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Monday, October 28, 2013

Time: 10:30am

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Auditorium of the State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Senate Bill 1 - Relating to Equal Rights – Testimony in Support

To: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

My name is Lee M. Yarbrough. I am an attorney and CPA practicing primarily in the areas of Estate Planning and Taxes. I have been an active participant in the process leading up to the passage of Act 1 Relating to Civil Unions in 2011, and have offered frequent testimony and advice on bills affecting Reciprocal Beneficiaries and Civil Unions over many years, up to and including the 2012 General Session. I am very active in the legal and accounting professional communities in Hawaii, and have been on many advisory panels to discuss the implementation of the 2011 Civil Unions law, and the Civil Unions follow up/clarification bill passed in 2012. In the last two years I have also provided assistance and advice to legislative committees, executive branch agencies, and the Attorney General's office, as well as to community groups and marriage equality advocates, regarding the Civil Unions legislation passed in 2011 and 2012. Most recently I have also provided assistance and advice addressing proposed marriage equality legislation, both in the 2013 General Session and this present Special Session.

As general background information, I reviewed and analyzed both the 8/28/13 and 9/9/13 draft bills addressing Marriage Equality, as proposed by the Abercrombie Administration. I have also made a review and analysis of SB1, which is presently before this committee.

I strongly support the passage of SB1 in its present form. The changes made to the Governor's proposed 9/9/13 bill draft in this SB1 should completely address the religious exemption concerns raised by members of the religious community, the community at large, and many legislators. It does this by:

- a. Adding in language to the purpose section to state explicitly that it is the intent of the legislature to protect religious freedom;
- b. Amending the language in proposed Section 572-E, relating to the refusal to solemnize, to include rabbis, clergy, etc., to make it more inclusive;
- c. Amending the language in the refusal to solemnize provisions to make it clear that the right to refuse belongs to the individual, whether or not they have facilities; and, most importantly, by
- d. Deleting the 3 prong test proposed in the 8/28 and 9/9 bill drafts and replacing it with a clear law which provides that only religious organizations that (1) allow the general public to use its facilities for weddings; and (2) make a profit on those weddings, need to comply with the Public Accommodations Law, i.e., host same-sex weddings. All others will be exempt.

In my opinion, the protections in the current draft of SB 1 are completely adequate to protect the balance between the religious freedoms granted under the First Amendment, without undermining the intent of the Public

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Accommodations laws which prohibit outright discrimination based on any presently protected attribute, including sexual orientation. While SB1 may not address the concerns of those opposed to equal marriage rights for gays and lesbians under any circumstances, including those individuals who want to be able to discriminate in the public accommodations arena based on their individual beliefs, it does protect clergy and religious organizations completely.

It is often said that nothing in life is certain, "except Death and Taxes". As a CPA and Estate planning attorney, these issues (Death and Taxes) are the primary focus of my private law practice. As a result, I get many inquiries regarding the rights and benefits afforded under our present Civil Unions law, and I am constantly asked about the Federal rights to be afforded if SB1 is enacted and Marriage Equality becomes a reality in Hawaii. Let me reiterate that equal rights are the primary focus of those in the LGBT community who have sought equality in the past in the form of Civil Unions, and who seek marriage equality now. As a result of the June 2013 US Supreme Court decision invalidating Section Three of the Defense of Marriage Act, Hawaii's Civil Unions are defective, in that they are, by legal definition, not a marriage. Thus, Hawaii's LGBT citizens in Civil Unions do not now, and cannot and will not in the future, receive the same Federal rights and benefits (numbering 1200+, and including Income Taxes, Estate Taxes, and Spousal Social Security and Medicare benefits, to name just a few) that LGBT citizens of the 14 other states and the District of Columbia (who now have Marriage Equality) presently enjoy. Hawaii's LGBT citizens should not be denied equal rights any longer, and present public opinion in Hawaii now supports the simple concept of granting LGBT citizens equal marriage rights.

Passage of SB1 in this Special Session will eliminate many bureaucratic and administrative problems for both governmental agencies and private businesses. The present problems that result from having to sort out the myriad of Federal and State rights and benefits, and their tax attributes, and their applicability to and appropriateness for Civil Unions partners in Hawaii, versus the routine and equal applicability for any marital rights, for any married couple in Hawaii, whether same sex or opposite sex, once this legislation is passed, will mostly be a thing of the past.


Passage of SB1 will also presumably render moot any currently pending cases in the US Federal Courts (and most likely future cases), if those cases are based on a denial of equal rights and protections to Hawaii's LGBT citizens under the present Civil Unions law -- without Marriage Equality. As you well know, the Hawaii constitutional amendment in 1998 reserved the power to adopt the definition of marriage to you, our elected legislators. That power was NOT reserved to the general public by ballot initiative or referendum. In my opinion, no minority groups' rights should ever be voted on by a majority. Our US Constitution, the US Bill of Rights, and the Hawaii Constitution are crafted to protect individual liberties, and in particular, to protect minority rights against the tyranny of a majority.

I urge you to exercise your constitutional power, as our elected representatives, to uphold equal rights for all -- by voting to pass SB1. Public sentiment has changed much since 1998 and the time is now for Marriage Equality and Equal Rights for all in Hawaii. This SB 1 balances the rights of a minority, Hawaii's LGBT citizens, with the religious rights of all Hawaii's population (and not just certain religions), and all-the-while insures that the nondiscrimination provisions of the Public Accommodations laws of Hawaii which applies to all churches, businesses, organizations, and individuals are upheld.

Please recognize that SB1 has been carefully crafted with much time, thought, and public input, and SB1 does protect Religious Freedom for all, including the non-religious, those religious groups that affirm and support same sex marriage, and those religious groups that reject both homosexuality and same sex marriage outright.

The sooner that this law passes, the sooner that Hawaii's LGBT Citizens will be granted equal marital rights, benefits and protection under both Federal and Hawaii laws! Justice delayed is justice denied.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 1.


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Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 AM
State Capitol Auditorium

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB1 RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB1 – RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS.

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i has long supported the Cause of Equality for our brothers and sisters in the LGBT Community, first in pursuit of Civil Unions, and now in the fight for Marriage Equality. At our 2012 State Convention the collective delegation, which included representatives from every district on every island, voted to reaffirm that support by passing Resolution NAT 2012-02: Support for Marriage Equality, whose action items read as follows:

Be it resolved, That the Democratic Party of Hawai'i finds the current state statute defining marriage as solely the union between one man and one woman to be unfair and inconsistent with our fundamental belief that all citizens are entitled to be treated equally under the law; and be it further

Resolved, That the Democratic Party Hawai'i calls upon our Hawai'i legislators to pass legislation to ensure that all families are treated equally under the law as required by the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i; including but not limited to, equal access to marriage licenses

We are here today to do just that, to call upon our legislators to bring Hawai'i statute into proper alignment with the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i. Passage of this bill is the necessary step forward to do so.

Ultimately, we must view this struggle as what it is: the defining Civil Rights Issue of our time. Let us show that we are ready to embrace this as change for the better.

Thank you again for calling this Special Session and allowing us to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of SB1 – RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS.

Mahalo a nui loa,

Dante K. Carpenter
Chair, Democratic Party of Hawai'i

Aloha mai kākou! My name is Mika Mulkey and I'm just one of many, from the Big Island, who support Marriage Equality, here in the State of Hawai'i.

Hawai'i is best known for its values: Aloha, 'Ohana, Lōkahi, Kuleana, & Pono:

- Aloha, a spirit of unconditional love. The feeling of aloha has left everlasting impressions on our kama'aina and malihini for centuries and is what attracts everyone to our islands. By opposing this bill, our state will convey a wrongful message to the world, that Hawai'i does NOT support Aloha for ALL, but just for heterosexual couples.
- 'Ohana, an important value in our quest to achieve Aloha. Ohana isn't restricted to those of blood relation, but to whom we choose to call our family. Nowhere in our history did our kupuna state, that an 'ohana requires a man and a woman to nurture our keiki because they knew, what was needed is love, discipline, compassion and respect.
- Lōkahi, the value of teamwork. By working together, we can achieve more. This can relate to this very issue today because after 20 years, Hawai'i has NOT been able to demonstrate the ability to achieve unity. Supporting this bill ensures that ALL people of Hawai'i, will be protected from discrimination.
- Kuleana, sense of responsibility. It is OUR kuleana to ensure that everyone in our state is granted the same equal rights and that we instill, in our future generation: tolerance and acceptance of everyone, regardless of whom they choose to love. It is my kuleana to remind you of this.
- Pono, the value of integrity and balance. Hawai'i will NOT be able to progress into the future until ALL things are right for ALL its people.

So I ask you today, to vote in support of Marriage Equality, because not only do ALL people in Hawai'i, deserve the freedom to marry whom they love, but because it is their kuleana to pass on OUR values of love, family, unity, compassion, and belongingness to the next generation. These values are NOT limited to just heterosexual couples; in fact they apply to ALL people of Hawai'i.

President Barack Obama once stated, "Nothing can stand in the way of the power of millions of voices calling for change." Today, the people of Hawai'i are calling for change and will NOT stop until the true meaning of Aloha (Always Loving Others Here & Always) is observed and practiced by EVERYONE the sun touches on OUR 'aina.

Mahalo

From: [Lenore Kuʻumeaaloha Gomes](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Strong support for SB1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 10:30:56 PM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place:Capitol Auditorium
Re:Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing in strong support of SB 1.

Here in Hawai‘i, we believe in the spirit of aloha and treating others equally. Facing the Capitol Rotunda is the statue of Hawai‘i’s former Queen Lili‘uokalani, herself, a symbol of peace and justice for the people of Hawai‘i.

Yes, we have a proud history of fairness and equal rights, for racial equality, and we celebrate racial diversity throughout our Hawaii nei; for gender equality for our women in Hawaii and abroad, and now we have this great opportunity for marriage equality, the right of gay and lesbian couples to marry.

In Hawai‘i, we understand that we are all ‘ohana, and we never turn our backs on family members, gay or straight.

As a kupuna in my ‘ohana, I say respectfully to you our lawmakers, “Now is the time to once again make a difference in our Hawai‘i, now is the time for marriage equality!”

Mahalo nui ia‘oukou for this opportunity to share my mana‘o with you in this testimony, and please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality.

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To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place:Capitol Auditorium
Re:Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing in strong support of SB 1.

The freedom to marry the person you love is a basic freedom that should not be denied to anyone. Gay and lesbian couples get married for similar reasons as everyone else – to make a lifetime promise of love, commitment and fidelity to the person they love.

I have friends who have been committed same sex couples for many years, one for forty. Several years ago one became ill w/ malignant myeloma, an incurable cancer. His partner cared for him through many rounds of chemotherapy and remissions. He died three weeks ago. In the end after a devoted forty year relationship he died without them ever being able to call each other husband or having our state granting them that right. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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From: [Keola Akana](#)
To: [JDL Testimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Special Legislative Session SB 1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 11:33:52 PM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
From: Keola Akana
Date: October 28, 2013, 10:30 am
Re: SB 1 - Relating to Equal Rights

Aloha Chair Clayton Hee, Vice-Chair Maile Shimabukuro and Judiciary and Labor Committee members:

My testimony is in support of marriage equality for gay and lesbian families. I urge passage of the marriage equality legislation to provide equality for Hawai'i's gay and lesbian families to enable them to access the federal rights that the US Supreme Court granted in June 2013. Hawai'i has a long tradition of supporting civil rights for its citizens. Hawai'i has debated marriage equality for over 20 years and it is time to provide just and fair opportunities for Hawai'i's gay and lesbian families to access all the rights and responsibilities that our country offers. Enacting civil unions a couple years ago provided most if not all the Hawai'i State rights. Now it is important to grant full equal marriage rights that the Federal Government offers married couples. There is no good reason to deny equal marriage rights for gay and lesbian families. Even though there are some religions that are in opposition to equality for gay and lesbian families, there are many other religions that support equal marriage rights for gay and lesbian families. I am an Episcopalian and our Hawai'i Diocese and the national Episcopal Church have endorsed equal marriage rights for gay and lesbian families. Our Hawai'i Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick said at our Diocesan Convention on 10/25/13 said that the Episcopal Church of Hawai'i will NOT discriminate against gay and lesbian Episcopalians who choose to be married in our parishes. There are many other Christian religions and non-Christian religions that support equal marriage rights for gay and lesbian families. Government should not deny one churches right to legally marry its members over other churches who chose not to marry their gay and lesbian members. Favoring one religion over another is not part of our democracy.

Some legislators have suggested that there should be an exemption for churches to enable them an to be exempted from Hawai'i's public accommodation law, even though the church holds themselves out as a business providing venues or services to the general public, thus allowing them to discriminate against sexual orientation. This would be an error. It has been stated that other states have a broad religious exemption and Hawai'i can follow these state. Just because other states have made this mistake does not mean that Hawai'i ought to make the same mistake. If an entity holds itself out for a commercial purpose then it ought to be subject to the same laws that other commercial businesses are subject to. If a church

limits its facilities to its church members, and does not offer its facilities or services out to the general public, then it can discriminate and are not subject to the public accommodation law. It is important to keep Hawai`i's current public accommodation law in tact.

Please pass marriage equality legislation and support gay and lesbian families, which will stabilize and strengthen Hawai`i's society. Hawai`i will then join the 14 other USA states and the District of Columbia, as well as 17 countries around the world who have enacted equal marriage laws supporting gay and lesbian families.

Mahalo and aloha for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Keola Akana

From: [Michele Golojuch](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of S.B. 1
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013 12:08:08 AM

October 26, 2013

Monday, October 28, 2013 – 3:00 p.m.

Senate's Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Hawaii State Capitol

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RE: STRONG SUPPORT for Senate Bill 1 – Relating to Equal Rights

I have been testifying for equal marriage rights since the 90's. My good friend testified and supported me when I would hear people call my baby brother horrible things. He was my rock but he has passed away leaving his partner with out the rights and privileges. He had to pay a lot of taxes and if he had been able to marry the love of his life this would not be so. The highest court in the land has ruled and marriage is one of those inalienable rights that should be afforded to everyone.

Gender should not be a factor. Those who have religious objections just should not marry someone of the same gender. There is separation of state and church. There are laws already for public accommodation. If a religious group wants to exclude anyone then they should have their doors open only to their members so they don't violate the law.

The bottom line is my baby brother should have every right I have and right now the State of Hawaii is treating him like a second class citizen. He pays the same taxes I do, follows the same laws I do, he should have the same rights I have.

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To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Place:Capitol Auditorium
Re:Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

My name is Kimberly Lowe, and I am 59 years old. I've been in Hawaii for over 25 years, and I live in Salt Lake. I feel obligated to speak, in support of marriage equality, because to paraphrase a popular quote, "for evil men to accomplish their purpose, it is only necessary that good men (and women) do (and say) nothing". I cannot remain silent on this issue, when I see people standing on street corners yelling that same sex couples should not be allowed to be married. This is an appalling vision to see in my neighborhood.

I don't think anyone should be able to tell others who they can marry, and it is shameful to me that we would make any couple debate this right in public. I don't think we have a legal or moral right to dictate relationships between other people. When my father died a few years ago, at 86, he too was standing up for marriage equality. In my family, we honor the idea that marriage is a loving commitment between individuals. Some of you have seen family members try to make this decision for their loved ones, and it can tear families apart. Now this meddling in other people's lives is tearing Hawaii apart as a community.

When I was growing up, my parents' marriage was illegal in most states because of our ethnic origins. We were despised and threatened by people who thought of us as less than human. But love can overcome almost anything. They had to fight so hard to be together, but their love was strong enough to last throughout their whole lives. We were raised to be tolerant and respectful of everyone, regardless of their religion, race or other differences.

Broken homes are too common in this day and age. The world could use more loving, committed and responsible couples. Hawaii understands the value of strong, connected families and extended families, and compassionate and tolerant communities. That is part of the beauty I have seen in this state, which I have come to love. I won't fight my neighbors over who can get married, and this debate is hurting us all. I don't feel qualified to choose your life partner, and I wouldn't let you to choose mine under any circumstances. I wish the best to any couple who can commit to love and support each other for the rest of their lives. If they can sincerely commit to it, I think this union should be honored with the full benefit of a legal partnership, including shared health care, property and tax benefits.

I believe everyone has a right to enjoy their lives and families in the way they see fit. In this country, we are allowed to have and practice beliefs that are not in the majority. This is in the Declaration of Independence. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights... among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." The Bill of Rights details that people have a right to practice their own religion. We do not have a right to discriminate regarding the marriages of others, based on predominant religious and social beliefs.

As a woman of native and African-American ancestry, I have to say clearly that most of the "founding fathers" were slave owners, our native ancestors were deprived of many "inalienable rights", and women (among others) were not initially allowed to vote. The US has long been a work in progress, striving to live up to a noble purpose, but our founding documents did a great job describing an ideal society. We should strive to continuously reach for that ideal. I urge you to uphold Hawaii as a state that lives up to these founding principles equally for all people.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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TO: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Hee, Chair; Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Committee Members: Senator Mike Gabbard, Senator Brickwood Galuteria,
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Senator Sam Slom, Senator Malama Solomon

HEARING DATE & TIME: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1 – EQUAL RIGHTS

I will will not testify in person.

I am giving testimony on the issue of gay marriage, at least partially because I am a member of minorities. Five generations of my family are Mormon. All my ancestors except one great great grandmother arrived in Utah before 1869 when the transcontinental railroad united the east coast with the west coast. Her daughter, my great grandmother, and my great great grandfather had already reached Utah.

Early this month, Mormon leaders in Hawai'i read a letter from the leadership to the members in the weekly Sunday meeting instructing members to contact the state legislators and share with their legislators how they felt about gay marriage. The letter avoided taking an official position on the issue, but the Church's statements over the past decade leave little doubt what position the leaders wanted the members to take. In addition, the letter suggested that the members not state that they were members of the LDS Church. One minority to which I belong comes from my position as a Mormon on LGBT marriage rights. I support the right to marry.

The other minority to which I belong is that I am gay. I followed the Mormon Church's instructions on how to cure myself- or persuade God to cure me-of my homosexuality. From the age of eighteen, when as a freshman I entered therapy at Brigham Young University, into my early fifties, I participated in the church fully. I was promised many times that if I would do "x," God would cure me. One morning in my early fifties, I finally heard God's message in my heart: God accepted me as I was created, not as I tried to change myself to be. I was part of God's creation that, to quote *Genesis*, God said "was good."

I am now legally married in California to my partner of seventeen years. I care because there is a difference between 'domestic partnership,' 'civil unions,' and marriage. 'Separate but equal' was deemed unacceptable by the US Supreme Court in

1954. An article in the *New York Times*, describing marriages in New Jersey on Monday 21 October 2013 just after midnight, included the following direct quote:

Using that ruling [on DOMA] as the legal underpinning for a decision issued last month, Judge Mary C. Jacobson of State Superior Court in Mercer County found that the state's not allowing same-sex couples to marry deprived them of received federal benefits and "is currently harming same-sex couples in New Jersey in a wide range of contexts."¹

The judge's words apply to LGBT persons in Hawai'i as well as New Jersey. Not allowing us to marry is to restrict our civil rights and deny us benefits offered other citizens. It is passed time for Hawai'i legislators to correct the wrongs committed against us.

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¹<http://mobile.nytimes.com/2013/10/22/nyregion/christie-withdraws-appeal-of-same-sex-marriage-ruling-in-new-jersey.html?from=homepage>, viewed 21 October 2013.

From: [Philip Tumbaga](#)
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To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Re:Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing in vigorous support of SB 1.

Hawaii has an interest in supporting stable families, gay and lesbian parents are no less stable than opposite sex parents. In fact because of the greater difficulties in forming a family with same sex parents, the need to adopt and the planning and challenges that go into it, I would argue that the average family with same sex parents will be more stable than the family that comes about unexpectedly.

The Hawaii State government is not in the business of marriage to control spiritual choice, the purpose is to have a method to identify stable families so that those families can be supported by programs and benefits. Many of these benefits are meant to be conferred by the passage of Civil Unions, but these stable families are currently denied support at the federal level due to the simple matter of word choice.

Let's be honest with ourselves, there's a difference between the marriage one gets from the state and the marriage one gets from the church or whatever spiritual affiliation one belongs to. There is no reason to deny same sex couples the right to marry other than confusion by some that these two kinds of marriage are the same.

The bill includes provisions that make this clear, while the state will not deny marriage to same sex couples under this bill, religious organizations are able to deny marriage to same sex couples. This is not permission to discriminate this is proof of the difference between the two.

As a Christian, and I feel it's important to identify myself as one who supports his bill, I struggled with the idea of additional exemptions for faith groups such as wedding photographers, wedding cake makers, wedding dress makers, owners of popular wedding venues. But as a Christian who is supposed to share the gospel or good news I cannot support any excuse not to talk to people. These groups should be using these as opportunities to share the love of Christ not to say "we don't want anything to do with you til you stop being gay."

The exemptions within the bill are sufficient, do not allow people to discriminate and blame it on God by expanding the exemptions.

Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality because it is the right thing to do.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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SB1

Submitted on: 10/22/2013

Testimony for on Oct 28, 2013 10:30AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
margaret peary	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: *There is no need to vote on such a volatile issue in special session. *The democratic process is being circumvented. Let it be vetted properly in regular session. * Our religious freedoms are being placed in jeopardy by this bill and the public accommodations section will NOT protect churches. * Civil Unions already protect same gender couples. * SCOTUS ruled in 2007 marriage is NOT a civil right! * Let the people decide in a constitutional amendment to be voted on in 2014. * Please vote NO on SB1. Mahalo, Margaret Peary

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SB1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Todd Hairgrove	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

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Testimony regarding SB1, Committee on Judiciary and Labor, hearing 10/28/13 @10:30a

Aloha, My name is **Eldean Kukahiko**. I am retired from HPD(former Robbery Detective) and I am now a Pastor with Hope Chapel Kahalu'u church for 19 years. I work part-time for the City Parks and I am a Kupuna with Kahaluu Elem

I AM HERE AS A CITIZEN- I AM AGAINST THIS BILL AND HERE ARE MY REASONS:

1. **A 5 DAY SESSION IS NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR ALL OF US TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THIS LEGISLATION THAT WILL FORCE UPON US TO CHANGE OUR DAILY LIVES AS WE KNOW IT.**
 - MARRIAGE has been an intricate institution since the beginning of creation-it has never been question or legislated- until now...for you to change this institution of MARRIAGE in 5 days is unimaginable.
 - In my dealings with people around me daily-I KNOW THEY REALLY DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON AND WHEN THEY ENGAGE IN PASSING CONVERSATION-THEY ARE CONFUSED. So, BECAUSE I DID MY INVESTIGATION AND MY HOMEWORK, I SHARE WHAT I KNOW, AND THEY BECOME CONCERNED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO CLUE.
 - IF THIS IS BEING THE CASE AND THIS BILL BEING VOTED ON ONLY BY YOU, SHOULDN'T IT BE THAT YOU BRING THIS BILL TO OUR COMMUNITY, OUR PEOPLE, AT OUR CONVENIENCE, BECAUSE YOU REPRESENT US?...SO YOU CAN ALLOW US A MORE OPEN OPPORTUNITY TO DIALOG AND YOU CAN AT LEAST GET TO HEAR THE HEART OF THE PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE IN YOUR DISTRICT OF WHICH YOU SERVE, OF WHICH THIS BILL WILL AFFECT THE MOST.
 - OUR REPRESENTATIVES HAVE NOT HELD PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS OR HAVE HAD OPEN DISCUSSION GROUPS. ALL WE KNOW IS WHAT WE READ OF THEIR VOTE-YES OR NO...SO THEY HAVE VOTED ALREADY WITHOUT HEARING US?...HOW CAN YOU MAKE A PUBLIC DECISION OF SUCH MAGNITUDE WITHOUT HEARING US?
 - TO THEIR YOUR DEFENSE-**YOU HAVE NOT HAD THE TIME TO HOLD ANYTHING!**
2. **WHY DO WE HAVE TO MOVE SO QUICKLY?....I HEAR FROM THE GOVERNOR AND REP CHRIS LEE AND OTHERS THAT "DEMOCRACY DELAYED IS DEMOCRACY DENIED" -THAT I FEEL IS DECIEVING**
 - NO OTHER STATE IN THE NATION IS "FAST TRACKING" THIS ISSUE, AS FAR AS I KNOW, WE ARE THE ONLY LEGISLATIVE BODY IN THE NATION THAT IS TRYING TO "**RAM**" THIS LEGISLATION THROUGH A SPECIAL SESSION(**with limited testimony , time and opportunity and no amendments**)
 - I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN OUR STATE'S HISTORY THAT A GOVENOR HAS CALLED A SPECIAL SESSION WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING WITH THE SENATE PRESIDENT AND THE HOUSE PRESIDENT ..WHY IS THAT?...I GUEST THAT'S LEGAL...BUT IS IT DEMOCRACY? IS THERE TRANSPARENCY?
 - **I BELIEVE "DEMOCRACY NOT OPEN TO THE PEOPLE AND NOT TRANSPARENT T-IS DEMOCRACY DENIED"**
 - I HAVE HEARD REASONING THAT "WE HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE SINCE 1998 SO EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT IT"- **THIS IS DECIEVING TOO...WE HAVE NEVER DEALT WITH DEFINING "MARRIAGE" TO THE DEGREE OF REMOVING THE WORD AND CHANGING IT TO BE "PARTNER A AND PARTNER B"**LITERALLY TAKING THE WORD MARRIAGE OUT OF THE LAW BOOKS AS WE KNOW IT TODAY-THIS IS ONLY BEING DISCUSSED TODAY!
3. **THIS SESSION HAS THE APPEARANCE THAT THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL IS A "SLAM DUNK" A "NO BRAINER", OUR TESTIMONY AND INVOLVEMENT WILL ONLY BE A "DOG AND PONY SHOW"**
 - **I AM DEEPLY HURT AND OFFENDED AND BOTH SIDES SHOULD BE...BECAUSE TRUE DEMOCRACY WILL NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED FOR BOTH SIDES....THIS IS NOT PONO!**
4. **THERE TWO OTHER OPTIONS THAT IS PONO:**
 1. **A VETTED LEGISLATION AND LET THE PEOPLE VOTE**
 2. **A VETTED LEGISLATION THROUGH THE REGULAR SESSION**

SIMPLY PUT.....-MORE TIME-MORE IMPUT-MORE DEMOCRACY!

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SB1

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Testimony for on Oct 28, 2013 10:30AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Eric Hubner	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I wish to testify in person on Monday, Oct 28, 2013, regarding the Marriage Equality Bill AG 9.9.13

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To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing in strong support of SB 1.

Marriage equality is a the single greatest civil rights issue of our day. The simple and straightforward arguments for marriage equality are of two kinds: (1) practical and (2) moral.

On the practical side, the State of Hawaii must act now to bring state law in line with SCOTUS's recent ruling requiring that same sex couples be allowed equal access to the same rights and privileges of other married couples and that this essentially means that marriage equality is the only constitutional way to ensure such equal treatment under the law.

The moral argument concerns respecting the liberties of our GLBT brothers and sisters and treating them as those of us who may be straight wish to be treated. This means that we cannot reasonably or ethically discriminate and create second-class status that condones one group of persons who wish to marry while limiting the rights of another group who wishes to also have their loving relationships recognized on an equal footing. This is basic.

Sadly, numerous poorly reasoned counter-arguments abound opposed to gay marriage alleging fallacious harms or insisting upon deliberately absurd slippery slopes that suggest if we allow gay marriage then we will soon face a need to condone a motley list of completely unrelated unions. As for the former, no alleged harms have ever upheld under even the least bit of scrutiny and faux scientific studies have been objectively discredited. And as for the later, the supposed slippery slopes that you will have heard, either do not actually apply to gay marriage, or merely apply to marriage between same sex couples as much as it applies equally to marriage between heterosexual couples.

As a straight married man in a mixed race marriage, I am very keen on ensuring that people have no illusions about these above sorts of counter-arguments as being almost identical to ignorant and hateful agendas of the past that were directed against mixed race couples. Those arguments were invalid and unsound then against mixed race couples then and they

are invalid and unsound against GLBT couples today.

As a democratic society we simply cannot allow the myopic religiously-based infatuation of an increasingly shrinking number of people dictate who does and does not qualify for equal treatment under the law. Reason, justice and a cosmopolitan morality must prevail.

Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families. Any delay would be, in effect, a denial of justice for thousands of our citizens.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Matthew S. LoPresti, Ph.D.

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Measure Number: SB 1

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Testifying in person

Patrick Rorie

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Subject: Vote "No" to the Marriage Equality Bill; put this issue on the ballot; let the people decide on marriage!

Dear Judiciary and Labor Committee:

As a long time O'ahu resident and voter in the State of Hawaii, I ask you for wisdom and courage to vote "No" to the Marriage Equality Bill.

The issue of Same Sex Marriage should be voted on by the public just as it was back in 1998 when the majority of citizens in the State of Hawaii voted to approve a constitutional amendment against same sex marriages. Let the people decide on marriage!

Let's look at the facts...

1. THE SUPREME COURT RULING ON THE DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT (DOMA) DID NOT OVERTURN DOMA IN ITS ENTIRETY. This myth is being used extensively in the media to persuade the public into thinking that Hawaii must now act on our marriage laws. In fact, the US Supreme Court struck down only ONE SECTION of DOMA (section 3) so that same sex couples that are legally married in one state are allowed all the FEDERAL BENEFITS of other married couples in that state . Here is a summary to consider:

- Declaring section 3 of DOMA unconstitutional means that the federal government cannot deny legally married same-sex couples the federal benefits that are given to married heterosexual couples.
- The Court did not address the issue of whether the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right to enter into a same-sex marriage or mandates that individual states must legalize same-sex marriage. Furthermore, the Court did not address the validity of section 2 of DOMA, which allows states to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages performed under the laws of other states; therefore, this part of DOMA still stands. Hawaii and other states that currently

do not recognize same-sex marriages from other jurisdictions have the right to continue not to.

There is no other State in the union that is RUSHING into special session to pass an SSM law. Hawaii is being targeted by the LGBT.

2. THERE IS NOT A MAJORITY IN HAWAII OR ACROSS AMERICA THAT ARE NOW IN FAVOR OF SAME SEX MARRIAGE.

Another myth being offered by the media. The fact is there are 13 states that allow SSM at this time. By contrast, there are 29 States that have defined marriage as between a man and a woman by constitutional amendment AND another 6 States that have defined marriage as between a man and a woman through state statute. And 2 other states that legalized civil unions in the past and are now revoking that law in favor of traditional marriage.

3. VIOLATION OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. Legalizing Same Sex Marriage will have a negative affect on the liberties of religious freedom, as it relates to what the Bible holds as God's Truth and Christians' freedom to teach from it. And the language as it is written in the current bill is not strong enough to protect our 1st amendment rights.

Under Civil Unions, Kawaiaha'o Church has been sued 3 times. There will certainly be more lawsuits if the Marriage Equality Bill becomes law. In States where Same Sex Marriage is legal, small businesses have been sued for taking a stand for their religious beliefs. The same will happen here in Hawaii.

4. CURRICULUM CHANGES IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In California, State legislature approves bill signed by governor mandating pro-homosexual teaching in schools, with no parent 'opt-out'. The bill also prohibits any school material or instruction that reflects adversely on homosexuality, bisexuality or transgenderism, while prohibiting parents from removing children from classes over offensive material.

In Washington State, homosexuality is being taught to high school students and homosexual sexual behavior and relationships are being normalized through 'health' classes in high school;

businesses are forced to support homosexual 'weddings' and being sued by government when refusing; and judges are being forced to officiate same-sex marriages. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhguovmV5BM>

If the Marriage Equality Bill becomes law, the same thing will happen here in

Hawaii. Please protect our first amendment rights by voting "No" to this bill.

4. Civil Unions (another title for Same Sex Marriage) is already law in Hawaii.

5. A University of Hawaii study concluded that more money will come into the State if Same Sex Marriage becomes law. This is simply untrue. Another study shows that gays and lesbians will travel to Hawaii regardless of the purpose, whether to get married or for a visit.

Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono, The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness. Same sex marriage is not pono!

Do not give in to pressure from Governor Abercrombie or from the Democratic Party. Do what is right and vote "No" to the Marriage Equality bill and put this issue on the ballot for the people to decide.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

God bless you!

Patrick Rorie (Hawaii resident for over 25 years, residing in Aiea, HI)

Hello . I am a physician, and a citizen of beautiful Hawaii. I am very concerned about the long-term consequences to our keiki and to society as a whole, if same-sex marriage (ssm) is legalized. At the very least you could give the people their voice with a vote. Governor Linda Lingle suggested this when she announced her position at the end of her term; you should also do this out of respect for the people. No one would fault you for doing this; in fact we would applaud you!

I would like to begin by saying that I have many gay friends and my reasons for opposing same sex marriage has nothing to do with individuals, and has everything to do with future societal consequences. The traditional family unit is capable of perpetuating itself naturally and existed before there were laws, religion, politics or government; it has kept the human race in existence. Traditional Marriage is unique and special for the very reason that it perpetuates the human race; *this special status deserves a special position in our society!* Traditional marriage respects natural law. The worst thing that could happen by making ssm law is that the human race could be eventually wiped out, by oppressing traditional union, and by propagating HIV, syphilis, anal cancer, and drug-resistant, deadly diseases, such as multi-drug resistant tuberculosis.

Same sex marriage proposes serious dangers to our children in school; once ssm is legalized, it becomes mandated to teach homosexual acts (such as sodomy), starting from elementary school! Look at Oregon, Massachusetts, Canada, etc where this type of teaching leads children, starting at age 13 into very risky behavior, teaching them about sodomy and other sexual acts that can threaten their health in a BIG way. *The Centers for Disease Control has noticed a significant increase in the number of new HIV infections among the youngest Males having Sex with Males (MSM) (aged 13-24), with an increase of 22 percent from 2008 to 2010* ^[6]. This correlates with the time Massachusetts, Canada and other states forced sodomy education on young school children.

The CDC also published a report in December of 2012 regarding a serious increase in syphilis, which has been correlated with an increase in HIV due to easy transmission via open genital sores. 40% of MSM with syphilis are co-infected with HIV, and the viral load of HIV-infected MSM was significantly higher. This is what kids and parents would be facing more and more here in Hawaii if you accept marriage equality.

