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Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

RE: Bill #SB1

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

My name is Teresa Shuptrine. I was born and raised in Hawaii all my life. My ancestry is Hawaiian, Chinese, and Caucasian.

I would like to offer my opposition to SB1, Relating to Equal Rights.

I lived the homosexual life at least twenty five (25) years. My father was a Navy man and was out to sea about six months to a year at a time. My mother was ill with severe rheumatoid arthritis and spent most of her time in her room. My older brother cared for me. As I was growing up, my dad and brother were my role models.

I became attracted to females at a very young age. It troubled me and caused me great torment throughout my life. I was brought up a devout Catholic and was unable to discuss this matter with anyone. I lived the closet life as I felt so ashamed, humiliated and condemned. It felt like a life in bondage with no peace. I prayed constantly to be changed with no avail. Many of my gay guy friends died due to aids.

The unnatural became so natural and the natural felt so unnatural. At this time of life I continued to identify as a lesbian. I believed I was born this way. I later felt that this was my cross to bear in life.

With the grace of God I was able to change. I have been set free for about 20 years now. The Lord revealed to me that I was always looking for a mother's love. I also realize that being a lesbian was a choice and I was not born this way.

In closing, the reason I oppose gay marriage is because what gay people really want is the love and affirmation of a mother or father that they didn't get or they were touched inappropriately at some point in life.

From: [Timothy Ma](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 1:31:36 PM

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

My name is Timothy Ma, I am a registered voter in Oahu, and I am in opposition Senate Bill 1 - legalizing same sex marriage in the state of Hawaii.

Here are my reasons opposing the bill:

Same-sex marriage should not be passed in a special session because: No amendments can be made to legislation. As a result the voice of the people is NOT adequately heard in a five-days special session, especially if that voice is “amend the bill”.

Legislators must respect fundamental democratic principles: The people believed they voted on this issue in 1998 – the current polls show that Hawaii favors same-sex marriage. So why not let the people vote?

Marriage is an institution and NOT a civil right, and no court (including the Supreme Court) has ever said that it is.

The governor’s current bill will NOT protect church facilities. Churches that offers a public service (such as a preschool, a meeting place for community groups like a neighborhood board, Zumba classes etc.) by definition your church is a public accommodation and would be legally obligated to sanction a same-sex marriage if it were requested.

I implore you members of the Committee and Judiciary and Labor to please heed precaution approaching this session and making the democratic decision by allowing this bill to have its proper place and time in a normal session.

Mahalo for your service and hearing the voice of the people,
Tim

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Timothy Ma
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From: [Tracy Hao](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Personal Testimony of Same Sex Marriage Issue
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 11:01:40 PM

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

My name is Tracy Ann Kapua Hao. I am 54 yrs old. I am of Hawaiian Korean Ancestry. I lived and was raised in the state of Indiana and I now live on the island of Molokai. I have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. Today, my ohana has 4 generations living but I was privileged to have known my grandparents and great grandparents at time when we were 5 generations living in Hawaii. I know my history as a hawaiian and i know it from a point of view of my great and grandparents and I know for certain beyond a shadow of a doubt that they knew and loved the Lord and lived by God and His words. They would not agree with what is happening today and I know that they would be here standing against same sex marriage. I do not agree with what is being considered today and as a christian I stand here today united in the Lord and in His heart and in His desire for us to live according to His will. I ask you please to consider the hearts of the people of Hawaii but more importantly "Na keiki o Hawaii" to consider what they will have to endure in order to live here. I say with great sadness....our children have enough to deal with in this world the way it is, how much more do we expect our children to continue to live or to even survive in a world we are already wanting to destroy. Again please, please think about our keiki and vote "no"....Mahalo.

From: [Tracy Hao](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
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I am thankful that we live in a country where we have a voice. I am thankful to you who represent us, for all your hard work. Being out in the community I believe the majority of the voice of the people is asking for a NO vote on this. I am a mom, grandmother, a greatgrandmother and this is a real concern. I believe our children are a God given gift, not to be taken lightly. I believe we all have a right to make choices, but not to make changes to accommodate our choices, Please consider a NO vote.
Mahalo

To The Committee on Judiciary and Labor

SB 1 RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS

DATE: Monday, October 28, 2013

TIME: 10:30A.M.

Written testimony **opposing** the gay marriage bill. I will not be testifying in person.

