720
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 08:47 PM
<p>Testimony: I support Bill 29 to remove fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information. Election information and voter data should be accessible and available to the public at no cost.</p> <p>On principle, we oppose fees applied to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City Clerk's certificates of voter registration; 2. Countywide voter data or any portion thereof (as may be available), or for a voter data subscription; 3. Election maps, including but not limited to, geographic information system (GIS) maps; 4. Voter matchback files, which are ballot return data that include a list of voters in a current election that have returned a ballot; and 5. All other public voter documents, records, and data files. 		
Name: Sabrina Nava	Email: sabrina.e.nava@outlook.com	Zip: 96707

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 08:59 PM
<p>Testimony: Election information is public information!</p> <p>I support Bill 29 to remove fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information. Election information and voter data should be accessible and available to the public at no cost.</p> <p>On principle, we oppose fees applied to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City Clerk's certificates of voter registration; 2. Countywide voter data or any portion thereof (as may be available), or for a voter data subscription; 3. Election maps, including but not limited to, geographic information system (GIS) maps; 4. Voter matchback files, which are ballot return data that include a list of voters in a current election that have returned a ballot; and 5. All other public voter documents, records, and data files. 		
Name: David Shormann	Email: drshormann@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 09:29 PM
<p>Testimony: I support Bill 29 to remove fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information. Election info should be free and easily accessible. Thank you.</p>		
Name: Jonny Varron	Email: jonnyv808@yahoo.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 10:06 PM
<p>Testimony: I support this bill to eliminate the fees for public records.</p>		
Name: Tiana White	Email: tianapwhite@gmail.com	Zip: 96761
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 10:15 PM
<p>Testimony: I support Bill 29 to remove fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information. Election information and voter data should be accessible and available to the public at no cost.</p> <p>On principle, we oppose fees applied to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City Clerk's certificates of voter registration; 2. Countywide voter data or any portion thereof (as may be available), or for a voter data subscription; 3. Election maps, including but not limited to, geographic information system (GIS) maps; 		

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Name: Orlando Duarte	Email: orlando_odg@hotmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 10:19 PM

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Name: Trayline Kiesel	Email: traykiesel@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 10:20 PM

Testimony:
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Name: L A	Email: haolepino@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 10:33 PM

Testimony:
I support Bill 29. The public shouldn't have to pay fees to obtain public records. Election info and data should be transparent and should be available to the public without fees.

Name: Annie Moenahele	Email: a.moenahele@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 10:36 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support Bill 29 to remove fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information. Election information and voter data should be accessible and available to the public at no cost.</p> <p>On principle, we oppose fees applied to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City Clerk's certificates of voter registration; 2. Countywide voter data or any portion thereof (as may be available), or for a voter data subscription; 3. Election maps, including but not limited to, geographic information system (GIS) maps; 4. Voter matchback files, which are ballot return data that include a list of voters in a current election that have returned a ballot; and 5. All other public voter documents, records, and data files. 		
Name: Jamie Toyofuku	Email: Jmtoyofuku@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 11:10 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Election information is public information!</p> <p>I support Bill 29 to remove fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information. Election information and voter data should be accessible and available to the public at no cost.</p> <p>On principle, I oppose fees applied to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City Clerk's certificates of voter registration; 2. Countywide voter data or any portion thereof (as may be available), or for a voter data subscription; 3. Election maps, including but not limited to, geographic information system (GIS) maps; 4. Voter match back files, which are ballot return data that include a list of voters in a current election that have returned a ballot; and 5. All other public voter documents, records, and data files. 		
Name: Prince Samoa	Email: princesamoa95@gmail.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2022 @ 11:19 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Election information and voter data should be available to the public at no additional cost!</p>		
Name: Joyce Murakami	Email: jmura.1ofthepeople@gmail.com	Zip: 96816

Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 12:17 AM
<p>Testimony: Election information is public information!</p> <p>I support Bill 29 to remove fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information. Election information and voter data should be accessible and available to the public at no cost.</p> <p>On principle, I oppose fees applied to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City Clerk's certificates of voter registration; 2. Countywide voter data or any portion thereof (as may be available), or for a voter data subscription; 3. Election maps, including but not limited to, geographic information system (GIS) maps; 4. Voter match back files, which are ballot return data that include a list of voters in a current election that have returned a ballot; and 5. All other public voter documents, records, and data files. 		
Name: Laura Nakanelua	Email: lauranakanelua@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 12:28 AM
Name: Austin Elder	Email: austinelder90@gmail.com	Zip: 96730
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 01:37 AM
<p>Testimony: I support Bill 29 to remove fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information. Election information and voter data should be accessible and available to the public at no cost.</p>		
Name: Christle Kamakaala	Email: christle.kamakaala@gmail.com	Zip: 96730
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 02:00 AM
<p>Testimony: Election information is public information!</p> <p>I support Bill 29 to remove fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information. Election information and voter data should be accessible and available to the public at no cost.</p> <p>On principle, we oppose fees applied to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City Clerk's certificates of voter registration; 2. Countywide voter data or any portion thereof (as may be available), or for a voter data subscription; 3. Election maps, including but not limited to, geographic information system (GIS) maps; 4. Voter matchback files, which are ballot return data that include a list of voters in a current election that have returned a ballot; and 5. All other public voter documents, records, and data files. 		
Name: Monica Cooper	Email: mkcooper808@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 05:01 AM
<p>Testimony: The state of Hawaii continues to charge ridiculous fees for everything and still remain in debt. If I didn't see it posted on Instagram</p>		

I would never have known about it. Sadly, the democrats like to hide these types of issues to line their pockets. NO FEES SHOULD BE CHARGED FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION, IT IS OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ALL CITIZENS!!

Name: Ray Cooper	Email: rwcservices808@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 05:11 AM

Testimony:
I support bill 29. Public information should never be charged to a US citizen. Hawaii residents are being charged for everything and no one is being held accountable.

Name: Lissa Cockett	Email: lissa097@yahoo.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 06:07 AM

Testimony:
I support this measure to make public records including election records readily accessible to the public without any fees.

Name: Lynn Finnegan	Email: lynn@gophawaii.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Hawai'i Republican Party	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 06:42 AM

Testimony:
In support of Bill 29.

If voter information and status of voting is information that is made public, then it should be accessible to all and not just organizations or individuals who are rich. The current charge for updated records during an election cycle is \$750 per update. A person or organization that would like to encourage people to vote and pays for these lists could be spending \$750 per day for updated lists. This makes it inaccessible to those without thousands of dollars to fully participate and encourage voter turnout.

Especially now that there is primarily all mail voting, these exorbitant fees give unfair advantage to those with lots of money. Again, this is public information and this kind of practice resembles pay-to-play, but made legal.

Thank you for considering this extremely important issue that, if passed, could start to help build trust in our election system.

Mahalo,
Lynn Finnegan
State Chair
Hawai'i Republican Party

Name: Tyrone Matthews	Email: tyrone_matthews77@yahoo.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 06:43 AM

Testimony:
Please use this written testimony statement if it's easier for you. Copy and Paste into the comment of written testimony:

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Name: Clayton Nohara	Email: clayton.nohara@gmail.com	Zip: 96763
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 06:59 AM

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Name: Jackie Bejo	Email: bejojackie@gmail.com	Zip: 96720
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 07:08 AM

Testimony:
I support this bill so that we the people can have access to the voter information without being fined! We need free access! Jackie Bejo all rights reserved!

Name: Jessica Caiazzo	Email: wethepeople808@protonmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 07:18 AM

Testimony:
Aloha, we are declaring full transparency, therefore these outrageous fees for public records is absolutely unacceptable.

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Mahalo.

Name: Kelley Costa	Email: kelley.costa@live.com	Zip: 96819
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	May 4, 2022 @ 07:20 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in support of eliminating fees to obtain Public records related to voter data and election information. This information is Public and should not cost the Public anything. This information should be easily accessible to the Public.</p>		
Name: Paula Russo	Email: paula.russo21@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 07:40 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Election information is public information!</p> <p>I support Bill 29 to remove fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information. Election information and voter data should be accessible and available to the public at no cost.</p> <p>On principle, we oppose fees applied to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City Clerk's certificates of voter registration; 2. Countywide voter data or any portion thereof (as may be available), or for a voter data subscription; 3. Election maps, including but not limited to, geographic information system (GIS) maps; 4. Voter matchback files, which are ballot return data that include a list of voters in a current election that have returned a ballot; and 5. All other public voter documents, records, and data files. 		
Name: Lynal Nosaka	Email: lynalnosaka@gmail.com	Zip: 96720
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 08:18 AM
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Name: Helen Tupa'i	Email: helentupaient@gmail.com	Zip: 96720
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 08:36 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Thank you to Andria Tupuola for introducing this bill to remove systemic hindrances that hinder transparency and accountability. Charging for public records such as voter rolls discourages transparency and accountability from the government and blatantly promotes unchecked voter fraud. Voter integrity is the foundation of a strong community. I, Dr. Helen Tupa'i, hereby declare, on this day, May 4, 2022, that I am in favor of Bill 29 to remove fees from accessing public records, such as Voter Rolls.</p>		
Name: Maxford Nelsen	Email: mnelsen@freedomfoundation.com	Zip: 98507
Representing: Freedom Foundation	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 08:37 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council,</p>		

