

NOTICE TO REQUESTER

TO: Ralph Cushnie
(Requester's name)

FROM: Office of Elections
(Agency, and agency contact person's name, telephone number, mailing, & email address)

DATE THAT THE RECORD REQUEST WAS RECEIVED BY AGENCY: June 9, 2025

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: June 23, 2025

GOVERNMENT RECORDS YOU REQUESTED (attach copy of request or provide brief description below):

Please send all communications between Mike Curtis and the Office of Elections for the month of May 2025.

THIS NOTICE IS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR RECORD REQUEST:

☐ Will be granted in its entirety.

☐ **Cannot be granted. Agency is unable to disclose the requested records for the following reason:**

☐ Agency does not maintain the records. (HRS § 92F-3)

Other agency that is believed to maintain records:

☐ Agency needs further clarification or description of the records requested. Please contact the agency and provide the following information:

☐ Request requires agency to create a summary or compilation from records, but requested information is not readily retrievable. (HRS § 92F-11(c))

☒ **Will be granted in part and denied in part, OR** ☐ **Is denied in its entirety**

Although the agency maintains the requested records, it is not disclosing all or part of them based on the exemptions provided in HRS § 92F-13 and/or § 92F-22 or other laws cited below.

(Describe the portions of records that the agency will not disclose.)

Personal phone numbers and email addresses were withheld pursuant to section 92F-13(1), HRS, because there is a significant privacy interest in these personal phone numbers and email addresses that are not outweighed by a public interest in disclosure.

Confidential communications between attorney and client were withheld pursuant to section 92F13(3) and (4), HRS, because the communications are protected under the attorney client privilege.

REQUESTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

You are required to (1) pay any lawful fees and costs assessed; (2) make any necessary arrangements with the agency to inspect, copy or receive copies as instructed below; and (3) provide the agency any additional information requested. **For questions about this notice or the records being sought, please ask the agency's contact person named at the top of this form.** Also, please submit your payment, if any, to the agency at the address listed at the top of this form. **DO NOT SEND YOUR PAYMENT** to the Office of Information Practices (OIP) unless you are requesting records directly from OIP.

If you do not comply with the requirements set forth in this notice within 20 business days after the postmark date of this notice or the date the agency makes the records available, you will be presumed to have abandoned your request

and the agency shall have no further duty to process your request. Once the agency begins to process your request, you may be liable for any fees and costs incurred. If you wish to cancel or modify your request, you must advise the agency upon receipt of this notice.

Please note that the Office of Information Practices (OIP) does not maintain the records of other agencies, and a requester must seek records directly from the agency it believes maintains the records. If the agency denies or fails to respond to your written request for records or if you have other questions regarding compliance with the UIPA, then you may contact OIP at (808) 586-1400, oip@hawaii.gov, or 250 South Hotel Street, Suite 107, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813.

METHOD & TIMING OF DISCLOSURE:

Records available for public access in their entirety must be disclosed within a reasonable time, not to exceed 10 business days from the date the request was received, or after receipt of any prepayment required. Records not available in their entirety must be disclosed within 5 business days after this notice or after receipt of any prepayment required. HAR § 2-71-13(c). If incremental disclosure is authorized by HAR § 2-71-15, the first increment must be disclosed within 5 business days of this notice or after receipt of any prepayment required.

Method of Disclosure:

- ☐ Inspection at the following location:
- ☐ As requested, a copy of the record(s) will be provided in the following manner:
 - ☐ Available for pick-up at the following location:
 - ☒ Will be emailed to you at: request+zre8cs6mt2@foi.uipa.org.
 - ☐ Will be transmitted to you by other means requested:

Timing of Disclosure: All records, or the first increment if applicable, will be made available or provided to you:

- ☒ On June 23, 2025.
- ☐ **After prepayment** of 50% of fees and 100% of costs, as estimated below.

For incremental disclosures, each subsequent increment will be disclosed within 20 business days after:

- ☐ The prior increment (if one prepayment of fees is required and received), or
- ☐ Receipt of each incremental prepayment, if prepayment for each increment is required.

Records will be disclosed in increments because the records are voluminous and the following extenuating circumstances exist:

- ☐ Agency must consult with another person to determine whether the record is exempt from disclosure under HRS chapter 92F.
- ☐ Request requires extensive agency efforts to search, review, or segregate the records or otherwise prepare the records for inspection or copying.
- ☐ Agency requires additional time to respond to the request in order to avoid an unreasonable interference with its other statutory duties and functions.
- ☐ A natural disaster or other situation beyond agency's control prevents agency from responding to the request within 10 business days.