I am opposed to the gay marriage bill. This issue is so divisive that our legislators should let the people of this State decide via a vote in 2014.

Firstly, the main reason I oppose this bill is that I feel the LGBT community should be taking their fight to the US Senate and House of Representatives. They say they want equality under the tax laws. They should lobby to have the Federal Tax Code changed so that the IRS will recognize civil unions and allow those couples to file jointly on their Federal Tax Returns so that they may receive the same tax benefits that heterosexual couples receive. If the tax codes change, there's no reason for "marriage", since by their own admission, the reason they want marriage is to enjoy the same economic benefits that heterosexual couples receive; to be treated equally. Their efforts to change the marriage laws in 50 States create contention, discord and divide communities.

Secondly, they were given civil unions/ domestic partnerships. Even though there is no constitutional "right to marry", they clamor for the "right" to marry. If they achieve that goal, they will continue with their agenda of making the homosexual lifestyle as accepting as the heterosexual lifestyle. They will move to press this agenda by demanding changes to school curriculum. They'll be asking for equal lifestyle coverage in sex education text books. Research of those states that were the first to allow gay marriage finds that many schools are doing just that. In addition, many teachers are trying to be "politically correct" to the point of allowing posters reflecting the homosexual lifestyle while prohibiting posters of heterosexual lifestyles. They have been many court challenges in these schools. Is this what we want for our State?

Thirdly, saying they should be able to marry whom they love, they are really saying that they want society to validate and affirm their lifestyle and choice of sexual partner.

Lastly, to elevate civil unions to the status of sacramental marriage is an insult to religious tradition and the institution of marriage. Marriage of homosexuals is a sterile relationship; a mockery of an ancient institution that has served mankind for the propagation of the human race.

To pass a gay marriage bill without putting it to a vote by the people is underhanded.

Let the people decide; put it on the ballot in 2014.

Thank you.

From: [veronica enos](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY
Date: Thursday, October 24, 2013 5:12:53 AM

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

‘O wau iho no ‘o Veronica Ahulani Enos Wright, he kupa ‘o Hau‘ula, O‘ahu. He makua au; he kumu au; a he wahine kako‘o i ka male ‘ana o ke kane i ka wahine wale no.

My name is Veronica Ahulani Enos Wright of Hau‘ula, O‘ahu. I am a parent; I am a teacher; and I am a woman who supports traditional marriage between a man and a woman.

I ask you to please vote **NO** on the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act. I do so because this Act will take away my right to my beliefs of traditional marriage. If this law passes, those who share my traditional marriage beliefs will be forced to accept what we have the right to disagree with. Because of the verbiage in section 572-G, religious organizations that do not follow **all 3** of the conditions will be **FORCED** to open its facilities to perform same-sex marriage or suffer penalties for discrimination. This will destroy our religious freedoms!

As a mother, I have witnessed what happened in Massachusetts when same-sex marriage was made lawful there, and I fear for what will be taught in school and allowed to enter the classroom **without my consent, notification, or approval because of its lawfulness**. This again is destroying my rights as a MOTHER to decide what I want to teach my children about marriage. I fear as a DOE teacher that I will be forced to teach what I do not agree with. What will that do to MY FREEDOMS? By passing this law, you will be DENYING my FREEDOM to stand behind my personal beliefs, to decide on what I want for my children, and the right for religious groups to practice what they believe.

Vote **NO** on the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act to preserve my rights and the sanctity of marriage. If not, you will definitely NOT have my support during the next election.

Sincerely,
Veronica Ahulani Enos Wright
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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:

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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!

I am opposed to the same sex marriage bill.

In no way should this bill jeopardize our religious freedom.

Let the people vote! Put it on a ballot!

Wade Lonokapu

From: [agenaw001](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: SB 1 Relating to Equality
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013 7:50:14 AM

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

My name is Walter Agena, age 68-years, Hawaii resident since 1945. Mahalo for your dedication and labor in seeking to do what is best for the entire State of Hawaii. I believe we recognize we live in a time we are to enjoy life with our neighbors, next door or down the street and even across the State. However, recent news of Hawaii reflect that is not so. There will always be an opinion or understanding of an issue that is not what the other individual might believe it to be. How do we, the people of Hawaii, come together to agree or even disagree on the matter if we cannot individually make a decision on the matter at hand.