As an organization which works to advance limited, accountable government, the Freedom Foundation strongly supports the public's ability to freely and easily access government records. While fees may be appropriate in some cases to offset the city's actual cost of fulfilling unnecessarily burdensome or vexatious requests, excessive fees for public records undermine transparency in government.

Access to voter information is especially important for promoting a vibrant democratic process and ensuring that all parties get to compete on an even playing field that isn't tilted in favor of well-resourced interests. In the case of voter files, it's unlikely that a data export costs the city \$750. It is more likely that the city makes money on each request for such data it receives, essentially taxing the public for the privilege of obtaining public records.

We respectfully urge the council to alleviate this burden by adopting Bill 29 and eliminating fees for producing voter information. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Henry Vincent III	Email: henryvincent3@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 08:50 AM

Testimony:
I support Bill 29 as it will promote transparency to all citizens of Honolulu. Everyone has the right to access this information not just the wealthy who can afford the exorbitant fees that keep information hidden.

Name: Teri Harada	Email: haradat@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 09:04 AM

Testimony:
I support Bill 29 which eliminates fees to obtain public records. I don't understand why it costs \$750 for something that's made public. What is the money going to go towards? Especially when it comes to voter information. There so much at stake with the integrity of our system and the people of Hawaii should have access at no costs. Our government just likes to nickel and dime the residents of Hawaii. It's bad enough we have to pay high car registration fees for roads that never get fixed or take years to fix.

Name: Malcolm Ching	Email: malcolmching7@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 09:32 AM

Testimony:
I think these outrageous fees should be eliminated. We pay enough fees and taxes here in Hawaii. Access to these public records should be free of charge. Extend some sense of Aloha back to the people.

Name: Chloe Schmall	Email: csolivebusiness@gmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 09:36 AM

Testimony:
I am in full support of BILL029. Voter data is public information and should not require a fee to obtain!

Name: Alexis Caramonte	Email: Acaramonte@hotmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 09:50 AM

Testimony:
Election information is public information!

I support Bill 29 to remove fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information. Election information and voter data should be accessible and available to the public at no cost.

On principle, I oppose fees applied to:

1. The City Clerk's certificates of voter registration;
2. Countywide voter data or any portion thereof (as may be available), or for a voter data subscription;
3. Election maps, including but not limited to, geographic information system (GIS) maps;
4. Voter match back files, which are ballot return data that include a list of voters in a current election that have returned a ballot; and
5. All other public voter documents, records, and data files.

Name: Emmeline Macanas	Email: emma.macanas808@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 09:53 AM

Testimony:

I support Bill 29 to remove fees to obtain public records related to voter data and election information. Election information and voter data should be accessible and available to the public at no cost.

Name: Scott Adam	Email: scottadam@icloud.com	Zip: 96708
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 4, 2022 @ 09:55 AM

Testimony:

Election information is public information! Fees should never be charged for public information.

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May 3, 2022

Bill 29 Public Testimony
SUPPORT

Aloha,

I support Bill 29.

Hawaii has some of the highest public records fees in the nation

(<https://www.civilbeat.org/2013/10/hawaiis-public-records-high-fees-are-keeping-public-information-secret/>). These high fees can prevent the public from obtaining information that should be available to the public.

I have been researching our elections and was shocked to learn that an excel spreadsheet of the Honolulu Voter Registration data costs \$750.

A thorough analysis of our registration data requires several snapshots of the data obtained over a period of time. This high cost is prohibitive to citizen elections researchers.

I am also involved in Voter Registration Drives. It is impossible to do targeted Voter Registration drives when it costs \$750 for the excel spreadsheet with the public voter information!

To ensure that we have free and fair elections in Hawaii election and voter data should be accessible to the public at no cost.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Corinne Solomon

To Whom it May Concern,

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Election information is public information and free access to the information listed above should not be hindered by one's ability to pay for it.

We look to you, with hopeful expectation that you, our leaders on City Council, will lead the way in supporting free and fair elections in the City and County of Honolulu.

Mahalo,

Laura Nakanelua



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