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SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY Wednesday, January 20. 2019 10:30 AM Hearing in State Capitol Room 016

SENATE BILL 955, RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

TESTIMONY

Douglas Meller, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports SB 955 which provides that the financial disclosure statements of the executive directors of state agencies are public records.

We suggest amending SB 955 to require a public financial disclosure statement from any state board or authority with jurisdiction for disposition (i.e. lease, revocable permit, license, sale, contract for private use) of 5 or more acres of state property. Last session the Legislature almost transferred jurisdiction for all state airports to a proposed Airport Corporation without requiring public financial disclosure from the board of the proposed Airport Corporation. During this session, pending bills might allow the Stadium Authority to lease or enter into contracts authorizing disposition of state property without requiring public financial disclosure from members of the Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.