I would like to be on record that as a constituent in District 1, I believe a decision regarding Senate Bill 1 Relating to Equality should be decided upon by the people of Hawaii. Let each voice be heard by how they vote on this matter that is causing much concern and division. This was previously done in 1998 and the people voiced their decision by means of the ballot. If there is a change in what the people believe, then the people should decide. I urge you to consider this and let the people of Hawaii make their decision.

Once again, mahalo for your time and commitment!

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

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From: [Sam Meredith](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013 9:01:22 AM

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 writing you to voice my opinion and concern on the matter of same sex marriage. I am against this bill because I believe that it will take away from my first amendment religious rights. I am also against this bill because I believe that God created man and women and that marriage and procreation is a sacred ordinance that God intended between male and female, without it the future of our kids will encounter problems with aids, and not being able to procreate life. I vote to have the people decide on the matter.

Mahalo,

William Meredith
Kaneohe Resident.

From: [William Wong, Jr.](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 10:10:01 PM

For the Senate hearing: Hearing on 10/28 @ 10:30am (testimony due by email, fax or mail by 10/27 @ 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:

We are in opposition of SB1 proposing to legalize same sex marriage in Hawaii. Please respect the sanctity of marriage which is deemed to be between a man and woman, with the purpose of creating an eternal bond and propagating the human species. The passing of this bill would violate this natural and holy relationship.

Thank you,

William and Kerri Wong

From: [YuenWah \(Anita\) Choy](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 11:09:04 AM

Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Aloha Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and labor:

I am an early childhood educator with over 25 years of experiences. Last week, with honor, I watched the news about teenagers killing teachers in Las Vegas and Massachusetts. These young men who committed such violent crimes showed low self-image and confused identity.

I am afraid that a home without a father and a mother will make it worst for young people to deal with their self-image and identity. They need a home that shows clear role distinctions of male and female to support them.

Therefore, for the sake of our kids and the generations that followed, please keep traditional marriage of one man and one woman. It's the best for our children, and for your children. A stable home needs a clear male and female model.

Thank you for trying to do a good job for all in the State, especially for our kiekies. Mahalo.

Sincerely,

Yuen Wah Choy
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Honolulu, Hi 96821

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: bootsaloha@hotmail.com
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Date: Thursday, October 24, 2013 10:17:13 AM

SB1

Submitted on: 10/24/2013

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Vicki L. Davis	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear legislature, I want to express my deep concern over having gay marriages approved in Hawaii. The people of Hawaii should be provided the opportunity to vote on this very important issue, not the legislature in special session. This in itself is taking away my right to vote against the bill. I believe that marriage should only be between a man and a woman, and that by accepting and legalizing gay marriages in Hawaii, it will decay the core of our family values. In this sense, you, the legislature who we vote in to represent and protect us, are deciding on the moral value of my environment and the environment of my grandson. This is not fair to me as a citizen, to make this choice for me. I should be able to vote, and many others in our state of Hawaii would vote with me. Please vote against this bill. I appreciate you taking time to listen to my testimony. Aloha, Vicki L. Davis Hilo, Hawaii

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My name is Rojelio Herrera Jr. and I have been a resident of Mililani for the past 12 years. My wife and I have been raising eleven children in a state and a community that we believe appreciated our right to teach our children our values.

Our children range from 31-4 years old—they are adult professionals in education, military, retail sales, engineering, religious education and we still have six more who have yet to decide. We have five adopted children—Hawaiian/Chinese, Samoan, Filipino—and consider each one of them to be as precious as any of our own children. They are the reason that I am testifying tonight. They deserve the right to be raised in the same safe environment as their older brothers and sisters.

SB-1, Relating to Equal Rights, tells me that our Governor does NOT respect my right, nor my responsibility as a parent. By the way, as a small boy who lived in the Washington DC area during the Civil Rights movement of the early 1960's, I appreciate more than most what a civil right really is.

Same Sex Marriage is NOT a civil right. In fact, one of my adult daughters who has lived in the lesbian world for the past decade agrees with me. She strongly believes "marriage" is NOT appropriate for people who live a gay/lesbian life style.

We are not a perfect family, but we strongly believe—no, we know—we can raise our children much better than our government. Please do NOT ignore the studies that explain the pain/guilt placed on children raised in same sex environments. The studies are rigorous and comprehensive. And the results are compelling--"marriage" is NOT appropriate for people who live a gay/lesbian life style.