ESTIMATED FEES & COSTS AND PAYMENT:

FEES: For personal record requests under Part III of chapter 92F, HRS, the agency may charge you for its costs only, and fee waivers do not apply.

For public record requests under Part II of chapter 92F, HRS, the agency is authorized to charge you fees to search for, review, and segregate your request (even if a record is subsequently found to not exist or will not be disclosed in its entirety). The agency must waive the first \$30 in fees assessed for general requesters, OR in the alternative, the first

\$60 in fees when the agency finds that the request is made in the public interest. Only one waiver is provided for each request. See HAR §§ 2-71-19, -31 and -32.

COSTS: For either personal or public record requests, the agency may charge you for the costs of copying and delivering records in response to your request, and other lawful fees and costs.

PREPAYMENT: The agency may require prepayment of 50% of the total estimated fees and 100% of the total estimated costs prior to processing your request. If a prepayment is required, the agency may wait to start any search for or review of the records until the prepayment is received by the agency. Additionally, if you have outstanding fees or costs from previous requests, including abandoned requests, the agency may require prepayment of 100% of the unpaid balance from prior requests before it begins any search or review for the records you are now seeking.

The following is an itemization of what you must pay, based on the estimated fees and costs that the agency will charge you and the applicable waiver amount that will be deducted:

For public record requests only:

Fees: Search	Estimate of time to be spent: ____ hours (\$2.50 for each 15-minute period)	\$
Review & segregation	Estimate of time to be spent: ____ hours (\$5.00 for each 15-minute period)	\$
Fees waived	<input type="checkbox"/> general (\$30), OR <input type="checkbox"/> public interest (\$60) <\$ ____> (Only one waiver per request)	
Other	Click or tap here to enter text. (Pursuant to HAR §§ 2-71-19 & 2-71-31)	\$
Total Estimated Fees:		\$

For public or personal record requests:

Costs: Copying	Estimate of # of pages to be copied: _____ (@ \$ ____ per page, pursuant to HRS § 92-21)	\$
Delivery	Postage	\$
Other	Click or tap here to enter text.	\$
Total Estimated Costs:		\$

TOTAL ESTIMATED FEES AND COSTS from above: **\$**

- ☐ **The estimated fees and costs above are for the first incremental disclosure only. Additional fees and costs, and no further fee waivers, will apply to future incremental disclosures.**
- ☐ **PREPAYMENT IS REQUIRED** (50% of fees + 100% of costs, as estimated above) **\$**
- ☐ **UNPAID BALANCE FROM PRIOR REQUESTS** (100% must be paid before work begins) **\$**

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AT THIS TIME **\$**

Payment may be made by: ☐ cash
☐ personal check payable to: Click or tap here to enter text.
☐ other

Submit your payment to the agency at the address listed at the beginning of this form, including the name of the agency's contact person.

From: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
To: [Michael Curtis](#); [Michael C Curtis, REALTOR](#)
Cc: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
Subject: FW: Request to Place Formal Complaint on Upcoming Agenda and Documentation of Chair's Obstruction
Date: Monday, May 5, 2025 9:07:33 AM
Attachments: [Formal Complaint no Chain of Custody.pdf](#)

Good morning, Chair Curtis:

Please see email from Commissioner Cushnie below. Additionally, please let me know if you have a preferred email address, otherwise I can continue to send correspondence to both on file ([REDACTED] [REDACTED])

Thank you,

Raymund de Vega

Voter Services

State of Hawaii, Office of Elections

(808) 453-VOTE (8683)

[REDACTED]

From: Ralph Cushnie (EC) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, May 4, 2025 8:51 AM
To: OE.Elections.Commission <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Peter Young <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request to Place Formal Complaint on Upcoming Agenda and Documentation of Chair's Obstruction

Dear Chair Curtis,

I am formally requesting that the attached complaint, submitted pursuant to HAR §§ 3-170-6 and 3-170-7, be placed on the agenda for the next duly noticed meeting of the Hawai'i Elections Commission.

The complaint concerns the Office of Elections' failure to provide statutorily required ballot chain of custody documentation, and the refusal to release Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) records that the Chief Election Officer has publicly claimed satisfy those requirements. As a Commissioner, I have a duty to ensure compliance with HAR § 3-177-453 and HRS § 16-43, and to uphold the integrity and transparency of Hawai'i's elections.

