



SB1088

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Testimony for ENE/AGL/EGH on Feb 7, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 225

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Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Support	No



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Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair; Senator Sam Slom, Vice-Chair

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SB1088 – RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY

TESTIMONY

Nancy Davlantes, Legislative Committee Member, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Slom, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii wishes to go on record as strongly supporting SB1088, which would reallocate the distribution of Hawaii's Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax, commonly known as the Barrel Tax, to help Hawaii move forward toward the goals of sustainability and increased self-sufficiency. This measure would also make this law permanent.

For more than 20 years, the League of Women Voters has supported a system of sustainable, regenerative agricultural production that moves toward an environmentally sound agricultural sector which includes promoting stewardship to preserve and protect human and natural agricultural resources.

Reallocating the Barrel Tax funds to go to the initially intended purposes of energy diversification and food safety and security, rather than to the general fund, would permit the funding of positions and programs that would, among other things, preserve agricultural lands and raise the supply and demand for local food.

The League believes that this bill would do much to move Hawaii toward more of a self-sufficient future and urges you to pass it.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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