You may say that just because these other states forced risky sexuality teaching in schools, that this will not come to Hawaii. This thinking is flawed, because despite the people voting against ssm in 1998, it is being pushed on us now, with a significant number of people who are not residents of Hawaii and do not even live here! Do we really want our young school children prematurely forced to think about sodomy, which distracts kids and steals time from academic learning, such as science, math, technology, etc? Being forced to "decide" your sexuality at an early age causes confusion and distress, distracting students from subjects that could help them gain employment in the future. Children will be at high risk for STDs, premature loss of innocence and less time spent preparing for college. This is what is happening in states that have legalized ssm. **The numbers do not lie-- youth are experimenting more with sodomy, and boys are becoming infected with HIV.** The schools provide names and addresses of gay bars, and places to go to experiment with sodomy and other sexual acts. The law has

forced parents to relinquish their influence over their children and hand it over to government and schools, encouraging children to disrespect their parents and engage in risky behavior.

Who will be there to care for the child with HIV? It won't be the schools--it will be the parents, yet the schools refuse to inform parents of the curriculum, and the law backs up this thinking. There is no doubt that this is an abomination--by **taking away the right of a parent to protect their child!**

Almost all decisions in health care are weighed with a consideration of risks, benefits and potential consequences. In our decision to treat a serious illness, such as a heart attack, there is little question of the right thing to do. I propose that the decision regarding same-sex marriage carries the same gravity as a heart attack. If all factors are considered, you will see that the risk of same sex marriage far exceeds the benefits, especially for our keiki.

If we allow marriage to adopt a same-gender status, someone will decide that it is a violation of their civil liberties to not be able to engage in polygamy and/or sex with children. We will eventually have a nation with men & women "married" to multiple men, women &/or children. It will be the end of the strength & decency of our nation, and children will be exploited. This will cause chaos and abuse to our children, as well as to our society as a whole.

Males and females are equal in dignity, and also very different. There is definitely something missing in a child's life without the love and support of both a mother and a father. SSM uses our children as human experiments: something we should never ever consider. Sociological and psychological studies have shown that children thrive when raised by both genders together in their home.^[1,2] Rosie O'Donnell said in an interview with Diane Sawyer in 2004 that her son Parker asked for his father frequently, and instinctively felt a void in his life without his Daddy. Six-year-old Parker asked Rosie: Mommy, why can't I have a daddy? Rosie answered: Because I'm the kind of mommy who wants another mommy ^[3] (Notice that the focus is on what Rosie wants, and not for what Parker needs.) It is not always possible for a child to have both biological parents together, and we do our best in any given situation. We must face the fact that children living apart from both biological parents are 8 times more likely to die of maltreatment than children living with their natural mother and father.^[4] **Forcing our children to be subjected to this social experiment would risk emotional, physical and mental harm to the children of Hawaii. This risk is too great.**

Vote NO to ssm and protect our children from physical, emotional and mental harm. *Please do not force our kids to be human experiments!*

As you can see, the risks of legalizing same-sex marriage far outweigh the benefits. The issue is much more complicated than a quick special session can accommodate. It is disrespectful to the citizens of Hawaii to rush into redefining marriage, when this is such a complicated issue with dire consequences.

Think about *YOUR POLITICAL LEGACY*. Do you want to be remembered as one who voted to ruin society and place our children in harm's way? One who denied the people their voice? Of course not! Stand strong for the DEMOCRATIC PROCESS and allow US TO DECIDE WITH A VOTE!

Focus on *helping Hawaii* gain strength and a better future, with a safe society for children and a special place for the only union capable of propagating naturally: *ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN!* Please leave marriage the way it is. If you cannot see to do this, then at the very least, give the people their voice and ***LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE!***

In summary, here are the main take-home points:

Voting for ssm:

Opposes the Will of the people

Opposes the Democratic process

Opposes Natural Law

Weakens our society (potential for polygamy and child marriage being legalized, etc)

Uses children as experiments, risking their life, health and safety

Leads to child abuse and harm to children physically, emotionally, mentally

Forces parents to relinquish their influence over their children and hand it to state government/schools

Forces children to choose their sexual preference at an early age when they are vulnerable and immature

Weakens education (distraction from academics)

Increases sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV, syphilis, etc among youth.

Steals keiki's innocence much earlier with a strong focus on sexuality starting as early as kindergarten (see what has happened in Mass., Canada, etc)

Disrespects the desire of the people.

The only fair way is to ***VOTE NO and take it to a public vote! LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE!!***

Thank you very much for your time and attention,

Constance A. Wong, M.D.

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Dear Honorable Representatives,

According to the Ms. Juliet Joslin vs New Zealand case, the United Nation human rights committee, which was formed by 18 Human Right experts, stated clearly that same-sex marriage is NOT civil right.

The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, article 23, paragraph 2 stated clearly that marriage is between men and women.

“The right of men and women of marriageable age to marry and to found a family shall be recognized.”

However, the people of New Zealand legalized same-sex marriage several months ago. But it passed 3 readings and took almost a year for the entire legalization process. Even though same-sex marriage is not civil right, it is recognized by the people of New Zealand.

We have a different political system in the United States but let me ask these:

1. What is marriage? And who can answer this?

The people!

A 5-day special session is not enough to collect the voice of the people on marriage. Please do not compromise democracy for what you believe “good” reason. If so, as an immigrant from China, I can share with you that this is what we called - dictatorship.

A ‘Yes’ vote during special session is a ‘No’ vote to democracy. Please, kill the bill during this special session.

Thank you.

October 27, 2013

To the Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, Senator Hee –Chair, and Senator Shimabukuro – Vice Chair,

Thank you for this opportunity to share my heart regarding this very important issue regarding same sex marriage facing our state today. I am grateful to live in a democracy where I, as an individual, am able to voice my opinion to those who are charged with representing me in our government.

Same sex marriage, unlike almost any other bill that has been heard by a legislative body in this state, will have ramifications that will change the face of our society. It will change the structure of society at its very core – its families. Our nation has seen the erosion of the family accelerate at unprecedented rates in the last 40-50 years. The effects of this erosion can be seen in all areas of society. Redefining a family – for marriage is the core of the family – will only exacerbate what is already a national disaster.

The calling of this special session on the premise that the Supreme Court's decision necessitates Hawaii's adoption of same sex marriage is a false assumption. The Supreme Court's decision did not decree that states must legalize same sex marriage, nor did it declare marriage a civil right. It simply left that decision in the hands of each state.

In 1998, the people of Hawaii believed that they sent a clear message to the state's legislative body: preserve traditional marriage – one man and one woman. Hawaii has always been a place deeply rooted in tradition. If the people have changed their stance, they should be given the chance to say so directly. If we are going to enact legislation that has such far reaching effects, it should – it must – be the direct voice of the people that ratifies it.

As important as the preservation of the family is the preservation of our religious freedoms. The language of this bill, contrary to the protestations of its authors and supporters, does nothing to protect the rights of believers. This freedom to practice our religious beliefs *is* a clear, constitutional right. Nowhere in our constitution is marriage written as a protected civil right. No person or religious institution should be forced to support same sex marriage when it is a clear conflict with their beliefs. The public accommodations statements in this bill realistically give no protection for any church that substantively reaches out to the community. The church is still a substantial bastion of social support in our society. How can it reach out to help when it is bound by fear of legal reprisal for doing so?

Finally, my greatest concern is for the children and our right, our responsibility as parents to raise our children according to our own moral structure in a climate where government is increasingly intrusive in telling parents what our children must learn. The advent of same sex marriage in Canada has brought a climate where parents are not allowed to choose what their child is exposed to. Indeed, they are not even allowed to know what is being taught. Schools there are not institutions of academic learning, but agents of social change that parents have no say in. In the United States, where schools

have long sought social change, parents have historically had the right to keep their children from exposure to moral issues that do not agree with their own value structure. This right, even now, is being eroded.

Please take a stand to preserve our families and our rights as parents. Please take a stand to allow the democratic process to work this issue out – to let the people clearly decided. Please take a stand to protect our right to believe and follow our conscience in honoring the God who made us. Please say no to this bill.

Sincerely,

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Good morning, Chairman Senator Hee and senate committee members of the Judiciary and Labor committee,

My name is Glenn Shimabukuro, a 66 year old registered voter, residing at 98-500-4 Kaonohi St., Aiea, HI 96701. I want to thank you for allowing me to submit my written testimony opposing this legislation.

I believe this legislation should not be considered for approval until further deliberation and analysis be done. The public has not been given the opportunity to hear, digest, review and understand the full implication of this proposal. I am concerned that this proposal is being "rushed" without much public analysis. I believe there are dire consequences for businesses, education, and health care related matters that have not been properly addressed or made known to the public.

May I urge you to vote NO to the passage of this legislation. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted by,

Glenn Shimabukuro
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Regarding: SB 1 Relating to Equal Rights
Recognizes marriages between individual of the same sex.
Extends to same-sex couples the same rights, benefits, protection,
and responsibilities of marriage that opposite-sex couple receive.

I strongly oppose the passage of this bill to legalize same sex marriage. I believe it will be the beginning of an assault on our citizen's rights and our children well-being.

In March of this year a task force was to convene in order to study the social, economic, and religious impact of enacting marriage equality in Hawaii. That was a prudent decision considering that the passage of this bill would impact every man, woman and child in the State of Hawaii.

Suddenly a special session is called to urgently rush this bill through approval; it is concerning and raises many red flags.

Numerous Facts and Documentation reflect the negative impact, everywhere Same-Sex Marriage has been introduced as law! In work places, education K-12, colleges, right of parents being overruled, ordinary law bidding business people being targeted, now even our military are now being targeted as the results.

Blake Oshiro trying to assure us that this will not happen in Hawaii is naïve at best, or perhaps disingenuous for the governor himself has acknowledged that if this bill was to past into law, within the next year or two, we will find ourselves facing bisexual marriage challenge.

For these reasons this bill should be stopped now ... let the people decide. We are the ones to be impacted the most, our rights and the fate of our children's safety is at risk.

Do you place the desires of adults before the needs of the children?

Do you place the desires of special interest groups over the rights of the citizens of the State of Hawaii?

In closing I again ask you to vote against this bill to legalize same-sex marriage and let the people decide.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Brett Kulbis	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: **I oppose changing the definition of marriage to allow same-sex marriage to be legalized in Hawai'i. **This is a major societal change that will have devastating and lasting effects like those in Massachusetts and other states across the country. The people of Hawai'i, the people that pay your salaries, those folks should be making this decision at the ballot box via a Constitutional amendment. It should not be decided by one political party influenced by special interest groups, just because you have the numbers. Failing to allow the people to make this decision is nothing more than soft tyranny, and is a direct attack on our liberty. **Hawai'i has more pressing issues that you as our Legislators should be focused on fixing: the high cost of living, the high fuel costs, the high welfare rate, the high utility costs, the poor performance of our educational system, our runaway unfunded liabilities, our runaway spending, etc.... Issues like these require a special session, not same-sex marriage that should be left to the people to decide.

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My name is Mike Kai and I am born and raised on the Big Island of Hawaii and have lived the past 25 years on O'ahu. My wife and I are the parents of three daughters and have chosen to live and remain in a state where we believe appreciated our rights to raise our daughters as our personal values dictate.

My girls' range in ages from 8 to 26 and it is for this reason that I am submitting a written testimony.

SB-1, relating to equal rights, tells me that our Governor does not respect my right, nor my responsibility as a parent. Same Sex Marriage is NOT a civil right. Additionally, the rush to push this bill through and to initiate a special session displays that the will of the people will not be considered and that the future of our state lies in the hands of 52 elected officials, not the over one million people in this great state. Democracy is not honored, the people of the state are not taken into consideration and the process is circumvented.

Please vote NO to SB-1. Mahalo.

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Good morning Chairman Clayton Hee and Senate Members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee,

My name is Sandra Y. Shimabukuro, a registered voter, residing at 98-500 Kaonohi St. #4 in Aiea, Hawaii. I want to initially thank you for allowing me to testify today of my concern over this Special Session on Same Sex Marriage. I also want to express my appreciation to all of you for your service to Hawaii.

I believe this Special Session should not occur because a five day session is not enough time to discuss the most controversial issue of our lifetime and beyond.

Apparently no amendments can be made to this legislation. As a result, true democracy will not occur at this time.

There will not be enough time during these five days of Special Session for the voice of the people to be heard so a "yes" vote will be noted as a "no" vote to democracy.

We, the people of Hawaii voted on this issue in 1998. Why not wait until regular Session with more time for discussion, then allow the people of Hawaii to vote?

After much research on the effects of Same Sex Marriage in the State of Massachusetts and in Canada on the entire education system, I believe our people will be negatively impacted as well.

I believe the Godly legacy that was commissioned into the Constitution of Hawaii will be altered immeasurably by this harmful bill.

Thus, I strongly recommend as a concerned registered voter, to suspend this Special Session until more time is given for comprehensive research and analysis.

Respectfully submitted,

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Same Sex Marriage Legislation

The process is always equally important to the product in all areas of life.

Each of you campaigned on a promise of open access to you as legislators and to the government in general. Participating in a Special Session called unilaterally by the Governor violates your promise.

Each of you has a legal responsibility to conduct the business of the State in an open and honest format characterized by fairness and good faith, ensuring that the rights of all citizens are protected. Participating in this Special Session abdicates your legal responsibilities.

Each of you has an ethical responsibility to help create with personal integrity the best legislation determinable for the people of Hawai'i. The rules and procedures of this Special Session circumvent the most foundational fundamentals of democracy currently in place to insure professional, unbiased, and legally sustainable language and structure in the creation of this legislation.

Each of you has the moral responsibility to immediately put a stop to the further erosion of the rights of the people of Hawai'i you represent and prevent this Special Session from moving forward.

Rev. Dr. Bob Flores

Kaneohe, HI

Dear Judiciary Committee,

My name is Ron Yoshida and I am a registered voter in Hawai'i and live at 47-262C Hui Iwa Street, Kaneohe, HI. 96744

Although I stand in opposition to this bill, more importantly I stand in opposition to this PROCESS of trying to pass this bill in a rushed 5 DAY SPECIAL SESSION. I am humbly asking all of you as the Judiciary Committee to please vote "No" on this bill, NOT BECAUSE you don't support Same Sex Marriage, but because this very important and controversial issue SHOULD NOT BE RUSHED through in a Special 5 day Session, but should be discussed in a regular session - which is only 3 months away.

Historically, Special Sessions have been used for emergency situations only (i.e. Super Ferry, 911, Special Budget Items, etc). This Same Sex Marriage Issue is far from an Emergency situation. I believe this special session maneuver DEMONSTRATES A LACK OF RESPECT as well as an ABUSE of our Democratic process. Hawai'i has discussed in length the Civil Unions issue in the past, but we have yet to fully discuss the issue of Same Sex Marriage. The last time we talked about this was in 1998.

I believe that everyone is entitled to their opinion and we all have the right to express it based on our First Amendment right of Freedom of Speech. This rushed 5 day session, will not give adequate time for everyone to express their views. It will not give you as our elected officials adequate time to properly debate the merits of this bill. I believe that to rush this bill through in a surprise move by the Governor is somewhat insulting to the people of Hawaii. In fact, EVEN IF I WAS A SUPPORTER OF Same Sex Marriage, I would not like to have it legalized in this rushed special session fashion. It just wouldn't feel right; it wouldn't be "Pono."

Therefore, I believe legislators can still stand firm and support Same Sex Marriage while voting against the bill in this Special Session BECAUSE A "NO" VOTE would be a vote "AGAINST THE PROCESS" and not against the bill itself. The regular session is just a few months away. Let's wait.

If I may repeat this: FOR LEGISLATORS THAT SUPPORT SAME SEX MARRIAGE, A "NO" VOTE would be a vote "AGAINST THE PROCESS" and not against the bill itself.

In Hawai'i, the phrase "Talk Story" is an important part of our everyday lives. We need more time to "Talk Story" about this very important issue that will affect all of Hawai'i for years to come. I appreciate having this opportunity to write to you. I welcome a call from you to discuss this more. My cell number is 265-5566. Thank you again. And thank you again for serving me, my family, and our beloved Hawai'i.

Mahalo,

Ron Yoshida

From: [Calvert Chun](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: We are opposed to a Special Session on Same Sex Marriage
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 7:31:14 PM

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Please know that my wife Emily and I are opposed to a Special Session on any Same Sex Marriage issue.

This is the single most important issue facing Hawaii and the country. The people should be heard. The issue of Same Sex Marriage should be voted on by the public just as it was back in 1998 when the majority of citizens in the State of Hawaii voted to approve a constitutional amendment against same sex marriages.

The use of a special session may result in legislation that does not represent the will of the people you have been elected to represent. Thank you.

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Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senate Bill 1
Monday, October 28, 2013
10:30 AM
Auditorium, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Dear Senator Hee and Members of the State Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

My name is Rebecca Carlson, and I am testifying in opposition to S.B. 1, the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013. This act states that its purpose is to grant to same-sex couples the same federal rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities granted to married, opposite-sex couples.

If marriage were simply a matter of two people entering into a life-long domestic relationship for their mutual, personal benefit, then there would be no difference whether this relationship was between individuals of the same gender or of different gender.

But there is one distinct difference between same-sex and opposite-sex relationships that cannot be legislated away. The union between a man and a woman has the potential to create new human life.

Because marriage between a man and a woman is the only kind of marriage that can bring new human life into the world, it should be given a unique standing in the law.

It is for the children that I stand in opposition to this act. To pass this act denies the importance of children to society. It is for the children that marriage between a man and a woman must be afforded the highest rights, benefits and protections that the government can bestow. It is for the children that a man and a woman who enter into marriage must be held responsible to one another and to their offspring.

In a recent report by the Center for Law and Social Policy, a non-profit organization based in Washington DC that primarily advocates for the poor, they stated:

Over the past 20 years, a body of research has developed on how changes in patterns of family structure affect children. Most researchers now agree that together these studies support the notion that, on average, children do best when raised by their two married, biological parents who have low-conflict relationships.

In 1994, Sara McLanahan and Gary Sandefur, using evidence from four nationally representative data sets, compared the outcomes of children growing up with both biological parents, with single parents, and with step-parents. McLanahan and Sandefur found that children who did not

live with both biological parents were roughly twice as likely to be poor, to have a birth outside of marriage, to have behavioral and psychological problems, and to not graduate from high school.

If this is the case, if children who grow up with both biological parents have this significant statistical advantage, shouldn't the government do all it can to protect and promote the institution of the family, consisting of father, mother, and children? Shouldn't it do all it can to promote marriage between a man and a woman as the foundation of that family? Shouldn't it give unique status to the one human relationship that is most important to ensuring that the next generation will be contributing to society rather than becoming a burden to it?

I know that all of you acknowledge the biological fact that in order to create a child you need a man and a woman. There is no other way to do it. It is also acknowledged by the social sciences that children have measurable advantages when raised by their father and mother. As to what these facts should mean to the law and to society, beliefs may differ. I ask you to respect my personal belief and the belief of every individual in these Hawaiian Islands by putting this matter to a public vote.

Once again, I ask you, on behalf of the children, to oppose the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act. Thank you for your time.

Rebecca J. Carlson

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October 28, 2013

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Auditorium, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii

Re: Hearing for SB1 "Relating to equality" (same sex 'marriage'
in the State of Hawaii)

TESTIMONY BY - Big Island (Kailua-Kona) resident, Kenneth A. Jackson.

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate - Aloha,

I have spent a good portion of the past 24-months or so educating myself on the topics of homosexuality and same-sex marriage. The conclusions that I have come to, although informed by my faith-based values, are also shaped by common sense.

My aim is to offer you a perspective that is as objective and fair as possible. As you and your colleagues prepare to vote, in response to the Governor's call for this Special Session. I strongly ask you to seriously consider the following:

1. Encourage the Governor to cancel this special session immediately, or
2. Postpone a vote on this matter until more comprehensive hearings can be conducted state-wide, especially for citizens who are unable to make their way here to Honolulu.

While there are decades worth of reliable data available to guide decisions regarding conventional expressions of marriage, accurate data on this new variety of "marriage", such as what is outlined in SB1, is actually too sparse and recent to be able to confidently make such a sweeping and comprehensive change to this fundamental component of civilized culture.

The United States of America has long been admired as a nation that enjoys the freedom to make laws that are fair to the broader population. By the way, according to a Gallup Poll published in 2012, only 3.4% of the total population in the U.S.A. identify themselves as LGBT. 3.4%. Among other inequities, that would make the idea of framing this same-sex "marriage" discussion in "civil rights" language an apples and oranges comparison.

In conclusion, I respectfully wish to remind you that we, the people, pay your salaries, not the other way around. We already made our voices heard on this issue back in 1998.

God bless you, and as our state motto serves to remind us, "***Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono***" - **The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Jackson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kenneth A. Jackson
Voter/Resident - The Big Island
kenjaxn@aol.com

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
INTERIM OF 2013

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, October 28, 2013

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Auditorium

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

RE: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

The members of the Altar Society of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa are stating our disappointment that a Special Session is being convened on October 28th, 2013, for the purpose "that the State of Hawaii should extend to same-sex couples the right to marry and receive all the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of marriage as opposite-sex couples receive under the laws of this State;".

We believe that:

- this important decision should be voted upon by the people of the State of Hawaii.
- the public should have the right to decide whether the definition of marriage should be changed.
- this Special Session preempts the public's right to participate in casting a fair vote, a fundamental right of every citizen of the State of Hawaii.

We stand firm in our belief that marriage is the union of one man and one woman, and that this definition should be upheld and remain unchanged. We ask that you please let the people decide.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to submit testimony on SB 1.

Vicki Caraulia
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October 13, 2013

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawaii
Executive Chambers
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Governor Abercrombie:

My name is Vicki Caraulia. I am the president of the Altar Society of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa, and a voter in the State of Hawaii. By this letter, the members of the Altar Society, are stating our disappointment regarding your Proclamation that a Special Session be convened on October 28th, 2013, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose "that the State of Hawaii should extend to same-sex couples the right to marry and receive all the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of marriage as opposite-sex couples receive under the laws of this State;".

We believe that this important decision should be voted upon by the people of the State of Hawaii who live here. We believe the public, not the legislature, should have the right to decide whether the definition of marriage should be changed.

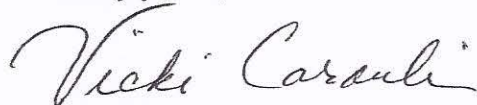
We believe that by calling this Special Session, you have preempted the public's right to participate in casting a fair vote, a fundamental right of every citizen of the State of Hawaii.

We stand firm in our belief that marriage is the union of one man and one woman, and that this definition should be upheld and remain unchanged.

You can stop this Special Session and we are asking you to do so. Please let the people decide.

Mahalo for your time.

Sincerely yours,



(Mrs.) Vicki Caraulia
President, Our Lady of Sorrows Altar Society

Letter to Governor Neil Abercrombie

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- Senator Clayton Hee
- Senator David Ige
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- Representative Marcus Oshiro
- Representative Karl Rhoads

From: [russell higa](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Cc: [russell higa](#)
Subject: testimony
Date: Thursday, October 24, 2013 3:48:12 PM

This testimony is being submitted to the Judiciary Committee in regard to Senate Bill S B 1

DATE: Monday, October 28, 2013

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

I would like to testify in person.

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee on Honorable Congregation,

My name is Russ Higa and I am born and raised in Hawaii. We all agree that this same-sex bill is a very important matter. So why is there such a rush to have it passed quickly in a special session? For important matters such as these our leaders need to take the time to gather all the facts, to look all the various perspectives, to study the consequences, and then make a well thought through decision.

Have you taken the time to study if in fact people are born as homosexuals? Are you certain that a family with two mothers or two fathers will not harm the children of that relationship? Honestly, would you freely endorse your grandchildren not having a father or a mother and instead have two mothers or two fathers? In If the studies are inconclusive or debatable should you move forward with such uncertainty? At one time our society thought that there was nothing harmful with tobacco use. But now, after millions of people have suffered we have changed the laws. I am asking that you take the time to the research before moving forward with a bill that many believe will be very harmful for the people of Hawaii. The way to preempt the suffering.

If you study American history and I'm sure you all did, you know that the pilgrims came to America because they were persecuted for their religious beliefs. The Pilgrims left England seeking religious liberty. America was founded on the premise that all people, whether Buddhist, Jewish, Hindu, Muslim, or Christian, could freely worship their God, and live out their faith without persecution. This bill as it is written will severely limit the religious freedom of the people of Hawaii, and open the door for Hawaii's o'hana to be persecuted for their religious beliefs. Until you can create a bill that will protect equality to all the people of Hawaii, I recommend that you kill the bill.

May God bless you and the people of Hawaii,

Russ Higa

October 24, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Hearing: Monday, October 28, 2013
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Place: Auditorium, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Subject: Opposing of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

I am Faith Strecker, resident and voter in the Waipahu district of Oahu, and I am in STRONG OPPOSITION to SB1, Relating to Equal Rights.

SB1 is in violation of the 1st Amendment Rights, and does not allow me to freely express my thoughts, beliefs and practice whatever religion I wish.

Marriage is not a civil right, and no court, including the Supreme Court, has ever said this it is. A constitutional amendment would better address same-sex marriage and allow for ample public input.

Also, Special Session is not allowing proper vetting and discussion of this bill and is circumventing democracy, rather than promoting democracy. Same-sex marriage should not be passed in a special session because a five day special session is not enough time to discuss the most controversial issue of our time.

A "yes" vote during special session is a "no" vote to democracy because the voice of the people is not heard in a five-days special session.

I ask for you to oppose SB1.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this Equal Rights bill.

Sincerely,



Faith Strecker

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October 24, 2013

Dear Honorable
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Re: **S.B. 1**
RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS
Special Session on Same Sex Marriage

Position: **Opposed**

As a concerned citizen of the State of Hawaii I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I am **opposed** to there being a Special Session on any Same Sex Marriage issue "Relating To Equal Rights".

As a voter in the State of Hawaii, I feel that it is important for you to know how I feel about this as part of your decision making process. It is my opinion that the issue of Same Sex Marriage should be voted on by the public just as it was back in 1998 when the majority of citizens in the State of Hawaii voted to approve a constitutional amendment against same sex marriages.

The use of a special session limits my opportunity to voice my opinion and vote on this issue and may result in legislation that does not represent the will of the people you have been elected to represent.

In closing, I greatly appreciate your representation of the voters of the State of Hawaii. I am praying that God will continue to lead you in all of your decision-making and that He will continue to encourage you in all that you do.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

God Bless and Mahalo,

Jay Morford

Jay Morford

Dear Senators,

You face the most important decision in your career that will affect the lives of everyone long after you are gone-that is the issue of same sex marriage.

Each person needs to decide for themselves for it will affect your own family. Would your parents and your children be proud of your decision? Can you look them in the eye and honestly say that you thought of them. This is something that should be voted on by all not done in secret.

Here are some questions to consider:

- 1) If homosexual is natural than how does society carry on to the next generation if they can't reproduce? Does that seem natural? There is a physical distinction between a man and a woman.
- 2) It is not about offering the same benefits as married couples since there is "civil union." If not allowing the same benefits for homosexuality is considered discrimination based on gender than would it be ok for me to marry my brother, sister or mother who I love? Who could prevent me? It may sound outrageous to equate the two, but really is it? Who says that it is? What about polygamy? Who ever says that a person could only be married to one person that would be discrimination too since a person is only limited to one person? Why not two? Just because two people are in love should that be the basis of getting married? Is it just a matter of your opinion or is there really a standard of right and wrong that affects our conscience. God has put it in our hearts.
- 3) What are the gender role models of men (masculinity) and women (femenity) and how does it affect a child growing up trying to figure out who they are?
- 4) Just because some people are inclined to a certain behavior ie. homosexuality that doesn't mean its acceptable. Does it? Is incest between two consulting adults all right if it is not hurting anyone? The point being made is that inclination to a certain behavior doesn't make a behavior right.

Please do not allow same sex marriage to become a law. Remember this decision will live with you for the rest of your life and you are making the decision that will affect everyone you love. Take a stand and vote your conscience.

Thomas

SB1 "SPECIAL SESSION ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE – THE PEOPLE MUST VOTE!"

Submitted on: 10/22/2013

Testimony for on Oct 28, 2013 10:30AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Toby Rushforth	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: There is no way to sugar coat my comments on this current "CRISIS approach" to the "Same Sex Marriage" issue!. Frankly, this has nothing to do with Social Justice or Equal Rights! It's all about the survival of our culture. What is being proposed in this Special Session," devalues the cornerstone of Western Civilization, the FAMILY. Providing various incentives promoting family life is virtually a "prime directive" of any culture's evolution and for its very survival. I dare you to investigate the honest, well documented, legacy of "Same Sex Marriage" in Massachusetts-downright scarey!

So - In the only formal public vote ever conducted on the "Traditional Marriage" Issue, in 1998, the public voted more than 2-1 in favor of "Traditional Marriage." This resulted in "Hawaii Constitution Amendment 2" clearly stating that: "The legislature shall have the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples." Exceedingly simple, right??

So now the Governor and Legislature are declaring that MARRIAGE is to be a gender and familial "Free for All." They say that what the public really meant in the 2-1 vote favoring Traditional Marriage, is that the Legislature can now declare Same Sex Marriage as the law of the land!. Some tortured lawyering thought that one up. What we have here is a classic "Bait & Switch" scheme.

The Governor is asking the Legislature to perform some incredible legal gymnastics here. By doing the Governor's bidding, the Legislature will be denying the people a vote on one of the most important public issues of our life time. I defy anyone in the Legislature to stand before the voters and explain why they will not be allowed to vote (again) on this critical, culture defining issue.

The Legal Mumbo Jumbo being used to justify this Legislative "Special Session" endorsing Same Sex Marriage is breath taking. Yet you seem to be buying it?

I am deeply embarrassed by the system of governance that allows you as our representatives, to conduct this special session to pervert the will of the people. There is truly no compelling reason for this Special Session of the Legislature, other than a manufactured "Crisis" to pursue a political agenda that cannot stand the test of the ballot box. FOR SHAME!

Testimony Presented Before the
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

October 28, 2013 10:30a.m.

By
Joel Weaver, Testifying in person

SB 1 RELATING TO SAME SEX MARRIAGE

Dear Chair Hee and Vice Chair Shimabukuro

I am a 27 year resident of the state of Hawaii and proud to have been a registered and engaged voter for 26 of those years.

I am opposed to this bill because I believe it circumvents basic principles of democracy and opens a veritable Pandora's box of unforeseen legal, social, and economic issues.

There are many reasons for my opposition to this bill. Among them are:

--This rushed special session does not allow enough time to discuss one of the most controversial issues of our time.

--The refusal to allow amendments means that democracy is not being allowed to function.

--In 1998, the people of our state believed the issue had been settled. This is such a momentous social issue that the people should be allowed to vote again.

--A constitutional amendment would better address same-sex marriage AND allow for ample public input.

--Marriage is NOT a civil right, and no court (including the Supreme Court of the United States) has ever said that it is.

--None of the other states that do not currently permit same-sex marriages are rushing into a special session. The regular session starts in January—10 weeks away!—so why not introduce this bill during the legislative session so it can be fully vetted?

--The so-called “religious exemption” language in the governor’s bill is invalidated due to the public accommodations carve out. This would potentially lead to violations of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The bill must be amended to correct this, but this five-day session allows no amendments.

Each of these concerns **by itself** is reason enough to refuse to pass this bill during a hastily assembled special session. Redefining the meaning of marriage is social engineering on a GRAND scale, and deserves adequate public discussion before being adopted on a statewide basis.

Thanks for giving the people a voice, and refusing to ram this bill through. Thanks for allowing this issue to be brought up in the course of the regular session for discussion and debate, as issues are intended to be dealt with in a normally functioning representative democracy.

Mahalo

Sharon Traci Stanley
3630 Maunalei Ave #A
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October 25, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30 am
I will be present to personally deliver my testimony.

Re: In **Opposition** to S.B. 1: *The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013*

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am opposed to S.B.1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, because

1. It extends parentage rights that would transfer Native Hawaiian ethnicity to non- Native Hawaiian individuals.
2. It provides that same-sex couples married in the state, but who do not live in Hawaii, the right to return to Hawaii courts for divorce, annulment and separation proceedings. Hawaii taxpayers will be paying for these costs.
3. It denies individual citizens their First Amendment right of freedom of religion.
4. It fails to protect Bishops, Priests and other clergy members from lawsuits.

I ask you to vote **NO** on Senate Bill 1. Thanks you for your service.

Sincerely,

Sharon Traci Stanley
Hawaii Voter

For the Senate hearing: Hearing on 10/28 @ 10:30am

Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I am opposed to there being a Special Session on any same-sex marriage issue.

Same-sex marriage is not a civil right. On 30 November 1998, two couples involved in *Quilter v Attorney-General* sued New Zealand before the United Nations Human Rights Committee claiming that the country's ban on same-sex marriage violated the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The Committee rejected the case on 17 July 2002 and commented that 'reading of article 23, paragraph 2, is consistent with the travaux préparatoires of the Covenant. Article 23 was drawn directly from article 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which provides, in the only gender-specific reference in the Declaration, to the right of "[m]en and women ... to marry". The travaux préparatoires of article 23 also contain repeated references to "husband and wife". Such an interpretation is also confirmed by respected academic commentary, and by decisions of the European Court of Human Rights which have repeatedly found that the equivalent provision of the European Convention does not extend to homosexual couples.' No court (including the United States Supreme Court) has ever said that same-sex marriage is civil right.

It is my opinion that the issue of same-sex marriage should be voted on by the public just as it was back in 1998 when the majority of citizens in the State of Hawaii voted to approve a constitutional amendment against same-sex marriages. The use of a special session limits my opportunity to voice my opinion on this issue and may result in legislation that does not represent the will of the people.

To : All Legislators, State of Hawaii House of Representatives

From : Henry Lindo Jr
Molokai, Hawaii

Re : Marriage Equality Bill Special Session

Date : October 25, 2013

Aloha to our House of Representative Legislators,

I thank you all for your hard work and years of tireless effort and dedication to the people of Hawaii and your respective districts.

I am humbly asking for your support against this Marriage Equality Bill because I believe this issue should be decided by the people and not our legislators. We can argue the fact that when the people of Hawaii last voted on the issue of same sex marriage that the people voted against it however the constitutional amendment wording reflected that the 'legislature shall have the power to reserve marriage to opposite sex couples.' It did not in any way state that the legislature shall have the power to allow same sex marriage and I believe that something as controversial as this should be in the hands of the voters and that time and attention should be taken in really looking into the effects a law such as this would have on society instead of accepting it hand in cheek that this law would be harmless on all facets of society and that it would only allow same sex people to marry without imposing on the rights and freedoms of others.

The Marriage Equality Bill seems harmless enough in that it would just give the same rights to all marriages, irrespective of gender, without imposition upon churches, businesses and individuals. However I believe that this bill is a wolf hidden in sheep's skin and clothing because it's what happens after the law is passed where the true fruit and intentions will show its fangs. Have you all truly taken the time to research the other states which have passed same sex legislation and seen some of the alarming judgments and impositions upon establishments, businesses, schools and individuals because those same sex laws designed to create equality were actually hammered upon the society in order to enforce and engrave their beliefs as personal rights and freedoms upon everyone else. As much as I believe in equality and fairness to all, there has to be a point where the leaders in society have to realize and question any act from one individual or group upon another to influence and force their beliefs upon any who would not agree and believe in the same things as the group. If you agree with that then you agree with martial law being imposed because you feel it is your right and belief that all should participate in it. Is that beneficial to the whole or to just a few that would benefit from its passing?

