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TO: Senate Judiciary Committee
FROM: Valencia Lane *vf*
DATE: April 2, 2007
RE: Bill Conflict Requiring Your Attention

There is a conflict between:

* **HB 281** (McGillvray, Himmelberger, Lange, Barrett, Koopman-- GENERALLY REVISE ELECTION LAWS; REVISING VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES; REVISING WHEN ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR VOTING)

and

* **HB 520** (Arntzen, Heinert, L. Jones, McGillvray, Boggio -- GENERALLY REVISING ELECTION LAWS; REVISING TERMINOLOGY; AMENDING PROVISIONS RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICE, OFFICE HOURS, WRITE-IN CANDIDATES, CANDIDATE VACANCIES, FILING PROCEDURES, BALLOTS, PRECINCT REGISTERS, THE ELIGIBILITY OF POLITICAL PARTIES TO HOLD PRIMARY ELECTIONS, AND VOTE-COUNTING SYSTEMS; AMENDING TIMELINES FOR NOMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS; REVISING WHEN BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ABSENTEE VOTING, REVISING THE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET).

The bills conflict in the way each amends **13-2-304** and **13-13-205**. These bills need to be coordinated in some way; either to make the language the same in both bills or to void one or the other bills if both bills pass. HB 520 is currently in Sen. State Administration Committee.

Please let me know how you want to proceed.

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Rep. Arntzen and Rep. McGillvray