It is deeply troubling that after over a year of repeated attempts to obtain this information through proper channels, including formal UIPA requests, the Office of Elections continues to withhold key records or claim they are inaccessible. Even more concerning is the obstruction by the Commission itself in addressing this issue.

I must document for the record that at the December 2024 meeting, you unilaterally removed me from participation after I made a lawful motion to subpoena these records. This action was taken without a proper vote, without justification under Commission rules, and without any finding of misconduct. Your removal of a sitting Commissioner for merely exercising his right to introduce a motion is a serious act of procedural obstruction and an affront to the Commission's oversight duties under HRS § 11-7.5. Your continued refusal to agendize legitimate concerns regarding election transparency—coupled with actions taken to silence or remove dissenting Commissioners—constitutes a pattern of obstruction that is now being formally noted and documented. Please confirm in writing that this complaint will be placed on the next agenda, and that Commissioners will be given a fair and open opportunity to discuss and act upon it, as required under HAR § 3-170 and the Sunshine Law.

Sincerely,

Ralph Cushnie

From: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
To: [Michael Curtis](#); [Michael C Curtis, REALTOR](#)
Cc: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
Subject: FW: Request for Commission Vote to Issue Subpoenas for Chain of Custody Documentation
Date: Monday, May 5, 2025 9:08:25 AM

Hi Chair Curtis,

Please see email from Commissioner Cushnie below.

Thank you,

Raymund de Vega

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[REDACTED]

From: Ralph Cushnie (EC) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, May 4, 2025 1:52 PM
To: OE.Elections.Commission <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Commission Vote to Issue Subpoenas for Chain of Custody Documentation

To:

Chair Mike Curtis

Hawai'i Elections Commission

802 Lehua Avenue

Pearl City, HI 96782

Subject: Request for Commission Vote to Issue Subpoenas for Chain of Custody Documentation

Dear Chair Curtis,

Pursuant to my duties as a Commissioner and in furtherance of the Commission's oversight responsibilities under HRS §11-7.5, I respectfully request that the Elections Commission agendaize and hold a formal vote to issue subpoenas to the County Clerks of all four counties and the Office of Elections. These subpoenas should compel the production of complete chain of custody documentation for ballots received during the 2022 and 2024 elections, including but not limited to:

1. All records showing the date, time, and quantity of ballot envelopes received at drop boxes and USPS facilities;
2. Logs, forms, or transmissions documenting the intake and reconciliation of those

- ballots into the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS);
3. Any daily or cumulative forms required under HAR §3-177-453(b) showing the “complete and current count” of ballots received;
 4. Documentation of inter-agency transfers between county election offices and the State counting center;
 5. Any observer reports verifying receipt and processing of ballots at any point prior to signature verification.

This request follows a year and a half of unanswered public records inquiries and shifting explanations from both the Office of Elections and county officials regarding who maintains these legally required records. Most recently, Chief Election Officer Scott Nago claimed that chain of custody documentation is maintained electronically within the SVRS. Yet when records from the SVRS were formally requested, the Office of Elections refused to produce them, citing internal policy without legal basis. The counties assert they do not control or maintain SVRS records.

Given this impasse, the Commission must act decisively. Subpoena authority exists precisely for circumstances where transparency is obstructed and statutory compliance is in question. The clear intent of HAR §3-177-453 is to safeguard the integrity of Hawaii’s vote-by-mail process by requiring accurate and timely ballot counts throughout custody—not merely during signature verification.

If the Commission is to fulfill its constitutional and statutory duty to oversee the administration of elections and ensure public confidence in our electoral system, it must now exercise its authority to compel disclosure.

I request that this item be added to the agenda for the next scheduled meeting and that the Commission vote to authorize issuance of subpoenas pursuant to its oversight function.

Sincerely,

Ralph S. Cushnie

Commissioner, Hawai‘i Elections Commission

From: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
To: [Michael Curtis](#); [Michael C Curtis, REALTOR](#)
Cc: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
Subject: FW: Request to Amend March 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes — Statement During Item IV, and Request to Agendize Status of Motions
Date: Monday, May 5, 2025 9:08:44 AM

Hi Chair Curtis,

Please see email from Commissioner Cushnie below.

