

## TESTIMONY OF THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2009

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 856, RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 10, 2009 **TIME:** 9:00 AM

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016

**TESTIFIER(S):** Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General  
or Liane M. Moriyama, Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center

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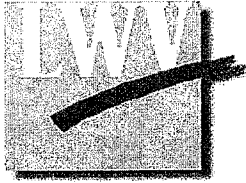
Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General strongly supports this bill.

This bill will change the validity period of Hawaii State Identification cards from six years to eight years, for cards issued after the effective date of this measure. This change will make State Identification cards consistent with Hawaii driver's licenses, which expire eight years after issuance (effective November 1, 2008). Additionally, states are exploring compliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005; the REAL ID Act implementing rules require that the validity period of driver's licenses and state identification cards not exceed eight years.

This bill will also delete the provisions for transitioning from expiration based on issuance date to expiration based on birth date, because there is no longer a need for these transitioning provisions.

We respectfully request passage of this measure:



# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HAWAII

## TESTIMONY ON SB 856 RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Tuesday, February 10, 2009  
9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 016

Testifier: Jean Aoki, LWV Legislative Liaison,

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine, members of JGO Committee,

The League of Women Voters supports SB 856 which would extend the expiration date of certificates of identification from six years to eight years and seems to simplify and clarify the transition of the expiration date to people's birthday.

The extension of the expiration date to eight years will not only cut the cost to government and to the individuals who require the Ids, it means some relief from having to find the time to go to where ever the service is offered. Today when workers and the unemployed are harassed by difficulty in making ends meet and the horrible traffic and parking situation, even the extension of two years is much appreciated.

We urge the passage of this bill. Thank you.