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LATE TESTIMONY

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

Committee on Health
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Testifier: Joy A Marshall, RN, Health Reform Chair, 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 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