Thank you,

Raymund de Vega

Voter Services

State of Hawaii, Office of Elections

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[REDACTED]

From: Ralph Cushnie (EC) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, May 4, 2025 2:06 PM
To: OE.Elections.Commission <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request to Amend March 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes — Statement During Item IV, and Request to Agendize Status of Motions

To:

Chair Mike Curtis

Hawai'i Elections Commission

802 Lehua Avenue

Pearl City, HI 96782

Subject: Request to Amend March 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes — Statement During Item IV, and Request to Agendize Status of Motions

Dear Chair Curtis,

I respectfully request that the official minutes of the March 19, 2025 regular meeting of the Hawai'i Elections Commission be amended to accurately reflect a commitment made during the discussion of **Agenda Item IV: Communications & Correspondence, Received for the Record**.

During that portion of the meeting, you stated that **the status of motions would be placed on the next meeting agenda**. This statement was made in response to concerns raised regarding unresolved motions and public transparency. To ensure the record is complete and accurate, I request that this commitment be added to the minutes. Additionally, I formally request that **the status of all motions made by Commissioners during previous meetings be placed on the agenda for the Commission's next**

regular meeting, as was promised. This includes, but is not limited to, motions relating to subpoenas, investigations, and public complaints received under HAR §3-170.

Proper tracking and follow-up of Commission motions is critical to the integrity of our proceedings and our ability to maintain public trust in the oversight process.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Ralph S. Cushnie

From: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
To: [Michael Curtis](#); [Michael C Curtis, REALTOR](#)
Cc: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
Subject: FW: Request to Place Complaint on Next Commission Agenda — Certification Without Required Documentation
Date: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:13:58 PM
Attachments: [HAR 3-170 Complaint Maui SVRS Reconciliation.docx](#)

Hi Chair Curtis,

Please see email from Commissioner Cushnie below.

Thank you,

Raymund de Vega

Voter Services

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[REDACTED]

From: Ralph Cushnie (EC) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 9:58 AM
To: OE.Elections.Commission <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Peter Young <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request to Place Complaint on Next Commission Agenda — Certification Without Required Documentation

To:

Chair Mike Curtis

Hawai'i Elections Commission

c/o Office of Elections

802 Lehua Avenue

Pearl City, Hawai'i 96782

Subject: Request to Place Complaint on Next Commission Agenda — Certification Without Required Documentation

Dear Chair Curtis,

I respectfully request that the attached formal complaint, submitted pursuant to HAR §§ 3-170-6 and 3-170-7, be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Hawai'i Elections Commission.

The complaint outlines serious legal and procedural concerns surrounding the certification of the 2024 General Election results for the County of Maui. Chief Election Officer Scott Nago has acknowledged that critical chain of custody documentation was discovered to be missing only after the election had been certified. This admission

indicates that the certification was executed without the complete reconciliation mandated by HRS § 11-155.

Moreover, the complaint raises the issue of Mr. Nago's reliance on data from the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) in the absence of any public records or observer-verified logs to confirm its accuracy. This lack of transparency makes meaningful oversight impossible and falls short of statutory requirements for verifiable election documentation.

Given the significance of these issues, I urge that the Commission agendaize this matter for discussion and vote to initiate a formal investigation in accordance with its oversight authority under HRS § 11-7.5 and HAR § 3-170.

Please confirm receipt of this request and that the complaint will be scheduled for discussion on the next meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

Ralph S. Cushnie

Commissioner, Hawai'i Elections Commission

From: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
To: [Michael Curtis](#); [Michael C Curtis, REALTOR](#)
Cc: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Formal Complaint to the Hawaii Election Commission and Office of Elections
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:02:59 AM

Hi Chair Curtis,

Received email below. Please advise.

Thank you,

Raymund de Vega

Voter Services

State of Hawaii, Office of Elections

(808) 453-VOTE (8683)

From: Jennifer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:01 PM
To: OE.Elections.Commission <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Formal Complaint to the Hawaii Election Commission and Office of Elections

To the Hawaii Election Commission, Office of Elections, and Jazelle (and/or staff responsible for communications with Commissioners):

Please accept this email as my updated **Formal Complaint**. This is **not a request for information**.

Please ensure that it is **properly categorized for the next meeting agenda** as a *Formal Complaint*, along with the previous formal complaint submitted on **February 19, 2025** (and miscategorized during the **March 19, 2025** meeting).

Please also confirm receipt of this email and confirm that both complaints and their supporting documents have been forwarded to **all Hawaii Election Commissioners**.

Background

On **February 19, 2025**, I submitted a formal complaint regarding election integrity concerns. After receiving no acknowledgement, I followed up on **March 10, 2025**, requesting three specific actions:

1. Acknowledge receipt of my complaint.
 2. Forward my complaint to all Election Commissioners.
 3. Place my complaint on the agenda for the next Commission meeting, March 19, 2025.
- On **March 11, 2025**, Jazelle responded:

"My apologies for not responding sooner. We received your email and it has been forwarded to Chair Curtis and added to the agenda for the upcoming meeting."

