



## A JOINT LEGISLATIVE EFFORT

## MISC. COMM. NO. 5

Regarding: Petition to Senators

Date:

May 6, 2009

To:

Senate President Colleen Hanabusa and Members of the Senate

Via:

Senate Clerks Office

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Dennis Arakaki, Executive Director

Hawaii Family Forum / Hawaii Catholic Conference

Re:

Submittal of Petition

Honorable Senate President and members of the Senate, I am Dennis Arakaki, representing both the Hawaii Family Forum and the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii.

Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii. The Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii, under the leadership of Bishop Larry Silva, represents over 220,000 Catholics in Hawaii.

We wish to submit for the record and acknowledgement in the Order of the Day, the signatures of over 10,000 Hawaii Citizens requesting that you and the members of the Senate, to...

## **HOLD FAST on HB444 Relating to Civil Unions**

We call on the Hawaii State Senate to 'ONIPA'A, hold fast on House Bill 444, HD1 and keep it in committee for the 2009-2010 legislative session. I ask for your steadfast belief in PONO, righteousness in the legislative process and the will of the people.

I also ask that Senate President Colleen Hanabusa and Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee Chair, Brian Taniguchi, bring the parties together after the end of the 2009 session to HO'OPONOPONO, to reconcile and facilitate full discussion on the issues and concerns raised by the bill.

Please honor the process and leave the bill in committee!

With ALOHA, thanksgiving, grace, and respect,

Signatures and printed names and addresses are submitted for your review...We ask that the names not be used for purposes other than this petition and if the names are to be made public, that they not include the addresses.

Mahalo!