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COMMITTEE ON HOUSING  
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TUESDAY, February 6, 2018, 2:45 PM, room 225

SB 2594, Relating to Housing

**TESTIMONY**

Nina Eejima, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Espero, Committee on Housing; Chair Nishihara, Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental Affairs, and Military; and Committee Members:

**The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports SB 2594, that requires that construction and renovation of publicly funded residential housing incorporate housing visitability standards.**

We note that this measure is long overdue and that under this proposed measure housing visitability standards are minimum standards to provide accessibility and safety for individuals with disabilities when visiting or using residential space, including, *inter alia*, accessible exterior and interior entryways, a wheelchair accessible full-bathroom, accessible bedroom, and smoke detectors that permit both visible and audible detection of an alarm.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Self Advocates		Support	Yes

Comments:

My name Renee Manfredi. I am the Vice President of the Self Advocacy Advisory Council. We have nearly 200 members statewide.

Our members represent individuals with disabilities and we are in strong support of SB 2594.

The passaging of SB 2594 will require the construction of visitable housing which will proved freedom and support to individuals with disabilities to control their own schedules and activities, including being able to visit others and have visitors of their choosing, at any time.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting SB 2594.**