If you were to look at the actual amount of people in the gay and lesbian community who actually get married then you would see how truly small those numbers are so you must

consider the true reasons behind the establishment and passing of a Marriage Equality bill. Is it to serve the purpose of the community or to serve the groups or organizations that would benefit in the future if such legislation passed? I believe that this law would just be a stepping stone for hidden agendas of the organizations behind the movement to force and impose their homosexual beliefs and acceptance of their beliefs on all of society including the social, political and commercial realms. I believe that the bigger picture of what happens after the passing of such legislation is what is at stake and the using of a so called harmless marriage equality bill is just the match that is needed to create an inferno of imposing rights, freedoms and beliefs upon society. So this bill is just a front to the true intentions behind it and I would hope that you truly take the time and attention needed to see the whole picture and realize that this bill is larger than you believe it to be. I believe you should not pass it through and allow the people to vote and decide instead of taking this boulder upon your shoulders and deciding for society and humanity sakes.

Just so you all know I am a local Hawaiian man who loves all people regardless of the choices that people make in life. I may not agree with the lives that people choose but who am I to impose my beliefs and values on others especially through legislation no matter how well meaning I believe they are. I have many personal friends and family whom I love dearly who have same sex partners and choose those lifestyles and I love them regardless of their choices and I always will. With this understanding, however, I do have my beliefs which only allow marriage between opposite sex couples. I believe we were designed and created this way by God to populate the earth and also to maintain moral standards of integrity to teach future generations and I believe that any deviation from these standards through such acts as allowing same sex marriage would continue to degrade society and change the atmosphere of the place we live and grow. The Founding Fathers of this Nation and the Kings and Queens of Hawaii of the 1800's knew the Godly principles and established these nations upon these righteous principles for a reason. The Hawaii State Motto states "Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono or the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness". This nation was founded and established on righteousness but we as a society and as leaders have allowed the rules to change by placing people's personal rights and freedoms above moral standards instead of allowing moral standards to dictate rights and freedoms without the imposition upon others' rights, freedoms and beliefs. I believe that detrimental ramifications to our society would continue and worsen further by allowing this bill to be passed. When societies can grow without imposing on other people's rights and freedoms, then that society can function unhindered and our generations after can continue to thrive and to grow up in a place of moral peace and joy. And that's what we stand to lose in our beautiful place of Hawaii if we allow this bill to pass. Our society would be dictated by what a couple people or groups feel would be fair and just to allow their rights and beliefs to be pushed and enforced upon society so that they can be accepted in a place that already accepts the as they are. Marriage is a holy and sanctified union between a man and a woman for lifelong commitment to each other and not a right that people are calling it to be so why fight for a right that is not even theirs in the first place. It's because as I said earlier this is just the stepping stone to some other agenda. So please take careful consideration in seeing the entire picture and not just a couple bits of information that seems to be harmless.

So I thank you all again for your time and consideration with my testimony. I am asking that you vote "NO" on this bill and let the people decide. Don't be a part of the reason that our Hawaii would be turned into something unrecognizable and so marriage equality rights driven that our society would continue to be degraded more than it already is. Be the voice that speaks truth and help maintain a moral standard of excellence that our future generations and heritage can be proud of. Keep marriage holy and sanctified the way it was created to be and allow our children to grow up in a society that has moral integrity and yet invites the opportunity for people to choose whatever lifestyle they live without imposing their values and beliefs on others. We can all accept that we live in a changed society with different genders, lifestyles and choices but just because a person believes and lives a certain way it does not give them a right to impose their beliefs upon me, my family and my society which is what this bill does. I believe this bill is just a springboard to introduce and impose a lifestyle and belief for their societal approval and acceptance and would lead to their hidden agendas surfacing in the future. We already grow up in a State that accepts people for who they are so why go the extra mile and give them a right that does not belong to them or anybody for that matter. So please vote "NO" and may God bless you all and your families and continue to give you wisdom and knowledge to the best in the functions and positions in which you serve.

Much Mahalo,

Henry Lindo Jr

From: Patriotonhi50@aol.com
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: SB-1 Personal Testimony of Philip Nasca
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 3:24:04 AM

Aloha;

A special session has been called to grant those who choose to engage in homosexual behavior the same status as heterosexual couples through the Legislature granting the right to marry someone of the same gender.

Does the Legislature have this authority? Lets examine both the Hawaiian Monarchy's conclusion of where our rights derive as well as the Declaration of Independence.

The 1st Constitution of Hawaii Oct. 8 1840 states: "it is our design to regulate our Kingdom according to the above principles & thus seek the greatest prosperity both of all Chiefs and people of these Hawaiian Islands. But we are aware that we cannot alone accomplish such an object- God must be our aid, for it His province alone to give perfect protection and prosperity....

It is therefore our fixed decree, 1) that no law shall be enacted which is at variance with the Word of the Lord Jehovah, or at variance with the general Spirit of His Word."

The Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776

"When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.-- That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. "

Both the Hawaiian Kingdom and the united States of America were founded on the truth that God alone grants authority to men to govern and that if we hope to have secure and blessed nations our Legislators must acknowledge God's benign Wisdom and not create laws which violate His Natural Law.

Most of our esteemed elected officials claim to be Democrats. Many consider themselves "Jeffersonian" Democrats. Carved in stone on the Jefferson memorial is his quote:"God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever."

Therefore it is clear, since God created marriage to be between one man and one woman no human agency has the authority to redefine marriage.

If we truly love our fellow citizens we can not call same sex relationships Marriage, because history has shown time & again that "the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness". Though we fall short we must make it our aim to seek His righteousness not man's.

I therefore humbly remind our legislators that "We The People" voted overwhelming to uphold God ordained marriage and that those who all along sought to subvert God's plan for families wrote the amendment in such a way as to grant the Legislators, who claim to represent the will of the People, the authority to redefine marriage.

The family is hurting, God can heal them but we must be willing to live by His Truth. Our State can not be Blessed by trusting in those who would use deception to achieve their ends!

For the sake of our Keikis therefore I urge you to listen to the will of the People,listen to the Wisdom of our elders, honor and trust in God's care and love for us and vote No on this bill to preserve His blessings on our Nation, our State and especially on our families.

From: [Adam Au](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: *****SPAM***** TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 3:33:42 AM

For the Senate hearing: Hearing on 10/28 @ 10:30am

Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: **TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY**

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I am opposed to there being a Special Session on any same-sex marriage issue.

Same-sex marriage is not a civil right. On 30 November 1998, two couples involved in *Quilter v Attorney-General* sued New Zealand before the [United Nations Human Rights Committee](#) claiming that the country's ban on same-sex marriage violated the [International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights](#). The Committee rejected the case on 17 July 2002 and commented that 'reading of article 23, paragraph 2, is consistent with the travaux préparatoires of the Covenant. Article 23 was drawn directly from article 16 of the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#), which provides, in the only gender-specific reference in the Declaration, to the right of "[m]en and women ... to marry". The travaux préparatoires of article 23 also contain repeated references to "husband and wife". Such an interpretation is also confirmed by respected academic commentary, and by decisions of the European Court of Human Rights which have repeatedly found that the equivalent provision of the European Convention does not extend to homosexual couples.' No court (including the United States Supreme Court) has ever said that same-sex marriage is civil right.

It is my opinion that the issue of same-sex marriage should be voted on by the public just as it was back in 1998 when the majority of citizens in the State of Hawaii voted to approve a constitutional amendment against same-sex marriages. The use of a special session limits my opportunity to voice my opinion on this issue and may result in legislation that does not represent the will of the people.

Sincerely,

Adam Au



HAWAII CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

6301 Pali Highway
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Online Submittal

Hearing on: Monday, October 28, 2013
Capitol Auditorium

DATE: October 25, 2013
TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary
Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair
From: Fr. Gary Secor, Vicar General, Diocese of Honolulu
Re: Strong Opposition SB 1 Relating to Equality (Redefining Marriage)

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. I am Fr. Gary Secor, **representing the Hawaii Catholic Conference**. The Hawaii Catholic Conference, the public policy office of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii under the current leadership of Bishop Larry Silva, has for many years come before this legislature to express its profound opposition to the legal recognition of same-sex civil unions and marriages within our state. The Conference's opposition to legal recognition of these forms of relationship is based not only on the religious teachings of the Catholic Church, but also out of the church's concern for the potentially negative sociological impact such relationships may eventually have on society.

The Catholic Church opposes the redefinition of marriage based on the clear understanding that the complementarity of man and woman is intrinsic to the meaning of marriage. The word marriage describes the exclusive and lifelong union of one man and one woman with the possibility, in many cases, of generating and nurturing children. Other unions exist, but they are not marriage.

In marriage, a husband and a wife make a public and reciprocal commitment, assuming duties to society, to themselves, and to their children. Society and the law reciprocate by bestowing on traditional marriage a privileged status that recognizes the essential role that families play in society. The family, based on marriage, is a natural institution that is prior to the state. As such, the reservation of marriage to the union of one man and one woman is a fact of nature, not a social prejudice.

The Church is also concerned that its religious freedom and conscience rights, both individually and collectively, continue to be protected. We fail to see how this bill takes these concerns adequately into account.

In recognition of the critical role marriage plays in the well-being of future generations and a stable society, the Church advocates for public policies that protect traditional marriage and promote the security of the family. Because of this, our diocese will continue to strongly advocate for the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

From: [prayer center of the pacific](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: *****SPAM***** SB 1 Equal Rights
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 5:12:18 PM

SB 1 Equal Rights

Oct. 28,2013 10:30 Am Auditorium

Dear Committee Judiciary and Labor, Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

My Name is Pastor Virginia Domligan
The Prayer Center of the Pacific

Today, I made time to come out from the trenches to testify to your committee with all humility of heart your decision on every bill that you sign which passes your committee and other committees how it effects society as a whole and individually. I will address the issue at hand SB 1 relating to equal rights. Allow me this brief moment to share the effects of the laws that passed through that touches lives in every part of society here in our beloved State of Hawaii. In 1970 a bill was passed for abortion with no restriction no parental notification. 52 Million abortions have been reported in America nobody knows the effects unless you're in the trenches I am here to share a firsthand experience a 15 year old comes in just had an abortion the day before her boy friend paid for it no parental notification she lays in the clinic as the doctor proceed to suck out the fetus and left the pieces in a tray for her eyes to see. She is 15 years old devastated crying without any comfort this is only one of the many stories we find in the trenches of this life because of laws passed. Addressing the issue at hand A young man lay's in the hospital ashamed suffering dyeing of full blown aids because of his life style choice of having anal sex with another man. Yes, his partner was at his bed side what pain and sorrow their family all suffered. Their hearts where heavy because of their choices. Who paid the hospital bill he was unable to work for a long time this was self afflicted. **It's not about equal rights it's about a life style choice that is not natural that will affect the fabric of our society.** There was been no such practices since the beginning of society it has always been a man and a women in wedlock. Like everything else did your committee do an environmental impact study on society there are facts coming out from Massachusetts and Canada on same sex marriages and its effects. Have you studied the facts and weighted the cost on how it will impact the State of Hawaii as a whole. You have decided so hastily without the people's voice in every Island don't you feel convicted remember the Constitutional Amendment, Let the people decide place it on the ballot for a vote. We the people of Hawaii who you represent want to decide it is our right as a citizen we want due process. **Vote No to SB 1 Equal rights.**

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 28, 2013 10:30AM (In Person)
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 5:13:19 AM

SB1

Submitted on: 10/25/2013

Testimony for on Oct 28, 2013 10:30AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Lucy Parkin	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I am a resident in the Kakaako area. I strongly oppose the Governor's bill, SB1. I believe in the definition of traditional marriage is between one man and one woman. Please do not let this bill pass as is, this matter should be an open discussion and given to the people of Hawaii to vote. Mahalo, Lucy Parkin

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO
EQUALITY
Estrelita T. CASTRO

I am a registered voter of the State of Hawaii, a mother, a grandmother, a Christian, a law abiding citizen of this state and the United States of America. I am here because:

Number 1) I am deeply concerned about the ramification of this gay-rights bill or any similar legislation that forces ordinary citizens to become criminals if they refuse to obey orders that go against their moral principles. Records show states and countries where gay-rights bill are implemented, many of their ordinary citizens have been fined and criminalized when they have tried to stay within their personal beliefs and refuse to obey laws that go contrary to their conscience.

Number 2) I am concerned about the legacy our generation leaves behind for the keikis of these islands, this beautiful state of ours, as well as the whole United States of America. It is not about us, it is about the generation we leave behind. Keikis have the right to be protected and shielded. We do not have to have sex taught them at and early age as early as kindergarten. We were not robbed of our childhood innocence. The generation before us assured us of that. Who are we to do rob our grandchildren of the same safety precautions our parents and grandparents gave us?

As members of the legislature you were voted in to represent the ordinary people of these islands. I also think you are to protect the rights of our mo'opunas as well. Most of you remember your childhood because our schools were so different then. We respected our parents, the flag, our country. Those are legacies that are being eroded by this cancerous idea that gays have rights that take precedence over the rights of our children. OUR CHILDREN comes first before their rights. OUR CHILDREN are not 3rd class citizens that they are to be put in harms way.

I am deeply concerned that my grandchildren will have to leave in fear of pedophiles who have as I speak are trying to push legislation to protect their sexual preferences. It is unconscionable that you would not protect our children and protect pedophiles.

Please ladies and gentlemen, I beg of you protect our children. Do what is PONO!

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Johanna Akina
Kahuku, Hawaii 96731

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(Laie, Hawaii)

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La'ie, HI 96762

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by which both sides can present unemotional
arguments in a productive manner that leads
to a public vote.

Tell Our Lawmakers Why You Oppose SB1:

I am concerned about the slow erosion of my
religious freedom, as government is
wrongfully using the phrase "separation of
church and state" totally out of legal context
and passing legislation that restrict my
liberties and open a pandora's box of
opportunity to further whittle down my rights
as a US citizen to worship freely.

I am praying for all of you, for your families
and the people of Hawaii -- gay, straight,
religious, non-religious. This is our home. At
the end of the day, we will find a way to not
only co-exist, but treat each other with

respect, dignity and aloha. Please let all in the
808 who can vote, do so!

Aloha Ke Akua and Mahalo!

John Honold
Kapolei 96707

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(Enter your Name here)

(Enter your City, State, and Zipcode here)

Dear Committees,

My name is Michele Okimura and a registered voter, and I was born and raised here in Hawaii. As an associate pastor, I represent about 50 people from Hope Chapel Lifespring. I am opposed to Same Sex Marriage and legalizing this Same Sex Marriage in this Special Session. I strongly believe if passed, this bill will negatively affect our state and our education system. Being a former public school teacher for about 17 years, I care deeply about our keiki and youth.

As legislators, you have all taken an oath to uphold democracy and the democratic process. This bill is being fast tracked in this special session without the true opportunity for amendments to be made, which clearly shuts out the public. In addition, the religious exemption language does not adequately protect our religious organizations and their affiliates, thereby violating First Amendment protections under the U.S. Constitution.

Respectfully, I ask you not act on this same sex marriage bill during this special session, and re-introduce it during the regular session, allowing the public to be heard.

Sincerely,

Michele Okimura
3354 East Manoa Road
Honolulu, HI 96822
988-9375

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 7:11:48 PM

I stand in defense of traditional marriage, due process and democracy, and therefore, strongly oppose SB1.

User Submitted Values:

First Name: John
Last Name: Smith
Email: papakaiboards@gmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
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Marie Ruhland
Hilo, HI. 96720

October 28, 2013 @ 10:30 am

TO: Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

We can't be silent on this issue. I am speaking as a concerned citizen and I care for the people of Hawaii as a whole. Please vote, "NO" To Special Session & Same Sex Marriage. You know it is the only answer that will free you, your family and the people of Hawaii from going through another law that has a lot of loop holes that will follow, later.

Our children of Hawaii have rights, too. Voting "NO" will continue to give our children the Freedom of Speech to express their culture and continue to live the "Aloha Life Style" they are taught from their home, their school, and their religion.

I will close with this:

"When you are going through something hard and wonder where God is, remember the teacher is always quiet during a test".

Thank you and Mahalo Nui Loa,

Patricia K. Souza

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Hilo, HI. 96720

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(Enter your Name here) Larry S. Aoki
(Enter your City, State, and Zipcode here)
Keaau,Hi. 96749

From: [Jeremy Moncur](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Opposition to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 7:48:08 AM

Dear State Rep.,

I stand in strong opposition to Bill SB1. Please do not let this pass.

Jeremy Moncur

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Jeremy Moncur, MBA
[HI Web Designs](#), Project Manager
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From: [Melvin Ah Ching](mailto:Melvin.Ah.Ching)
To: JDLTestimony-InPerson
Subject: FW: Same Sex Marriage Testimony
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 8:31:36 AM

From: Judy Taggerty [mailto:kjtagon19@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 10:55 PM
To: Judy Taggerty
Subject: Same Sex Marriage Testimony

Aloha Honorable State of Hawaii Chair leaders,

Thank you for your service to our Hawai'i Nei, it is very much appreciated.

We were hoping to ask you to PLEASE LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE ON MARRIAGE. as this is such an important issue that will have a huge lasting impact to our Aina, Ohana and Keiki forever with the passing of Same Sex Marriage and The Bill for an Act that is proposed. It will only be the Same Sex couples who benefit, not anyone else. It's as though everyone else is second class citizens and have to do what we are told or there will be many more who will lose their homes, businesses, jobs etc, if the gays are not happy with something. This is not living Aloha.

Seeing that Civil Union provides Same Sex Couples with benefits now and if they want more they can go to one of the States that has chosen to legalize Same Sex Marriage. And it would be wise for Hawaii to see what has happened to those states. Especially in the Public schools, the homosexual training of Kindergarten children thru high school, where parents don't have a say in what their child is being taught.

Kona had another huge AIDS outbreak a few months ago in our homosexual community, this is a major concern. HEALTH.

The Gays are pushing the Dept of Health to accept their blood, as it is not safe. But if it is accepted then it too would be deemed "normal" as Traditional Marriage will deem it "Normal". With the homosexual community a very small percent of our community why is everything being changed and so FAST? Everyone else has to change, possible suffer and have to live walking on egg shells in fear they will be sued for not making the gays happy.

There was a Gay Parade in Kona about 2 yrs ago, the gays gave out condoms to little children, the parents were OUTRAGED. I do not think they are welcomed to have another Gay Parade in Kona again.

Please let the People of Hawai'i decide on Marriage, Please. From what I have heard it is Constitutional, would be nice to have it legal and above board, not under the table quick deal. This is our FUTURE. Please give it lots of thought. Think about the children, that is my main concern, the little ones. Adults chose for themselves, someone has to speak up for the Keiki.

Mahalo for your time and attention in this matter.
I know you are all very busy. I do appreciate it very much.

Mahalo,
Judy Taggerty-Onaga
Kalaoa Kona HI
(808) 325-6551

The question before us is more than simply issuing a marriage certificate to same-sex couples and giving homosexuals the “right to marry” in Hawaii. The question is one of huge personal and social ramifications that need to be carefully studied and addressed.

The underlying issue is moving the ancient boundary of marriage between a man and a woman and forcing all of society to accept and embrace homosexuality as good and normal, causing many to violate their conscience.

As stated in our 1st Amendment: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...”

What is the free exercise of religion? It is living by ones convictions. Herein lies the problem with legalizing same-sex marriage. Inherently legal recognition of same-sex marriage “prohibit s the free exercise thereof” of many Christians, Jews, Muslims and others who will be forced choose between breaking the law or violating their conscience as they live their daily lives.

You may ask, “How so?” Let’s look at a sampling of what is happening around our nation:

Seven years ago New Mexico photographer Elaine Huguenin and her husband declined to photograph a same-sex commitment ceremony citing it conflicted with their Christian beliefs and have been in court ever since. In late August, the New Mexico **Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the couple had to choose between operating their business and living according to the convictions of their faith.** The core of what's happening to the Huguenins is basically a government action to suppress dissent and force affirmation to a specific set of beliefs, which is a threat to basic First Amendment freedoms. (CITIZEN Magazine, November 2013, pg. 18)

In Gresham, Ore., bakery owners Aaron and Melissa Klein were under investigation by the state for refusing to do cakes for same-sex weddings, citing their Christian faith. Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian told the press that "the goal is never to shut down a business. The goal is to **rehabilitate**. For those who do **violate the law**, we want them to learn from that experience and have a good, successful business in Oregon. (CITIZEN Magazine, November 2013, pg. 6)

It is a very dangerous trend when laws force us to violate our conscience and the government thinks it has the right and responsibility to “rehabilitate” our religious convictions!

The Vallejo City Unified School District of California is prohibiting the free exercise of religious beliefs of parents by **mandating homosexuality teaching for elementary age children without parental permission — or even prior notification.** Ironically, the curriculum at issue

is called **Respect for All** and is being mandated for all students under the category of bullying prevention.

Parents are being told they cannot opt their children out of the Respect for All program, which is produced by the gay activist film company Groundspark., despite objections being raised about young children who may not be psychologically or emotionally ready for the topic, or homosexuality promotion that conflicts with a family's deeply held religious convictions.
(<http://www.citizenlink.com/2010/12/02/fighting-fire-with-fire-or-bullying-with-bullying/>)

As you can see, the issue is beyond simply handing out marriage certificates to same-sex couples. It is about redefining society and prohibiting the free exercise of religion by restricting citizens the freedom to live by their convictions.

Something so huge, so passionate, with so many ramifications, reaching into every area of our lives, from our livelihoods to our children's education, must not be rapidly pushed through by a few. The decision needs to be made by the voters.

In 1998, we thought we had settled the issue when we raised our voices and made known our stance in a referendum vote. Unfortunately, the amendment includes the clause "The legislature shall have the power". Unfortunately, we trusted the legislature to steward our clear desires, and unfortunately, the legislature is not listening to the will of the people.

Do you really want to know the will of the people? Oppose SB1. Take the time to honestly educate the citizens of Hawaii about the real issues and huge ramifications of legalizing same-sex marriage – the prohibition of the free exercise of religion. And then, let the people decide.

From: [Lucy Staples](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Hawaii Defending Marriage | Let the People Decide on Marriage
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 8:43:27 PM

<http://letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org/>

Dear Chair Hee and Committee Members,

We would like to voice our opposition to the bill SB1, the Marriage Equality Act, which is being heard at the special session of the state legislature. We do not want to discriminate against anyone's choice or lifestyle, but it is certain that passage of this bill will redefine marriage (traditionally between a man and a woman) in such a way that alternate lifestyles will be held up as models for the upcoming generations, confusing impressionable youth. It is important that the only marriage relationship to be officially recognized is the union between a man and a woman, in order for young people to learn that children should be born and grow up in a home with both a mother and a father. In this setting, the needs of children, families, and society are best served.

We think it important for the people of the State of Hawaii to have a voice in this decision, and that it not be simply legislated and mandated by due process of law. Past votes have indicated that the majority of residents of the great state of Hawaii are opposed to same sex marriage. We ask you to respect the voice of the people and represent their interests accordingly.

This bill does not offer protection for those whose religious beliefs would be offended or limited under the umbrella of 'equality.' We believe strongly in the power of the First Amendment, and we believe that it exists to protect both the majority and the minorities. We believe that marriage between a man and a woman has been a pattern set by God from the beginning of time to bring children into the world, and we do not believe that we should have to open our churches to same sex marriage, thus offending God and disregarding His teachings on marriage and family.

Please consider your constituents, and place this decision in the hands of the voters in Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

David and Lucy Staples
59-229 Kanaloa Drive
Kamuela, HI 96743

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: In Defense of Traditional Marriage
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 8:50:12 AM

I am are in Defense of Traditional Marriage and strongly oppose Bill SB1.

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Jarren
Last Name: Soong
Email: jarrensoong@yahoo.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28,
2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Opposition of SB1

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the
Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill
SB1.

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Tell Our Lawmakers Why You Oppose SB1:

Because this draft of a bill is extremely unfair. The people who is us should be able to vote and voice our opinion especially on a matter that is so sensitive. I am also writing this because I have seen da reports on the ramifications from Massachusetts and Ontario Canada. Every public establishment will be liable to be sued. The education system will aslo be helpless and filled with GAY sex education LITTLE BLACK BOOKs that will pollute the minds of our children and us parents will have no say if we want our children to view them. This draft of a bill will only make our government weaker and expose the people of Hawaii to more danger like plural marriage. I am a very concerned Native Hawaiian citizen. I pray with all my heart that theegislature will hear my plea and that it will not fall on deaf ears and to LET THE PEOPLE VOTE on this issue. That is the ONLY fair and equal way. Mahalo nui.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDLWebTestimony](#)
Cc: calchinen@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 28, 2013 10:30AM (In Person)
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 9:00:46 PM

SB1

Submitted on: 10/25/2013

Testimony for on Oct 28, 2013 10:30AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Cal Chinen	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Dear Chairman Hee and Judiciary and Labor Committee, Please vote NO on this bill and allow more discussion and debate on this issue by allowing this bill to be deliberated in the regular legislative session which is only 2 months away. Rushing it through will make a mockery of our Democratic Process that our forefathers gave their lives to establish and protect. Mahalo, Cal Chinen

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Cc: joychinen@hotmail.com
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Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 9:02:22 PM

SB1

Submitted on: 10/25/2013

Testimony for on Oct 28, 2013 10:30AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Joy Chinen	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Dear Chairman Hee and Judiciary and Labor Committee, Please protect traditional marriage and centuries of Hawaii's culture and traditions by voting "NO" on this Marriage Equality Bill. Mahalo, Joy Chinen

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From: [Cheryl Toyofuku](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: *****SPAM***** Testimony in Opposition to Special Session and SB 1, Relating to Equality
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 9:06:26 AM

Senate Bill: SB 1, Relating To Equality

Hearing Date & Time: Monday, October 28, 2013

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: State Capitol Auditorium

Testimony in Opposition to Special Session and SB 1, Relating to Equality

To: Chairman Clayton Hee, Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Cheryl Toyofuku, 1025 Noelani Street, Pearl City, HI 96782, ph: (808) 561-0369

Mahalo for your service to Hawaii. As a registered voter in these beautiful islands of Hawaii, I am requesting that you encourage the Governor to cancel the Special Session or vote "No" on the Same-Sex Marriage bill if the Special Session continues. The Same-Sex marriage bill that is being addressed should be properly vetted and discussed during a regular session. A rushed, special session is not pono and does not promote democracy. Why is Hawaii the only state that is having a Special Session on this issue? This issue should be properly discussed when all voices, including the people of Hawaii, can be heard. A Special Session is not enough time for legislators or for our Hawaii residents to discuss this critical issue that will affect families, businesses, health, economy, education and millions of concerned citizens in our state.

Please consider initiating a survey in your representative districts to receive input on this critical issue from your constituents. Please also consider impact & consequence studies of such a legislative bill on families, education, health, business, etc. Have these surveys or studies already been done in your districts since it is an issue that is making headline news? Many of my ohana and friends believe that traditional marriage between one man and one woman is a basic human and social institution for as long as we can remember and the foundation of the traditional nuclear family should not be undermined. This issue is of great concern to many families here in Hawaii and we have been studying what has been sadly happening to other states that have legalized same-sex marriage. I appeal to your wisdom and integrity in honoring and preserving our generational legacy and historical tradition of marriage between one man and one woman.

The people of Hawaii deserve an honest debate with astute clarity and understanding about the language of this hurried bill. The people of Hawaii have a right to know what it clearly states. Previous bills, like SB 232 and HB 1453 are nearly identical to bills passed in California and Connecticut which led to courts ultimately imposing same-sex "marriage" on those states. Proponents of the bill submitted legislation for "domestic partnerships" or "civil unions" that eventually concluded with same-sex "marriage". The previous SB 232 bill a couple of years ago stated, *"it is not the legislature's intent to revise the definition or eligibility requirements of marriage"*. Yet, here we are with a rushed bill to push same-sex marriage on Hawaii.

In 1998, the people of Hawaii already voted that the marriage institution must be protected and remain between one man and one woman. We have spoken and this issue has already been settled by the people of Hawaii. To usurp the people's voice through the passage of a same-sex marriage bill is a travesty that our legislators will be accounted for. Please let the people of Hawaii decide on marriage and allow us to vote on it. Please respect democracy and DO NOT let the democratic process be circumvented with this special session.

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To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
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Last Name: Miyamoto
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Kahuku Hawaii, 96731

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Kaneohe, HI 96744

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This is a very sad and dangerous time in Hawaii.
How can we be so wrong and be so weak in giving in to what we know and feel is wrong. Please, for the sake of my family and children, do not allow this evil to pass. Hawaiians have already lost their lands, the people of this now state cannot afford to lose their dignity and respect or God and laws that have already been established. Who are we to change that? In speaking with a same sex couple, the reason they are voting for is not because they want to get married but because they want eccentric change and "something new". We can't let This evil happen. Im a father and I don't want the world that allows My children to think that it's ok to be gay because It is not. Please understand that this will change so many things. It will be a dangerous time for many if this bill gets passed. Do not give in, please be strong and allow the people to vote. Thank you

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Jennifer bertolucci
Honolulu, HI, 96822

To: Senator Clayton Hee, Chairman, Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice-Chairman, Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Nancy McGuckin

Date: October 25, 2013

RE: SB 1 Relating To Equal Rights

Good morning Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro, and members of the Senator Committee on Judiciary and Labor. My name is Nancy McGuckin and I am testifying in opposition to S.B. 1 Relating To Equal Rights.

The bill that is before you delete's provisions that the people of the State of Hawaii voted on a number of years ago, provisions which state that marriage is between a man and a woman. Removing such by this Legislative body, I believe, is a violation of the trust that we have you in as elected officials.

I ask you to respect our political process and to adhere to the vote we took as the people of Hawaii. I respectfully ask that you vote no on this measure.

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To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: testimony for SB1 - relating to equal rights
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 10:02:37 PM
Attachments: [Same-sex marriage bill response.docx](#)

Aloha,

I would like to respectfully testify in person at the hearing on Monday, October 28th at 10:30am for SB1. I am submitting a summary of my testimony below (also attached).

Mark Wolfersberger
Phone: 808-232-2303
Cell: 808-233-8399

Submitted Testimony

Date: 25 October, 2013
To: Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Measure: SB 1 – Relating to equal rights
Hearing: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30am
From: Mark Wolfersberger

I OPPOSE bill SB1 – Relating to Equal Rights for the following four reasons:

First, gay marriage is a serious issue that has the potential to redefine the fabric of our society. Thus, it deserves serious thought and input from all areas of our society here in Hawaii. By calling a special session, the governor is attempting to bypass the serious debate that this issue deserves. Let's not legislate by edict from the governor. Rather, let's legislate from the will of the people.

Second, because of the gravity of this issue, it should be decided by the people. In 1998, the people of Hawaii demonstrated their desire to carefully consider this issue by passing Constitutional Amendment 2. This amendment paved the way for the issue of same-sex marriage to be debated and decided by the legislature, and by extension, the people of Hawaii rather than the courts of Hawaii (e.g. *Baehr v. Lewin*, 1993). The governor's hasty introduction of Bill SB1 – Relating to Equal Rights and the special session that he has called is an affront to Hawaii voters and the trust that the voters demonstrated in the Hawaii State Legislature by passing Constitutional Amendment 2. Again, let's not legislate by edict from the governor.

Third, as clearly stated in the bill's introduction, Bill SB1 was introduced as a bandwagon reaction to the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that declared portions of the federal *Defense of Marriage Act* unconstitutional. This court decision has relevance in states that have already passed laws for gay marriage: it is not relevant in states that have not passed such laws. Until the legislature and people of Hawaii debate this issue and make a decision, the U.S. Supreme Court decision has no impact on Hawaii. Let's not allow distant federal

courts to impact serious local decisions in our state. Again, let's allow the people of Hawaii to have a proper debate of the issues and make a determination.

Finally, I have heard a number of people referring to the gay marriage as a civil rights issue similar to slavery and women's suffrage. I hope none of our legislators believe in these misguided comparisons. During slavery, African-Americans were bought and sold as a man's property. This was an issue of human trafficking and is morally reprehensible. Gay marriage is not an issue of gays being bought and sold as another man's property. Women's suffrage was an issue of fair representation in government. Gays have not been denied the right to vote. In stark contrast to slavery and women's suffrage, the issue of gay marriage is a question of redefining families, which are the most basic unit of our society. This potential redefinition could have a far-reaching impact that goes well beyond the federal financial benefits that the bill's introduction uses as a rationale.

In conclusion, this issue deserves serious consideration by the state legislature and people. Please vote "NO" and give our state the time that it needs on this issue.

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I am are in Defense of Traditional Marriage and strongly oppose Bill SB1.

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Marsha Krieger



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Date: Oct. 28, 2013

Karl Rhoads

Chair

Judiciary Committee

Subject: For In Person Testimony in Opposition to SB1 Relating to Equality

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees;

As a concerned citizen of the state of Hawaii, I am submitting my testimony against this special session and the bill that would legalize same sex marriage.

I fervently oppose the special session because it rushes the legislative process and does not give voice to all the people of Hawaii. This bill instead addresses just a small special interest group. Especially now that the governor has added two more items to the agenda (an appropriation for Hawaii Health Systems and Funding of Collective Bargaining agreements achieved with UPW Unit 10 and HGEA Unit 13) I question how you can effectively and justly give the focused attention to this issue that Governor Abercrombie used as a 'motivation' to call the special session.

Also, we the people of Hawaii do not have sufficient input into this process. Because there can be no amendments to the bill any concerns raised in testimony cannot be adequately addressed nor does the short time allotted for the session allow you the legislature to equitably deal with these concerns. Therefore, by passing the bill under these circumstances, the legislature will be making a mockery of the democratic process.

I oppose this bill because on page 6 starting on line 4, the definition of church exemptions are too weak to guarantee our first amendment rights to the free exercise of religion. Many churches serve the community by allowing the usage of facilities for AA groups, parenting and/or marriage classes and sports and exercise classes that are open to the public. The language in SB1 is not strong enough to protect the churches from lawsuits or other challenges.

I oppose this bill because I have serious concerns and questions regarding page 15 beginning at line 1 - 9. This section allows couples that do not live in Hawaii and are not taxpayers to pursue an action for annulment, divorce or separation in our state. I have serious and valid concerns about the impact this will have on our already weak economy.

