

Testimony in opposition to the following:

LD 38 An Act Requiring Photographic Identification for Voting

LD 397 An Act to Require a Voter to Show Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting

LD 1149 An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting

I am writing this as a very concerned individual and not as a member of any organization.

These proposals present significant barriers to voting for a variety of people in our state and are simply measures that are aimed at voter suppression. In addition they are just not needed!

During the gathering of signatures for the ballot measure for what LD 1149 proposes I am certain that voters were not told all that the measure was actually proposing. For a good portion of election day this past November (several hours), I was near to the person who was gathering signatures for that measure and the person did not mention any of the restrictions that would be placed on absentee voting or on ballot boxes, nor did I hear the person encourage voters to read the actual language prior to signing the petition. Was this intended to be misleading?

I strongly oppose these measures and I urge you to vote 'ought not to pass' on all three LDs.

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