Despite this assurance, at the **March 19, 2025** meeting, my Formal Complaint was miscategorized under "VI. Records Request; Refer to OIP: February 19 – Hunt," and was **not**

addressed. I raised this issue during my testimony and twice thereafter. Despite these interventions, Chair Curtis did not correct the error and address my Formal Complaint. Given the timing — in light of other similar county complaints — this mishandling raises concerns of deliberate avoidance, not mere administrative error.

Summary of Issues

1. Lack of Required Chain-of-Custody Records (HAR 3-177-453):

On **March 17, 2025**, the Chief Election Officer acknowledged in a letter to the Commissioners that Maui County lacked chain-of-custody records for ballots, citing “human error.”

2. Obstruction of Public Access to Records:

Multiple formal and informal requests (including UIPA requests) for these critical Maui County chain-of-custody records were ignored or stonewalled.

3. Misleading Public Information:

The Office of Elections’ public assurance that ballots are securely processed with full observation and reconciliation is not supported by facts on the ground in Maui County.

4. Improper Handling of Formal Complaints:

Mislabeling my complaint as a “records request” prevented it from being addressed appropriately.

Evidence

- Supporting documentation of my requests for chain-of-custody records/documents submitted with the February 19, 2025 Formal Complaint.
- March 17, 2025 Letter:
The Chief Election Officer admitted missing documentation: "Some documents concerning the transfer of validated mail ballots [...] may have been misplaced due to human error." Despite this, the Office of Elections proceeded with election certification without these legally required documents.
- Office of Elections Website Statements:
“How do you ensure election officials don’t throw away ballots?”
"Ballots are always transported and processed in the presence of **Official Observers**. Official Observers serve as the “eyes and ears” of the public and monitor that election officials are maintaining the security and integrity of the elections. Additionally, **the number of ballots received and counted are reconciled at the end of each day to ensure there are no discrepancies.**"
Claims of secure handling and reconciliation processes are contradicted by the lack of chain-of-custody records/ documentation and independent observation
- The mischaracterization/mishandling of my Formal Complaint during the recorded March 19, Election Commission Meeting.

Requested Actions

I respectfully request that the Hawaii Elections Commission:

1. **Formally acknowledge** receipt of both Formal Complaints in the public record.

2. **Investigate** the non-compliance of Maui County with HAR 3-177-453 and the failure to maintain mandatory ballot chain-of-custody records.
3. **Examine** the mischaracterization of my formal complaint at the March 19, 2025 meeting, as a request for information, and take corrective action to ensure the public's complaints are properly processed going forward.
4. **Require an official response** from the Office of Elections regarding:
 - How Maui County reconciled ballots without complete chain-of-custody records.
 - How the Office of Elections can ensure the validity of the Maui County ballots without reconciliation of ballots.
 - What measures will be implemented to prevent such violations and failures in future elections.
5. **Reassess election certification protocols** in light of missing legal documentation.
6. **Strengthen transparency** by ensuring that election integrity complaints are publicly addressed and not misrepresented, and these records are accessible to the public.

Conclusion

How did Maui County reconcile the ballots received and counted at the end of each day without the numbers verified on the records from each drop box, each day? The Office of Elections must answer this question

Confidence in Hawaii elections is eroding because critical transparency measures are not being upheld. Public servants have a duty to follow both the letter and the spirit of election law. When chain-of-custody records are missing and public complaints are mischaracterized, public trust collapses. I urge the Commission to take immediate action to restore integrity, transparency, and accountability in our electoral process.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Hunt

From: [Ching, Jordan AK](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
Cc: [Michael Curtis](#)
Subject: RE: Re: Notice of Appeal from Denial of Access to General Records (U APPEAL 25-32)
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 4:47:38 PM
Attachments: [Final_5-13-25_response_U_Appeal_25-32.docx](#)
[041725 Ltr to DAGS-ELEC \(003\).pdf](#)
[RR Curtis OE Jan 1377 \(002\).pdf](#)
[041425 Email fr Cushnie #1 \(002\).pdf](#)
[Curtis OE Communication Jan1377 \(002\).pdf](#)

Hi Chair Curtis,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you,

Jordan A. K. Ching
Deputy Attorney General
Commerce and Economic Development Division
Department of the Attorney General (Ka 'Oihana o ka Loio Kuhina)
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
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Email: [REDACTED]

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From: OE.Elections.Commission <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 3:52 PM
To: Ching, Jordan AK <[REDACTED]>
Cc: OE.Elections.Commission <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: Re: Notice of Appeal from Denial of Access to General Records (U APPEAL 25-32)

Hi Jordan,

We received the email below from OIP regarding Commissioner Cushnie. Please advise.

