

Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of Christopher Luthy

Nominee to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission

Term to Expire June 30, 2028

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Christopher Luthy, and I respectfully submit this testimony in support of my confirmation to serve on the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2028.

I am honored to have been nominated for this position and grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Hawai'i. As a member of the LGBTQ+ community and someone deeply committed to civic engagement and community service, I believe strongly in the importance of ensuring that LGBTQ+ voices are represented in state government and public policy.

Throughout my professional and community work, I have focused on leadership, operational problem-solving, and building systems that strengthen organizations and communities. I bring experience in business operations, technology development, and community collaboration, along with a strong commitment to fairness, inclusion, and practical solutions that improve people's daily lives.

Living and working in Hawai'i has given me a deep appreciation for the diverse communities that make our state special. I believe the role of this Commission is not only to advocate for LGBTQ+ residents, but also to help ensure that state policies and programs are thoughtful, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of our communities across all islands.

If confirmed, I will approach this role with humility, professionalism, and a strong sense of responsibility. My goal will be to contribute thoughtful perspectives, support collaborative solutions, and work alongside fellow commissioners, community organizations, and government partners to advance policies that promote equity, dignity, and opportunity for LGBTQ+ individuals and families throughout Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of my confirmation. It would be a privilege to serve on this Commission and to contribute to building a stronger and more inclusive Hawai'i.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Luthy

Gubernatorial Nominee

GM-716

Submitted on: 3/3/2026 11:00:50 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/6/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeffrey Willard-Mack	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of Christopher Luthy's confirmation to serve on the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission.

I first came to know Christopher when he worked as the manager at Kea'au Buy and Sell. When he stepped into that role, the store was very disorganized and many of the employees were unhappy and talking about quitting. It was remarkable to watch the transformation that happened under his leadership. The store became organized, the environment improved, and the workers seemed genuinely happier and more supported. His ability to bring order, morale, and positive energy to a difficult situation really stood out to me.

Christopher has also shown personal compassion and care for members of the community. During times when I shared about hardships in my life online, he reached out simply to check on me and express that he cared about my wellbeing and recovery. That kind of quiet, consistent support speaks volumes about his character.

From my experience, Christopher is thoughtful, compassionate, and capable of creating positive change in the spaces he serves. I believe he would bring those same qualities to the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission and serve the people of Hawai'i with integrity and care.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/4/2026 11:33:47 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/6/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Autumn Masi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT

MICHAEL J. GOLOJUCH, JR. (he/him)

Civil Rights Activist

March 4, 2026

Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: Friday, March 6, 2026 at 1:00 PM

RE: SUPPORT for Governor's Message 716 - CHRISTOPHER LUTHY

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chairs McKelvey, and fellow committee members,

My name is Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him), and I submit this testimony in my personal capacity in support of Governor's Message 716, nominating Christopher Luthy to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2028, representing the County of Hawai'i.

Representation from the neighbor islands is essential to ensuring that the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission reflects the geographic and community diversity of our state. The perspectives of those living and working on Hawai'i Island are vital to informing policies and recommendations that affect mähū, LGBTQIA+, QTPI+ and indigiqueer individuals and families statewide.

Christopher Luthy has expressed a commitment to serving thoughtfully and responsibly in this role. His willingness to step forward and represent the County of Hawai'i is commendable. I believe his participation will contribute positively to the Commission's work and I look forward to working with him.

For these reasons, I respectfully support Governor's Message 716 and urge the Committee to vote in favor of Christopher Luthy/s nomination to serve on the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)
Civil Rights Activist

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Submitted on: 3/4/2026 12:08:08 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/6/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard S Velasquez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/5/2026 9:15:15 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/6/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cliff Luthy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committe,

My name is Cliff Luthy and i respectfully submit this testimony in support of Christopher Luthy for confirmation to serve on the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commision.

Christopher is my son, and has been active in several states with the LGBTQ+ Community for over 10 years, including Pride and othe events. Ibelieve he will show a strong presence in representing the community on these issues. Mahalo for your consideration for Christophers confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

Cliff Luthy