

HB 114 Access to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings Program

**POSITION:** Support

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The League of Women Voters of the United States conducted two studies on US Immigration Policy. In 2008, following participation in our study and consensus process by League members in every state, we developed a comprehensive position on immigration policy. That position includes the following statement:

The League of Women Voters believes immigration policies should promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business, and employment needs of the United States; and be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises.

When enforcing immigration laws: We believe in due process for all persons, including the right to a fair hearing, right to counsel, right of appeal, and right to humane treatment.

For that reason, we fully support HB 114 and urge a favorable report.