Thank you,

Raymund de Vega

Voter Services

State of Hawaii, Office of Elections

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elections@hawaii.gov

From: OIP <oip@hawaii.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 1:21 PM

To: OE.Elections <elections@hawaii.gov>; Nago, Scott T <scott.t.nago@hawaii.gov>

Subject: Re: Notice of Appeal from Denial of Access to General Records (U APPEAL 25-32)

Dear Mr. Nago:

Attached is a letter dated April 17, 2025 from the Office of Information Practices regarding a request for assistance we received from Mr. Ralph Cushnie. Also attached are the Appeal Procedures and Responsibilities of the parties, Mr. Cushnie's request to OIP and his record request to DAGS-ELEC.

Please contact our office if you have difficulty opening the attachments.

Thank you,

Office of Information Practices

State of Hawai'i

No. 1 Capitol District Building

250 S. Hotel Street, #107

Honolulu, HI 96813

Ph: (808) [REDACTED]

Facsimile: (808) [REDACTED]

Email: oip@hawaii.gov

Website: <http://oip.hawaii.gov>

From: [Michael Curtis](#)
To: [Ching, Jordan AK](#)
Cc: [OE.Elections.Commission](#); [Michael Curtis](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Re: Notice of Appeal from Denial of Access to General Records (U APPEAL 25-32)
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 6:42:57 AM

Aloha Jordan,

[REDACTED]

Aloha,
mike

Michael Curtis

c [REDACTED] fax [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

from Poipu Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

On Tue, May 13, 2025 at 4:47 PM Ching, Jordan AK <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Chair Curtis,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you,

Jordan A. K. Ching

Deputy Attorney General

Commerce and Economic Development Division

Department of the Attorney General (Ka 'Oihana o ka Loio Kuhina)

425 Queen Street

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Office: (808) [REDACTED]

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From: OIP <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 1:21 PM
To: OE.Elections <[REDACTED]> Nago, Scott T <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Notice of Appeal from Denial of Access to General Records (U APPEAL 25-32)

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Re: Notice of Appeal from Denial of Access to General Records (U APPEAL 25-32)
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 8:57:36 AM

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Just as an FYI to everyone, I will be out of office from tomorrow May 15 to May 27, and may not be able to respond to emails during that time. If there is anything that requires immediate attention, please call our general line at [REDACTED]

Thank you again everyone,

Jordan A. K. Ching
Deputy Attorney General
Commerce and Economic Development Division
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Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 11:08:26 AM

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Re: Notice of Appeal from Denial of Access to General Records (U APPEAL 25-32)
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Subject: Records Requests - Communications between Chair Curtis and OE
Date: Friday, May 30, 2025 3:46:02 PM
Attachments: [RE EXTERNAL Records Request for Office of Elections 11-156 Certificate of results form for the 2024 Kauai County council race. #1422.msg](#)
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Thank you,

Raymund de Vega
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From: [Ching, Jordan AK](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Commission](#); [Michael Curtis](#); [Michael C Curtis, REALTOR](#)
Subject: RE: Records Requests - Communications between Chair Curtis and OE
Date: Friday, May 30, 2025 4:14:13 PM

Hi Raymund,

[REDACTED]

Have a great weekend.

Jordan A. K. Ching

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Sent: Friday, May 30, 2025 3:46 PM
To: Michael Curtis <[REDACTED]> Michael C Curtis, REALTOR
<[REDACTED]> Ching, Jordan AK <[REDACTED]>
Cc: OE.Elections.Commission <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Records Requests - Communications between Chair Curtis and OE

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From: [Michael Curtis](#)
To: [Nago, Scott T](#)
Cc: [Ching, Jordan AK](#); [de Vega, Raymund C](#); [Michael Curtis](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Chain of Custody questions
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:11:20 AM

Aloha Scott,

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Please advise.

