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West Maui's District 14 Race Draws Attention; Voters Encouraged to Address Ballot Envelope Deficiencies

WAILUKU, Maui, Hawai'i – The County Clerk's Office continues to contact all voters who have an issue with their ballot return envelope in the 2026 General Election by letter, email, and telephone. Voters will have until 4:30 p.m. on November 10, 2026, to fix any deficiency and have their ballot counted in the 2026 General Election.

Voters may check the status of their ballots at https://hawaii.ballottrax.net/voter/ and, if there are deficiencies, obtain an Affidavit to Cure at https://mauicountyvotes.gov/ or by contacting the Clerk's Office at County.Clerk@mauicounty.us or calling (808) 270-7749.

As of November 4, 2026, at 9:09 a.m., there are 838 ballot envelopes remaining with deficient conditions. This number will change daily, as voters submit information to fix their ballot envelope deficiencies.

Of particular interest is the tight race for State Representative, District 14, which represents West Maui. "Our office has been receiving calls regarding the District 14 race, where Green Party candidate Pā'ele Kiakona has a 107-vote lead over Democrat Sne Patel as of the State's November 4th morning printout," said County Clerk Moana M. Lutey. "As of this morning, there are 151 deficient ballot envelopes in District 14."

"All voters with a deficient ballot envelope condition are sent a letter, with instructions on how to address the deficiency, and a postage-paid envelope," said Lutey. "Additionally, if a voter has included their email address in their voter registration record, we email the same information, and we follow up with phone calls. We've implemented additional steps above what the law requires

because we want to make it as clear and simple for voters to address any issues with their ballot envelopes so that their votes may be timely counted."

With a 107-vote difference in the Kiakona-Patel race, the District 14 race results do not trigger an automatic recount, even if the ultimate vote difference decreases after the cured ballots are counted the evening of November 10th.

What should voters do?
Voters who receive a notice regarding a deficient ballot should carefully review the instructions provided and take the necessary steps to correct the issue. Depending on the reason for the deficiency, voters may be required to complete and sign an Affidavit to Cure Return Ballot Envelope Deficiency form. For a mismatched signature or another condition, voters may also be asked to provide proof of identity, such as a copy of a government-issued photo ID.

Completed documentation must be received by the Maui County Elections Division **no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 10, 2026**, for ballots to be counted.

Voters may submit the required information:

In person or by mail:
Office of the County Clerk, Elections Division
Kalana O Maui (County Building), 7th Floor
200 S. High St.
Wailuku, HI 96793

By email:
County.Clerk@mauicounty.us

Voters should note that **computer-generated signatures are not accepted** for correcting a deficient ballot.

Voters who have already corrected their deficiency may disregard a subsequent notice.

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