Vote NO to SB-1. Thank you.

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Cc: paradisesubmarine@yahoo.com
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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
Craig F. Heath	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please educate yourselves before you make a decision on "same sex marriage" for the State of Hawaii. The attached pages are a brief example of what could happen and probably would happen here. The State of Massachusetts is in a major mess. We, the people of Hawaii can not have this evil in our beautiful State. Please, please , do not allow this "same sex marriage" bill to pass, it is not good for America and it is not good for Hawaii. Our Governor is definately wrong to think this bill is good for Hawaii. Please read the attachment and then decide. Thank You, Craig F. Heath Wailuku Voter

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SB1

Submitted on: 10/23/2013

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Judith White	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: If you are the voice of the people, I am here to say please vote 'NO' to same sex marriage. As a retired teacher for the State of Hawaii, I have seen over the last 4 decades a demise and degradation of the American family. There are no winners when a family is torn apart, as you well know. This broken family unit has caused great confusion for children, and adults. I believe that same sex marriage will profoundly contribute to this confusion and further divide the families of Hawaii. I firmly believe that the belief that same sex marriage is an equal rights issue is in error. We already have equal rights, but this is really an issue IF passed that takes away the rights of others by imposing new laws that totally infringe on others lives. I believe this legislation on same sex marriage is just a sign that many have lost there way when it comes to what our creator God, says about marriage between a man and a woman and His design for our lives and children. It is clear. There is no gray area about it. This is just one more thing that will divide families and children in the long run. Not everyone holds to these Biblical beliefs, I am well aware of that, but because you represent me here on Maui, if I don't speak out to you my representatives, I can not complain when the vote is cast. Your vote counts for us. Aloha, Judith White

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SB1

Submitted on: 10/23/2013

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Michael Rethman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Here's why a gay marriage regime is a very bad idea: 1) The family is in crisis, too many kids born out of wedlock, too many abortions, too little efforts by individual members of Hillary's "village" -- no longer performing traditional "village" tasks for which the government is inappropriate, inefficient and ultimately ineffective. 2) Marriage of biological parents is, on average, the best circumstance for child-rearing 3) Marriage is on the decline. 4) Gay marriage helps accelerate the decline of heterosexual marriage, thereby further contributing to the decline of the family. 5) A gay marriage regime muddles gender roles -- some may applaud this -- but such meddling should be seen in the context of evolution. Gender roles are what they are via the process of natural selection. Marriage evolved as a means to protect women and children. If one fears anthropogenic climate change, one should fear anthropogenic marriage change even more. I know the arguments in favor of gay marriage, but civil unions can provide the same benefits to committed homosexual couples. Why must marriage be put on the sacrificial altar here, esp. in light of the alternatives? From a cost v. benefit basis I trust you will look beyond (the cynical view) that a gay marriage regime will enhance Hawaii as a visitor venue -- and stop promoting it. On the contrary, strongly supporting heterosexual marriage is an important first step towards reclaiming traditional family values needed to raise productive (not destructive) children. As much as you and I may wish it was otherwise, gay marriage does the contrary, indeed gay marriage is one more nail in the coffin of responsible policy with regard to encouraging marriage between biological parents.

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October 23, 2013

Dear Members of the House and State Legislature

My name is Barney Munnalall. I am the pastor of a church in Kealahou, Hawaii. As a resident of Hawaii, I am writing to urge you to vote NO on same-sex marriage and encourage your fellow elected officials to do the same.

Governor Abercrombie has called a special session to vote on this issue. I strongly feel that this is not the right way to go about this.

- 1) I believe Same-sex marriage should not be passed in a special session for the following reasons:
 - a. A five day special session is not enough time to discuss the most controversial issue of our time,
 - b. No amendments can be made to legislation. As a result, true democracy is made a mockery of.
 - c. Hawaii is the only state rushing into special session as a result of the Supreme Court decision. If the need was truly dire, then why haven't the other 34 states that do not permit same-sex marriages done so?
 - d. 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, especially if that voice is "amend the bill".
 - e. The so-called religious exemption language is rendered invalid because of the public accommodations carve out.
 - f. The people believed they voted on this issue in 1998 – the polls show that Hawaii favors same-sex marriage. So why not let the people vote?