On page 12 beginning at line 15 572C-2 states that 'the legislature finds that the people of Hawaii choose to preserve the tradition of marriage.....as one man and one woman. This was only two years ago. We have not voted nor had town hall meetings to find out if this has changed. In 1998, the people only voted to allow the 'legislature to have the power to reserve marriage to opposite sex couples' because we had no other choice. To not have accepted the poorly worded measure would have left the decision to our state judiciary, which had the Baehr v, Miike case pending. Voting to grant the power into the legislatures hands in 1998 was the lesser of two evils. A 'yes' vote in the special session is a 'no' vote to democracy because you are clearly not listening to the voices of the people of Hawaii, whom you have been elected to represent.

These are just a few of the concerns I have about you voting into law possibly the most controversial issue of our time. The short time allowed for the special session and the extra issues that the governor has added prevents you the representatives



of this great state from justly and adequately addressing the concerns to the people of the state of Hawaii. I request that you vote no or table this issue and bring it to a vote of the people

Sincerely,

Marsha M. Krieger

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Misitana Uyema
Honolulu, HI 86821

October 25, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Hearing: Monday, October 28, 2013

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Auditorium, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Subject: Testimony in Opposition of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

I am John Strecker, I am 7 years old and I live in Waipahu.

I would like to vote no to same-sex marriage.

Why would a woman and a woman, and a man and a man be together, when they can not even have children?

Why would a child want to be in a home with a man and man, and a woman and woman? That is not marriage.

Thank you for letting me share my testimony.

Thank you for everything that you do for us, the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

John Strecker

Glenn Lung
1012 9th Ave.
Honolulu, HI 96816

October 25, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Judiciary and labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 95813

Re: In Opposition to SB 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and labor,

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From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: In Defense of Traditional Marriage
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 10:41:10 AM

I am are in Defense of Traditional Marriage and strongly oppose Bill SB1.

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Prince Ely
Last Name: Taito
Email: Taitoprince@hotmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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(Prince Ely D. Taito)
(Waipahu, Hi 96797)

I feel that as a parent it is right to show and teach our children what we was taught in the bible. I don't have any right to judge gay marriage and homo sexuality but as a parent I wouldn't want that around my children. Please take consideration on real parents mothers n fathers that are trying to raise their children right and bring them up right. Thank you for you time.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB1

TO: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Yautat Jackie Shen
Cell Phone 741-2937

DATE OF
HEARING: Monday 10-28-13

POSITION: Oppose SB 1, Relating to Equal Rights

I am testifying IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1.

The people of Hawaii has already made their desire known during the Civil Union debate.

The majority of the people in Hawaii DO NOT WANT TO LEGALIZE SAME SEX MARRIAGE.

It is AGAINST THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY OF OUR PEOPLE, who are YOUR CONSTITUENTS.

Let the people decide. PLEASE VOTE NO ON SB 1.

Thank you.

Yautat Jackie Shen
10-25-13

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: In Defense of Traditional Marriage
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 10:42:09 AM

I am are in Defense of Traditional Marriage and strongly oppose Bill SB1.

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Robert
Last Name: Ikuwa
Email: lononuiakea@msn.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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He nonoi haahaa keia e hookuu I ke akea e
koho paloka I keia mea ma waena o kakou
ma Hawaii nei.

O au iho no,

Robert L. Ikuwa

P.O. Box 5166

Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96745

(Enter your Name here)

(Enter your City, State, and Zipcode here)

Testimony
Senate Bill No. 1

My name is James Stern and I am testifying in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1. I want to begin by saying that I appreciate and value the opportunity to express my views freely and openly with no fear of reprisal or retaliation. Further, all of my comments are made with genuine respect for all citizens of Hawaii regardless of their life-style choices or views on the issue at hand.

As the senior pastor of Kapahulu Bible Church, I am deeply concerned about the long-term effects this bill will have on the families both within my own church membership and within this community which I have become attached to over the past twelve years.

First, I am concerned about the kinds of educational influences that the passage of this bill will invite into the classrooms of our public schools. As a local pastor I am acutely aware of the obligatory restrictions the church has when it comes to propagating our beliefs in the public schools. I respect those obligations not to use the public arena to teach my religious views. My concern is that after the passage of this bill, the door will be opened to allow those who oppose my religious views to propagate their teachings and influence the next generation in ways that are contrary to the values of many if not most of the citizens of the great state. (Many people, including some of you who have been elected to represent us, have admitted that while they do not personally support the concept of same sex marriage, that they will support this bill for political reasons.) What safe-guards will be put in place to ensure that the state will not replace parents as the primary influencers of their children?

Second, I am concerned about the loss of religious freedoms guaranteed by the US Constitution that seems likely to occur if the bill is passed. What legal measures will be put in place by our state legislatures to ensure that all citizens of Hawaii will be treated equally when it comes to the protection of our First Amendment rights? Will our religious freedoms be forced to make way for the "civil rights" of a select group (ie. their right not be discriminated against)? Will business men and women have the right to exercise their religious convictions in the way they conduct their business affairs? Will parents have the right to raise their children according to the convictions dictated by their faith? Will pastors and teachers of the Christian faith have the right to voice their beliefs in the public sector? All of these questions need to be carefully addressed before this so-called "bill relating to equal rights" is passed.

In summation I would urge each senator and state representative to discover and carefully consider the long-term impacts such laws are having on other states and countries after passing such a law before making same sex marriage the law in the State of Hawaii. Further I urge these bodies to hand over this decision to the people of the State of Hawaii by allowing for a public referendum on this issue. Thank you again for the privilege of expressing my views.

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 10:47:55 AM

I stand in defense of traditional marriage, due process and democracy, and therefore, strongly oppose SB1.

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Nate
Last Name: Anderson
Email: Nateanderson123@gmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Kalani
Last Name: Mahi
Email: kmahi63@hawaii.rr.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Kalani Mahi
Kula, HI 96790

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: *****SPAM***** I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 10:53:00 AM

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Ida
Last Name: Kahoalii
Email: lutherk59@yahoo.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Ida Kahoalii
Waimanalo, HI 96795

From: [WordPress](#)
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Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 10:52:49 AM

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First Name: Luther
Last Name: Kahoalii
Email: lutherk59@yahoo.com
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Waimanalo, HI 96795

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Arley
Last Name: Enesa
Email: nacharz@byuh.edu
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Arley Enesa
54-289 Kawaipuna Place
Hau'ula HI, 96717

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 11:07:30 AM

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Irene
Last Name: Lesuma
Email: lesumai@byuh.edu
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Irene L. Lesuma
Laie, Hawaii. 96762

TO: The Legislators of the 2013 Hawai'i Legislature

FROM: Ethel P. Goods

SUBJECT: S.B. No. 1 – Hawai'i Marriage Equality Act of 2013

I am mother of five adult children, four beautiful daughters and my one and only handsome son, who incidentally is gay. As a mother and a Christian I am disappointed in his choice of the lifestyle he has chosen, but, I pray, love and support him and his partner in whatever they pursue in life, with one exception, **I do not and will not support** the above referenced subject matter or as many people refer to as the "same sex marriage bill."

If you are an advocate of "equal rights under the law," and there are many, are equal rights for blacks, women, voting, really working? This testimony and many similar testimonies will not sway you from supporting S.B. No1., therefore, vote not as an advocate of equal rights, but, vote your moral conscience and your values.

Peace and Blessings!

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First Name: Hokulani
Last Name: Shattuck
Email: Kalanikau07@me.com
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Shirley
Last Name: Tovey
Email: kanahaukura@gmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Shirley Tovey
Laie, HI 96762

From: [Faredah Ward](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 11:24:17 PM

Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407
415 S.Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Date: October 25, 2013

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am opposed to this bill. This Same Sex Marriage Bill has been hastily written for such an important, wide ranging effect to our society. The people of Hawaii should be able to have a say and be able to vote for or against this bill. Living in a democratic society, every citizen should be allowed and given the opportunity to vote on a very important issue that will shift the way society thinks and it's attitude toward the institution of marriage.

Also, by giving a right to one group this bill takes the right of our freedom of religion away from another group. The legislature should uphold the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, not blatantly disregard it and by doing so create a great divide among us.

Let us bring this issue during the regular legislative session where debate and thorough analysis can be made. It is crucial that voters be allowed to have their say. We are a democracy so let's show by our actions that we are a free people who can vote their belief and conscience.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify

Faredah Ward

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 11:24:36 AM

I stand in defense of traditional marriage, due process and democracy, and therefore, strongly oppose SB1.

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Kieiki
Last Name: Pouha
Email: imua4life@gmail.com
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Kieiki Po'uha

56-150 Leleuli Place Kahuku, HI 96731

To: Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I, Jaime McGuire, first and foremost oppose this Special Session. I also fervently oppose this bill.

First, this bill elevates the state Public Accommodation Act above an individual's Constitutional First Amendment Right, which means it is poor legislation. I did not elect Representatives, Senators and a Governor to write and pass poor legislation.

Secondly, this poor legislation cannot be fixed because our Governor has insisted on a Special Session that does not allow amendments. This will affect small business owners, judges, and even the "exempted" religious organizations that allow the general public to use their facilities.

Third, we are imposing this bill on an enormous population, the state of Hawaii, to satisfy 0.02% of our current population. I suggest a much more simple approach; amend Civil Unions legislation so that civil unions receive federal benefits. By doing this you serve the 0.02% of the population without changing the definition of marriage for the other 99.98%. However, you can't consider my recommendation because this special session is rushed and doesn't allow amendments and only allows for limited hearings.

Lastly, you are stomping out my voice. In 1998, we the people told you to reserve marriage between one man and one woman. You ignored us and did not act as we requested. Again this week, this special session ignores us by limiting the days our voice can be heard. The most controversial and important debate in 15 years and our own elected officials don't want to hear our voice and are choosing to silence it by allowing 6 working days of effort.

I will be there in person to protest this bill. I want my chance for testimony. Please make sure there is enough time for it. Turning people away who want to testify will be a big statement. And I for one will work hard during the next voting cycle to make sure that I have Senators and Reps who will respect the role of democracy and will fight to hear the voice of the people.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaime McGuire
91-332 Hoalauna Place
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 11:34:02 AM

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Last Name: Manumaleuna
Email: Merialina@gmail.com
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Last Name: Yuen
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The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
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Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30 am
I will be present to personally deliver my testimony.

*Re: In **Opposition** to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013*

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am opposed to S.B.1, the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, because this Bill is deficient of proper wording that would protect my religious rights and could directly affect my business liabilities in response to the new same sex law being proposed. Furthermore, you have not weighted or thought through other legal ramifications that would affect other areas unassociated with religious rights. First, Native Hawaiian rights. This bill extends rights that would transfer native Hawaiian ethnicity to non-Native Hawaiian individual.

Second, it provides that same-sex couples married in the state, but who do not live in Hawaii, the right to return to Hawaii courts for divorce, annulment and separation proceedings. Hawaii taxpayers will be paying for these costs.

Please do not be bullied or pressured by the Gay rights minority who are not considering the whole picture, but only their personal agenda. Hawaii citizens are the most tolerant and loving people of all the states in the union. This bill has nothing to do with equal rights, but is about taking away constitutional rights at great cost to our society.

Please vote NO or move to consider the bill in other committees. Give the public the opportunity to inform lawmakers on the short-term and long-term impact.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul W.Y. Kurihara.

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From: [William H Lawson](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Please do not adopt same-gender marriage
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 12:02:17 PM

Dear Senators and Representatives:

There is absolutely no legitimate reason to rush into homosexual marriage in Hawaii. Governor Abercrombie claims that a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision made it necessary. This claim is simply false. No other state is rushing to adopt same-gender marriage.

Instead of responding to a legal necessity, the actual reason for this special session appears to be to circumvent the will of the people of Hawaii on same-sex marriage as quickly and as quietly as possible. Recall that the electorate of Hawaii recently voted to give the legislature the power to overturn same-gender marriage by a 70%-30% margin. Recall that the House didn't have the two-thirds vote necessary to call a special session to expedite this bill - so Governor Abercrombie convened a special session instead. By using this special session, the legislature won't have to hold all of the usual regular hearings and conferences, this bill won't be processed through committees like a normal piece of legislation with numerous opportunities to address defects in the bill, and the bill will avoid the in-depth and lengthy public discussions that it deserves. There is nothing about this process that is designed to "represent the people of Hawaii". Instead a temporary - and not representative - handful of elected politicians seek to impose their minority position on the people of Hawaii using backroom tactics and parliamentary procedures. Is it any wonder that most voters feel disenfranchised?

The "gay rights" movement claims to be a civil rights movement. It is not. There is no other civil right movement based upon how one chooses to act. This is a unique movement - but it is not a civil rights movement. Even the Martin Luther King family and the US Supreme Court have so stated. What one chooses to do in private should be a private matter. All citizens have protections for private sexual conduct in their own homes. The current movement is not about the right to be a homosexual. The goals of this movement are now about imposing acceptance of the "gay rights" agenda on others - against their will. This bill is not about freedom - but instead it is about being an intolerant bully. This bill seeks to redefine a word that has had a common English meaning for centuries and forcing others to accept the change and the fallout which it will bring. This bill is about changing our schools and our communities and legislating what people are allowed to think.

The rights and privileges of being in a traditional marriage were extended to homosexual couples in Hawaii years ago. So this bill is not about the rights or privileges of homosexuals. Instead, this bill is about forcing all people in the State of Hawaii to call non-traditional homosexual marriages by the term "marriage" - even though many do not believe that such unions are marriage. Long before any U.S. state ever got involved in any marriages (or even existed), marriage was a religious ceremony. For many (and probably most), religious belief defines marriage. The secular government's recent involvement in marriages (primarily for health reasons) does not suddenly give the State the power to redefine marriage nor to tell millions of religious followers that they must change their views.

Only a few short years ago, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of psychiatry defined homosexuality as a mental illness. Today the courts allow same-sex couples to adopt and to raise families. In the eyes of some, we have "come so far". In the eyes of many others, we have been modifying society itself with no understanding of where this is taking us, nor what the harvest will be. Studies show that AIDS, STDs and a number of injuries and diseases are greatly increased in the homosexual population. Children who are raised by two cohabitating homosexuals face increased greatly risks of depression, suicide and promiscuity. Why are we rushing down a path when we don't even know where it leads?

I urge you please to vote NO on the current bill and on any other bill to mandate that homosexual unions are marriages in Hawaii. Please do not pass legislation which imposes the religious viewpoint of a small minority of people on all of the people of Hawaii.

Aloha,

Bill Lawson

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Laie, Hawaii 96762

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To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
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Last Name: Puhi
Email: lavernepuhi@yahoo.com
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54-268 Kawaihemo Place
Hauula, Hawaii 96717

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Last Name: Makahilahila
Email: amakahilahila07@punahou.edu
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Hauula, HI 96717

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First Name: Connie
Last Name: Kurohara
Email: connie@creativeartshawaii.com
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Hilo, HI 96720

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Last Name: Konanui
Email: katkonan@gmail.com
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From: [Greg Reuel](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Vote NO on senate Bill 1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 12:26:26 PM

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senate Bill 1
Monday, October 28, 2013
10:30 a.m.
Auditorium, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

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Please vote NO on Senate Bill 1

Thanks you,

Gregory C. Reuel

59-178 Kamehameha Hwy. C-1

808-638-5511

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 12:27:20 PM

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First Name: Vaipuna
Last Name: Iafeta
Email: Nuiandvai@gmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Laie, HI 96762

From: [WordPress](#)
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Last Name: Reid
Email: keleisereid@yahoo.com
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Laie, HI, 96762

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Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 12:29:45 PM

I stand in defense of traditional marriage, due process and democracy, and therefore, strongly oppose SB1.

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First Name: Hannah
Last Name: Packard
Email: packha18@gmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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(Laie, Hawaii 96762)

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First Name: Martha
Last Name: Christensen
Email: marthach@byuh.edu
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Martha Christensen
Laie, Hawaii 96762

From: [WordPress](#)
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Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 12:31:14 PM

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First Name: Ji Hwan
Last Name: Suh
Email: jsuh7089@go.byuh.edu
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Last Name: Hungerford
Email: hidali99@hotmail.com
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(My name and address have been included in case you need to contact me)

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From: [Jian Li](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 12:39:17 PM

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I am opposed to there being a Special Session on any same-sex marriage issue. Same-sex marriage is not a civil right. On 30 November 1998, two couples involved in *Quilter v Attorney-General* sued New Zealand before the United Nations Human Rights Committee claiming that the country's ban on same-sex marriage violated the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The Committee rejected the case on 17 July 2002 and commented that 'reading of article 23, paragraph 2, is consistent with the travaux préparatoires of the Covenant. Article 23 was drawn directly from article 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which provides, in the only gender-specific reference in the Declaration, to the right of "[m]en and women ... to marry". The travaux préparatoires of article 23 also contain repeated references to "husband and wife". Such an interpretation is also confirmed by respected academic commentary, and by decisions of the European Court of Human Rights which have repeatedly found that the equivalent provision of the European Convention does not extend to homosexual couples.' No court (including the United States Supreme Court) has ever said that same-sex marriage is civil right. Let the People Decide on Marriage. It is my opinion that the issue of same-sex marriage should be voted on by the public just as it was back in 1998 when the majority of citizens in the State of Hawaii voted to approve a constitutional amendment against same-sex marriages. The use of a special session limits my opportunity to voice my opinion on this issue and may result in legislation that does not represent the will of the people.

Sincerely,
Jian Lee

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Last Name: Akina
Email: alanakina@gmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Dear Chair Hee and Members of the
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As a Husband, Father of 5 beautiful children,
Business Owner and proud Native Hawaiian.
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Do not get me wrong, I love all people and
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God's law of marriage between a man and a
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I also am concerned about the serious lack of
protection of my religious freedoms that I
feel are being stripped away from me, my
family and all people of religion in our State.

I am urging the legislature to allow the people
to decide on the issue of marriage. One week
with only a handful of people deciding on
this very personal matter is not enough time.

This bill needs time for all people to have a
say in the direction of our rights.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share my
thoughts,

Alan Akina
Kahuku Resident
96731

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Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30 am
I will be present to personally deliver my testimony.

*Re: In **Opposition** to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013*

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am opposed to S.B.1, the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, because it fails to protect church-affiliated organizations, Universities, hospitals etc. from lawsuits. It also, denies individual citizens their First amendments right of freedom of religion.

Please vote NO or move to consider the bill in other committees. Give the public the opportunity to inform lawmakers on the short-term and long-term impact.

Since

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDLWebTestimony](#)
Cc: kapolei9187@yahoo.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 28, 2013 10:30AM (In Person)*
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 12:51:17 PM

SB1

Submitted on: 10/25/2013

Testimony for on Oct 28, 2013 10:30AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
patricia souza	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

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Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 12:58:43 PM

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First Name: Wachira
Last Name: Watanawongworakula
Email: wwachira@go.byuh.edu
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Last Name: huang
Email: angelwong707@gmail.com
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Last Name: Quiocho
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Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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Last Name: Quiocho
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Last Name: Cabeza
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Last Name: Anicas
Email: melbamae137@gmail.com
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Last Name: Lam
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Subject: In Defense of Traditional Marriage
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 1:10:32 PM

I am are in Defense of Traditional Marriage and strongly oppose Bill SB1.

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Last Name: Nakamura
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Last Name: Pulicar
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Last Name: Feigleson
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Last Name: Jeffrey
Email: mermaidprincesspupule@yahoo.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Dear Chair Hee and Members of the
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I am writing to voice my support to Bill SB1.

Tell Our Lawmakers Why You Oppose SB1:

I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which should not interfere with the rights for anyone to enter into the legal contract of marriage with another single adult. I ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

Please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process in this special session.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Katherine Jeffrey
Hilo, HI 96720

From: [Charles kj Amsterdam](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Fw: Same-Sex Marriage
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 1:14:09 PM

This is the testimony to be presented at the hearing regarding Same-Sex Marriage by C. Kauai Jochanan Amsterdam on Monday, Oct., 28, 2013. Notice also has been sent verifying that the testimony also will be provided by him in person before the hearing.
Mahalo and Shaloha.

Dear Officer of The Legislature of Hawaii:

Herein is vital knowledge, my request, and my testimony to you.

Mahalo and Shaloha (Shalom and Aloha),

Kauai Jochanan Amsterdam

n Saturday, October 19, 2013 1:37 PM, Charles kj Amsterdam <shaloha1@yahoo.com> wrote:

Same-Sex Marriage's Impact On All Of Hawaii's People

Like most people, my background influences my perspective. Being a Hawaiian Jew, I address the same-sex marriage issue.

First, as part of my Hawaiian heritage's motto, Ua Mau Ka Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono, The life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness, emphasizes that behavior be based on righteous, moral, ethical behavior, values, and principles. Such a sense of righteousness goes beyond the right of Hawaiian self-governance within the motto's historical context and is more inclusive as exemplified in the value of Aloha. Such moral behavior provides that the land and life of the people living on the land will be protected and preserved. Such benefits

also are divine and come from G-d. On the other hand, disregarding or dismissing the motto emphasizing moral action or living will result in the withdrawal or elimination of divine protection and preservation of the land and life of people in Hawaii through prevailing danger and destruction. Such danger includes occurrences such as hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes, terrorism, militarism, economic hardship, volcanic eruptions, natural disasters, pestilence, etc. In explaining such dangers, I do so with "Aloha" toward all our human ohana and without malice just as I would simply explain the dangerous impact of someone sticking their hand into flowing lava. Therefore, avoiding such danger and enjoying protection and preservation of the land and life of Hawaii's people simply require righteous, moral, and ethical behavior and living of the people of Hawaii.

Secondly, while my Hawaiian heritage emphasizes righteous, moral, and ethical values, behavior, and living, my Jew(ish) heritage clarifies what is and is not morality and righteousness as provided by such sources as prophets, scriptures, inspired sacred writings, reasoning, and revelations from G-d. Such clarification is included by Christians and numerous other entities. Non-righteous behavior included certain relations such as same-sex or gender sexual relations, which is associated with same-sex marriage. While other non-righteous behavior includes dishonesty, corruption, domestic violence, murder, prostitution, physical and mental abuse, etc., same-sex marriage is central and is like the straw that breaks the camel's back. Furthermore, in this situation other supporting factors include that the current Act is unfair and undermines Democracy and the People of Hawaii's choice of preserving the tradition of marriage of a union of one man and one woman as seen in Chapter 572 Marriage, section S572C-2, which the current Act deletes and forces such Hawaii voters to be subjected to same-sex marriage dangers, that the Constitution's protection of religious freedom and the exercise of moral and ethical values predominates over the requirement of equal protection under the Law due to the behavior of same-sex marriage being of a non-moral or non-righteous standard of conduct, and that exemptions for clergy from performing same-sex marriages insufficiently and without impact omits congregants and church values. It's like exempting particular clergy from performing same-sex marriages on the Titanic and dismissing the dangerous Titanic situation, which is analogous to the destructive same-sex marriage situation in Hawaii.

Thirdly, inasmuch as being identified as non-righteous, same-sex marriage violates the moral values expressed in Hawaii's motto and imposes devastating danger on the Land and Life of Hawaii's People. It is an unavoidable righteous, moral value issue, which, as such, if dismissed, will reap Catastrophe and, if honored, will "Perpetuate the Life of the Land".

Shaloha (Shalom and Aloha),
Kauai Jochanan Amsterdam
Leader
Kanaka Maoli Jew

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Laie, Hawaii 96762

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Last Name: Rehak
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Last Name: Scott
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Carolyn Yano
1550 Wilder Avenue #A910
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

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It is also highly disturbing to me that the homosexual lifestyle will be taught to children in our schools.

Please vote NO on S.B.1 to stop the persecution of those who hold traditional Christian values.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Yano
Hawaii Voter

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Last Name: Tyau
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Kapolei, HI 96707

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Last Name: Walk
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Sincerely,
Nick Akana

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From: [Haunani](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-WrittenOnly](#)
Subject: Opposition HB NO 1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 1:50:01 PM

I am Haunani K. Jones, I represent my 5 keiki, my kane and 'ohana from Waihe'e, 'Oahu. I am testifying in regards to SB NO 1 and let it be documented that I personally oppose this bill and any fraction thereof. I am taking this stance because the current wording/rights of this Bill would severely damage my church and many other churches-We would have to shut down. Please do not violate our rights, guaranteed by the first amendment, in the name of equality.

I come with an open heart and soul as I know this Bill would do more damage than good to the few of you who think this is the "right thing to do". This should NOT be strictly up to you are legislators, senators and Governor, however, decided wholly by us the people and citizens of this state.

I believe that Marriage is between one man and one woman.

I am thankful for this opportunity to share my mana'o with you all in hearing my position, which again is opposition to bill SB NO 1.

Me ka ha'aha'a

Haunani K. Jones
47-469 G Waihe'e Place
Kane'ohe, HI 96744

[1 808 382-9481](tel:18083829481)

Brandon Akana
53-039 Pokiwai Pl.
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Last Name: Tacderan
Email: tacderanohana@yahoo.com
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Place: Capitol Auditorium
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Laie, Hawaii
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I am for respecting the differences that we
receive from our conception as male or
female. These are not chosen, but given to us
by birth. The same as desires some have for
food or sleep or drink, for women or men. I
would not be against civil union couples
having the same financial benefits as married
couples, but I believe it is to the utmost
importance to recognize the difference
between the life-long union of a man and a
woman as man and wife and the union of two
men or two women.

I believe our sexuality pertains to the balance
which males and females bring to each other

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not our preference to which we would like to have sex with. This idea is the essential foundation of acceptance and love and the latter is the foundation of tolerance and lust. Look to all of our young people addicted to video games on phones, food (leading to obesity and heart disease), cars, money, etc. We have been building a society that takes and doesn't give and I believe that is not who we want to be.

If we can recognize our differences and celebrate them realizing that everyone has different things to bring to the table, then we will achieve the goal of this country. To provide a place where people can live by their own beliefs (religion) freely without restriction as our constitution clearly states. But President Kennedy reminded us of how we made this a reality, "It is not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

If I do not write to you now, then I am not contributing to this ideal. And we live in a democracy, so I must voice my stance and beliefs on this issue. Changing the definition of marriage and altering our society in such a profound way through a special session takes the people out of it. If the majority of people want to see the idea and purpose of marriage changed to how this bill words it, then they will vote that way. However, I also believe that this bill changes more than just the definition of marriage and infringes on the right to religious freedom.

This is why I believe that your "yes" vote in the special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy.

Therefore, this bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever change thousand of years of indigenous and non-native beliefs, customs and traditions.

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Makana Aiona
Honolulu, HI 96818

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This bill does not properly protect religious
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individuals from being forced to support
same-sex marriage. This bill does not protect
parents to remove their children from public
school classes that support or promote same
sex marriage. This bill will change every
aspect of our lives here in Hawaii. It is unfair

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to rush it through a special session.

I believe that marriage as the union of a man and a woman is essential to the well-being of children, families, and society. I also feel the protections offered in the current draft are completely inadequate to safeguard constitutionally guaranteed religious freedoms. Traditional marriage and religious liberty are among the most cherished and historically vital elements of society, and both deserve careful protection.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Samuel Erbe
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Kurtistown, Hi 96760

Talei Akana
98-402 koauka Loop #812
Aiea, Hi 96701

October 25, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
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Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am opposed to S.B.1, the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, it is in utter opposition to the will of Hawaii voters who voted in 1998 to define marriage exclusively between a man and women in the Hawaii constitution. More than 250,000 Hawaii voters expressed their resolute position on the definition of marriage as exclusively between a man and women. The language "reserve marriage" indicates that the people of Hawaii recognize that the institute of marriage deserves and demands special consideration and criteria, one man and one woman exclusively.

Please vote NO or move to consider the bill in other committees. Give the public the opportunity to inform lawmakers on the short-term and long-term impact.

Sincerely,
Talei Akana

From: [Henry Lindo](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Against Marriage Equality Bill
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 2:14:27 PM

To : All Legislators, State of Hawaii House of Representatives
From : Henry Lindo Jr
Molokai, Hawaii
Re : Marriage Equality Bill Special Session
Date : October 25, 2013

Aloha to our House of Representative Legislators,

I thank you all for your hard work and years of tireless effort and dedication to the people of Hawaii and your respective districts.

I am humbly asking for your support against this Marriage Equality Bill because I believe this issue should be decided by the people and not our legislators. We can argue the fact that when the people of Hawaii last voted on the issue of same sex marriage that the people voted against it however the constitutional amendment wording reflected that the 'legislature shall have the power to reserve marriage to opposite sex couples.' It did not in any way state that the legislature shall have the power to allow same sex marriage and I believe that something as controversial as this should be in the hands of the voters and that time and attention should be taken in really looking into the effects a law such as this would have on society instead of accepting it hand in cheek that this law would be harmless on all facets of society and that it would only allow same sex people to marry without imposing on the rights and freedoms of others.

The Marriage Equality Bill seems harmless enough in that it would just give the same rights to all marriages, irrespective of gender, without imposition upon churches, businesses and individuals. However I believe that this bill is a wolf hidden in sheep's skin and clothing because it's what happens after the law is passed where the true fruit and intentions will show its fangs. Have you all truly taken the time to research the other states which have passed same sex legislation and seen some of the alarming judgments and impositions upon establishments, businesses, schools and individuals because those same sex laws designed to create equality were actually hammered upon the society in order to enforce and engrave their beliefs as personal rights and freedoms upon everyone else. As much as I believe in equality and fairness to all, there has to be a point where the leaders in society have to realize and question any act from one individual or group upon another to influence and force their beliefs upon any who would not agree and believe in the same things as the group. If you agree with that then you agree with martial law being imposed because you feel it is your right and belief that all should participate in it. Is that beneficial to the whole or to just a few that would benefit from its passing?

If you were to look at the actual amount of people in the gay and lesbian community who actually get married then you would see how truly small those numbers are so you must

consider the true reasons behind the establishment and passing of a Marriage Equality bill. Is it to serve the purpose of the community or to serve the groups or organizations that would benefit in the future if such legislation passed? I believe that this law would just be a stepping stone for hidden agendas of the organizations behind the movement to force and impose their homosexual beliefs and acceptance of their beliefs on all of society including the social, political and commercial realms. I believe that the bigger picture of what happens after the passing of such legislation is what is at stake and the using of a so called harmless marriage equality bill is just the match that is needed to create an inferno of imposing rights, freedoms and beliefs upon society. So this bill is just a front to the true intentions behind it and I would hope that you truly take the time and attention needed to see the whole picture and realize that this bill is larger than you believe it to be. I believe you should not pass it through and allow the people to vote and decide instead of taking this boulder upon your shoulders and deciding for society and humanity sakes.

Just so you all know I am a local Hawaiian man who loves all people regardless of the choices that people make in life. I may not agree with the lives that people choose but who am I to impose my beliefs and values on others especially through legislation no matter how well meaning I believe they are. I have many personal friends and family whom I love dearly who have same sex partners and choose those lifestyles and I love them regardless of their choices and I always will. With this understanding, however, I do have my beliefs which only allow marriage between opposite sex couples. I believe we were designed and created this way by God to populate the earth and also to maintain moral standards of integrity to teach future generations and I believe that any deviation from these standards through such acts as allowing same sex marriage would continue to degrade society and change the atmosphere of the place we live and grow. The Founding Fathers of this Nation and the Kings and Queens of Hawaii of the 1800's knew the Godly principles and established these nations upon these righteous principles for a reason. The Hawaii State Motto states "Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono or the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness". This nation was founded and established on righteousness but we as a society and as leaders have allowed the rules to change by placing people's personal rights and freedoms above moral standards instead of allowing moral standards to dictate rights and freedoms without the imposition upon others' rights, freedoms and beliefs. I believe that detrimental ramifications to our society would continue and worsen further by allowing this bill to be passed. When societies can grow without imposing on other people's rights and freedoms, then that society can function unhindered and our generations after can continue to thrive and to grow up in a place of moral peace and joy. And that's what we stand to lose in our beautiful place of Hawaii if we allow this bill to pass. Our society would be dictated by what a couple people or groups feel would be fair and just to allow their rights and beliefs to be pushed and enforced upon society so that they can be accepted in a place that already accepts the as they are. Marriage is a holy and sanctified union between a man and a woman for lifelong commitment to each other and not a right that people are calling it to be so why fight for a right that is not even theirs in the first place. It's because as I said earlier this is just the stepping stone to some other agenda. So please take careful consideration in seeing the entire picture and not just a couple bits of information that seems to be harmless. So I thank you all again for your time and consideration with my testimony. I am asking that you vote "NO" on this bill and let the people decide. Don't be a part of the reason that our Hawaii would be turned into something unrecognizable and so marriage equality rights driven that our society would continue to be degraded more than it already is. Be the voice that speaks truth and help maintain a moral standard of excellence that our future generations and heritage can be proud of. Keep marriage holy and sanctified the way it was created to be and allow our children to grow up in a society that has moral integrity and yet invites the opportunity for

people to choose whatever lifestyle they live without imposing their values and beliefs on others. We can all accept that we live in a changed society with different genders, lifestyles and choices but just because a person believes and lives a certain way it does not give them a right to impose their beliefs upon me, my family and my society which is what this bill does. I believe this bill is just a springboard to introduce and impose a lifestyle and belief for their societal approval and acceptance and would lead to their hidden agendas surfacing in the future. We already grow up in a State that accepts people for who they are so why go the extra mile and give them a right that does not belong to them or anybody for that matter. So please vote "NO" and may God bless you all and your families and continue to give you wisdom and knowledge to the best in the functions and positions in which you serve.

Much Mahalo,

Henry Lindo Jr
Molokai, Hawaii

Molly S. Yano
P. O. Box 580
Kealahou, Hawaii 96750

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I am opposed to S.B.1, the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, because it will open the floodgates to religious persecution in our state. It denies individual citizens and business owners their First Amendment right of freedom of religion, does not protect business owners and clergy from lawsuits.

As with what is happening in other states where same-sex marriage has been legalized, I do not want my great-grandchildren to be taught the homosexual lifestyle in school.

Our rights to live our religion are being trampled on.

Please vote NO on S.B.1

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Molly S. Yano
Hawaii Voter

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Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 2:21:56 PM

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Second, the religious liberties protections in the current draft of the bill are still inadequate. No provision is made for religiously-affiliated organizations. The bill only exempts "solemnization" of same-sex marriage and doesn't mention celebrations or providing goods & services for such (e.g., marriage counseling).

Third, we the people should decide whether same-sex marriage should be legal. Article I, Section 23 of the Hawaii Constitution was not the public's abdication of its authority to decide what marriage is and should be in Hawaii.

