

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

March, 24, 2021,

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,

I oppose

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

And HB6325 AAC THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE, ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND ELECTION AUDITS.

I oppose **HB-5540** because one cannot run an election by committee. This bill would decentralized management of elections and make them inefficient. The Secretary of the State needs authority to react quickly as was done during the pandemic.

Centralized of elections allows one person to be able to act quickly when an emergency occurs, such as a pandemic; and would hold one person accountable for problems.

I oppose **HB6325** because it is anti-democracy. Everyone needs a voice; our vote is our voice. Its intention to make absentee ballots less accessible and more likely to be invalidated adds hardship to working people, students, the elderly, and ill and physically challenged voters. We need voter protection and NOT VOTER SUPPRESSION.

Sincerely,

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