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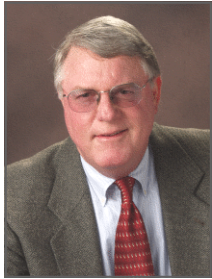
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A Primer on ConCon
Providing the history and context for the
vote on a Constitutional Convention

Saturday, September 6, 2008
9 am – 12:30 pm
State Capitol Auditorium



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The League of Women Voters of Hawaii
The Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs
The William S. Richardson School of Law



Robert F. Williams

Associate Director of the Center for State Constitutional Studies and Distinguished Professor of Law at Rutgers University-Camden. Professor Williams has written extensively in state constitutional law and legislation, including casebooks in those areas and a book on New Jersey Constitutional Law. He also co-produced a television documentary marking the fiftieth anniversary of

the New Jersey Constitution. He has been active as counsel in many public interest cases. Professor Williams received his B.A. cum laude from Florida State University, his J.D. with honors from the University of Florida, where he was Executive Editor of the Law Review. Professor Williams also received Masters degrees in law from New York University (1970) and Columbia University (1980). He teaches Civil Procedure, Legislation, State Constitutional Law, and New Jersey Constitutional Law.

Professor Williams will discuss, in an historic and national context, the nature of state constitutions, their evolution as unique constitutional and political documents, and the various mechanisms of amendment and revision. The current situation surrounding Hawaii's state constitution, as well as the specific methods of amendment and revision it contains, will be discussed in light of a number of lessons that can be drawn from the state constitutional experience of other states.

Anne Feder Lee

Anne Feder Lee has taught political science at universities in Ohio and Hawaii and has authored articles on governmental, political, and legal issues. Active in community affairs, she served as president of the League of Women Voters of Hawaii, as a member of the Hawaii Bicentennial Commission on the U.S. Constitution, and was recently reappointed by the governor to serve a second term on the State of Hawaii Pesticides Advisory Committee. She earned a doctorate in political science from Miami University.

Author of *The Hawaii State Constitution, A Reference Guide* (1993), and of the chapter on Hawaii in the *The Constitutionalism of American States*, edited by George E. Connor and Christopher W. Hammons, University of Missouri Press, Columbia, Missouri (2008)

Program

9:00 – 10:00 am

Opening

Aviam Soifer, Moderator

Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law,
University of Hawaii, Manoa

A History of Hawaii's Constitutional Conventions

Anne Feder Lee

State Constitutional Revision By Convention in Hawaii?

National Perspectives on the Question

Robert F. Williams

10:30 – 11:00 am

Coffee Break

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Comments by Responders

Anne Feder Lee

Professor Jon Van Dyke,
William S. Richardson School of Law

Amy Trask, Law Student,
William S. Richardson School of Law

Q&A

Closing Remarks by Robert Williams

