

## LATE TESTIMONY

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## COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

## TUESDAY, JAN. 26, 2016, 9:00 A.M., CONFERENCE ROOM 016 SB2114 RELATING TO CLASS C FELONIES TESTIMONY Janet Mason. League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair KEITH-AGARAN, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and Committee Members:

2114 The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports SB**2998**. This is a straightforward measure that proposes to incase the fine for providing false information at an absentee polling place from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

The League believes the County Clerks carefully and consistently screen for false information when registering people to vote, whether it's at an absentee polling place, at a County Clerk's office or online. Having strong procedures statewide is the first line of defense in preventing fraud.

There is very little voter registration fraud in Hawaii. Nevertheless, we would certainly not oppose strengthening fines for any registration behavior that undermines the public trust in the voting process, particularly when it will be possible for individuals to register to vote late at absentee polling places, beginning this year.

We urge you to pass this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.