Finally, and most important, legalizing same-sex marriage will have severe negative consequences on our island State and have far greater impact than merely qualifying same-sex couples to obtain federal benefits. This is not something our island people want or need.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aaron Shumway
55-451 Naniloa Loop
Laie, HI 96762

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(Bruce Meyers)

(Hilo, Hawaii, 96720)

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

David Stratton Waite
Laie, HI 96762

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Laie HI 96762

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Email: shy_gurl21@hotmail.com
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Kahuku, HI 96731

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Last Name: Elkington
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Waianae, Hawaii 96792

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Last Name: Tagatsuli
Email: arania4@yahoo.com
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Email: michael@hpbaptist.net
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Michael Abagon
Mililani, HI 96789

(808) 741-6294

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95-1010 Kahakuhi St.
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First Name: Francis
Last Name: Blas
Email: bigshorty@hawaii.rr.com
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Last Name: VIZCARRA
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Last Name: Manumaleuna
Email: aramamoe@yahoo.com
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Last Name: Elkington
Email: elkingtj@byuh.edu
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Email: willingmikilani@gmail.com
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56-274 Leleuli St.
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Last Name: Christy
Email: achristy@byuh.edu
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Jean Nishiiwa
98-731 Moanalua Loop
Aiea, Hi 96701

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The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30 am
I will be present to personally deliver my testimony.

*Re: In **Opposition** to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013*

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am opposed to S.B.1, the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 it re-defines the most core institution of society, marriage. Second, it is in utter opposition to the will of Hawaii voters who voted in 1998 to define marriage exclusively between a man and women in the Hawaii constitution. Over 250,000 Hawaii voters expressed their resolute position on the definition of marriage as exclusively between a man and women.

Please vote NO or move to consider the bill in other committees. Give the public the opportunity to inform lawmakers on the short-term and long-term impact.

Sincerely,
Jean Nishiiwa

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Last Name: Manning
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Shannon McAfee
Laie, HI, 96762

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Last Name: Farley
Email: tfarley11aie@gmail.com
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Laie, HI 96762

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Cary C. Countryman
Hauula, Hawaii 96717

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Last Name: Shattuck
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Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

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Last Name: Lafaele
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First Name: Bonaventure
Last Name: Mhonda
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Last Name: Lesuma
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Last Name: Meyers
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From: [Carole Kaapu](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Cc: [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#); [Rep. John Mizuno](#); [Carole Kaapu](#)
Subject: Testimony for JDL 10/28/13 10:30am SB 1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 2:58:57 PM

Testimony for Senate Hearing 10/28/2013 @ 10:30am

Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: Testimony in opposition to SB1 Relating to Equality

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

In 1998 I voted for what I understood was defining marriage to be between one man and one woman. 70% of Hawaii's voters agreed with me. Now here it is almost 15 years later and this is still an issue.

If you want to redefine marriage, please let the people you represent decide by a constitutional amendment. One that means what it says, not a legal loophole.

"Should the State of Hawaii define marriage as solely between one man and one woman."

It seems that our elected officials are taking upon themselves to undo what the voters in Hawaii have already decided.

I ask you to please do one of two things:

- A. Leave the institution of marriage the way it has been for thousands of years. And the way we thought we defined it in 1998.
- B. Take the issue back to the citizens of the State and allow them to vote for a clearly worded constitutional amendment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Carole Kaapu
Voter and Concerned Citizen
Kapalama Heights

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Last Name: Thomas
Email: vanessathms9@gmail.com
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Vanessa Thomas
69 Lakeview Circle #5
Wahiawa, Hi. 96786

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2. I do not feel that the bill as written provides adequate protection to the owners of religious facilities. By invoking the definitions of public accommodations, this bill opens the way for the definition of Public Accommodation to supersede the free practice of religion.

3. This bill does nothing to support the individual choice of people of faith that do not wish to support nor participate in the celebration of same gender unions under the broad coverage of public accommodations.

I feel that the best way to address such an important and long standing issue it to let the people decide. I implore you to let the people

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decide on this issue through an extensive discussion through all segments of our community involving all of our people. Then based on that discussion, let us go to the ultimate tool of choice, the ballot cast by individual citizens.

Vonn M. Logan
Laie, HI 96762

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Mike Akinaka
Laie, HI 96762

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 3:03:31 PM

I stand in defense of traditional marriage, due process and democracy, and therefore, strongly oppose SB1.

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Renee
Last Name: Cabrinha
Email: eventsbyrenee@yahoo.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
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I am opposed to this bill because as a wedding planner, I will not be protected under Bill SB1 and denied my right of conscience as an individual. I will be vulnerable to frivolous lawsuits from couples who perceive that I have refused their business because they are gay. Even if I was truly booked at the time of their request, they could still sue me if they choose to. I could lose my livelihood, my reputation, and my only means to help support my family.

I oppose this bill because there has not been adequate evidential study or forethought into the "unintended consequences" if this bill were to be enacted. I feel that just as we mandate that an EIS be required prior to certain actions that significantly affects the quality of the human environment, a Re-Defining of Marriage Impact Statement should also be required prior to actions taken that will significantly affect the quality of basic human rights of conscience provided under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. The impact that this bill will have regarding the basic right of conscience for each individual in the state of Hawaii, needs to be considered in length and in detail prior to a major decision such as this.

I oppose this bill because it will adversely affect my children, my grandchildren, and my future posterity and CHANGE their future forever.

I oppose this special session and all that you as legislators have done to circumvent democracy. Do not hastily pass this bill and **LIMIT THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE!**
OUR VOICE AND OUR VOTES ARE WHAT GOT YOU HERE!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Renee Ahuna Cabrinha
Hau`ula, Hawaii 96717

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Kehau
Last Name: Lauano
Email: klauano@gmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: sefanaia
Last Name: Kaumaitotoya
Email: sefanaia.oem@gmail.com
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Sefanaia Kaumaitotoya
Laie, HI, 96762

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First Name: Elisa
Last Name: Marques
Email: lisa-fm@otmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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First Name: Loxley
Last Name: Manuma
Email: loxmanuma@yahoo.com
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Waipahu, HI 96797

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First Name: Olivia
Last Name: Fuimaono
Email: Oliviafuimaono@gmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Laie, HI 96762

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Howard
Last Name: Nash
Email: sergeantforchrist@hotmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Howard Nash)
(Hilo, Hawaii 96721)

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 3:37:39 PM

I stand in defense of traditional marriage, due process and democracy, and therefore, strongly oppose SB1.

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Michael
Last Name: Potter
Email: miketike@gmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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First Name: Niue
Last Name: Suschnigg
Email: sn.jean@yahoo.com
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Niue J. Suschnigg
Kahuku, HI. 96731

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Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 3:42:06 PM

I stand in defense of traditional marriage, due process and democracy, and therefore, strongly oppose SB1.

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Derek
Last Name: Clark
Email: derek96789@yahoo.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Derek Clark
94-410 Punono St
Mililani, HI 96789

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: sage
Last Name: kaka
Email: sageranana@gmail.com
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Darryl
Last Name: Willis
Email: darryllwillis@gmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Re: Strong Opposition of SB1

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Sincerely,
Darryl D. Willis
Registered voter: Senate District 1 and House District 2.

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Naumati
Last Name: Slade
Email: sladen@go.byuh.edu
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Laie, HI 96762

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First Name: Pamela
Last Name: Akina
Email: grandmaakina21@yahoo.com
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Pamela Akina
Kahuku, Hawaii 96731

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 3:48:14 PM

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Darryl
Last Name: Willis
Email: darryllwillis@gmail.com
Karl Rhoads, Chair Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Judiciary Committee House Finance
Committee

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1
RELATING TO EQUALITY

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First Name: Harmony
Last Name: Laufou
Email: 7bandgeek7@gmail.com
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Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 3:48:17 PM

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First Name: Kenvee
Last Name: Daniel-Parker
Email: josey004@yahoo.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Last Name: Bolton
Email: johnathanbolton@hotmail.com
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I believe that Governor Abercrombie is
asking the legislature to take actions that are
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I am opposed to the Hawaii legislature
deciding to pass a law on one of the most
contentious social issues of our time, rather
than allowing the residents of this State to
decide our laws through the ballot box. It is
your job to uphold the principles of
democracy and allow the democratic process
to take place for the will of the people.
Allowing the members of the legislature to
decide issues based on pressure from the
Governor is not how the democratic process
is supposed to work.

Even if you disagree that this issue should be voted on by the residents of Hawai'i, you should agree that this bill should not be considered during a special session, but should be considered during a regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined. The people who elected you to serve as their voices must have a say with respect to a law that could profoundly affect the State of Hawaii and would change thousand of years of culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy. May God bless you.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Johnathan C. Bolton
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

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Last Name: Nakano
Email: betsykeaau@aol.com
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Keaau, Hawaii 96749

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Last Name: Crowell
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Last Name: Hanna
Email: khanna@gemini.edu
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Kevin Hanna
17-204 Meaulu
Keaau, Hi 96749

(352) 278-4326

From: [sandy](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: RE: OPPOSITION OF SB1 on Equality
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 3:58:11 PM

Honorable Chairman Clayton Hee and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee,

My name is Sandra Y. Shimabukuro, a registered voter, residing at 98-500 Kaonohi St. #4 in Aiea, Hawaii. I want to initially thank you for allowing me to testify today of my concern over this Special Session on Same Sex Marriage. I also want to express my appreciation to all of you for your service to Hawaii.

I believe this Special Session should not occur because a five day session is not enough time to discuss the most controversial issue of our lifetime and beyond.

Apparently no amendments can be made to this legislation. As a result, true democracy will not occur at this time.

There will not be enough time during these five days of Special Session for the voice of the people to be heard so a "yes" vote will be noted as a "no" vote to democracy.

We, the people of Hawaii voted on this issue in 1998. Why not wait until regular Session with more time for discussion, then allow the people of Hawaii to vote?

After much research on the effects of Same Sex Marriage in the State of Massachusetts and in Canada on the entire education system, I believe our people will be negatively impacted as well.

I believe the Godly legacy that was commissioned into the Constitution of Hawaii will be altered immeasurably by this harmful bill.

Thus, I strongly recommend as a concerned registered voter, to suspend this Special Session until more time is given for comprehensive research and analysis.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Y. Shimabukuro
98-500 #4 Kaonohi St.
Aiea, Hi 96701

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Last Name: Catingub
Email: rannyislandparadise@yahoo.com
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Aurelia Gellert
Laie, Hawaii 96762

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Last Name: Simon
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Elina Simon

92-1037 Kanehoa Loop, Kapolei, HI 96707

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I am opposed to any law "respecting an
establishment of religion, or prohibiting the
free exercise thereof, or abridging the
freedom of speech." This law is
fundamentally a power grab of the state over
religion

This issue is not about gay vs. straight. It is all
about the power of the state to mandate over
civil liberties and freedom.

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The definition of marriage is beyond the
power of the government constrained by a
Constitution to decide. It is more correct to
eliminate all mention of marriage in law than
to decide how it is defined. Two individuals

can define their relationship any way they choose. It is, however, a violation of Constitutional law to confer legal benefits to one definition or another. That process creates political "groups" and goes against the spirit of lawful individualism under the Constitution.

For most of the history of the United States, marriage conferred no government endorsement, and thus was freely defined by individuals.

Government benefits due to a marital choice, are not guaranteed, and if anything, is discriminatory against all those who choose to be single. Let's uphold the law of the land so we can move on to creating true peace and prosperity in our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.
Paul A. Kim
Aiea, HI 96701

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To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 4:29:03 PM

I stand in defense of traditional marriage, due process and democracy, and therefore, strongly oppose SB1.

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Welina
Last Name: Mills
Email: leahiolani@live.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Opposition of SB1

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Welina Mills
Hau'ula, Hawaii, 96717

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 4:32:39 PM

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: James
Last Name: Lui
Email: jahrocks7@live.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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The people of Hawaii should not be subjected
to laws or statutes that would subject them to
having to choose between upholding their
Constitutional 1st Amendment Rights and
being sued on the grounds of a difference of
religious beliefs.

I am opposed to the most contentious social
issue in our history being decided virtually in
5 days and ask that you please uphold the
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process which are being disregarded in this
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James Lui
Honolulu, HI 96822

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To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 4:39:07 PM

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Olivia
Last Name: Christy
Email: christy.olivia@gmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Olivia Christy
Laie, Hawaii 96762

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Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 4:39:59 PM

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Jin
Last Name: Choi
Email: jjsc70@hotmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Brent
Last Name: Southam
Email: brsoutham@yahoo.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Additionally, I urge you to read and consider the following letter:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/marriage/promotion-and-defense-of-marriage/upload/Marriage-and-Religious-Freedom-Letter-Jan-12-2012-4.pdf>

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Brent Southam
Waikoloa, HI 96738

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To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Diane
Last Name: Jacinto
Email: jadijojaki@msn.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Diane Jacinto
Makawao, Hawaii 96768

I believe and was taught, marriage is a sacred union between a man, woman & God. In the bible, it states God created marriage, and here goes man again poking his nose into the business of God.
Keep marriage as traditional as possible.

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 4:45:19 PM

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Mele
Last Name: Lavulavu
Email: lavulavm@byuh.edu
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Mele Lavulavu
Hau'ula, Hawaii 96717

From: [WordPress](#)
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Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 4:48:17 PM

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Philip
Last Name: Yasuhara
Email: philngeri@earthlink.net
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Philip K. Yasuhara
91-943 Oaniani Street
Kapolei, HI 96707
808 674-9122

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 4:49:36 PM

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: lourdes
Last Name: tupper
Email: lourdes_76@hotmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Lourdes Tupper
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 4:52:00 PM

I stand in defense of traditional marriage, due process and democracy, and therefore, strongly oppose SB1.

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Alicia
Last Name: Okumura
Email: Ali.okumura@gmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 4:52:08 PM

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Keith
Last Name: Peterson
Email: keith.peterson@byuh.edu
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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(Enter your City, State, and Zipcode here)

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To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 5:08:17 PM

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Jorgel
Last Name: Valeriano
Email: jedval55@yahoo.companies
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 5:13:18 PM

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Chris
Last Name: Baron
Email: baron.chris@alumni.duke.edu
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Opposition of SB1

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I am asking you to allow the people to decide
on the issue of marriage as I believe the
legislature is going against the will of the
people as was clearly expressed when we
voted statewide on this issue in 1998. I
support equality for all including the rights of
conscience and religious freedom, which I
ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

Tell Our Lawmakers Why You Oppose SB1:

I am opposed to the most contentious social
issue in our history being decided virtually in
one week in a process that doesn't allow for
amending the bill, and ask that you please
uphold the principles of democracy and the
democratic process which are being
disregarded in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during
the regular session where it can properly be
vetted and examined as all other bills,
including allowing more citizens access to
register their opinion with elected
representatives who are duty bound to

consider their constituents' demands. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say - in a statewide referendum - in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

(Chris Baron)

(Honolulu, Hawaii 96821)

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Kaden
Last Name: Peek
Email: kadenjp@go.byuh.edu
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Kaden Peek
Laie, Hawaii, 96762

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Ia Mei
Last Name: Baron
Email: simuliustus@gmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy - via a public statewide vote as in 1998 - that

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(Ia-Mei Baron)
(Honolulu, Hawaii 96821)

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First Name: Centennial
Last Name: Toleafoa
Email: toleafoa@byuh.edu
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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First Name: Larry
Last Name: Schroeder
Email: LDSchroeder@hawaii.rr.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Larry D. Schroeder
75-308 West Kakalina Street, Kailua-Kona,
HI 96740

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Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 5:20:46 PM

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Patti
Last Name: Lafleur
Email: hawaiiipat4@hotmail.com
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Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: John
Last Name: Cheng
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To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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541 Kukuau St.
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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Last Name: George
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Luana George
Aiea, HI 96701

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Last Name: Pickop
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To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Kapa'a, HI 96746

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Last Name: George
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Henry George jr.
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Last Name: Cannon
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Joshua Cannon
Laie, Hawaii 96762

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First Name: Jean
Last Name: Campbell
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Mrs Jean Campbell
161 Alawaena Way
Hilo, Hi 96720

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Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Paul
Last Name: Hurst
Email: paulrhurst@gmail.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
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I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill
SB1 for the following 3 reasons:

- 1) This bill has been unilaterally rushed through by Governor Abercrombie. Why is he in such a hurry? If we are to overturn thousands of years of custom, culture and tradition, it warrants a much more lengthy deliberation than a special session can afford. If this bill is passed there is no way to unpass it, no matter what the consequences. Shouldn't we at least wait a few years and study what the consequences of the civil union law are before we rush into this?
- 2) There is no need for this bill. Hawaii already has a civil union law that gives same sex couples all the benefits of marriage granted by the state of Hawaii. This is not a civil rights issue, as marriage is a CHOICE and everyone theoretically has the same choice. No matter what is done there will always be inequality in marriage.
- 3) This law doesn't adequately protect religious institutions and freedoms. The

courts in Hawaii have a track record of unwarranted attacks against freedom of religion. Please don't give more opportunities for lawsuits to be filed against people of faith that don't want to participate in activities that go against their religious beliefs. Please don't open the door for teachers in the classroom being forced to teach things that go against their beliefs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Paul Hurst
Laie, HI 96762

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 5:51:23 PM

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Audrey
Last Name: Maluo
Email: Audrey@makaihale.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Equality concerning in the wording of this bill is lacking of protection for religious liberties. It may appear to grant equality in federal funding for those who favor it, but it certainly does not give equal consideration to the rights off those who do not. Your responsibility as an elected official, is to represent all of your constituents. We trust that you will approach this issue with areful consideration for the 69% of voters who voted against same gender marriage in 1998.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Audrey and Jeremiah Maluo (Enter your Name here)
59-411 Pupu Place
Kamuela, Hawaii 96743 (Enter your City, State, and Zipcode here)

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 5:58:16 PM

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Sam
Last Name: K
Email: STK808@GMAIL.COM
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H. THOMAS KAY, JR.

ATTORNEY AT LAW

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Monday, October 28, 2013
10:30 a.m.
State Capitol Auditorium

My name is Tom Kay. I am a kama'aina attorney. I strongly oppose enacting S.B. 1, the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 in this Second Special Session of the Hawaii State Legislature. Such action will be unconstitutional under Article 1 §23 of the Hawaii Constitution. §23 provides as follows:

“The legislature shall have power to reserve marriage to opposite sex couples.”

§23 was enacted by the legislature in 1997 as an amendment to the Hawaii Constitution and ratified by 69.2 percent of the voters in 1998. The sole purpose of this constitutional amendment was to reverse the Hawaii Supreme Court decision in the Baehr v. Lewin case in which the court had held that same-sex marriages in Hawaii were constitutional. Following the passage of §23 the Hawaii Supreme Court held, in an unreported decision, that the §23 constitutional marriage amendment validated HRS §572-1 which states that marriage can only be between one man and one woman.

To the 285,671 Hawaii voters out of 412,820 who cast votes in 1998, this meant that by reading constitutional amendment §23 along with the language of HRS §572-1 there could be no legal marriages of same-sex couples in Hawaii.

It also means to the voters today including those of the 285,671 voters still living in Hawaii that any consideration of legalizing marriage of same-sex couples must require an amendment to §23 of the Hawaii Constitution by a vote of the people of Hawaii.

If the Hawaii Legislature in this special session passes the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act two inevitable events will occur:

1. Litigation in both federal and state courts will continue for many years to determine whether the Marriage Act is constitutional before it is ever implemented.
2. There will be an extremely large group of angry Hawaii voters whose right to vote on this major issue was abrogated by current legislators.

The obvious solution to this dilemma is to let the Hawaii voters decide on whether same-sex couples should be allowed to marry under Hawaii law.

From: [Patricia Chung](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: *****SPAM***** Oppose Same-Sex Marriage
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 1:27:20 AM

Patricia Chung
98-1453 F Kaahumanu Street
Aiea, Hawaii, 96701
10/26/13

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Opposition of SB1

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

My name is Patricia Chung. I was born and raised in Hawaii and have been a public school teacher in this state for 23 years. I have taught kindergarten for 14 of those years.

I am testifying today to say I oppose same-sex marriage and I oppose the Special Session.

A lot of people think, "Oh, everyone should have rights," and then they just support same-sex marriage. But this bill, that the governor hopes to pass, is so much beyond that.

Although I do not support same-sex marriage, I understand that homosexuals would like to have the same rights as heterosexuals. I'm not out to bash homosexuals. I have many friends and family members who are homosexual. The part that I find very difficult to accept is that this bill, that Governor Abercrombie is bringing up in the Special Session, can take away MY rights and freedom.

There are examples within and outside of the United States, where same-sex marriage has been legalized, and has taken away the rights of the average citizen. Canada and Massachusetts are a couple of examples.

If this bill passes, I, as a teacher, could lose my job if I do not teach that homosexuality is an acceptable lifestyle. And it doesn't matter if you are in a private school, or if you home school - you will be held under this law. It will affect our children and grandchildren.

In Canada, homosexuality is taught as acceptable in kindergarten with books like Daddy's Wedding (with two men getting married) and King and King. In 2nd and 3rd grade children would role-play and have two children of the same sex "get married" from an adult in clerical attire. And in 6th and 7th grade, students are taught about masturbation, oral sex, anal sex, and more. Vulgar posters have been posted in high schools - one with the F-word blatantly displayed as a verb; one with two men (in position) on how to give good oral sex! I know this is horrific to hear, but it has actually happened! It makes me sick to my stomach that children are exposed to such trash in the names of "equality" and "education".

We hope and pray that it doesn't come to this in Hawaii.

I share this because we need to be informed!! People are making decisions based on very inaccurate, naive information. Again, this is not to bash homosexuals. I believe most homosexuals would just like to have the same rights as heterosexuals - I bet if they knew this could happen in our schools and communities, they would not want to see it happen either.

This is why I am am testifying. Huge entities from outside of Hawaii, with horrific agendas and vast amounts of money, are trying to control and change our islands to support their viewpoint. I cannot just sit and let this type of agenda slip into our beautiful Hawaii - all because our people are so loving and accepting. I hate to see our people deceived. I/we need to fight for our rights and the rights of the generations to come.

If this bill passes, I ask that there be an amendment for teachers who do not support same-sex marriage to "opt-out" of being forced to teach it, and that doing so would not be labeled a "hate crime".

Thank you for hearing me out.

Aloha,
Patricia Chung

From: [Michael Lwin](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Testimony on Same Sex Marriage Bill
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 1:36:30 PM

To: Chair Clayton Hee, Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Mike M. Lwin
91-1325 Kuanoo Street
Ewa Beach, HI 96706
(808) 678-3778

Subject: Testimony in Opposition to Special Session and SB 1

Aloha Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

As a concerned citizen, I am submitting this testimony against this special session and the bill that would legalize same sex marriage in Hawaii.

In 1998 I voted for what I understood was defining marriage to be between one man and one woman. In fact, 70% of Hawaii's voters agreed with me. Now here it is almost 15 years later and this is still an issue. If you want to redefine marriage, please let the people you represent decide by a constitutional amendment. One that means what it says, not a legal loophole. It seems that our elected officials are taking upon themselves to undo what the voters in Hawaii have already decided.

Additionally, I oppose this bill because the religious protection clauses are inadequate for people of faith to exercise their First Amendment right of speech and religion.

I ask you to please do one of two things:

A. Leave the institution of marriage the way it has been for thousands of years. And the way we thought we defined it in 1998

B. Take the issue back to the citizens of the State and allow us to vote for a clearly worded constitutional amendment

Thank you for the opportunity to testify against this special session and against this bill.

Mahalo!
Mike Lwin

From: [Jeremy Moncur](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Opposed to SB1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 2:30:48 PM

I stand in strong opposition to SB1. Not only because of my beliefs about marriage and how that should stay as it was intended between man and woman, but also because of the sneaky way this is trying to be passed with this special session.

Jeremy Moncur

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jjmoncur@gmail.com

From: da4clams@juno.com
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Cc: da4clams@juno.com; ronyoshida@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB 1 Hearing
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 3:02:14 PM

To the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Re: Senate Bill 1
Hearing Date and Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 am
I plan to testify in person

Mr. Chairman, Madame Vice Chair, and Honorable Committee Members:

My name is Creig Lam, I am a citizen of the State of Hawai'i and I am a voter. I have no Hawaiian blood quantum, however my maternal grandfather was a documented citizen of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, my parents were citizens of the Territory of Hawai'i and so I consider myself a keiki o ka 'aina, and am grateful to live in the State of Hawai'i and the United States of America.

With all due respect to the persons in favor of Senate Bill 1, I stand in opposition to that bill which, if made law, will do damage to the bonafide rights extended to me and the church I attend by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, particularly the clause which, among other things, prohibits the making of any law respecting the establishment of religion, impeding the free exercise of religion, or abridging freedom of speech. The **non-exemption** of owners or operators of any religious facility from the State's "public accommodation" statutes would place those owners or operators in the position of being compelled to solemnize marriages that are in direct conflict with particular church doctrine.

Let not my beloved Hawai'i be the first State to attempt to trample upon the Constitutional rights of one group while granting what another group seeks through legalization. Please amend SB 1 to exempt religious facilities from "public accommodation" statutes in regard to the subject of this bill, or if not possible within the time constraints of the Special Legislative Session, postpone action on this far-reaching bill until the next Regular Session of the Legislature, to give time for due consideration of its impact on religious civil rights.

Thank you for receiving my comments and for your dedicated service to the people of Hawai'i.

With much Aloha,

Creig Lam

From: [Eric Hubner](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Strong Opposition of SB1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 3:08:20 PM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.

Place: Capitol Auditorium

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Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I strongly oppose Bill SB1.

Rushing legislation through during a holiday week as popular as Christmas in Hawaii, when parents and grandparents are distracted with children, is not participatory democracy. Its an end run on the people of Hawaii.

A one week special session in which amendments cannot be introduced to bills is not voter participation and voter choice. And limiting voter testimony to one minute is a strangled voter voice. As is the governor's introduction other proposed legislation into what was to be an exclusive discussion of the marriage bill. The governor's plan takes up the tiny public air time with side issues and further smothers the voice of the people on the marriage debate.

We ask you to defer discussion of marriage legislation until the regular session in January when you can give it the time and attention it deserves and the people can be heard. It is unfair and undemocratic to push this marriage bill now with so many obstacles set before those who want an open and participatory discussion.

We elected you to that which is right and just and true to the trust placed in you by the people of Hawaii . And we trust that you will do so. Thank you.

I would like the opportunity to testify on Monday October 28.

Eric Hubner

Mountain View

Hawaii 96771

October 26, 2013

For the Senate hearing: Hearing on 10/28 @ 10:30am

Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am not okay with SB1 being passed. I do not believe that same sex marriage is appropriate or right. I do NOT want my children to be taught that same sex relationships are normal or right. I believe marriage is ONLY between one man and one woman. If this bill gets passed then the State of Hawaii will be mandating that I have to believe same sex marriage is normal. That is wrong. I have a right to believe same sex marriage is wrong. Just as much right as the one who says it is not wrong. I am a citizen of the United States of America and a local resident of the State Of Hawaii. I do not want this bill passed.

I will be present to testify.

Thank you,

Grace Alarcio

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Ewa Beach, HI 96706

808-445-1450

Grace.Alarcio@yahoo.com

Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am honored to speak today on behalf of the marriages of our fathers and mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers—marriage between man and woman.

There are four reasons why I support traditional marriage, and oppose same-sex marriage. Those four reasons are Hosanna, Victoria, Josiah and Jeremiah—my four young children. My oldest child, 10 year old Hosanna recently asked me what same-sex marriage is. As I began describing that it's marriage between a man and a man, or a woman and a woman, a bewildered look, a look of incomprehension crept over her face.

We who are older dismiss her incredulity to lack of education or experience. **We who are in this room today are older and, supposedly, wiser. But are we?**

In Massachusetts, the passage of same-sex marriage has gradually but inexorably led to gay sexuality being taught as acceptable and *normal* to high schoolers, middle, and even elementary school children.

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David Chun

1815 Fern St., Honolulu, HI 96826

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Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am honored to speak today on behalf of the marriages of our fathers and mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers—marriage between man and woman.

There are four reasons why I support traditional marriage, and oppose same-sex marriage. Those four reasons are Hosanna, Victoria, Josiah and Jeremiah—my four young children. My oldest child, 10 year old Hosanna recently asked me what same-sex marriage is. As I began describing that it's marriage between a man and a man, or a woman and a woman, a bewildered look, a look of incomprehension crept over her face.

We who are older dismiss her incredulity to lack of education or experience. **We who are in this room today are older and, supposedly, wiser. But are we?**

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Subject: JDL in person testimony: Gay Marriage,-"Common Core" Sexuality Education School Standards (LGBT curriculum by GLSEN now used in 10 Hawaii schools and Alfie's Home (a message of hope) children's book by Ex-Gay therapist now happily married with children...
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 4:30:00 PM

On Saturday, October 26, 2013 4:28 PM, Baruch Hashem <mashiach_is_coming@yahoo.com> wrote:

1. JDL Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in Opposition to SB 1 Relating to Equality
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 4:38:22 PM

Dear Honorable Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I'm here today to plead to you to reconsider holding the special session regarding same sex marriage.

I LOVE being a mother. I'm so proud of man my son Chad has become.

While Chad was in elementary school I suddenly found myself a single mom left to raise him the best that I could. There were many decisions I had to make to help mold his character and guide him through the complications of life in the sometimes nightmarish teen years.

One thing I discovered early on, Chad not only needed my nurturing but also needed a male model to emulate issues that only boys face. We were so blessed to have my parents take us into their home. My father provided that strong male influence Chad needed to be raised right.

All children need to be raised by both father and mother. Two mothers or two fathers cannot provide the complete parental influence needed and so desired by children. Please reconsider the special session and let the people vote on this matter that will influence our children and their future.

Thank you so much for your attention.

Arlene Iwano
1248 Ala Amoamo St.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819
(808)387-8721

I will be at the Senate hearing on Monday, October 28 to verbally share my testimony.

From: [Bobbilyn Akoi](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Same Sex Marriage
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 4:40:00 PM

I'm asking our legislatures to do the right thing by letting the people of Hawaii decide on this bill. A special legislature is too short of a time to decide a major issue such as this. Let the people decide what they want. More discussion needed on how individual rights will be protected. Thank you!

From: [Liz Larson](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Testify in Opposition to SB 1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 4:47:20 PM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
For Hearing on Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

I believe that the people of Hawaii respect each other's differences and want equality for all. This bill does not support equality for all in that it does not protect the right of conscience and religious liberty for the citizens of Hawaii. In fact this bill does not increase our rights, it decreases our rights as citizens.

I hope that the legislature will not pass this bill, but that they will let the people decide. In the very least, this bill should be brought up in the regular 2014 session, where it will be given due process and properly examined in the proper manner that such an important bill deserves.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Liz Larson
Citizen of Honolulu

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Liz Larson
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From: [Patti Yasuhara](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Re: in Person Testimony
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 5:02:06 PM

October 25, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Hearing Date: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30am
I will be present to personally deliver my testimony

Testimony in Opposition to SB 1 - Relating to Equality

Patricia A. Yasuhara

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

This is the State of Hawaii's 20 year Anniversary of **Baehr v. Lewin-** decision by Hawaii Supreme Court against gay marriage that violated the State Constitution.

This bill before us today 20 years later, still violates our State Constitution and our First Amendment under the Bill of Rights.
Congress may not make any law that sets up any religion or interferes with any religious practice.

Under- Religious organizations and facilities-

This bill restricts our churches and religious organizations the right to freely exercise their beliefs.

Facilities/Church's for profit services open to the public will NOT be protected in this section.

Under section 572-2 "Marriage for minors"

Allows 15-17yr. old's to marry either gender without parent consent.

Legal guardian age in the state of Hawaii is 18yrs. old. A Judge could allow my child to marry without my consent ,
yet as a parent I'm the legal guardian until the age of 18.

In Researching the 13 Same Sex Marriage States,

I am frightened and concerned about the agenda of the LBGT and the GLSEN organizations that are working in the DOE as early as preschool to desecrate any freedom of religion and to teach homosexual behavior **with out parent consent.**

Please allow the Legislator's to make Amendments to the State of Hawaii's "Civil Union" Bill to readdress the bill for equality,
not to redefine marriage and reorganize society for one fifth of one percent of the population.

The best way to protect the rights of gays and lesbians is to preserve the constitutional liberties of all citizens.

In the Supreme court case - Grigsby v. Rieb

CONCLUSION

"Our obligation is to define the liberty of all, not to mandate our own moral code." Lawrence v. Texas, 539 U.S. at 571, quoting Casey, 505 U.S. at 850. **If this Court bypasses the states and the people and proclaims a constitutional right to same-sex marriage, it will be destroying the liberty of many Americans by mandating a moral code contrary to their deepest convictions.** Amici curiae urges this Court to rule in favor of Petitioners so as **to protect the religious and other constitutional rights of persons who cannot in good conscience affirm same-sex marriage.**

There is not a conscience protection for any individual whether faith based or not in this bill.

I ask you then to vote your conscience **Please vote NO** and PLEASE KILL THIS BILL or let "We the People of Hawaii Vote on Marriage Equality Act SB 1"

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Yasuhara

On Oct 23, 2013, at 3:25 PM, JDLTestimony-InPerson wrote:

Dear Ms. Yasuhara,

Thank you for your email notifying us of your intent to testify in person. If you wish to only submit testimony in person we are happy to accommodate this. However, you will need to sign up on the day of the hearing, Monday, October 28th, 2013. There will be a sign up desk in front of the auditorium.

If you wish to submit written testimony and testify in person please reply to this email with your written testimony.

Sincerely,
Staff of the Judiciary and Labor Committee

-----Original Message-----

From: Patti Yasuhara [mailto:pyasuhara@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 2:38 PM

To: JDLTestimony-InPerson

Subject: in Person Testimony

Dear State of Hawaii,

I'd like an appointment to give a live testimony during special session.

Thank you,

Patti Yasuhara
683 Kumkahi Place
Honolulu, HI 96825

cell- 782-2340 text OK

From: [Ruth Brown](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: IN-PERSON TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 5:28:38 PM

26 October 2013

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Ruth A, Brown
Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: IN-PERSON TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY OR SAME SEX 28 October 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I have been hesitant in writing this testimony. One part of me believes that my elected representatives are loath to listen to their constituents. In others words, I receive a reply thanking me for contacting them, but my views never really are given true consideration. Instead, I get yet another standardized answer about the representative's position. Another part of me is hesitant because in the media and from some government leaders some my fiscal and religious views are associated to words like "radical," "hate" and "terrorist." Still, I realize I must stand and exercise my freedom of speech to protect my freedom of religion and the other freedoms the Founding Father's acknowledged are God-given and not government given. They are in danger of being lost.

