

HB

17

10 members of the Judiciary Committee

Capitol Room 122

## League of Women Voters of Alaska

The League of Women Voters of Alaska wishes to go on record in support of HB 17 relating to security deposits and prepaid rent. The League has been a strong backer of fair housing laws and has established a statewide position after careful study.

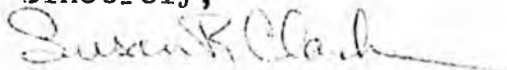
Basically the League supports programs and policies to provide equal opportunity for access to housing without discrimination based on race, color, religion, or national origins. In addition, League members agree that work to promote fair housing and an adequate supply of housing for low income families must proceed hand-in-hand. Tenants' Rights is one on our goals in the work of promoting fair housing with a uniform landlord-tenant act important in achieving this goal.

Specifically, House Bill No. 17 meets our criteria set out in our state position on Landlord-Tenant Relationships:

- it specifies the landlord's obligation in maintaining a fit and habitable dwelling;
- it specifies tenants' obligations in maintaining a fit and habitable dwelling; and
- it specifies the amount a landlord may collect as a security deposit.

We urge that consideration be given this bill so that passage may take place this session.

Sincerely,



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