

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HAWAII

TESTIMONY ON HB 1057 RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM

Committee on Higher Education Tuesday, February 3, 2009 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 309

Testifier: JoAnn Maruoka, Legislative Team Member, LWV-HI

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Nakashima, and members,

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii strongly supports HB 1057 to allow family members and friends to contribute to the State established HI529 college savings accounts that currently only account owners can contribute to. In these difficult economic times, this expanded allowance is more needed than ever. This is a sound, pro-children, pro-family and pro-community amendment that supports investments in our children's future.

We strongly urge you to pass this laudable HB 1057. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.