If ever there were a time that haste makes waste, this is it. A special session is not the correct venue for the issue of same-sex marriage. These special sessions were designed for times of emergency and disaster which require quick action and we are facing neither. I would encourage the judiciary committee to refuse to bring SB1 up for a vote. If it were to come to the floor, I would ask that the Senate and House vote it down. Delaying action right here and right now is better than enacting a faulty law and forcing Hawaii live with far-reaching unintended consequences and years of litigation. Whatever version of SB1 is presented during this session, there has not been ample time for everyone to consider the ramifications. What we have seen so far curtails our Constitutional right of religious freedom. Lest there be any mistake, that is not freedom from religion, but it is freedom for individuals to practice religion without government infringement or punishment. I recognize that I have no need or right to impose my belief on anyone, but I retain the right to declare the word of God and to express my view that in some things a standard matters to everyone not simply those of my faith. I refuse to have that right legislated away in a week.

This bill, as is happening in other states, will infringe upon our guaranteed freedom of religion. Have no doubts about that. The "safeguard" included is not safe and does not guard. Churches and Individuals will not be allowed exercise their conscience in their places of worship, private businesses and possibly places of employment. Lawsuits and harassment will destroy livelihoods and spirits. Again, this has

happened repeatedly where same-sex marriage has been enacted by the state legislatures. No one should think that it will not happen here. Places of worship and individuals will no longer be allowed to faithfully support the belief that "marriage is ordained of God"-- not the government--and that it consists of one man and one woman. Adoption agencies and organizations affiliated or sponsored by churches will not be allowed to use their standards of belief when determining homes for children, marriage counseling and church-school housing and admissions policies. Public schools will begin, as has happened in others states, to teach same-sex marriage in grades as low as kindergarten. Older grades will expand their safe sex curriculum. In other states, parents do not retain the right to opt out of this education. Parents are being stripped of their responsibility and right to teach morality to their children.

Please do not allow that to happen in Hawaii. This issue is too large to be decided in a week by a body this small. I ask that we be allowed time to examine the issue and be given a thoughtful bill for the people of Hawaii to vote on in 2014. Too often lately, government on the federal or state level has stepped in to "solve" a problem and left us with a minefield of unintended consequences. Please do not allow that to happen today.

Thank you for your service and thank you for allowing us to do what we can and should do,

Ruth A. Brown
87-156 Mamoalii Pl
Waianae, HI 96792

From: [J.D](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 5:32:58 PM

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

As a concerned citizen, I am submitting my testimony against this special session and the bill that would legalize same sex marriage. I oppose the special session because it rushes the legislative process and does not give we, the people, sufficient input into the process.

I am particularly concerned that the religious exemption clauses are so sparse. Priest, pastors and churches are exempted under only very limited circumstances. There is no exemption for religious organizations, charities or fraternal societies, nor are there any exemptions for individuals. I am concerned that my First Amendment rights be protected in the process.

Finally, since we voted a constitutional amendment in 1998 giving the legislature the power to limit marriage between opposite sex couples, the only legitimate way to change this is to let we, the people, decide.

Please do not circumvent the democratic process!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify against this special session and against this bill.

Blessings,

Jonathan

Jonathan M. Domingo

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Pearl City, HI 96782-2618

Phone: (808) 372-9092

Email: jmd808hi@gmail.com

From: [Gordon Furtado](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: SB1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 5:50:22 PM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: In Strong Opposition of SB1

Aloha Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am submitting my written testimony in opposition to Bill SB1.

I am asking you to allow the people of the State of Hawaii to decide on the issue of marriage. I believe in traditional marriage where a man and a woman are united together. I also support equality for all mankind and religious freedom where we are allowed to express ourselves. The citizens of the State of Hawaii have faced this issue in the past, and have expressed their choice through the democratic process which is what keeps our nation free, where choices of the majority of the people who vote are recognized.

I believe the legislature and Governor Abercrombie are going against the will of the people by holding this special session.

I am opposed to the way this important social issue is being decided virtually in one week and I ask that you please uphold the principles of the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be examined as all other bills through committee hearings which have been the recognized process in the past. These hearings allow the people to voice their opinions in that venue which gives us as your constituents further opportunities in the process that we have known and recognized for years.

We, the people have elected our government officials to serve as our voices. We have a right to express our opinions, especially one that may affect and change the customs and traditions that we have known for hundreds of years as native Hawaiians and citizens of the United States of America.

A "YES" vote in this special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Gordon K.K. Furtado
Honolulu, HI 96813

From: [Cindy Connell](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Written Testimony
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 6:08:01 PM

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senate Bill 1
Monday, October 28, 2013
10:30 am
Auditorium, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Aloha, My name is Cynthia Connell.

I have something to say on the matter of this Marriage Equality Bill. I have read it, and what I read in it makes me sad and fear for the future of the family I don't have yet. For my friends children:for all those who aren't well off in the world; And for my future place in it. Therefore I am testifying against this bill.

The very name states that this bill is to give same sex couples the same rights as anyone else, yet they already HAVE them in the state of Hawaii. What I read in this Bill made me very upset. I have never forced anyone to change their beliefs and rights just to suite myself and I will not, Yet I cannot see from this bill, how you are standing for what it portrays. EQUALITY! I CANNOT stand for anyone who forces someone to do something the DO NOT believe in.

I am blessed with a good imagination, yet I do not need it to guess what COULD be done if this bill passes. I only have to look at other states. Yet this bill is different even from those, It is far more harsh and leaves much to interpretation. I only wish to bring up the thing that disturbs me most. This bill states that it will "get rid" of gender specific terms, such as Husband/ wife. What about Mother and Father. We each have both, and I for one want to live in a place where I can still call my mom, Mommy and my Dad, Daddy, And I want that for my children, as well as ALL children! These words might not seem like much to most people, but they have DEEP meaning, especially to a child!

This is one reason why I am against this bill.

Mahalo for listening.

Cynthia Connell
(808) 358-9785

From: [Nihaniya Aloha](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I Object to S. B. 1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 6:16:59 PM

I do believe that this Bill is masking a lot of other things that is more than "Same Sex Marriage and Equality." As a mother, if this Bill passes, will I still have the rights of a parent to monitor what types of classes my son is enrolled in? Will I have the Freedom of choice to take my son out of certain subjects if I wish to, without being arrested. Will this Bill protect my rights of Freedom of Speech? Will this Bill force religious leaders into doing something against the faith and belief of that religious leader?

Well, I do believe S.B 1 is masking more things that are hidden under the surface. Including things that is not in light yet. From what I have heard, read, and saw on the News, this Bill reversed discrimination. This Bill is not showing any type of Equality if these parents in other states are being thrown in jail for voicing his or her concern and protecting the welfare of his or her own children. I have been taken out of class when certain subjects arose because my parents did not appreciate the topic of the lesson. Why should the parental rights be any different if this Bill passes? This Bill is bullying citizens.

Now focusing on the subject at hand. There are so many children and youths that are having identity problems already, I think if we instill traditional practices then our youths will have a better foundation. Youths will explore and act as all youths do, BUT the value of Traditional Marriages will always and should always be taught, so when they grow into adulthood they will not be confused.

My name is Nihaniya A. Ludig and I am Hawaiian. I Object to S.B.1.

From: [liane](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: SB1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 6:39:10 PM

The Senate bill provides no protections for the right of religious parents to remove their children from public school classes that support or promote same-sex marriage or minimize the importance of marriage between a man and a woman.

Sent from my iPhone

From: uyemac001@hawaii.rr.com
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Legislative Session for Same Sex Marriage
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 6:41:27 PM

Dear Senators and Representatives,

How low can society get to this degenerative state, that they want the sacred union of marriage, which I believe should be between a man and a woman. Several years ago, the people of Hawaii voted that marriage is between a man and a woman. Does not the voices of the people of Hawaii count? Don't tell me I don't understand! I have a son that is gay. He is a productive citizen. He knows we love him, but disagree with his life style. Society has deteriorate right under our noses. My Dad and Mom were hard working parents and taught their children good values. I am glad that they are not alive to see the sad state we are in.

As the elected senators and representatives, you will be held accountable for the choices you make that will affect our society. I am concerned not for myself, but am concerned for the future of my children and grandchildren.

Clarence Uyema

From: [Tevita Taumoepeau](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Please STOP this Senate Bill in regards to same-sex marriage!
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 6:46:12 PM

Marriage is no small matter as you are probably witnessing from both sides that are in favor and opposing this bill. A matter of such great concern needs TIME so that both sides are considered. Right now, the bill is inadequately worded that it does not provide the proper rights for all people in the State of Hawaii.

For me personally, I am in opposition of this bill drafted by Governor Abercrombie for many reasons, religiously, socially and so forth.

Please reconsider the actions that you are about to make.

Sincerely,
Tevita A. Taumoepeau

From: [Rosemary Yokota](#)
To: [JDL Testimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Strongly Oppose
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 6:52:47 PM

My name is Dennis Yokota, I live at 716 Lukepane Ave, Apt. 502, Honolulu, HI 96816. I am strongly oppose to this special session that wants to pass Bill SB1. This bill takes away my rights for freedom of religion. This bill should not dictate to me who I should marry and who I have to rent to (public accommodation).

Thank you,
Dennis Yokota

From: [Administrator](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Testimony against gay marriage
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 6:54:36 PM

I am David Fullmer.

I represent the Fullmer family.

I am testifying in regards to S.B. No. 1 and let it be documented that i personally oppose this bill and any fraction thereof.

I am taking this stance for my family, for my community and for all mankind. Marriage is a sacred union between a man and a woman. Families, communities and all of mankind flourish when a mother and father are joined together in marriage.

I appreciate the time you have spent in hearing my postition, which again is opposition to bill S.B. No 1.

Thank you.

David Fullmer

From: [roman](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Bill SB1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 8:58:22 PM

Aloha Politicians i am emailing concerning bill SB1 i am against this bill and dont support it i feel it infringes on my religious beliefs and find it hard that the lawmakers of this state would put such a burden on its people it is a touchy subject but i also feel it is mockery towards god i appreciate this opportunity to email my testimony Mahalo

From: [Nolan Yogi](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Oral Testimony before the Senate Regarding Senate Bill 1 supporting Same Sex Marriage
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 7:19:20 PM

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have submitted written testimony regarding my opposition to Senate Bill 1's recognition of same sex marriage. I oppose this bill for a number of reasons:

A five day session is not enough time to discuss this most controversial issue of our time. No other state is rushing into special session to pass this type of bill. There are 34 states that do permit same sex marriage and hence, we are not isolated in our current law.

There is no exemption in this bill from the Public Accommodation law for people with sincere religious beliefs who choose not to support same sex marriage in any way. Why are business people prohibited from exercising their Constitutional right of freedom of religion and speech?

This bill is only the beginning of an effort by Gay and Lesbian groups to promote, even force their beliefs upon the public, especially in our schools. We need only look to Ontario, Canada to see the results of Same Sex Marriage legislation and its progeny on education mandates for children beginning as early as Kindergarten. Why is this information provided to the public?

There are numerous other reasons to oppose the bill. I wish to present oral testimony in this regard.

Nolan K. Yogi
92-1034 Makakilo Drive, No. 26
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

Sent from Windows Mail

From: [Mamasonruhland](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Special Session Oct 28 1030
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 7:56:42 AM

I would like to testify in person in this special session AGAINST this SB 1 on the day the Hawaii House of Representatives has hearings. What date will this be? Please submit my name for written and in person testimony. I live in Hilo and would like to know ahead of time so I can make travel and work arrangements. My cell phone number is 808 895-3741. Thank you.

Aloha,

Marie Ruhland 28 Makakai Place

Hilo, Hawaii

96720

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 8:01:12 AM

I stand in defense of traditional marriage, due process and democracy, and therefore, strongly oppose SB1.

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Randy
Last Name: Manley
Email: randylouise87@yahoo.com
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Opposition of SB1

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the
Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill
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I am asking you to allow the people to decide
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Tell Our Lawmakers Why You Oppose SB1: session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

I'm also concerned for our Hawaii families and what this bill will do to drastically effect what we now enjoy and cherish. Your "yes" vote will open the door to further redefining marriage in days to come. Today we are debating same sex marriage but what will be the debate concerning marriage 5 years from now? The standard for marriage as being between one man and one women must be upheld and preserved lest we find ourselves in days to come redefining marriage in ways we never anticipated.

Passing this bill would also logically lead to a change in the way that our children are educated. Our public schools would be compelled to teach that alternative lifestyles are to not only be tolerated but also encouraged and celebrated.

In short, the unintended consequences of this bill would have a devastating effect on our island's families, children and overall way of life.

I humbly ask that you, our elected officials, guardians of our state constitution and representatives of the people vote "NO" on SB1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Randolph R. Manley
PO Box 53
Hoolehua, Molokai, HI 96729

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I am Opposed to SB1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 8:07:19 AM

I stand in defense of traditional marriage, due process and democracy, and therefore, strongly oppose SB1.

User Submitted Values:

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City: Kailua
State: HI
Zip / Post Code: 96734

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Cindy Clemmer
Kailua, Hi. 96734

From: [Chris Kegans](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Public Testimony Request Chris Kegans
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 8:09:55 PM

I would like to be put on record for public testimony.

Chris Kegans Testimony for Monday October 28th:

Honorable panel,

This vote in democratic process needs to be given to the people. If this is decided in any other way it would go against the foundation that our great country was built on. We need to learn from the mistakes that our fellow states have made in making this decision in haste. This needs to have proper due diligence done to study the effects this will have on our society. By giving this vote to the people it will restore hope that has been lost by the current legislative process. I ask in earnest that all members search their hearts before making this vote. Thank you for your time today.

*Chris Kegans
Kaimuki resident*

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Chris Kegans
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From: [Wendell Lum](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#); lokahi@hotmail.com; drsauer@hotmail.com; [Bill Smith](#)
Subject: We only go to one of two places when we die?
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 8:25:30 PM

WE ARE ALL SINERS AND IF WE CONTINUE TO SIN AND NOT REPENT FOR OUR SINS WE WILL ALL GO TO HELL! OUR LORD WILL KNOW OUR HEARTS AND WITHOUT REPENTING WE CANNOT BE BORN AGAIN? IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE TO GO TO HEAVEN WITH HIM.

MAN ALWAYS MAKE CHANGES TO OUR LAWS AND THE SCRIPTURES IN THE BIBLE, GOD'S WORD. BUT IF IT IS A SIN, IT'S NOT A GOOD THING TO FOLLOW!

Jesus declares that the days just before the Rapture will be like the days of Noah and Lot. However, notice that although those were times of gross immorality, He doesn't even mention that fact. Here are His words: And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the day of the the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot, they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son on man is revealed therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Blessing to you,

Wendell

Johnette K. Maielua, Ph.D.

629 Kapaia Street
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October 25, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

*Re: In **Opposition** to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013*

Hearing Date: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30 am

I will be present to personally deliver my testimony.

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

My name is Johnette Maielua. I am opposed to SB1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, because I have several concerns regarding the great impact that this bill will have on our State. At first glance, the language used in SB1 seems to be okay to the average citizen. But upon a close read, there are hidden problems embedded into the document that, I believe, would cause subtle and irrevocable damage to our communities. My hope is to convince those of you who are unsure about supporting this bill to voice your opposition, and those who are in favor of this bill to rethink your support. I will discuss each point separately below.

Public Voice Limitations

I understand that, from time to time, a special session of the legislature is necessary to discuss and make decisions about certain issues. I do think, however, that the issues regarding SB1 are too important and volatile to cram into such a short time period instead of waiting for the regular legislative session in January. Constituent concerns are disregarded because of the short time frame. There are limited opportunities to attend public hearings, to make and submit amendments, to be very sure that what is written in the bill is a true representation of what we, the people, want it to state.

I believe that you, the Legislature, are being pushed into decision making without adequate time to explore the Marriage Equality Act thoroughly, thus limiting the authentic public voice of the people. Hear my voice: I do not support SB 1, the Marriage Equality Act.

Disregard for Voters' Decisions

Another way that our public voice regarding this issue is being ignored is because of the fact that this issue was already voted for and settled upon by the people in 1998. The 1998 amendment defined marriage as between a man and a woman. We, the people of Hawaii, made our choice clear. However, as voters, we gave the legislature limited authority with a specific directive to define marriage for opposite sex couples.

You are our elected officials, yet in this short "special session" you are 1) choosing to limit our public voice via time constraints; 2) limit our opportunities to be heard via one public hearing; and then, just as in 1998, when we are asked for input, you, 3) ignore our voices/decisions. Your actions show arrogance and contempt for your constituents. Remember, you represent us!

Hear my voice: I do not support the SB 1, the Marriage Equality Act. I will support legislation to let the people decide *again* but only without any added amendment that gives reserve power to you, the legislature, to *redefine* marriage and undermine our public voice. Please let the people decide!

Religious Freedoms & Public Accommodations

The First Amendment of the Constitution guarantees our religious freedoms. However, the current draft of SB1 does not give adequate protections to religious organizations that welcome the public into their midst for any reason whatsoever. This is the "public accommodations" that are hidden and come into play here.

The language of the bill (Sec.1, 3b) states that religious organizations who use their facilities "for a profit" must also solemnize same-sex marriages. This is a requirement that may go against the beliefs and practices of a religion if the bill is passed, resulting in religious restrictions, and not freedom.

I believe that this bill promotes economic hardship for religious organizations that, not only fulfill spiritual purposes in the community, but social ones as well, many times stepping in for government agencies to fill needs. And we know that the government cannot do everything for all of its citizens. Will the legislature be willing to fund more social and/or work programs that are currently served by religious organizations or provide more funding for unemployment benefits if SB1 is passed?

Impacts on education

Again, another hidden impact of SB1 is on education. The DOE and the state are already strapped for funding. If SB1 is passed, do these entities have the funding to purchase new materials, new texts that are rewritten to reflect the changes in the law? Again, our state can ill afford to do this.

And if a teacher has specific religious beliefs/practices, won't that teacher's religious freedoms be compromised if the law passes and he/she has to teach curriculum that encompasses same-sex marriage? I believe that to pass SB1 would be wrong.

572-C “Parentage Presumptions” Impacts Native Hawaiian Entities

Embedded in section 572-C of the Marriage Equality Act, SB1, is the following phrase, “parentage presumptions based on marriage”. To me, this means that all rights, benefits, and protections afforded to Native Hawaiians as the indigenous people of these islands may be also be given to others based upon marriage under SB1, and not just on paternity or maternity—the blood quantum. My people are still having struggles socially and economically in many areas, and now to deal with one more thing, one more layer, one more stroke against us is tantamount to betrayal—again.

Moral Courage vs. Popular Vote

What has been interesting to watch leading up to this special session is the amount of legislators that are now in support of the Marriage Equality Act, SB1. It is interesting because I wonder how many of you are supporting this bill to gain the popular vote instead of doing otherwise. Who has the moral courage to stand and do what is right and good for our state versus to cave in and do what is popular?

Finally, aside from all the items I listed above, I believe that marriage between a man and a woman is a God-given law. The laws of man, as you know, are subject to interpretation, revision, and/or reversal. Proponents for SB1 point to the social ills of abuse and high divorce rates in traditional relationships as a reason to pass this law. I contend that the social ills are due to the individuals and not the institution of traditional marriage itself.

I sincerely urge you: PLEASE, VOTE NO on SB1. Mahalo for your time and commitment to doing what is right for the people in this state.

Johnette K. Maielua, Ph.D.
Hawaii Voter

From: [Annora Ng](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Strongly Oppose SB1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 9:07:42 PM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Opposition of SB1

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am strong oppose to Senate Bill 1. I do not support this bill and feel that the religious exemptions are not adequate to protect individuals, churches, organizations, and their affiliates.

I also do not believe that we should have a special session for the following reasons.

I think part of the reason that people want to Let the People Decide is because we don't trust that our voice can be adequately heard. This process shows us that.

1. The Governor is calling a special session out of the regular session. (Which is perfectly within in his ability to do so but why can't he wait two more months for regular session to start?)
2. The Governor contributed to the writing of this bill. Writing bills is outside his branch of government.
3. Special session is limited to the minimum of amount of days to hear the least amount of people. FIVE days max. In order to rush the special session, hearings will need to be held the same day as the reading.
4. No hearings on neighbor islands. If the special session was longer, they could have hearings on neighbor islands or rural areas.
5. We are NINE days away from a special session and the final version of the bill has yet to be released. They also haven't even determined the process.
6. Testimonies will be limited due to the anticipated volume of people testifying.
7. In order to do a oral testimony, a written testimony must be submitted. You'll be given a number and you need to be PRESENT when your number is called in order to testify. If you miss your number, you will lose your ONLY opportunity to testify.

I've testified before and this is NOT the process during a regular session. I walked up to a hearing once and asked to testify and they let me. I did not have to have a written testimony submitted beforehand but I prepared one anyway. I think I spoke for about 10-15 minutes. We would be so lucky if we could get that kind of time during a special session.

Do I feel like democracy is being trampled on and that the legislators are trying to stifle my voice during a special session? YES.

Seriously write your legislators about the process of this special session. They may not be able

to understand our beliefs, values, or religion but I think as legislators, they can understand democracy. They can understand our desire to have our voices heard. They can understand that **WE WILL NOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE SILENCED NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT THEY MAKE IT FOR US.**

From: [Kari Benes](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony SB1- OPPOSE. Intention to testify in person.
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 9:21:01 PM
Attachments: [OpposeSB1_KB.docx](#)

Dear Honorable Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

Thank you for your patience and hard work on this very contentious matter. My name is Kari Benes and I oppose SB1. This bill diminishes people of faith, churches, property owners, pastors, parents, individuals, by putting them at increased risk of getting bullied, sued, and harassed by the media if they openly disagree with same sex marriages or homosexual lifestyles and fail meet tricky exemptions set forth in this bill. This bill uses equality of same sex marriage as a way to govern religious freedoms.

God's standard of marriage, sex, stewarding of church resources, family, parenting, and relationships, is not equal the policies implied by the authors of this bill, ACLU, or the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. So please protect our constitutional freedom to fully live according to our religious values and standards, by stopping this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.
Kari Benes,
Kaimuki Resident

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDLWebTestimony](#)
Cc: swill34124@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 28, 2013 10:30AM (In Person)
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 9:39:24 PM

SB1

Submitted on: 10/26/2013

Testimony for on Oct 28, 2013 10:30AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Sharon Williams	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY The people have a right to be heard & this special session does not provide the opportunity for all of the public input needed. This bill as written is unconstitutional.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

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From: [Erica's Gmail](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Re: OPPOSITION to SB1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 10:00:55 PM

Erica Vincent
2563 Date Street #102
Honolulu, HI 96826

October 23, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30 am

*Re: In **Opposition** to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013*

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am opposed to S.B.1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, because, I feel that marriage should legally remain between a man and a woman. I also feel that church and state should remain separate and that religious institutions should have the freedom to deny those that do not practice their standards of marriage to solemnize their marriage.

I urge you to vote NO on S.B. 1. Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,

Erica Vincent

Hawaii Voter

Anne K Fritz
91-555 Pupu Street
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 am
I will be present to personally deliver my testimony.

Re: In Opposition to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

My name is Anne Fritz and I urge you to OPPOSE Special Session SB1: Relating to Marriage.

1. Deciding the outcome of this bill in a special session preempts the democratic process by not allowing for the people of our state to voice our support or opposition to the changes as we did in 1998 when we decided to preserve traditional marriage as “a unique social institution based on the committed union of one man and one woman.”

2. I ask the lawmakers of our state to consider this issue better treated by the constitutional amendment process that would allow for due democratic process to take place because the outcome of this bill if passed will be irreversible and affect generations to follow.

3. It is my belief that the current bill will NOT protect church leaders, churches who define marriage as between one man and one woman and individual’s rights due to the stipulations in the public accommodations law. What church is not open to the public or encourage interaction with the community around them for marriages or other activities? This would limit church membership and their ability to be a functional part of their communities.

I urge you to vote NO on SB 1. Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,

Anne K Fritz, Hawaii Voter

From: CarolinHonolulu@aol.com
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Beverly Antolin In Opposition to S.B. 1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 10:04:06 PM
Attachments: [Beverly Antolin SB1.wps](#)

Please see testimony attached, in opposition to S.B.1

From: [Patricia Pouha](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: I oppose bill SB1
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013 10:15:38 AM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Opposition of SB1

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Kahuku, Hawaii 96731

Cici Fong

Frederick W. Rohlfing
House District 23
Senate District 11

October 27, 2013

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The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
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Re: In Opposition to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am opposed to S.B.1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, because I believe is contrary to both the unwritten constitution of the people of Hawaii and the written Constitution of the State of Hawaii. Passage of this bill should therefore only be considered following passage and ratification of an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii empowering the legislature to redefine marriage to include a single-gender option.

Marriage during the time of the Kingdom of Hawaii was defined to consist exclusively of one man and one woman. See, e.g., *Compiled Laws of the Hawaiian Kingdom* (1884), Title 5, Chapter XXVIII, Article LIII. This understanding of marriage has continued in Hawaii up to the present time. This definition is consistent with the marriage laws of over 92% of the nations in the world. Because this understanding of marriage “is made up of men and women, potential and actual mothers and fathers, it is child-centered.” William C. Duncan, “Speaking Up for Marriage,” *32 Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy* 915, 930 (2009).

It has served in virtually all human societies to encourage men and women who may create a child to take responsibility for that child and for one another. As such, it is the most effective way for society to promote the child’s opportunity to know and be raised by his or her own mother and father. Even those married couples who do not have children as a result of their marriage relationship can still provide a mother and father to those who are otherwise deprived of that opportunity. Married couples who are faithful to one another but who do not have children also promote

children's best interests by not creating motherless and fatherless children. Finally, marriage promotes the integration of men and women; by treating both as essential to society's most basic and foundational unit, it rejects the idea that men and women, mothers and fathers, are fungible.

Id.

Because marriage is such a fundamental institution of Hawaii society, it can be viewed as a part of the constitution of Hawaii's people. This constitution is spelled with a small "c" because the "term constitution refers both to the institutions, practices, and principles that define and structure a system of government and to the written document that establishes or articulates such a system." Suzette Hemberger, "Constitution," in Joel Krieger, ed., *The Oxford Companion to Politics of the World* (Oxford University Press, 1993), 189.

[T]he American constitution has been described as a written one, the British, as unwritten. If these words are taken literally, they are incorrect. . . . The truth is that both constitutional systems include portions that have been committed to writing and portions that have not. . . . That certain topics receive written statement, while others are left to informal understanding, is of itself a somewhat trivial difference. What surely matters more is the choice of the content that receives expression in one medium or in the other.

Leslie Lipson, *The Great Issues of Politics: Introduction to Politics* (2d edition, Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1960), 270-71.

When the Hawaii Supreme Court held in 1993 that Hawaii's marriage statute defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman was presumptively unconstitutional under the State Constitution unless the State was able to show a compelling governmental interest justifying the marriage law, the people's response resulted in the Legislature in 1998 passing a constitutional amendment empowering the legislature "to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples." The amendment was ratified by an affirmative vote of almost 70% of the voters.

The actions of the Legislature and the people in passing and ratifying the marriage amendment in 1998 were thus essentially an broadly-based effort to align the written Constitution of the State of Hawaii with the unwritten constitution of Hawaii's people with regard to the definition of marriage.

Many legislators now argue that the legal effect of the 1998 constitutional amendment was solely to give the legislature the option of continuing to define marriage as the union of a man and a woman, while still allowing the legislature the choice of redefining marriage to include a single-gender option. This clearly contradicts the understanding of the people, who were told by the Office of Elections that a "yes" vote would enable the legislature to "reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples only. The Legislature could then

pass a law that would reserve marriage to a man and a woman, overruling the recent Supreme Court decision regarding same-sex couples.”

I believe the interpretation now being urged by certain legislators contradicts not only the written Constitution of the State of Hawaii, but more importantly, the unwritten constitution of the people of Hawaii with regard to the definition of marriage.

The people should be allowed to have their say on this issue. Under our State Constitution, the only means whereby the people can directly express their view is through the constitutional amendment process. I therefore believe that S.B. No. 1 should only be considered by the Legislature following passage by the Legislature and ratification by a majority of the voters of an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii empowering the legislature to redefine marriage to include a single-gender option.

I therefore urge you to vote NO on S.B. 1.

Very truly yours,

Frederick W. Rohlfig

From: [Kalli Wilson](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013 10:16:22 AM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Opposition of SB1

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I oppose Bill SB1. I vote in defense of a tradition marriage. I vote for the strengthening of the nuclear family which is the framework of a strong society. We are making decision that impact future generations and the more we vote for principles that redefine and weaken that unit, the more we jeopardize their future and the future of this nation.

I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Testimony on SB1
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013 10:17:46 AM

I am requesting an opportunity to give an oral testimony.

I am opposed to legalizing same sex marriage because I believe it goes against the will of the general population of Hawaii.

There is more.

Aloha Victor Groves

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Representative Della Au Belatti Full Headers Printable View

Dear Representative Della Au Belatti,

My appreciation for the number of years for your serving in my district with wisdom and a heartfelt concern for all matters facing the betterment of all significant issues within this district and the State of Hawaii.

My name is Yasuko Shiraishi. I am 82 years of age, living on 1142D Kinau St. for almost 40years. God has blessed me with good health. I am a retired RN.

My heart is heavy knowing that there is this special session called forth by our Governor.

Because I am older and what the future years are about to happen if the SSM Bill passes, I should not be concerned? I thought about an analogy of FIRE and SSM. When the campfire is burning bringing warmth and comfort and if the fire is not sustained properly, it will go out of hand causing havoc. As with the SSM the present situation for a couple experiencing much devotion, fun, and a blissful future will be faced with many problems to follow. My sincere concern comes when the couple begins to think of raising a family-children by adoption or surrogate measures? Children are precious and there will be a great deal of educational changes. Some schools are already in the system?

This Friday on Oct 25th 400 UH students signed a petition in favor of SSM. Your name signified that you approved. I am wondering if these students were able to hear the other side of this matter?

Thank you for taking time to read this entry. May you be blessed with God's riches and wisdom to follow the wishes of your constituents for our traditional marriage between a man and a woman.

Respectfully submitted, Yasuko Shiraishi

Yasuko Shiraishi

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October 23, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
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Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30 am

I will be present to personally deliver my testimony.

*Re: In **Opposition** to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013*

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am opposed to S.B.1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 because it clearly does the opposite of what the majority want. Majority of people living in Hawaii oppose this because it alters traditional marriage values that we voted on. Thank you for your service and your time in addressing this matter.

Lauren and Kirk McBride

From: [Hawaii Defending Marriage](#)
To: [All Senators](#); [All Reps](#); [JDL Testimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Re: In Opposition to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013 10:20:58 AM

Camille and Julian Bosgra

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*Re: In **Opposition** to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013*

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am opposed to S.B.1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013. This issue keeps coming up but under different names. Now it's the equality act. Yes we all should be equal and yes every one has their own choice but this clearly takes voices away from the voters who voted. It is the majority and the majority do not want this. We clearly defined this time and time again with our votes and voices what marriage is in HAWAII. Please be our voice; Thank you, aloha Bosgra ohana

From: [Leilani Auna](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Cc: [Auna, Vanley](#); [Leilani Auna](#)
Subject: FW: Leilani's testimony
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Subject: RE: Leilani's testimony

To Whom It May Concern;

My name is Leilani Auna and I am a working mother of eight children who are now young adults. As a young mother I have raised my children to respect other people of different cultures, religious beliefs, and orientation. Having said that, I also taught them values and what is right and wrong. I taught them to love people and respect them.

However, there comes a time when one must stand up for what they know is the truth. I believe that defining marriage as a man and woman. It is important to make that definition so there are no confusion.

My religion has taught me that this is an important concept. If you change that it will infringe on my rights to freedom of religion. This is what makes America truly beautiful.

Do not change the definition. Help us support traditional marriage as a man and a woman.

Respectfully,

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From: [DAVID CHARLENE DUNCAN](#)
To: [All Reps](#); [All Senators](#); [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Re: Strong Opposition of SB1
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013 10:23:47 AM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Opposition of SB1

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

Same sex marriage goes against my religious beliefs. In asking you to vote against this bill I am asking you to protect my religious freedom. If passed this bill paves the way for discrimination against those who value marriage between a man and a woman. It would change the way our children are taught about marriage and sex education in the schools. Those who don't agree with these teachings because of their religious beliefs will be treated as bigots or ignorant. It would open up our churches to lawsuits if we do not support performing or celebrating same sex marriage, as it would small businesses and marriage counselors.

Also, if passed, this bill will change the very fabric of society in ways that are harmful to us and future generations. It makes us weaker, not stronger. Many studies have shown children (who are our future) grow up to be better more stable people and citizens when raised in a home by their FATHER and MOTHER. They need the influence and guidance from both genders!

I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Charlene E. Duncan
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From: [Eldean Kukahiko](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Testimony in OPPOSITION of SB1
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013 10:23:18 AM

My testimony regarding SB1, Senator Clayton Hee-Chairman, Committee on Judiciary and Labor hearing on 10/28/13 at 1030.

I am against this bill and here are my concerns:

1. More time is needed to ensure that all Hawaii's citizens' rights are protected. How can this bill be fully analyzed in a five day (rushed) special session called by the governor? Even more troubling is that this bill cannot be amended! Isn't your duty as our elected (by the people of Hawaii) members of the Legislature to defend our constitutional rights and freedoms?
2. Just take a look at some of the other states and the ramifications that they are experiencing. For example, the public schools in Massachusetts, where it has opened up the door for teaching homosexuality. Saying how it is a "normal part of society", which may not be true for everyone. In addition to using books that are explicit and even pornographic to teach homosexual intercourse. As a parent, I am deeply concerned about my rights to oppose this way of teaching. I heard that the schools have no obligation to notify parents or let them opt out their children in regards to the normalization of homosexual relationships to children. Some parents were even arrested for opposing these teachings...what happened to their rights? Is my rights and other parents' rights going to be denied as well?
3. Please fulfill your oaths by voting "no" on SB1 to ensure that future legislation regarding marriage is developed in a constitutional process that guarantees the greatest transparency, with the fullest debate and maximum participation of the electorate. Let the people decide the future of marriage in Hawaii.

Mahalo for taking the time to hear my concerns. Please thoroughly thinks this through before diving into such an important issue.

Mrs. Tabitha Kukahiko, Registered Voter
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Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: **TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY**

28 Oct 2013 at 10:30 am

I plan to testify in person

Submitted by: Barbara O’Nale 92-6048 Kohi St, Kapolei, HI 96707

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am opposed to this bill because it is circumventing the normal process a bill should go through.

