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Mr. Glen I. Takahashi
City Clerk
City and County of Honolulu
530 South King Street, Room 100
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Hawaii State Constitutional Amendments Proposed by the Legislature

Dear Mr. Takahashi:

During the Regular Sessions of 2015 and 2016, Twenty-Eighth Legislature, two measures containing proposed constitutional amendments were adopted in conformance with the requirements specified in Article XVII, Section 3 of the Hawaii State Constitution.

The constitutional amendment questions with the exact wording as specified in the legislation adopted are as follows:

S.B. No. 143, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 entitled:

"PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO CHANGE THE THRESHOLD VALUE IN CONTROVERSY REQUIREMENT FOR JURY TRIALS IN CIVIL CASES AT COMMON LAW FROM \$5,000 TO \$10,000."

QUESTION: "Shall the threshold value in controversy requirement for jury trials in civil cases at common law be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000?"

S.B. No. 143, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 14, 2015 with 47 members voting in the affirmative and Final Reading in the Senate on April 27, 2015 with 22 members voting in the affirmative.

S.B. 2554 entitled:

"PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF EXCESS REVENUES."

QUESTION: "Shall the legislature be provided, when the state general fund balance at the close of each of two successive fiscal years exceeds five per cent of the general fund revenues for each of the two fiscal years, the additional alternatives of appropriating general funds for the pre-payment of either or both of the following:

- (1) Debt service for general obligation bonds issued by the State; or
- (2) Pension or other post-employment benefit liabilities accrued for state employees?"

S.B. 2554 passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 8, 2016 with 24 members voting in the affirmative, and Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 19, 2016 with 50 members voting in the affirmative.

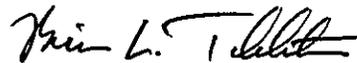
We write to conform with the provisions of Section 11-119 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes which states in pertinent part:

"Whenever the chief election officer is responsible for the printing of ballots, unless provided otherwise, the exact wording to appear thereon, including questions and issues shall be submitted to the chief election officer not later than 4:30 p.m. on the seventy-fifth calendar day prior to the applicable election."

Sincerely,



Carol T. Taniguchi
Chief Clerk of the Senate



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk of the House