

# Comment Report

Ways and Means

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Location: RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult

**Name:** Michael Bayer

**Comment:** Regarding HSB245: RE: ERIC. There are many reasons to leave ERIC. 1) They are not transparent. Their membership agreement violates the transparency provisions of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). There are at least 4 federal lawsuits against states and DC because they will not make election information available because they claim it violates their membership agreement with ERIC. 2) ERIC is acting as a GOTV agent for Democrats. Recently emails have shown that ERIC has an NDA with CEIR to share personal information from the states. CEIR is a leftwing organization founded by David Becker. Reports are that ERIC passes voter rolls and DMV info to CEIR who filters it and passes it back to ERIC for dissemination to the states as an eligible but unregistered (EBU) list. The states are then required by their ERIC membership to contact 95% of the EBU's that ERIC (and CEIR) provided. 3) ERIC is ineffective as a voter roll cleanup tool. Iowa citizens working together have found more deceased voters on the rolls than ERIC. RE: IOWA CAUCUSES. With the DNC not recognizing the date of the Iowa Democrat party caucus, there is the possibility that the Democrats and Republicans would caucus on different dates. This may tempt some people to cross over and vote in the caucus of the opposite party to game the system. These rules 70 day preregistration and inperson caucus participation will help ameliorate that issue. Please advance HSB245.

**Name:** Diane Holst

**Comment:** Secretary of State Pates desire to leave ERIC has been announced. Please take steps to make this happen. The fact that Eric requires states to follow up on people that may be eligible to vote is not the roll of our election officials. ERICs responsibility of aiding in voter roll cleanup is not working, based on canvassing and database comparisons being done by citizens of Iowa, which I hope was the purpose of joining ERIC in the first place. Please move this bill forward.