

Testimony in OPPOSITION to

HB-5540 AAC CERTAIN AUTHORITIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE

HB-6325 AAC THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE, ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND
ELECTION AUDITS

March 24, 2021 Public Hearing

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Dear GAE Committee Co-Chairs Sen. Flexer and Rep. Fox, Vice Chairs Sen. Haskell
and Rep. Thomas, and Ranking Members Sen. Sampson and Rep. Mastrofrancesco
and Members of the GAE Committee,

My name is Rita E. Skog and I am writing in **opposition to HB-5540** AAC
CERTAIN AUTHORITIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE Also in
opposition to HB6325 AAC THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE, ABSENTEE
BALLOTS AND ELECTION AUDITS.

I oppose HB-5540 because it will remove centralized responsibility for elections and
replace it with decentralized inefficient micromanagement of elections. This will not
allow the Secretary of the State the authority to react quickly as was done during the
pandemic, undermine confidence in the election process, and allow for possible
partisan influence in the election process.

It is essential that administration of elections remains centralized so that one person is
accountable and so that when emergencies like a pandemic occur, that person can act
decisively and swiftly.

I oppose HB6325 because it is a voter suppression bill. Its intention is to make
absentee ballots less accessible and more likely to be invalidated and does so without
sufficient protections for voters.

Sincerely,

Rita E. Skog

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