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February 2, 2009

Committee on Health  
Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice-Chair

The Hawaii Section of the American College  
of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)  
strongly supports: **HB 991**

Relating to University Of Hawaii

Establishing a loan repayment program for UH medical school  
graduates working in rural areas of the state would greatly ease  
our shortage of doctors on the neighbor islands.

**HB423**

Relating to Emergency Contraceptives for Sexual Assault  
Survivors

This would greatly help prevent pregnancies from victims of  
sexual assault, which is a tremendously traumatic incident by  
itself.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

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## Hawai'i Primary Care Association

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To: **The House Committee on Health**  
The Hon. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
The Hon. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

**Testimony in Support of House Bill 991**  
**RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**  
**Submitted by Beth Giesting, CEO**  
**February 3, 2009, 8:30 a.m. agenda, Room 329**

The Hawaii Primary Care Association urges your support for this bill. We believe loan repayment programs are a very powerful tool for recruiting and retaining health care professionals in underserved areas. It is all too apparent that Hawaii has a crying need for such a program at this time.

We would like to request the following change to the bill in §304A-A:

“There is created the Hawaii medical doctor loan program to be administered by the University of Hawaii, to provide financial support to students who **graduated from a school of medicine with training based in Hawaii** [~~complete a state-approved medical school program at the University of Hawaii~~] and who agree to practice in rural areas of the State, as designated by the University of Hawaii.”

This preference is appropriate as Wai‘anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, in partnership with an accredited Medical school in Arizona, is also offering medical training with a focus on developing physicians oriented toward delivering primary care in a community health center-based setting. We greatly respect JABSOM but believe that these additional candidates should also be prioritized for loan repayment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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From: Hawaii Medical Association  
Gary A. Okamoto, MD, President  
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Re: HB 991 RELATING TO U of H MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES (Establishes loan repayment program for University of Hawaii medical school graduates working in rural areas of the State.)

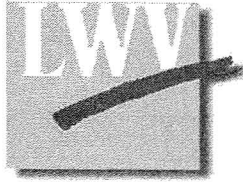
Chairs & Committee Members:

Hawaii Medical Association supports this measure as being a unique means of addressing our rural area physician shortage. While it is long range, it is a solid method of helping to accomplish a number of long range goals, such as:

- Create home grown physicians for our rural communities;
- Assure that many of our graduates will be able to remain in Hawaii;
- Increase the opportunity for professional employment and/or entrepreneurial opportunities in our rural communities; and
- Address our access to medical care crisis with long range planning.

This investment now will provide not only a return on investment in these long-term goals, but will also provide taxpayers of the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



THE LEAGUE  
OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HAWAII

TESTIMONY OF HB 991, ESTABLISHING A LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MEDICAL SCHOOL STUDENTS WORKING IN RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE [relating to Section 1, Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes]

Committee on Health  
Tuesday, February 3, 2009  
8:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 329

Testifier: Joy A. Marshall, RN, Health Committee Chair, and League of Women Voters of Hawaii

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

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports HB 991, which amends Chapter 304A of the Hawaii Revised Statute to include a new subpart which is inclusive of students that complete a state approved medical school program at the University of Hawaii and who agree to practice in the rural areas of the State, as designated by the University of Hawaii.

We support this bill, as we are well aware that persons, who are encouraged to and complete residency in rural areas, often stay to practice in these rural areas.

We urge passage of HB 991

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 991