- 2) Legislators must respect fundamental democratic principles:
 - a. The people believed they addressed the issue in 1998, and should be the ones consulted again.
 - b. Marriage is NOT a civil right, and no court (including the Supreme Court) has ever said that it is.
 - c. A constitutional amendment would better address same-sex marriage AND allow for ample public input.

- 3) The governor's current bill will NOT protect church facilities (contrary to what he wants you to believe). If a church offers a public service (such as a preschool, a meeting place for community groups like a neighborhood board, Alcoholics Anonymous, Zumba classes etc.), by definition that church would be a public accommodation and would be legally obligated to sanction a same-sex marriage if it were requested.

Thank you for allowing me to write to you. Please give my testimony your thoughtful consideration. I hope that you will vote against same-sex marriage. I look forward to hearing back from you. Is there any message you would like me to convey to my congregation on this issue? Thank you once again.

Sincerely,
Barney Munnalall

81-6367 Keopuka Pl.
Kealahou, HI, 96750

October 23, 2013

Dear Honorable Governor Abercrombie and honorable members of the Hawaii State Senate and House of Representatives:

I am a citizen of the State of Hawaii and a voting constituent of House District 3 and Senate District 1, and I care about the future of our society in this island State, both for economic and social reasons. The Big Island has been subject to so many challenges, and with the newest discussion that the Legislature is now bringing forth (SB 1) or a version related to, I am compelled to state my opposition to the matter of Marital Equity as being proposed by all legislative bodies.

In other states, this type of matter needs to be brought for public vote, thus allowing people of Hawaii to think this very serious matter through. The issue is not simply an issue of sexuality, and perceived civil rights, but a matter of social concern for the wellbeing of the people. Our society has become more confused over time about many things, and rushing these matters through without the time for people to process the entire issue at hand would be a great disservice to the people. We should look at the matter of civil unions first, and determine if that is a more equitable path to pursue.

The other matter is the concern over the religious exemption that should occur as the Federal Laws has determined that must occur, in particular, the choice of and the recognition of the protections of religious freedoms. If the position of the legislative body who do not recognize that there are a significant group of the islands' citizenry who have, and follow, some type of religious belief system that does not support same-sex marriage, then their freedoms would be negated. Again, the matter needs to be further thought through with more than 1 weeks' worth of serious discussion, and with input from the public (i.e., a broad spectrum of public input is needed).

As a person who now believes that there is a God, and who believes that marriage between a male and female (both as biologically defined) needs to remain as currently stated both in the marital laws that are recognized by the State and Federal Government. The Supreme Court's recent decision on the *United States v. Windsor* (12-307) indicated to me that the Supreme Court is not firmly convinced of the argument for the decision regarding this matter, and that a split vote is what prevailed. A 5-4 margin is not conclusive in what reasonably considered an overriding majority.

Therefore, I would kindly ask that this matter should be afforded the opportunity for public input via ballot measure during the next election.

Thank you for your consideration of my written testimony,

Sincerely,

Susan Shirachi
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Comments: Homosexuality used to be considered a disorder, like pedophilia. Opening the law to one disorder is asking for all others to stand up and demand rights, when what they really need is mental help.

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First of all, I would like to thank you for your service to your respective districts and the State of Hawaii. Mahalo for all of your hard work.

I respectfully urge you to vote “no” on the same sex marriage bill for the following reasons:

1) The religious exemption in the bill will not apply to most churches as they will not qualify for the exemption due to the public accommodation requirement. Churches will be forced to use their facilities for SSM purposes or open themselves to lawsuits.

2) How can the State force the Church to comply with something that is against their religious conviction. I thought that separation of church and state meant that the State was not allowed to make laws that told the church how to practice their faith.

3) The first amendment rights in this bill is not specific. Other States who passed a SSM law was specific concerning the 1st Amendment rights. Why doesn't the proposed bill contain verbiage regarding the 1st Amendment.

4) The people of Hawaii will be forced to accept a law without enough input. 5-6 days is not enough time for public input and discussion. Especially for an issue that is important as this. Why the rush to pass this bill? Are the other states that do not have a SSM bill rushing? Are they holding special sessions? It appears that there is something amiss in this Special Session.

5) The legislature will not be allowed to amend any bill approved in a Special Session. There is not an adequate amount of time to discuss this bill. You will be passing a bad bill that cannot be changed.