Aloha,
mike

Michael Curtis

c [REDACTED]

fax [REDACTED]

from Poipu Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

From: [Michael Curtis](#)
To: [Laura & Ralph Cushnie](#)
Cc: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: FW: Request for Commission Vote to Issue Subpoenas for Chain of Custody Documentation
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:18:13 AM

Aloha Ralph,

Thank you for your persistence. Chain of Custody has arisen as a major issue since converting to an all Mail In Ballot Election System in 2020.

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Aloha,
mike

Michael Curtis

c [REDACTED] fax [REDACTED]
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On Mon, May 5, 2025 at 9:08 AM OE.Elections.Commission
<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Chair Curtis,

Please see email from Commissioner Cushnie below.

Thank you,

Voter Services

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From: Ralph Cushnie (EC) <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, May 4, 2025 1:52 PM

To: OE.Elections.Commission <[REDACTED]>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Commission Vote to Issue Subpoenas for Chain of Custody Documentation

To:

Chair Mike Curtis
Hawai'i Elections Commission
802 Lehua Avenue
Pearl City, HI 96782

Subject: Request for Commission Vote to Issue Subpoenas for Chain of Custody Documentation

Dear Chair Curtis,

Pursuant to my duties as a Commissioner and in furtherance of the Commission's oversight responsibilities under HRS §11-7.5, I respectfully request that the Elections Commission agendaize and hold a formal vote to issue subpoenas to the County Clerks of all four counties and the Office of Elections. These subpoenas should compel the production of complete chain of custody documentation for ballots received during the 2022 and 2024 elections, including but not limited to:

1. All records showing the date, time, and quantity of ballot envelopes received at drop boxes and USPS facilities;
2. Logs, forms, or transmissions documenting the intake and reconciliation of those ballots into the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS);
3. Any daily or cumulative forms required under HAR §3-177-453(b) showing the "complete and current count" of ballots received;
4. Documentation of inter-agency transfers between county election offices and the State counting center;
5. Any observer reports verifying receipt and processing of ballots at any point prior to signature verification.

This request follows a year and a half of unanswered public records inquiries and shifting explanations from both the Office of Elections and county officials regarding who maintains these legally required records. Most recently, Chief Election Officer Scott Nago claimed that chain of custody documentation is maintained electronically within the SVRS. Yet when records from the SVRS were formally requested, the Office of Elections refused to produce

them, citing internal policy without legal basis. The counties assert they do not control or maintain SVRS records.

Given this impasse, the Commission must act decisively. Subpoena authority exists precisely for circumstances where transparency is obstructed and statutory compliance is in question. The clear intent of HAR §3-177-453 is to safeguard the integrity of Hawaii's vote-by-mail process by requiring accurate and timely ballot counts throughout custody—not merely during signature verification.

If the Commission is to fulfill its constitutional and statutory duty to oversee the administration of elections and ensure public confidence in our electoral system, it must now exercise its authority to compel disclosure.

I request that this item be added to the agenda for the next scheduled meeting and that the Commission vote to authorize issuance of subpoenas pursuant to its oversight function.

Sincerely,

Ralph S. Cushnie

Commissioner, Hawai'i Elections Commission

From: [Nago, Scott T](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Ching, Jordan AK](#); [de Vega, Raymund C](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Chain of Custody questions
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:49:00 PM

Dear Chair Curtis,

While we concur with your understanding of the process and how various election materials are handled and by whom, our office will continue to refer to the documents and materials that we have already compiled as well as the previous litigation. However, we are not sure what additional actions and details would be appropriate or settle the matter of chain of custody for past elections. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Scott

From: Michael Curtis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:11 AM
To: Nago, Scott T <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Ching, Jordan AK <[REDACTED]> de Vega, Raymund C
<[REDACTED]> Michael Curtis <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Chain of Custody questions

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Michael Curtis

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From: [Michael Curtis](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: FW: [EXTERNAL] Formal Complaint to the Hawaii Election Commission and Office of Elections
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:14:28 AM

Aloha Ms. Hunt,

Thank you for your persistence. Chain of Custody has arisen as a major issue since converting to an all Mail In Ballot Election System in 2020.

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**Aloha,
mike**

Michael Curtis

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On Tue, May 6, 2025 at 8:02 AM OE.Elections.Commission
<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Chair Curtis,

Received email below. Please advise.

Thank you,

Voter Services

State of Hawaii, Office of Elections

(808) 453-VOTE (8683)

[REDACTED]

From: Jennifer <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:01 PM

To: OE.Elections.Commission <[REDACTED]>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Formal Complaint to the Hawaii Election Commission and Office of Elections

To the Hawaii Election Commission, Office of Elections, and Jazelle (and/or staff responsible for communications with Commissioners):

Please accept this email as my updated **Formal Complaint**. This is **not a request for information**.