It is my understanding that the legislature did not have the votes to call a special session. The Governor would not have called a special session if this was not a political agenda he wanted to push. The Democrat Party of Hawaii investigative panel has already shown its bias by recommending reprimand for Sen. Gabbard and for Rep. Har to be censured for introducing a constitutional amendment on traditional marriage. The panel concluded that the party has a First Amendment right of free association to enforce its membership requirements, and that “they violated the membership requirements of the DPH to the extent that sanctions may be applied to them that affect their membership in the organization.... Sen Gabbard was censured in 2009 for violating the platform on equal rights by actively working against a civil-unions bill.” (Honolulu Star-Advertiser 26 July 2013) With Free Speech Week occurring just last week, it is a reminder of how appalling it is that activists have been allowed to elevate a party platform at the expense of the Constitutional Amendment of free speech to express an opposing view, especially when affecting representation of constituents. Richard Borreca in his column on 25 October 2013 in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser states, “Legislators say they are all plowing through a deluge of emails and a constant hum of phone calls, mostly from members of the public opposed.” If this is true, is political pressure from threat of censorship and standing in the Democrat Party exerting more influence on a legislator’s vote than the view of the constituents who elected them? As this could be any contentious issue, a no vote on this bill in special session would show respect for the normal democratic process of passing a bill and give citizens the confidence that elected officials are not succumbing to political pressure from threats by activists instead of representing them. A yes vote validates this circumventing of the process for activists to use in the future to push an agenda that failed during the regular legislative session.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara O’Nale

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TO:
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Senator S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
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X Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply

Dear Honorable Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Honorable Senator S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Thank you for your dilligent service to the people of Hawaii, in Service of the State Senate, we appreciate all you are doing and continue to do for the people. This is regarding SB-1, which is before the TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, INTERIM OF 2013 Special Session.

I have a small business, just like the thousands of small businesses across Hawaii, which are the backbone of the revenue generating source in Hawaii, feeding our families, paying the bills, taxes and growing a healthy Hawaii. I am honored not only to be in business but to sit on the board of directors for non-profit groups in the State, providing leadership, advisement on revenue generation and risk management.

Like many of the business owners and managers across Hawaii, there are many questions concerning the impact of SB-1 to the State and the People of Hawaii. Whenever I speak with colleagues from the Rotary, Kiwanis organizations, the speak with colleagues of the Plaza Club, the Honolulu Club or the Oahu Club and in the meetings of the non-profit groups, there are many unanswered questions concerning SB-1 which cause concern among the business owners and leaders in Hawaii.

The concerns in part are generated from the lawyers which bring onto the table the issues of the constitutionality of the bill - how it may conflict with first amendment rights. The questions of when in 1998 when the people gave the Hawaii legislature the authority to define marriage as between 1 man and 1 woman (only), not to define marriage in whatever way they decide. In the way that the Marriage Equality bill is presented as a "Civil Rights" issue, when it is not a civil rights issue but it is a sexual preference. I am a minority, I cannot change my ancestry or ethnicity because it was not an act of my volition but sexual preference is a decision not an irrevocable issue.

Further concerns is what will SB-1 do to the economy if it passes. Research has revealed that in review of the other (13) states in the mainland which has adopted gay marriage in 1 form or another that it has had negative effects on the economy in health, services, legal and law enforcement.

Other concerns about SB-1 are the basis for it. The basis for it according to the bill is that the federal government does not recognize civil unions for reciprocal benefits equally to marriage. But the state of Hawaii has already done its best in civil unions to provide same rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities under the law as afforded to opposite sex couples who marry. Therefore in the Obama administration wanted to provide reciprocal benefits, the president with 1 short executive order, recognize Civil Unions for reciprocal benefits and which would be a huge cost and cultural savings to the state.

In my business I consult to the government and to businesses in contracts and compliance. Many of my office hours are around compliance, so I ask the question, is SB-1 compliant to be considered to be a law?

- Does the legislature have enough information to make informed decisions?**
- Have all the questions been answered?**
- Has the will of the people taken into consideration from previous voting?**
- What is the impact upon the economy of Hawaii if SB-1 passes?**
- What will be the cultural changed if SB-1 passes and becomes a law.**

In the State of Hawaii before a building structure is built the developer must go thru a series of steps to receive approval. Some of these steps include a environmental impact studies, archeological studies, cultural studies and others before their permit to build is approved.

In the same fashion the consensus is that if the State wants to consider SB-1 that it is recommended that an cultural, financial, legal and educational impact studies be conducted prior to consideration of SB-1 for a vote of the legislature. Or before providing the opportunity for a vote to be brought before the people of Hawaii.

In this way the legislature and the people will have the information they have to make informed decisions. This is critical to the health of the people of Hawaii, the financial and the legal system in Hawaii. There are too many opened ended and unanswered questions concerning SB-1 and since Hawaii via the Civil Unions law has already done our part, it is recommended to put a hold on SB-1 until such time that studies can be provided to the legislature for the people to provide the forecasted impact to the legal, cultural, financial and educational systems in Hawaii if a "Marriage Equality" bill is submitted for consideration.

I submit for your consideration to place SB-1 in abeyance until the cultural, financial, legal and educational impact studies can be conducted and presented to the legislature and to the people of Hawaii for consideration.

Thank you very much for allowing me to present the above for your consideration.

Best Regards:

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October 25, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
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Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30 am
I will be present to personally deliver my testimony.

Re: In **Opposition** to S.B. 1: *The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013*

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am opposed to S.B.1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, because:

1. I support the definition that marriage is between a man and a woman. This legislation goes against the will of Hawaii voters who voted in 1998 to define marriage exclusively between a man and woman in the Hawaii constitution. The language “reserve marriage” indicates that the people of Hawaii recognize that the institute of marriage deserves and demands special consideration and criteria, one man and one woman exclusively.
2. It denies individual citizens their First Amendment right of freedom of religion. Religious organizations will not be required to host same sex marriage celebrations if they meet the requirements of the state but not according and in respect to personal religious beliefs. Further this bill would prevent churches from holding events of community outreach with the fear that their facility would then be compelled to host events not keeping with their religious/moral beliefs.
3. It will introduce a new educational curriculum for K-12 grades that will present same-sex marriages and relationships to school children and youth. Separation of church and state bar teachers from referencing God in public schools. If religious references are excluded from being taught in public schools, then same-sex marriages and relationships should likewise not be taught in public schools. The current legislation should respect all parties concerned.

I urge you to vote **NO** on S.B. 1. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Lee
Hawaii Voter

From: makalani2722@hawaii.rr.com
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Testimony on Same Sex Marriage Bill
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 10:27:28 AM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Opposition of SB1

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

As a concerned citizen, I am submitting testimony against this special session and the bill that would legalize same sex marriage. A special session is simply not enough time to adequately discuss the most controversial issue of our time and which will have grave consequences from this day forward to our children and all who follow. I oppose the special session because in 1998, we, the people, believed that the constitutional amendment defined marriage as between a man and a woman. Marriage is not a civil right as defined by any court, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Furthermore, the so-called religious protection clauses in the current bill do not protect any individuals First Amendment rights, including the freedom of speech and freedom of religion. This bill should not violate our First Amendment right to freely practice our religious beliefs even if such beliefs do not endorse the homosexual lifestyle.

As a previous member of the military, I know all too well the sacrifices we have gone through to protect these rights as we continue to fight for them daily.

Therefore, the only right, democratic thing to do is to let the people decide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Tammy L. Lorenzo
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

From: drbybee@gmail.com on behalf of [Dave Bybee](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Testimony opposing the marriage bill
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 10:27:02 PM

My name is Dave Bybee. I am a resident of Laie. The marriage bill being proposed in the upcoming special session is of great concern to me for many reasons. Here are just a few:

- 1) the process (a rushed special session with limited input)
- 2) the incredibly weak religious exemptions
- 3) most importantly, the attempt to redefine marriage.

A matter of such enormous consequence should not be hastily decided by a small group of people (the legislature). It should be taken to the enormous body of people who will be most affected by it. We, the people of Hawaii, should be the ones to decide on this and take responsibility for that decision.

If we are going to base this decision on the need for benefits then let's not be selective in our discussion of benefits. Let's include a discussion on what sort of benefits children (and society) get from the traditional institution of marriage. According to millennia of experience and a great deal of sound research, marriage between a man and a woman it is not just a nice option, it is the best scenario we know of, and some have argued that it is essential for the healthy development of children. This shouldn't be about what some socially innovative adults want to try. It should be about what our children need.

I ask that you, as my elected representatives, hear my voice and vote against this bill or recommend that this decision be placed where it belongs, in the hands of the people.

Dave Bybee

Laie, Hawaii 96762

To: THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

From: Leslie Jones, constituent

Re: Hearing on SB1 scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2013 10:30 a.m

Testimony in opposition to Same-sex marriage bill SB#1 "Relating to Equal Rights"

Thank you Senator Hee and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

My name is Leslie Jones and I am here to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 1, but perhaps not for the reasons you might think. At the heart of this bill is an honorable idea, a concept that we hold dear and indeed foundational as a nation and as people of the Aloha Spirit here in Hawaii, the idea that all persons are created equal. While supporting this idea is a noble pursuit, I submit to you that in its attempt to do so, this measure misses the mark.

The notion that we are all created equal is an absolute truth, but equality must not be confused with sameness. Men and women are created equal, but we realize this does not mean they are the same. They are biologically different, and express their needs and wants in different ways. In the same manner, Hawaii's citizens are all created equal, but at the same time are individually different from one another, each with unique wants and needs. The tradition of our nation and our culture has always sought to honor these differences. This bill on same-sex marriage attempts to honor equality among Hawaii's citizens, but in doing so, confuses equality with sameness.

Marriage as an institution has a unique history and purpose under the law. Marriage was not created by government; it is a religious institution, a specific expression of religious freedom. Government did not create marriage, and therefore does not have the authority to define it; it accepts the definition given by we the people to whom all government in America is accountable. By sacred definition, marriage is lifelong commitment between a man and a woman, for the express purpose of representing and expressing Biblical values. Government comes alongside marriage and codifies it as an institution because the citizens agree that marriage serves a valuable function in society. But a society cannot function effectively when it seeks to dismantle and rearrange the foundations on which it was built. We see this today in the fragmentation of our ohana, in the confusion of our young people as to whom they should emulate, in the anger, frustration, and impatience of our daily lives. If we are to regain our way of self-governance, we must reunite ourselves with the foundational worldview that can effectively handle our fragmentation and confusion, the worldview on which our nation was founded.

Today's debate is not about same-sex marriage. We can all agree that every American citizen has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The problem is that we are trying to separate those rights from their source, and in so doing are debating about who and what is considered sacred. All of us are created with the desire to unite in and with something greater than ourselves, and in our culture,

one of the highest expressions of this is the commitment expressed by two people in marriage. But why marriage? What difference does it make what we call the committed union of two hearts? Because there is something about marriage that we all recognize as sacred, as extra-special, as beyond the ordinary relationship, as something that gives us all hope. For anyone who has ever witnessed or participated in the marriage ceremony of close friends or family, no doubt you can relate to their feelings of exuberant joy. They are contagious. 😊 And rightfully so. We are endowed by our Creator with these feelings and desires. But therein lies the problem. WE try to rush past the Source of these gifts to the gifts themselves. It's as if our children at Christmas were to ignore the source of the gifts we give them just to get to the gifts alone, in the process ignoring us and the love, the aloha with which we gave those gifts. What sense does it make to separate the giver and the gift? The gift then loses its meaning as an expression of the relationship between the giver and the receiver. It stops being special.

Marriage IS special. WE are each special. And this is so because the Source, the Giver, is special. The Source of marriage and of our gifts of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The Source that is larger than all of us, the Source of the Aloha Spirit, and the Source that the institution of marriage is designed to honor. The Source Who created all of us and made us special. That source is not government. Government did not create marriage. Marriage comes from the Source of all life as a symbol of the larger-than-life union between that Source and us. Government did not define that special union; it only has the authority to embrace it.

So, Let us honor that which is sacred. Let us honor our Source. And let us do so in a way that respects the Source's definition of marriage.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

From: [Alisa Beach](#)
To: [All Reps](#); [All Senators](#); [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Re: Strong Opposition of SB1
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013 10:28:17 AM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Opposition of SB1

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. Freedom of religion is one of the foundational rights of our country. Many of our founding father's were here because they or their families were seeking religious freedom. To introduce legislation that inhibits our country's most basic freedoms will declare to the world that The United States of America is no longer a free country. Any legislation that is passed by our representatives should have our rights clearly articulated within it. It should be made clear that not a single individual, group, or institution will be legally forced to do anything outside of their religious or moral code.

I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. It is completely inappropriate for you as our representatives to take our freedoms into your own hands and throw them away without any regard for the people you are representing. It is not your place to use the power you have been entrusted with, by the people, to make decisions based on your own will or desires. Your vote is meant to be a representation of the will of the people. The fact that you are voting on such an important issue without hearing the voices of your community shows a blatant disregard for your responsibilities and duties to our town, our county, our state, and our country. This special session is a completely inappropriate abuse of the power you have been entrusted with. I am asking you to remember the people, every man, woman, and child, who's freedoms and rights have been given to you. I am asking you to do the job that you were elected to do and protect our freedom.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: JDLWebTestimony
Cc: williamsm081@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 28, 2013 10:30AM (In Person)
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 9:40:08 PM

SB1

Submitted on: 10/26/2013

Testimony for on Oct 28, 2013 10:30AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Mark Williams	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY The people have a right to be heard & this special session does not provide the opportunity for all of the public input needed. This bill as written is unconstitutional.

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October 26, 2013

To : The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

From: Lily Ong

Re : Strong Opposition to SB1 (Same-sex Marriage Bill) and
Special Session on Oct.28, 2013 at 10:30am in State Capitol, Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Chairperson Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Committee of the Judiciary and Labor:

Firstly, I strongly oppose to this special session being called for the issue of Same-sex Marriage (SB1) in this economic hard time and unnecessarily spend taxpayers' money.

Same-sex marriage bill should not be passed in a special session because of the following reasons to be briefly stated, most certainly there are still many other reasons:

- 1.) A five-day special session is not enough time to discuss the most controversial issue of our time.
- 2.) No amendments can be made to the legislation. As a result, true democracy is made a mockery.
- 3.) Hawaii is the only state rushing into this special session as a result of the Supreme Court decision. If the need was truly dire, then why have not the other 34 states that do not permit same-sex marriage done so?
- 4.) A "yes" vote during the special session is a "no" vote to democracy because the voice of the people is NOT heard in a five-day special session, specially if that voice is to "amend the bill".
- 5.) In 1998, the people of the beautiful Aloha State voted and approved a constitutional amendment that gave the Legislature the power to define marriage as being between a man and a woman. Senators, I ask you to kindly acknowledge that the majority of voters do not want marriage to be re-defined now. I respectfully and earnestly ask you to please reject the same-sex "marriage" bill in a special session and work toward allowing the people to decide to define marriage by constitutional amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

Lily Ong

From: [P. Charlene Matsuzaki](#)
To: [All Reps](#); [All Senators](#); [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Testimony SB1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 10:32:24 PM

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October 26, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30 am
I will be present to personally deliver my testimony.

*Re: In **Opposition** to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013*

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am opposed to S.B.1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, because

1. It denies individual citizens their First Amendment right of freedom of religion.

2. It denies business owners their First Amendment right of freedom of religion.
3. It denies the most core institution of society, marriage between a born-man and a born-woman.
4. It fails to protect churches, religious groups and temples from lawsuits.
5. It fails to protect church-affiliated organizations (universities, hospitals, adoption agencies, housing agencies, etc.) from lawsuits.
6. It fails to protect bishops, priests and other clergy members from lawsuits.
7. It trashes Native Hawaiian ethnicity by extending the parentage rights that would transfer Native Hawaiian ethnicity to non-Native Hawaiian individuals.
8. It will tax Hawaii taxpayers with costs for divorce, annulment and separation proceedings of same-sex couples married in the State, but who do not live in Hawaii returning to Hawaii courts to do those proceedings.
9. It will debilitate our children and youth with new educational curriculum for K-12 grades that will present same-sex marriages and relationships to schools.
10. It is in utter opposition to the will of Hawaii voters who voted in 1998 to define marriage exclusively between a man and women in the Hawaii constitution. More than 250,000 Hawaii voters expressed their resolute position on the definition of marriage as exclusively between a man and women. The language "reserve marriage" indicates that the people of Hawaii recognize that the institute of marriage deserves and demands special consideration and criteria, one man and one woman exclusively.
11. It does not give sufficient time for the State of Hawaii to change processes, policies and practices to abide by the new law and puts the State at risk for lawsuits because it will not be able to comply with the new law because of its effective date of November 18, 2013.
12. It does not offer Neighbor Island individuals the opportunity to present testimony in person because of its process is fast-tracked.
13. It will not be referred to other appropriate legislative committees who are responsible to the citizens of Hawaii to vet legislation. It should be referred to the following committees: Hawaiian Affairs, Tourism and Hawaiian

Affairs, Human Services, Finance. Education and Consumer Protection and Commerce. Citizens and stakeholders will not be able to testify in these committees to inform lawmakers about the far-reaching societal, economic and operational impact of the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

14. It does not provide a way to finance implementation costs to the State nor individual counties.

15. It excludes other types of couples (ie. related individuals) from legal marriage while granting certain rights and benefits that are presently only available to married couples to them. These couples will have legal standing to challenge the law.

16. It disintegrates the core unit of our society namely the family defined with a father, a mother and their children.

17. It corrupts the individual's thoughts and actions.

18. It putrefies our society to its downfall.

19. It demonstrates desperation and fear from whiners who did not get their way back in 1998.

20. Let the people choose, don't be afraid.

I urge you to vote NO on S.B. 1. Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,

signature upon request

Perrine Matsuzaki

Hawaii Voter

From: [Sheldon Lacsina](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: IN PERSON TESTIMONY
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 10:34:35 AM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Opposition of SB1

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1 and am requesting an in person testimony.

I oppose this bill due to the lack of the democratic process. The majority of Hawaii DOES NOT WANT SAME SEX MARRIAGE as a law. The ramifications of this law has not been well thought through, religions are not protected fairly, businesses are not protected fairly, the term "neutral gender" produce unseen consequences, and rushing this bill through will have negative consequences for sure...just do the research with the states that have passed this law.

Yes, in 1998, we voted to "grant the Hawaii State Legislature the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples," only because that's what was worded. It should've said, "Marriage in the state of Hawaii is reserved between one man and one woman." But it was worded that way so that you could do what you're doing today, which is not how our constitution works.

If you want marriage equality, it will not happen between same sex couples because that's not what a marriage is. If anything, work on Civil Unions better, not redefine what marriage is, which imposes a belief to those who believe in the sanctity of marriage.

This is not the best way to go about the most critical issue facing our time. You know as well as I do, the way it's being done and the way the bill is worded, VIOLATES THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sheldon Lacsina
Kea'au, Hawaii 96749
DISTRICT 4

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

RE: Bill# SB1

Hearing: Monday, October 28, 2013
10:30 a.m.
Auditorium of State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am voicing my opposition to Bill SB1.

I am asking you to allow the people to vote on the issue of marriage. I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I am in support of equality for all...including the rights of conscience and religious freedom (1st Amendment).

I am opposed of how the most controversial social issue in our history is being decided in just one week! I am asking that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being overlooked in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy - Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

Put this on the ballots and let the people of Hawaii decide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Francine Cabbab
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From: [Darren Wong](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 10:45:43 PM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Opposition of SB1

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

My name is Darren Wong and I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I was born and raised here in Honolulu and have chosen to raise my family in these beautiful islands where we enjoy great diversity of cultures and people. I am opposed to this bill primarily because it seeks to redefine the definition of marriage in a way that would ultimately harm the family and society as a whole. The definition of marriage as between one man and one woman has been central to cultures and societies throughout the world for thousands of years.

Redefining the definition of Marriage is one of the most important issues that the people of Hawaii will ever face, and it is being pushed through a special session where there will be very little opportunity to properly discuss and examine the far reaching effects that this bill will have on the social fabric of this state. The democratic process is being completely disregarded and the voice of the people must be heard on these important issues.

I am currently serving as a lay minister for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. While I cannot speak for the church, I know that most, if not all, of the church members that I have spoken with feel the same way that I do on these issues. As the Stake President of the Honolulu Stake I preside over 9 wards or congregations in geographic locations from Hawaii Kai to downtown Honolulu, representing nearly 6,000 members.

I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Darren Wong
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Sent from my iPad

Clayton Hee, Chair
Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Monday, October 28, 2013 10:30 a.m.
State Capitol Auditorium
RE: SB1 – Relating to Equal Rights (In Opposition)

Chairman Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify today in strong opposition to SB1.

Through reports from the media, most of you have taken a position on this bill and for many of you, this is simply a matter of giving a recognized group of people the right to marry.

But look around you, many of us here today see same sex marriage as a moral issue, not a civil rights issue. Unfortunately, like many moral issues, the people of Hawaii are split over what is right and wrong. Our political system says you are elected to represent the people but how can you do that when we are so sharply divided over this issue? In today's world, there is a great deal of confusion when it comes to matters of truth, meaning, morality, our origin, and our destiny.

I am convinced that many of you who support SB 1 truly believe you are doing the right thing. However, I am concerned about the longer term consequences of this decision in our society and the impact it will have on our children.

As parents and lawmakers, we have a great responsibility to the next generation. Throughout my life, I have been asked to be tolerant of other people's beliefs. Up to now, this tolerance has had little to no impact on my belief system, my parental rights and authority over my children and the education of them.

Unfortunately, as we look to the impact that same sex marriage has had in societies where this has been legalized, we see parental authority undermined overtly and in subtle ways. In the spirit of providing a safe and tolerant environment for children in our schools the ability to express religious beliefs is suppressed in fear of being labeled as intolerant. In many ways, the message that will be delivered to our children is that a belief system based upon God is wrong and in turn, that their parents are wrong to teach those belief systems.

I am saddened that we are raising a generation to value material possessions, live a life without faith except in oneself, and deciding what is right and wrong based on what is legal and illegal or that right and wrong is left up to the individual to decide. Is this the legacy we really want to leave for our children?

These are large questions that many of us have not had time to ponder and discuss with each other. I ask that you not pass SB1 if only to give the people of Hawaii time to ponder these type of questions and time to be able to determine what we stand for and not simply what we are against.

Thank you for your service and the opportunity to testify to you.

From: [Rev. Kerry Grogan](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Christian Pastor in strong support for SB1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 11:09:00 AM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place:Capitol Auditorium
Re:Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing as a Christian pastor in strong support of SB 1.

The freedom to marry the person you love is a basic freedom that should not be denied to anyone. Gay and lesbian couples get married for similar reasons as everyone else – to make a lifetime promise of love, commitment and fidelity to the person they love.

As a wife, mother, Christian and pastor I affirm the importance of marriage, commitment, and most of all love. Churches will always have freedom of religion as a basic right of the constitution. However, I strongly affirm that freedom of religion doesn't include the right to dictate my religious values to the state.

As a pastor when someone wants to have a religious ceremony I have the right to marry them or not, based on my moral beliefs and values, and the couple's fitness or readiness for marriage, SB1 will not change that. As a Protestant I cannot demand a Catholic wedding, without certain processes required by the Catholic Church. I have more conservative colleagues that will not marry couples who have been living together, this is their right. But when it comes to "the law of the land" the Bible or any one religious group's morality does not get to dictate the law.

The government should not be in the business of telling people who they can and cannot marry. None of us would want to be told that it is illegal to marry the person we love.

Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Rev. Kerry Grogan
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October 25, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

*Re: In **Opposition** to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013*

Hearing Date: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30 am

I will be present to personally deliver my testimony.

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

My name is Johnette Maielua. I am opposed to SB1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, because I have several concerns regarding the great impact that this bill will have on our State. At first glance, the language used in SB1 seems to be okay to the average citizen. But upon a close read, there are hidden problems embedded into the document that, I believe, would cause subtle and irrevocable damage to our communities. My hope is to convince those of you who are unsure about supporting this bill to voice your opposition, and those who are in favor of this bill to rethink your support. I will discuss each point separately below.

Public Voice Limitations

I understand that, from time to time, a special session of the legislature is necessary to discuss and make decisions about certain issues. I do think, however, that the issues regarding SB1 are too important and volatile to cram into such a short time period instead of waiting for the regular legislative session in January. Constituent concerns are disregarded because of the short time frame. There are limited opportunities to attend public hearings, to make and submit amendments, to be very sure that what is written in the bill is a true representation of what we, the people, want it to state.

I believe that you, the Legislature, are being pushed into decision making without adequate time to explore the Marriage Equality Act thoroughly, thus limiting the authentic public voice of the people. Hear my voice: I do not support SB 1, the Marriage Equality Act.

Disregard for Voters' Decisions

Another way that our public voice regarding this issue is being ignored is because of the fact that this issue was already voted for and settled upon by the people in 1998. The 1998 amendment defined marriage as between a man and a woman. We, the people of Hawaii, made our choice clear. However, as voters, we gave the legislature limited authority with a specific directive to define marriage for opposite sex couples.

You are our elected officials, yet in this short "special session" you are 1) choosing to limit our public voice via time constraints; 2) limit our opportunities to be heard via one public hearing; and then, just as in 1998, when we are asked for input, you, 3) ignore our voices/decisions. Your actions show arrogance and contempt for your constituents. Remember, you represent us!

Hear my voice: I do not support the SB 1, the Marriage Equality Act. I will support legislation to let the people decide *again* but only without any added amendment that gives reserve power to you, the legislature, to *redefine* marriage and undermine our public voice. Please let the people decide!

Religious Freedoms & Public Accommodations

The First Amendment of the Constitution guarantees our religious freedoms. However, the current draft of SB1 does not give adequate protections to religious organizations that welcome the public into their midst for any reason whatsoever. This is the "public accommodations" that are hidden and come into play here.

The language of the bill (Sec.1, 3b) states that religious organizations who use their facilities "for a profit" must also solemnize same-sex marriages. This is a requirement that may go against the beliefs and practices of a religion if the bill is passed, resulting in religious restrictions, and not freedom.

I believe that this bill promotes economic hardship for religious organizations that, not only fulfill spiritual purposes in the community, but social ones as well, many times stepping in for government agencies to fill needs. And we know that the government cannot do everything for all of its citizens. Will the legislature be willing to fund more social and/or work programs that are currently served by religious organizations or provide more funding for unemployment benefits if SB1 is passed?

Impacts on education

Again, another hidden impact of SB1 is on education. The DOE and the state are already strapped for funding. If SB1 is passed, do these entities have the funding to purchase new materials, new texts that are rewritten to reflect the changes in the law? Again, our state can ill afford to do this.

And if a teacher has specific religious beliefs/practices, won't that teacher's religious freedoms be compromised if the law passes and he/she has to teach curriculum that encompasses same-sex marriage? I believe that to pass SB1 would be wrong.

572-C “Parentage Presumptions” Impacts Native Hawaiian Entities

Embedded in section 572-C of the Marriage Equality Act, SB1, is the following phrase, “parentage presumptions based on marriage”. To me, this means that all rights, benefits, and protections afforded to Native Hawaiians as the indigenous people of these islands may be also be given to others based upon marriage under SB1, and not just on paternity or maternity—the blood quantum. My people are still having struggles socially and economically in many areas, and now to deal with one more thing, one more layer, one more stroke against us is tantamount to betrayal—again.

Moral Courage vs. Popular Vote

What has been interesting to watch leading up to this special session is the amount of legislators that are now in support of the Marriage Equality Act, SB1. It is interesting because I wonder how many of you are supporting this bill to gain the popular vote instead of doing otherwise. Who has the moral courage to stand and do what is right and good for our state versus to cave in and do what is popular?

Finally, aside from all the items I listed above, I believe that marriage between a man and a woman is a God-given law. The laws of man, as you know, are subject to interpretation, revision, and/or reversal. Proponents for SB1 point to the social ills of abuse and high divorce rates in traditional relationships as a reason to pass this law. I contend that the social ills are due to the individuals and not the institution of traditional marriage itself.

I sincerely urge you: PLEASE, VOTE NO on SB1. Mahalo for your time and commitment to doing what is right for the people in this state.

Johnette K. Maielua, Ph.D.
Hawaii Voter

From: [Mika Mulkey](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Strong support for SB1
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 11:16:38 PM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place:Capitol Auditorium
Re:Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

My name is Mika Mulkey and I'm just one of many, from the Big Island, who support Marriage Equality, here in the State of Hawai'i.

Hawai'i is best known for its values: Aloha, 'Ohana, Lokahi, Kuleana, & Pono:

- Aloha, a spirit of unconditional love. The feeling of aloha has left everlasting impressions on our kama'aina and malihini for centuries and is what attracts everyone to our islands. By opposing this bill, our state will convey a wrongful message to the world, that Hawai'i does NOT support Aloha for ALL, but just for heterosexual couples.
- 'Ohana, an important value in our quest to achieve Aloha. Ohana isn't restricted to those of blood relation, but to whom we choose to call our family. Nowhere in our history did our kupuna state, that an 'ohana requires a man and a woman to nurture our keiki because they knew, what was needed is love, discipline, compassion and respect.
- Lokahi, the value of teamwork. By working together, we can achieve more. This can relate to this very issue today because after 20 years, Hawai'i has NOT been able to demonstrate the ability to achieve unity. Supporting this bill ensures that ALL people of Hawai'i, will be protected from discrimination.
- Kuleana, sense of responsibility. It is OUR kuleana to ensure that everyone in our state is granted the same equal rights and that we instill, in our future generation: tolerance and acceptance of everyone, regardless of whom they choose to love. It is my kuleana to remind you of this.
- Pono, the value of integrity and balance. Hawai'i will NOT be able to progress into the future until ALL things are right for ALL its people.

So I ask you today, to vote in support of Marriage Equality, because not only do ALL people in Hawai'i, deserve the freedom to marry whom they love, but because it is their kuleana to pass on OUR values of love, family, unity, compassion, and belongingness to the next generation. These values are NOT limited to just heterosexual couples; in fact they apply to ALL people of Hawai'i.

President Barack Obama once stated, "Nothing can stand in the way of the power of millions of voices calling for change." Today, the people of Hawai'i are calling for change and will NOT stop until the true meaning of Aloha (Always Loving Others Here & Always) is observed and practiced by EVERYONE the sun touches on OUR 'aina.

Mahalo for your time.

Mika Mulkey
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From: [Janell Yim](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: OPPOSITION TO SB1 The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act 2013
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 11:18:48 PM

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October 26, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30 am
I will be present at the hearing, therefore; I am submitting my written testimony.
*Re: In **Opposition** to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013*

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,
I am opposed to S.B.1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

RESEARCH FINDINGS SHOW LACK OF "TOLERANCE" WITH GAY MEN TOWARDS TRANSGENDERS OF THE MALE TO FEMALE POPULATION:

While working on my Masters of Social Work degree at the University of Hawaii-a colleague and I decided to do a qualitative research on the transgender (TG) -male to female population, Our primary purpose of this research was to find what kinds of oppression the TG's faced and how we as social workers can provide tools that empower them through these challenges. (Note: my colleague is a lesbian and a dear friend of mine ever since we met at the School of Social Work) To our surprise, our findings showed something quite disturbing. Here is what we discovered.

All of those who were interviewed passionately expressed that they have been discriminated the most amongst gay men than any other population (heterosexuals, women, and straight men). They continued expressing how some of these gay men would at times let them know that they were a disgrace to the male gender. They also stated that they were treated with malice, bigotry, cruelty, hatred, embarrassment and shame. What is interesting about this finding is the fact that these gay men have also felt and experienced the harming effects of "intolerance", yet they were now displacing this same type of inhumane behavior on this transgender population. You would think there would be some empathy and "tolerance" to what these gay men have experienced.

IS IT REALLY ABOUT "EQUAL RIGHTS" AND THE ISSUE OF "INTOLERANCE"?
SOMETHING TO REALLY PONDER AND EXAMINE.

Tolerance, Same-Sex Marriage and Religious Freedom.

Dallin H. Oaks, a former Utah Supreme Court Judge, in 2013 awarded the prestigious Canterbury Medal for his lifetime of service in promoting the cause of religious freedom and presently a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints stated.

"Those who favor homosexual marriage contend that "tolerance" demands that they be given the same right to marry as heterosexual couples

Tolerance obviously requires a non-contentious manner of relating toward one another's differences. But tolerance does not require abandoning one's standards or one's opinions on political or public policy choices. Tolerance is a way of reacting to diversity, not a command to insulate it from examination.

The Church does not condone abusive treatment of others and encourages its members to treat all people with respect. However, speaking out against practices with which the Church disagrees on moral grounds – including same-sex marriage – does not constitute abuse or the frequently misused term "hate speech.".. But today's politically palatable definition insists that unless one accepts the "sin" he does not tolerate the "sinner". We can

express genuine love and friendship for the homosexual family member or friend without accepting the practice of homosexuality or any re-definition of marriage.

Legalizing same-sex marriage will affect a wide spectrum of government activities and policies. Once a state government declares that same-sex unions are a civil right, those governments almost certainly will enforce a wide variety of other policies intended to ensure that there is no discrimination against same-sex couples. This may well place "church and state on a collision course."

The prospect of same-sex marriage has already spawned legal collisions with the rights of free speech and of action based on religious beliefs. For example, advocates and government officials in certain states already are challenging the long-held right of religious adoption agencies to follow their religious beliefs and only place children in homes with both a mother and a father. As a result, Catholic Charities in Boston has stopped offering adoption services.

Other advocates of same-sex marriage are suggesting that tax exemptions and benefits be withdrawn from any religious organization that does not embrace same-sex unions. Public accommodation laws are already being used as leverage in an attempt to force religious organizations to allow marriage celebrations or receptions in religious facilities that are otherwise open to the public. Accrediting organizations in some instances are asserting pressure on religious schools and universities to provide married housing for same-sex couples. Student religious organizations are being told by some universities that they may lose their campus recognition and benefits if they exclude same-sex couples from club membership.

Many of these examples have already become the legal reality in several nations of the European Union, and the European Parliament has recommended that laws guaranteeing and protecting the rights of same-sex couples be made uniform across the EU. Thus, if same-sex marriage becomes a recognized civil right, there will be substantial conflicts with religious freedom. And in some important areas, religious freedom may be diminished." ("The Divine Institution of Marriage"-Dallin H. Oaks)

I urge you to vote NO on S.B. 1. Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,
Janell Yim
Hawaii Voter

(Testimony written by concerned citizen, Lenora Cossey-Taft)

SB1 Equal Rights Relating to Equal Rights

Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

Thank-you for your 2013 legislature accomplishments. I'm letting you know I do not agree with the governor's Special Session scheduled for 26 October 2013. The majority of our population is being forced to give a minority of individuals the power to control traditional family values. What has been happening in other countries and American states that have enacted Same Sex Marriage laws is obviously enough evidence to warn against the loss of freedom for parents to protect and train their children to experience healthy lifestyles.

Religious freedom and liberty are obviously not being protected in areas of the world that have Same Sex Marriage laws. Instead reverse discrimination is being experienced against the majority of the population that continues to honor the institution of marriage between a man and a woman. People of faith are especially being targeted by individuals intentionally forcing their lifestyles on others.

