

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## LATE TESTIMONY

Representative Tommy Waters, Chair Representative Blake K. Oshiro, Vice-chair House Committee on Judiciary

Thursday, February 07, 2008 5:30p.m.

Support of H.B. No. 3293 Relating to a Constitutional Convention Written Testimony

I am Representative Della Au Belatti, representative of the 25<sup>th</sup> House District. I strongly support House Bill 3293, appropriating funds to the Office of Elections for voter education on the pros and cons of holding a constitutional convention.

This year, Hawaii voters will be asked whether a constitutional convention should be held to revise or amend the Constitution of the State of Hawaii. Given the significance of this question and the impact of the voters' collective decision, whether that decision is yes or no, it is imperative that voters be provided the information necessary to make well-formed decisions and, therefore, effectively exercise their most fundamental civic right in a democracy – the right to vote.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in fierce support of H.B. No. 3293.