Please ensure that it is **properly categorized for the next meeting agenda** as a *Formal Complaint*, along with the previous formal complaint submitted on **February 19, 2025** (and miscategorized during the **March 19, 2025** meeting).

Please also confirm receipt of this email and confirm that both complaints and their supporting documents have been forwarded to **all Hawaii Election Commissioners**.

Background

On **February 19, 2025**, I submitted a formal complaint regarding election integrity concerns. After receiving no acknowledgement, I followed up on **March 10, 2025**, requesting three specific actions:

1. Acknowledge receipt of my complaint.
2. Forward my complaint to all Election Commissioners.
3. Place my complaint on the agenda for the next Commission meeting, March 19, 2025.

On **March 11, 2025**, Jazelle responded:

"My apologies for not responding sooner. We received your email and it has been forwarded to Chair Curtis and added to the agenda for the upcoming meeting."

Despite this assurance, at the **March 19, 2025** meeting, my Formal Complaint was miscategorized under "VI. Records Request; Refer to OIP: February 19 – Hunt," and was **not addressed**. I raised this issue during my testimony and twice thereafter. Despite these interventions, Chair Curtis did not correct the error and address my Formal Complaint.

Given the timing — in light of other similar county complaints — this mishandling raises concerns of deliberate avoidance, not mere administrative error.

Summary of Issues

1. Lack of Required Chain-of-Custody Records (HAR 3-177-453):

On **March 17, 2025**, the Chief Election Officer acknowledged in a letter to the Commissioners that Maui County lacked chain-of-custody records for ballots, citing “human error.”

2. Obstruction of Public Access to Records:

Multiple formal and informal requests (including UIPA requests) for these critical Maui County chain-of-custody records were ignored or stonewalled.

3. Misleading Public Information:

The Office of Elections’ public assurance that ballots are securely processed with full observation and reconciliation is not supported by facts on the ground in Maui County.

4. Improper Handling of Formal Complaints:

Mislabeling my complaint as a “records request” prevented it from being addressed appropriately.

Evidence

- Supporting documentation of my requests for chain-of-custody records/documents submitted with the February 19, 2025 Formal Complaint.
- March 17, 2025 Letter:
The Chief Election Officer admitted missing documentation: "Some documents concerning the transfer of validated mail ballots [...] may have been misplaced due to human error." Despite this, the Office of Elections proceeded with election certification without these legally required documents.
- Office of Elections Website Statements:

“How do you ensure election officials don’t throw away ballots?”

"Ballots are always transported and processed in the presence of **Official Observers**. Official Observers serve as the “eyes and ears” of the public and monitor that election officials are maintaining the security and integrity of the elections. Additionally, **the number of ballots received and counted are reconciled at the end of each day to ensure there are no discrepancies.**"
Claims of secure handling and reconciliation processes are contradicted by the lack of chain-of-custody records/ documentation and independent observation

- The mischaracterization/mishandling of my Formal Complaint during the recorded March 19, Election Commission Meeting.

Requested Actions

I respectfully request that the Hawaii Elections Commission:

1. **Formally acknowledge** receipt of both Formal Complaints in the public record.
2. **Investigate** the non-compliance of Maui County with HAR 3-177-453 and the failure to maintain mandatory ballot chain-of-custody records.
3. **Examine** the mischaracterization of my formal complaint at the March 19, 2025 meeting, as a request for information, and take corrective action to ensure the public's complaints are properly processed going forward.
4. **Require an official response** from the Office of Elections regarding:
 - How Maui County reconciled ballots without complete chain-of-custody records.
 - How the Office of Elections can ensure the validity of the Maui County ballots without reconciliation of ballots.
 - What measures will be implemented to prevent such violations and failures in future elections.
5. **Reassess election certification protocols** in light of missing legal documentation.
6. **Strengthen transparency** by ensuring that election integrity complaints are publicly addressed and not misrepresented, and these records are accessible to the public.

Conclusion

How did Maui County reconcile the ballots received and counted at the end of each day without the numbers verified on the records from each drop box, each day? The Office of Elections must answer this question

Confidence in Hawaii elections is eroding because critical transparency measures are not being upheld. Public servants have a duty to follow both the letter and the spirit of election law. When chain-of-custody records are missing and public complaints are mischaracterized, public trust collapses. I urge the Commission to take immediate action to restore integrity, transparency, and accountability in our electoral process.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Hunt