



WILLIAM B. MARSTON  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION CHAIR

**STATE OF HAWAII  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

April 9, 2015

Ms. Charlotte Carter-Yamauchi, Acting Director  
Legislative Reference Bureau  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 446  
415 So. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Ms. Carter-Yamauchi:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting two (2) copies of the *"Biennial Report to the Legislature on the Office of Elections"*, in accordance with Act 57, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004.

Also enclosed are the letters of transmittals to the Senate President and the Speaker of the House.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 453-VOTE (8683).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William B. Marston".

William B. Marston  
Elections Commission Chair

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Enclosures



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April 9, 2015

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 409  
415 So. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim and Members of the Senate:

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c: Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Speaker of the House  
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The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Speaker  
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Hawaii State Capitol, Room 431  
415 So. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Speaker Souki and Members of the House of Representatives:

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**BIENNIAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE  
ON THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS**

**APRIL 7, 2015**

Following the November 2014 General Election, the Commission met on November 14, 2014, and the following was concluded:

1. There were no apparent problems associated with the conduct of the General Election.
2. Regarding the Primary Election, the Commission concluded that the actions taken by the Chief Election Officer in regard to the problems encountered on the County of Hawaii due to Hurricane Isele were consistent with the current election statutes. However, the Commission recommended that current statutes governing the conduct of elections during such "natural disasters" be addressed by the legislature.
3. As to the 800 uncounted ballots on Maui, the Commission concluded that it was a factor of the onsite voting machine vendor acting without the knowledge of the Elections Office Staff in doing a re-count of ballots. However, the system, as designed, subsequently found the error and the ballots were counted.

The Commission felt that a thorough evaluation of the Chief Election Officer should be done. This process is underway with the full report from the Commission expected in the next meeting.