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SYNOPSIS OF PRESS BRIEFING AUGUST 1, 2012

Hawai'i County Clerk Jamae K.K. Kawauchi held a press briefing today to discuss the findings of her recent review of the Hawai'i County voter registry.

"The elections division reviewed the entire voter registry," Kawauchi said. "We found between 50 and 60 occurrences of duplicate entries. We also found between 4 and 5 instances of voters possibly voting twice in the 2010 election. These findings were then reported to the proper authorities at the State level."

Clerk Kawauchi also addressed recent media reports concerning interactions with the State Office of Elections, saying, "We had a meeting on July 31, 2012 in Honolulu with the State Office of Elections and all four County Clerks," she said. "It was a good and informative meeting." Clerk Kawauchi further stated, "The public is the priority and the office of the County Clerk wants the public to know that we are doing everything we can to make sure our County has a fair and well-run election."

Clerk Kawauchi also reported:

The Primary Election voter registry includes 101,728 registered voters.

Concerning permanent absentee ballot voting, as of July 31, 2012, 19,136 voters registered to vote by permanent absentee ballot. This is up from the 6,400 voters registered to vote in the 2010 elections. Regarding seasonal absentee ballot voting, as of July 31, 2012, 987 voters registered to vote by seasonal absentee ballot.

As of July 31, 2012, Early Walk-In Voting precinct workers report an average of 300 voters voting daily at the Hilo Early Walk-In Voting site. The Waimea and Kona sites report an average of 100 daily voters, respectively.

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