

THE LEAGUE  
OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HAWAII

**LATE TESTIMONY**

TESTIMONY ON HB 691 RELATING TO LOAN REPAYMENT TO RELIEVE  
PHYSICIAN SHORTAGES

Committee on Health  
Tuesday, February 10, 2009  
Conference Room 309  
2:15 p.m.

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Hawaii

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto and members of the Committee on Health

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii Supports HB 691 which establishes in  
Hawaii a rural health care provider loan repayment program.

This encourages physicians who agree and practice medicine in Hawaii in our  
designated shortage areas to manage and meet their financial obligations soon  
after graduation.

This bill can reduce the liability of owed financial obligations at the end of their  
first year after graduation and encourages that newly Hawaii trained physicians  
remain and practice in our state for that designated portion of time.

We urge passage of HB691.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1369