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COMMENTS

HCR 231 REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO STUDY THE COST OF CONVENING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN 2010

Testimony by the Legislative Reference Bureau Ken H. Takayama, Acting Director

Presented to the House Committee on Judiciary

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Chair Waters and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on H.C.R. No. 231. The Bureau takes no position for or against this measure but offers the following comments.

The resolution directs the Bureau to study the cost of convening a constitutional convention in 2010.

As presently drafted, the scope of the study requested in this measure appears to be manageable.

Accordingly, if this measure is to pass, we request that it not be modified in any way, as attempts to "clarify" a measure may have the unintended effect of broadening the scope of a requested study in a way that makes it unmanageable.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.