Please vote NO to the governor's efforts to rush enacting this law, limiting public input, and failing to recognize the destructive consequences to families which are already overwhelmed with the difficulties of effective parenting. Government officials must honor the people they represent. Each legislature member who votes in favor of this bill will be held accountable for future generations loosing sacred American freedoms.

Thank-you very much!

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October 25, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30 am
I am not able to be present to personally deliver my testimony.

Re: In Opposition to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

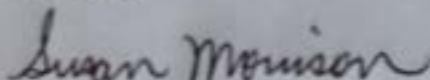
I am opposed to S.B. 1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, because this bill infringes on our first amendment rights to freely live our religion.

I have lived in Hawaii for the past 35 years. I know people that are gay and have friends who have friends that are gay. I have been taught to love everyone. But I have also been taught right from wrong. I am accepting of people who are different than me but to accept this bill you are asking me to abandon my beliefs and standards, standards that I and countless others have lived by their entire lives. I do not condone abusive treatment of anyone and I treat all people with respect. I cannot accept wrongful behavior as the price of friendship.

Legalizing same-sex marriage will affect a wide spectrum of government activities and policies. If same-sex marriage becomes a recognized civil right, there will be substantial conflicts with religious freedom. This bill does not protect my rights.

I urge you to vote NO on S.B. 1. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,



Susan Morrison

From: [John Bishop](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: *****SPAM***** SB-1 TO Testify in person
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 11:45:31 PM

I would like to submit this testimony and also testify in person on Oct. 28th 2013

This bill is not about civil rights or even marriage equality. This is all about forcing the general public to celebrate the homosexual lifestyle. They are already accepted by society. They can marry through civil unions, have parades and live their lives freely. What they cannot do and will never be able to do is to convince all of society to voluntarily embrace and celebrate a lifestyle that has no scriptural approval and no scientific purpose! This is not a God given condition or trait at birth. You cannot tell until many years into one's life whether an individual is developing tendencies to try to enjoy in this way. This is an acquired condition. Our present society has already allowed homosexuals many forms of acceptance and individual freedoms but this still is not enough, and never will be. This will never end. If you treat this as a civil rights issue which it is definitely not, then the courts will eventually be yoked with the impossible task of forcing all of society, churches included, to completely celebrate their actions, even though some of their obvious practices go against the tenants of all revealed scripture on the planet.

Religious freedom will be history. They will eventually go after every denomination one by one until each of those places of worship embrace and condone their practices. The sad fact of the matter is that no matter how far the homosexual community takes this "forced acceptance" campaign, they will still never be truly happy and really at peace in their hearts which is what they and each one of us most certainly desires!

You folks, as a legislative body, are considering doing something that has never been done before in the history of mankind! You are considering redefining an institution that has been in place and working wonderfully since time immemorial. I hope you perceive the gravity of the choice! I humbly beg you to leave the institution of marriage as it is. Secondly, I would request that if you cannot do this, then at least let the public decide this issue in the voting booth. Again, this is not a civil rights issue. If you label homosexual desires as a civil right, protected by the courts then you will eventually be forced to also recognize and validate every politically savvy group that comes down the pike. Groups that you can't even imagine will begin to emerge, and why not? Where will it end if it doesn't end here? I don't want the legacy of this happening on my watch, and I hope you ladies and gentlemen will also not desire this dubious distinction.

From: [Priscilla Wong](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 11:42:36 PM

For the Senate hearing: Hearing on 10/28 @ 10:30am

Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: **TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY**

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am opposing Same Sex Marriage because of our heartfelt concern and compassion for the future of our state. I concern over the physical, mental and emotional problems that will beset those who choose the homosexual lifestyle, and I object to what this will do to our community, my children and to my traditional family life. Evidence clearly show that children must be raised in a traditional family environment to thrive and to grow.

In addition, legalizing Same Sex Marriage will have a negative effect on the liberties of religious freedom, as it relates to what the Bible holds as God's Truth and Christians' freedom to teach from it. Government should never define moral value and limit the teachings of faith group. Legalizing Same Sex Marriage will put a threat to religious freedom.

Therefore, please vote NO on any piece of the Same Sex Marriage bill!

Sincerely,
Priscilla Wong

October 26, 2013

Senate Committee for SB1

Ben H. Pokipala, Jr.
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Dear Senate Committee for SB1,

I strongly oppose this bill for the following reasons outlined hereafter:

The New Senate Bill Does Not Adequately Protect Religious Liberty

Like the Governor's original bill, the new Senate bill (S.B. 1) enacting same-sex marriage fails to protect religious liberty.

The Senate Bill Does Not Properly Protect Religious Institutions

- (1) Many churches have nonprofit organizations to help them carry out their religious missions, such as religious schools and colleges like BYU-Hawaii. The Senate bill covers only "religious organizations." Unlike protections in other states, it does not protect these other important institutions that are vital to churches.
- (2) The Senate bill protects churches from having to host same-sex marriage ceremonies on their religious properties or in their places of worship, such as an LDS meetinghouse. That is important, but not good enough. Unlike protections in other states, the Senate bill does not protect churches from also having to host same-sex wedding receptions and other related celebrations, or from having to provide other goods and services in connection with same-sex marriages, like marriage counseling.
- (3) Many churches charge fees for the use of their chapels for weddings so they can use the additional money to support important religious activities, such as their youth ministry or program to feed the hungry. The Senate bill excludes protections for churches that do so.

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The Senate bill would force individuals and family businesses to participate in or support same-sex wedding ceremonies against their religious beliefs:

(1) The Senate bill does not protect photographers and others (whether as individuals or small family businesses) from being forced to directly assist in celebrating same-sex marriages against their religious beliefs. In fact, the bill has no protections for individuals or small family businesses, even if the business is operated according to religious principles.

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The Senate Bill Does Not Protect Parents

The Senate bill provides no protections for the right of religious parents to remove their children from public school classes that support or promote same-sex marriage or minimize the importance of marriage between a man and a woman.

Respectfully,

Ben H. Pokipala, Jr.

H. THOMAS KAY, JR.

ATTORNEY AT LAW

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Monday, October 28, 2013
10:30 a.m.
State Capitol Auditorium

My name is Tom Kay. I am a kama'aina attorney. I strongly oppose enacting S.B. 1, the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 in this Second Special Session of the Hawaii State Legislature. Such action will be unconstitutional under Article 1 §23 of the Hawaii Constitution. §23 provides as follows:

“The legislature shall have power to reserve marriage to opposite sex couples.”

§23 was enacted by the legislature in 1997 as an amendment to the Hawaii Constitution and ratified by 69.2 percent of the voters in 1998. The sole purpose of this constitutional amendment was to reverse the Hawaii Supreme Court decision in the Baehr v. Lewin case in which the court had held that same-sex marriages in Hawaii were constitutional. Following the passage of §23 the Hawaii Supreme Court held, in an unreported decision, that the §23 constitutional marriage amendment validated HRS §572-1 which states that marriage can only be between one man and one woman.

To the 285,671 Hawaii voters out of 412,820 who cast votes in 1998, this meant that by reading constitutional amendment §23 along with the language of HRS §572-1 there could be no legal marriages of same-sex couples in Hawaii.

It also means to the voters today including those of the 285,671 voters still living in Hawaii that any consideration of legalizing marriage of same-sex couples must require an amendment to §23 of the Hawaii Constitution by a vote of the people of Hawaii.

If the Hawaii Legislature in this special session passes the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act two inevitable events will occur:

1. Litigation in both federal and state courts will continue for many years to determine whether the Marriage Act is constitutional before it is ever implemented.
2. There will be an extremely large group of angry Hawaii voters whose right to vote on this major issue was abrogated by current legislators.

The obvious solution to this dilemma is to let the Hawaii voters decide on whether same-sex couples should be allowed to marry under Hawaii law.

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Hearing: Monday, October 28, 2013
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Place: Auditorium, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street
Subject: Opposing of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

My name is Klayton Ko, Senior pastor of First Assembly of God, a congregation that meets in six locations on Oahu, and also the Assistant District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God of the State of Hawaii. I am here speaking on behalf of the thousands of our adherents who are opposed to SB1, relating to marriage equality for same-sex.

In the days leading up to this Special Session, we have heard a lot of debate about "RIGHTS" from both sides - marriage equality rights, civil rights, religious rights, federal benefits rights, free speech rights... all of which will be presented at some point during this special session. Of all the rights that have been discussed and debated, I stand before this committee to speak out for the rights of the ones who's voices are not being heard or considered in this debate - our children, who have the most to lose should same-sex marriage become legal in Hawaii.

Children have rights too! And as lawmakers is it your solemn duty to not just to consider the rights of adult same-sex advocates, but also the rights of the children, who have no voice in this debate to fight for their right to be raised in a family where there is a father and a mother. By legalizing same-sex marriage, you will deny children adopted by same-sex couple their most fundamental right, given to them by nature's God, to be raised in a family by opposite sex parents. Research have proven that a family structure, that includes a father and mother is not only foundational for a stable society; it is also fundamental to a child's psychological, and emotional development in life.

In an article, Who's Minding Our Children, Jeffrey Satinover, M. D., a psychiatrist and member of the Department of Politics at Princeton University, is quoted as saying: "there is no more important reason to prohibit same-sex marriage than the effects it would have on children ... in every area of life, cognitive, emotional, social, developmental ... at every phase of the life cycle ... social evidence shows that there are measurable effects when children lack either a mother or a father."

Proponents of same-sex marriage believe love is all children really need. Based on that supposition, they conclude that it's just as good for children to be raised by loving parents of the same sex, as by loving parents of the opposite sex. This assumption is naively simplistic and denies the complex nature and core needs of human being. The fact is, children need more than love. They need both male and female influences to help to develop in the image God gave to them at birth.

According to Trayce Hansen, a licensed psychologist, decades of research prove the ideal family structure for children is to be raised by both a mother and a father. "Children raised in such families are more likely to thrive—psychologically, mentally, and physically—than children reared in any other kind of family configuration. The differences between men and women ... bring unique characteristics to parenting that can't be replicated by the other sex. Mothers and fathers simply aren't interchangeable. Two women can both be good mothers, but neither can be a good father. One-sex parenting, whether by a single parent or a homosexual couple, deprives children of the full range of parenting offered by dual-sex couples."

The fact that there are many children who grow up in less a than ideal family structure without a father or mother, who do adjust and become successful, is no justification to legalize same-sex marriage. There is a big difference between a child not having a father or mother at home, and a child being told, he or she does not need a father or mother at home. By voting yes to legalizing same-sex marriage, you are affirming that children do not need a mother or a father, and also denying those who are adopted by same-sex couples their fundamental right to be raised by a father and a mother.

In closing, I want to read excerpts from a letter presented to me by the 5th grade class of Christian Academy last week for Pastor's Appreciation month: "Thank you so very much for being the head pastor for First Assembly of God [and] also, for being the superintendent for our school ... You are truly a wonderful messenger of the Lord ... We appreciate you being our voice for the same-sex issue. We wish we could be of voting age. James 4:7 says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Today, as a messenger and a voice for many children who are not of voting age, I urge you to submit to God's authority and His definition of marriage, and resist the lies of the devil. By your vote, let's see if you are smarter than a 5th grader.

Thank you and God bless,

Klayton Ko
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This bill is a disaster at best, and the demise of a culture at its worst. This bill is a 'rage against society', attempting to silence any opposition. It removes Freedom of Religion and Speech. It wants all freedom FROM religion, and wants no condemnation or opposition in speech. It is a bill to satisfy a few at the cost of the majority. And it is being rushed, to be jammed through at all costs. This is WRONG, UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and UNDEMOCRATIC. This is Not OHANA, OR ALOHA.

It is a bill that is **EXTREMELY CONTENTIOUS**, and 5 days cannot address all the issues associated with this bill adequately in this short of time. Some of these issues are the lack of protection this bill covers regarding Freedom of Speech. It does not allow any opposition from anyone regarding this topic. It would allow the Civil Rights Commission to determine if someone, or some place of business, is not in compliance. The same goes for the Freedom of Religion, and once again, it will give the Civil Rights Commission the power to determine if someone, or some place of business, is or is not in compliance. This is a conflict of interest as they assisted in writing the bill. It also allows the possibility of a 'power grab', which could lead to a thug style of business. This is NOT our Ohana way.

Redefining marriage was given in 1998 to the legislation to define marriage. In that year, 76% of the voters clearly stated that marriage was to be defined between the opposite sex. It did NOT state that the legislative branch could alter the definition between same sexes. It is a bogus argument to try and justify the position that the legislative branch has the power to change the wording of the meaning of the bill that the masses understood to be of marriage between opposite sex couples. Trying to define marriage to include same sex is a deliberate deception.

Also, this bill of a 'no amendment' clause, states 'marriage for 15 years and older', allowing the legislation to **legalize statutory rape**, as defined in the Hawaii code of legal talk. A 15 year old in Hawaii is considered a minor. You are also circumventing the parents responsibility for allowing the courts and NOT parents, to decide on such a set-up. This bill also does NOT protect religious institutions, facilities, and/or properties from frivolous lawsuits as we have seen on the mainland. The lack of clarity on this issue is a can of worms to say the least. Washington, Oregon, New Mexico, New Hampshire, and Hawaii are a few of the states that faced unnecessary lawsuits because someone's feelings were 'hurt'. Not one of those cases was refused any service or product where another place of business was offered as an alternative. No satisfaction to the 'offended' homosexual was acceptable except for the demise of the companies. This law will open up more such lawsuits, with the threat of putting businesses on edge, especially in such an unstable economy that we have now.

Looking at this bill and the rush to pass it shows the willful and deceitful intent of this bill. There was NO JUSTIFICATION for this special session that the taxpayers will have to pay. Sadly, it is the politicians who have to 'dog and pony' this show for the governor. And sadly, it is Hawaii's legislation that is being made pawns in a knee-jerk reaction of 'feelings' for those wanting this bill rushed to passage. It is also a projection of a false discrimination, of 'inequality' regarding marriage. Marriage is NOT a right.

Civil Unions was made into law to satisfy the desire for marriage in the homosexual community. There are presently two or more open bills to amend for any inadequacies that the current Civil Union laws

affect. This would AVOID the whole issue of radically redefining marriage as it is historically, traditionally, and culturally defined.

In Summary this special session should be stopped IMMEDIATELY. If not stopped, then voted NO due to:

- It is UNCONSTITUTIONAL
- It is UNDEMOCRATIC
- It is INTENTIONALLY DECEPTIVE AND MISLEADING
- It allows STATUTORY RAPE and CIRCUMVENTING Parental Rights
- It allows lawmakers to be used as PAWNS
- It denies FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND FREEDOM OF RELIGION

IT IS THE **MOST CONTENTIOUS** BILL THAT NEEDS MORE THAN 5 DAYS TO BE ADEQUATELY HEARD.

IT NEEDS TO BE PUT TO THE VOTERS----P E R I O D .

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Hearing Date: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30 AM

Location: Auditorium, State Capitol.

Bill: Senate Bill 1

I WILL BE PRESENT TO PERSONALLY DELIVER MY TESTIMONY.

Re: In Opposition to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

My name is Jennifer Mie Kajiyama, and I am a 33-year resident from Laie, Hawaii. I am **strongly opposed** to S.B.1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to you and your colleagues. I have spent a great deal of time researching the issue, as well as speaking with religious liberty scholars and attorneys. Further as an attorney, educator at BYU-Hawaii, mother, and concerned citizen I find that this Bill severely restricts religious freedom and the democratic process. I am strongly opposed to the Marriage Equality Bill for four main reasons. First, the religious exemption does not properly protect religious organizations. Second, there is not enough demand for same-sex marriage to require fundamentally changing the Constitution and society. Third, the Senate Bill does not protect individuals from being forced to support same-sex marriage, nor does it protect parents. Finally, there are no affirmative protections for religious organizations.

1. The Senate Bill Does Not Protect Religious Institutions

Many churches have nonprofit organizations to help them carry out their religious missions, such as religious schools and colleges like BYU-Hawaii. The Senate Bill covers only “religious organizations.” Unlike protections in other states, it does not protect these other important institutions that are vital to churches.

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other related celebrations, or from having to provide other goods and services in connection with same-sex marriages, like marriage counseling.

Many churches charge fees for the use of their chapels for weddings so they can use the additional money to support important religious activities, such as their youth ministry or program to feed the hungry. The Senate Bill excludes protections for churches that do so.

Finally, there is no religious exemption in Hawaii's public accommodations law. Many religious groups and entities will fall under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission that serves to prevent discrimination on sexual orientation. The Hawaii Civil Rights Commission could view churches as public accommodations as most facilities will be considered as public accommodations, thus disqualifying them from any protections offered by this Bill against lawsuits and litigation. A religious entity may be forced to choose between following their faith, or facing lawsuits, fines, or penalties. Since there is no protection for religious groups from the public accommodations laws it makes the immunity provisions ineffective and illusory.

2. There is Not Enough Demand for Same-sex Marriage to Require Fundamental Changes in Society

Secondly, there is not enough demand for same-sex marriage to require fundamentally changing the Constitution and society. Since the Civil Union law went into effect on January 1, 2013, only 916 couples or 1,832 individuals entered into civil unions in Hawaii. With a population of 1.392 million people (2012), persons in civil unions account for less than 1/5 of 1% of our state population. Yet this law would affect everyone in Hawaii, and specifically negatively impinge on religious groups and individuals. The Senate Bill would force individuals and family businesses to participate in or support same-sex wedding ceremonies against their religious beliefs.

The Senate Bill does not protect photographers and others (whether as individuals or small family businesses) from being forced to directly assist in celebrating same-sex marriages against their religious beliefs. In fact, the Bill has no protections for individuals or small family businesses, even if the business is operated according to religious principles.

The Senate Bill does not protect county clerks and other government employees from having to perform same-sex marriages against their religious beliefs, even when other government employees are available to do so at no inconvenience to the same-sex couple. Government employees who cannot perform such marriages because of their religious beliefs will likely be fired.

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3. The Senate Bill Does Not Protect Individuals From Being Forced to Support Same-Sex Marriage, Nor Does it Protect Parents.

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Thirdly, the Senate Bill does not protect parents. The Senate bill provides no protections for the right of religious parents to remove their children from public school classes that support or promote same-sex marriage or minimize the importance of marriage between a man and a woman.

4. Religious Exemption Provides No Affirmative Protections for Religious Organizations

The proposed marriage bill provides one of the most restrictive religious freedoms exemption, and provides no affirmative protections. 13 states and Washington D.C. have adopted similar laws that have provided broad protections for religious organizations and their subordinate organizations. For instance, the District of Columbia's religious exemption clause, found in Section E, states that a "religious organization is not required to provide services, accommodations, facilities, solemnization," etc., and is "protected from any civil claims in this area."

Delaware's exemption states in Section 8, that nothing in the Act should be construed to "violate any person's rights under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution" or "interfere with or regulate the religious practice of any religious society. Any religious society is free to choose which marriages it will solemnize." The exemptions found in other states such as Minnesota specifically broaden the religious agents covered by the exemption. Not only does this apply to the religious organizations leaders but to "employees, agents, volunteers acting within the capacity of their employment or responsibilities with a religious association, religious corporation, or religious society."

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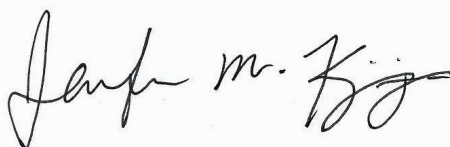
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Further, Washington, D.C., also reaffirms the right of religious organizations to have freedom of conscience and freedom of believe. “Each religious society has exclusive control over its own theological doctrine, teachings, and beliefs regarding who may marry within that particular religious society’s faith.”

The proposed bill in Hawaii must affirmatively state the protections for a religious organization. The proposed bill should reaffirm the fundamental right of freedom of religion and state that it will not interfere with the religious society’s choice on which marriages to solemnize. The proposed exemption should also state that the exemption applies to all individuals who are employed or volunteer with a religious organization. Finally, the exemption should specifically provided that each religious organization has exclusive control over their own theological doctrine without worry of penalty or fine.

I am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 1 and urge you to vote **NO** on this measure for the following reasons. First, the religious exemption does not properly protect religious organizations. Second, there is not enough demand for same-sex marriage to require fundamentally changing the Constitution and society. Third, the Senate Bill does not protect individuals from being forced to support same-sex marriage, nor does it protect parents. Finally, there are no affirmative protections for religious organizations. Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our State as Senators and Representatives. If you have any questions or if I can provide you with any information you can reach me at jennifer.kajiyama@byuh.edu or at 808-675-3687.

Thank you,



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1. The Legislature Does Not Have to Pass This Law At This Time

First, the legislature does not have to pass this piece of legislation through a special session. We are two months from the start of the regular legislative session starting. The Hawaii State Legislature could hold off voting on this issue until this time. This would allow committee hearings to be held on the neighbor islands. This would allow ample time for discussion and public input. A regular session is also 120 days long versus a special session which is scheduled to be finished within the week. In addition, this law will go into effect barely two weeks later on November 18. There is not enough time for the State of Hawaii to change all of its policies, procedures, and practices to abide by these new laws. There is not enough time to discuss the effects of these changes on society, education, housing, adoptions, universities, etc. Finally, this the first unilateral special session in 20 years, and none of the other 35 states that do not have same-sex

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October 26, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30 AM

Location: Auditorium, State Capitol

Bill: Senate Bill 1

I WILL BE PRESENT TO PERSONALLY DELIVER MY TESTIMONY.

Re: In Opposition to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

My name is Hilda Kajiyama, and I am a 68-year resident from Laie, Hawaii. I am strongly opposed to S.B.1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to you and your colleagues. I have spent a great deal of time researching the issue, as well as speaking with religious liberty scholars and attorneys. Further as an accountant at BYU-Hawaii, mother, grandmother, and concerned citizen I find that this bill severely endangers religious freedom and the democratic process for the following reasons. First, the legislature does not have to pass the law at this time. Secondly, there is not a great enough demand for same-sex marriage to fundamentally change the Constitution and society. Thirdly, the Senate Bill does not protect religious institutions.

1. The Legislature Does Not Have to Pass This Law At This Time

First, the legislature does not have to pass this piece of legislation through a special session. We are two months from the start of the regular legislative session starting. The Hawaii State Legislature could hold off voting on this issue until this time. This would allow committee hearings to be held on the neighbor islands. This would allow ample time for discussion and public input. A regular session is also 120 days long versus a special session which is scheduled to be finished within the week. In addition, this law will go into effect barely two weeks later on November 18. There is not enough time for the State of Hawaii to change all of its policies, procedures, and practices to abide by these new laws. There is not enough time to discuss the effects of these changes on society,

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education, housing, adoptions, universities, etc. Finally, this the first unilateral special session in 20 years, and none of the other 35 states that do not have same-sex marriage laws are not planning special sessions.

2. There is Not Enough Demand for Same-sex Marriage to Require Fundamental Changes in Society

Secondly, there is not enough demand for same-sex marriage to require fundamentally changing the Constitution and society. Since the Civil Union law went into effect on January 1, 2013, only 916 couples or 1,832 individuals entered into civil unions in Hawaii. With a population of 1.392 million people (2012), persons in civil unions account for less than 1/5 of 1% of our state population. Yet this law would affect everyone in Hawaii, and specifically negatively impinge on religious groups and individuals. The Senate bill would force individuals and family businesses to participate in or support same-sex wedding ceremonies against their religious beliefs.

The Senate bill does not protect photographers and others (whether as individuals or small family businesses) from being forced to directly assist in celebrating same-sex marriages against their religious beliefs. In fact, the bill has no protections for individuals or small family businesses, even if the business is operated according to religious principles.

The Senate bill does not protect county clerks and other government employees from having to perform same-sex marriages against their religious beliefs, even when other government employees are available to do so at no inconvenience to the same-sex couple. Government employees who cannot perform such marriages because of their religious beliefs will likely be fired.

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From: [Stuart Wolthuis](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: HB-1: Reserve My Right to appear and give testimony
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013 1:23:03 AM

From: Stuart Wolthuis

Aloha,

I would like to appear in person and give my testimony in regards to HB-1, Marriage Equality. I am an educator and have class until 1:10 PM on Monday and would like to give my testimony in person after 5 PM (need a couple of hours to get there from Laie).

The following is my testimony:

I am OPPOSED to the Bill on Marriage Equality. I have read the entire proposed bill on Marriage Equality and the accompanying accommodation definitions. I am a registered Hawaii State voter.

If people would like to enter relationships that are other than traditional marriage I firmly believe that is their right and freedom to choose, I would never want to limit someone's freedom to choose ... but I do emphatically recommend that choosing a relationship other than a traditional marriage should not be called a "marriage." Call it a civil union or some other name, but the definition of marriage was defined by God and should not be changed.

My beliefs are deeply rooted in my Christian faith. I truly and deeply "love my neighbor." At the same time I'm deeply concerned about the redefinition of marriage going on all over the world. I believe marriage should be between a man and woman.

As an ordained minister I'm also concerned about the language in the Governor's version of the bill which does not adequately protect religious institutions. The Governor appears "hell-bent" to get in to God's business and steal His wallet by removing tax-exempt status.

Furthermore, this special session DOES NOT allow due process for all Hawaii voters to voice their concerns and opinions. Legislation this important should be considered in a full and regular session of the legislature.

Legislators: I sincerely ask that you reject the bill on Marriage Equality based on:

1. Marriage should not be redefined,
2. Haste makes waste, this matter needs to be considered in a full legislative session; legislation hastily written and hastily passed will incur enormous litigation costs in the future,
3. Language in the current bill does not protect OUR 1st Amendment right of religious freedom

Thank you for your time and your kokua.

Mahalo,

Stuart Wolthuis

From: [Summer Elmer](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Let the people decide testimony
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013 1:33:58 AM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Opposition of SB1

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

"In God we trust" is still on the American coin and dollar, God has given us laws and one of them is that Marriage is Ordained to be between a man and women. We deal with this money on a daily basis, each and every one of you sitting here could possibly have a coin or a bill in your pocket, if you dont mind would you please reach in your pocket or grab your wallet out of your pocket as this is being read? Please take them out.. take it out and read those 4 words "In God We Trust" and how its so easy to forget that we literally carry his name with us in our pocket, wallets, purses and we carry his name everywhere we go and with everything we do each and every single day and in everything we buy. Please don't dismiss the correct order of Family, majority of the worlds population is husband and wife for a reason, it's ordained by God and our constitution was founded on him as well. People may have their feelings towards one another for the same-sex partner but it doesn't necessarily make it right to put it into law. Times are strange now and we must choose to stand with God or against him. I know with every fiber of my being that God feels dis-pleased with sin and does not look upon it with the least degree of allowance. If you would please here my testimony here today, for it is of righteousness and truthfulness in and on behalf of all Christian families that live here in Hawaii.

I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

(Summer Elmer)
(Wahiawa, HI, 96786)

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Loren Anderson](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: Testifying at SSM Special Session
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013 2:14:51 AM

Monday, October 28, 2013

To: The Hawaii State Senate, 27th Legislature of 2013
Chairman Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Maile Shimabukuro, and
All Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

Re: OPPOSE Senate Bill S.B. 1 – “RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS” and all related bills legitimizing homosexuality or same sex marriage.

Hearing, Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:30 AM. in the Auditorium

State Capitol, 415 So. Beretania St., Honolulu, HI 96813

Chairman Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and all the Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor:

For the Senate: ***“Good morning/afternoon/evening, Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor.”***

For the House, “Good morning/afternoon/evening, Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Har, Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Johnson, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance.”

Hi My Name is Loren Anderson and I am a registered voter from Ewa Beach. I am opposed to Senate Bill 1 for two primary reasons.

The authoritarian way that it is being enacted with haste. Why would you enact a law that departs from hundreds of years of history, traditions and culture on a ram rod schedule and limited community input. Impacting education, business and church's in ways far more invasive then any of us can foresee. Lead us don't

subjugate us

Secondly the so-called religious protection clauses in the current bill do not protect any individuals First Amendment rights, including freedom of speech and freedom of religion. Once similar laws were passed elsewhere, there were numerous examples of people being sued, fined and even jailed for speaking out against, or refusing service to, homosexual unions. Christians are an involved community asset in our State and world on issues as wide ranging as homelessness, poverty, drug addiction, human trafficking, predatory sexuality, domestic violence, parenting and education seeing lives changed and the weak protected. Our work as the salt and light of the world frequently requires us to speak confrontive truths from the Bible This law you are considering has the potential and history in other states of subjugating our First Amendment rights to anti-discrimination laws in an attempt to silence our voice. Don't let this happen in Hawaii

In conclusion we are not the first people in history to see the ancient boundaries of marriage and human sexuality challenged. Live Pono and we will be grateful.

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Judiciary & Labor:

My name is BettyJean Anderson. I'm a married, registered voter from Ewa Beach, and a resident of Hawaii 33 years. I plead with you to oppose S.B. 1 endorsing same sex marriage under the guise of equal rights. I appeal to you to not foist this hurried and poorly-written bill upon our State which has no amendments and “does not protect people of faith to practice their religion nor protects their right to free speech guaranteed under the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

This bill is not truly about equal rights for homosexuals to marry since their rights and benefits are already protected under our domestic partnership and civil unions laws--after all, what's a piece of paper? S.B.1 is primarily a bill to discriminate against people of faith requiring them to obey a law to accept homosexuality which goes against their deeply held beliefs, convictions and consciences and renders any non-acceptance of homosexuality as homophobia or a hate crime. This bill is discrimination against religion. Forcing the Church to accept homosexuality is government setting up the rights of humanistic homosexuals *above* the rights of religious citizens; and thus rendering the religious as second-class.

For people of faith Scripture clearly states that homosexuality is a transgression against divine law. Believers must have equal rights and be free to express this faith as delineated in this ancient scripture:

*"Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, **nor homosexuals**, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you*

were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." - I Corinthians 6:9-11, The Holy Bible

Representative McDermott asked Governor Abercrombie, "Based on your reasoning that Same-Sex Marriage is a civil right, then how can you disenfranchise a bi-sexual from marrying the people he/she loves?" The Governor's response, "I fully expect a lawsuit to be filed in about a year." Is this where we are headed--first endorsing homosexuality, then polygamy? Is this what we want for Hawaii?

Yes, many states and countries are passing same-sex marriage laws and but they have since been learning to regret it, too, with buyer's remorse as told by the Massachusetts Resistance and educator Phil Lees of Ontario, Canada here in the islands to warn Hawaii. But as my mother once said, "Just because everyone wants to jump off a cliff, should you?"

Will churches be able to refuse to marry two men or two women which goes expressly against the Scriptures, our faith and our consciences? Will religious discrimination result in coercion, prosecutions for resisting "the law," and slurs as "homophobes."

Please do not pass this deeply flawed discriminatory law against Christians, churches and people of faith where non-compliance and violations of their consciences would result in being arrested, jailed, sued or coerced for non-acceptance of homosexual marriages. Instead, please support and pass HB 5 "Proposing An Amendment To The Hawaii Constitution To Reserve Marriage to Opposite Sex Couples."

Let me end with this verse from the ancient scripture in Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to any people."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. BettyJean Anderson
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

From: [Mathoni McCormick](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: OPPOSED to the Marriage Equality Act of 2013
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013 4:48:42 AM

To All Legislators and Any Other Representatives Involved:

My name is Mathoni M. McCormick, and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii and currently reside in Laie. My purpose in writing this email is to inform you as to my view on the proposed Marriage Equality Act of 2013. I am adamantly opposed to the proposed changes that the Act would implement, most especially the redefining of marriage as being between a man and a woman. I am opposed to same-sex marriage being legally recognized by the State, and extending the same benefits enjoyed by a husband and wife to same-sex couples. I am especially opposed to the weak protections the proposed bill offers to the First Amendment's Freedom of Religion. As currently drafted, the protections offered to religious institutions are almost non-existent.

Firstly, I am opposed to the passing of the Marriage Equality Act of 2013 in any form. Secondly, if the Act were somehow enacted, I would plead for the Legislature to include stronger protections for religious institutions and members of such acting in offices of service in such organizations. I would like exemptions explicitly identifying by name certain exempted organizations, such as the Catholic Church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and any other evangelical church or religious organization who holds true to the religious belief that marriage is ordained of God to be only between a man and a woman.

Thirdly, the Act as currently drafted offers little protection for other religiously affiliated institutions, such as universities, private schools, etc. The only protection currently included is a broad provision exempting exclusively religiously-used buildings from being subject to the Act. However, this is subject to the Public Accommodations exception, meaning that any building that is open to the public, such as an auditorium used for plays or a stadium used for sporting events where the public are invited, would be subject to the Act. I am opposed to the exemption for religiously-affiliated institutions being subject to the Public Accommodations exception. If the Act is passed, I would strongly favor including exemption in favor of these institutions from being subject to the Act in their entirety, and not subject to the Public Accommodations exception whatsoever. As with the specifically-identified religious institutions, the religiously-affiliated institutions to be protected and exempted from the Act should be specifically named to the extent possible and included in the Act; particularly, I would like to see Brigham Young University-Hawaii Campus named and exempted from being subject to the Act.

As our duly appointed representative, I urge you to consider the voice and will of those

you represent, and act accordingly in opposing the Act in its entirety; and, if in the unfortunate event of its passing, to ensure the adequate protection of our Constitutionally-guaranteed religious freedoms.

Thank you,

Mathoni M. McCormick

From: [Mathoni McCormick](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: OPPOSED to the Marriage Equality Act of 2013
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013 4:49:46 AM

To All Legislators and Any Other Representatives Involved:

My name is James McCormick, and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii and currently reside in Laie. My purpose in writing this email is to inform you as to my view on the proposed Marriage Equality Act of 2013. I am adamantly opposed to the proposed changes that the Act would implement, most especially the redefining of marriage as being between a man and a woman. I am opposed to same-sex marriage being legally recognized by the State, and extending the same benefits enjoyed by a husband and wife to same-sex couples. I am especially opposed to the weak protections the proposed bill offers to the First Amendment's Freedom of Religion. As currently drafted, the protections offered to religious institutions are almost non-existent.

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Thank you,

James McCormick

From: [Sarita McCormick](#)
To: [JDLTestimony-InPerson](#)
Subject: OPPOSED to Marriage Equality Act
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013 4:54:55 AM

To All Legislators and Any Other Representatives Involved:

My name is Sarita McCormick, and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii and currently reside in Laie. My purpose in writing this email is to inform you as to my view on the proposed Marriage Equality Act of 2013. I am adamantly opposed to the proposed changes that the Act would implement, most especially the redefining of marriage as being between a man and a woman. I am opposed to same-sex marriage being legally recognized by the State, and extending the same benefits enjoyed by a husband and wife to same-sex couples. I am especially opposed to the weak protections the proposed bill offers to the First Amendment's Freedom of Religion. As currently drafted, the protections offered to religious institutions are almost non-existent.

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