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House FIN Committee
Wednesday 4/7/10 at 2:00PM in Room 308
HR 205

TESTIMONY

Nikki Love, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Committee Members:

I would like to submit **comments regarding HR 205.**

We are avid supporters of the legislative broadcast program. Providing television coverage of legislative proceedings helps to open up the process to the many citizens who cannot come to the State Capitol in person, most notably working people and those on the neighbor islands.

We request the Committee amend this resolution to incorporate two important points:

- 1) **The criteria for selecting the proceedings to be broadcast should be related to matters of public interest.** Such a policy would help ensure that hearings on topics of significant public interest would not be excluded from coverage.
- 2) **Video of proceedings should be archived online for the public to access on-demand.** This would allow significantly better public access than television broadcasts alone.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

FINTestimony

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Comments:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports the intent of HR205, but requests that the PAR Director be identified as the responsible party to make broadcast selections. The PAR Director is the contract administrator for the contract administrator for the broadcast project and, in administering the facility, keeps abreast of the issues before the Legislature.