6) Why not let the people vote on this issue? We overwhelmingly voted against it in 1998 presuming that the legislature will define marriage in the terms of a traditional marriage. You are turning the tables on the voters.

7) Claims that SSM is a civil right is a fallacy. Which court in the United States has ever defined any marriage whether it be same sex marriage or traditional marriage as a civil right?

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns to this issue.

Sincerely,

Laura Rodrigues
Hilo Hawaii

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Sean O'Malley	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I have been married to my wife for 26 years. We were married in a civil wedding, not in a church, and our bond does not seek religious justification for its existence. In this nation the term "marriage" applies to two things: a union recognized by the state, and a union recognized by a religious organization. Because the term "marriage" is applied to both, some vocal religious organizations seem to feel that allowing the state-sponsored legal rights accorded to married couples should not be done on the basis of their religious beliefs. This is wrong, and it's hard to see how such discriminatory thinking can continue to be justified at the government level. The American society accepts. The American society accommodates difference. The American society aims for equality. This is the goal of our nation, an elusive and challenging goal that we must actively strive to meet. Fourteen states and the District of Columbia acknowledge same-sex marriage as a legal right. Younger Americans recognize the fairness in equal rights for marriage; the trend is clear. Hawaii can either be a leader among the states, or an embarrassing throwback to shameful discrimination. It's time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Erin Healani Chung	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Do what you know is just and fair and right. Be ethical, be moral, be the Aloha State that I am so proud to call home. Continue to bring Hawai'i into the 21st century and leave behind prejudice and hate. Pass this bill because it is the only logical thing to do. Aloha, Erin Healani Chung

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Cherlyn Reyes	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This situation is very open and heartfelt to me. I thank you for your time in reading my email. We all need to go back in time and understand how the Constitution of the United States began and where marriage came from. When our country first started, all honor and trust was given onto GOD. And blessings, protection, and his love, and grace was poured out into our country. Then and the future after, economy had gotten better. The world was changing for the better from GODS love and blessings. All of our money, bills and coins, state "IN GOD WE TRUST". No wonder we are getting into so much debt. Because as money was made, not even man trusts in what it states. And our pledge of allegiance. "ONE NATION UNDER GOD" We need to continue to be exactly that. Overtime, people got confused and miss lead. Everyone needs to know the truth. And the truth shall set us free. The devil comes to steal, kill, and destroy. And everyone wonders why our world has been leading to destruction and hardship... It's because while this world is supposed to be One Nation Under God, they are feeding the devil and giving him glory by giving into his evil schemes. If you think this is bad, of what the world is encountering now, imagine how it will be when more things change. Like this Same Sex Marriage bill in Hawaii. Imagine what this will draw if passed. Imagine what it will do to this state, our families, and generations to come. (Most of our visitors, they come here because its an ALOHA state the beauty of our islands. And the people that reside here. What do you think will happen if this bills passes?) What do u think would happen next? Do u think your families and generations to come would not be affected by this? Why suffer?, when u can be free from complications and stress? Whoever is agreeing to this bill and whoever is part of it, they too are letting the devil in and letting him have control. The devil will stir up drama and hate. I'm just a citizen looking out for our island, our state, and our people. We need to remember GOD was worshiped, respected, and obeyed by the United States of America long long ago. United States of America started with GOD in it and having GOD centered in it. Why change what the before senators and legislators had created? We as the state of Hawaii, already being an amazing state itself, we are not like other states, because many residents here, really live by the ALOHA spirit and the love GOD fills us with. We don't have much violence or harm like the mainland. Why is that so? And do u think we have enough divorce rates already? What will it be then if this bill passes? I

have no fight against people only matters like this that I need to step out and speak the truth. As you consider the legislation before you, I want to make it very clear that I do not support same-sex "marriage." I AM NOT AGAINST THE PEOPLE HAVING SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS. BUT I AM AGAINST THIS BILL.

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This is an important piece of legislation that should only be voted upon by the people of Hawaii. Our representatives do not have the right to act for us in this vote. LET THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII MAKE THAT DECISION.

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Submitted on: 10/26/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
surlester mcbride	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please amend the bill adding an educational component. We would like to protect schools be legislating that know same sex curriculum can ever be added to any school in Hawaii at any level at any time.

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From: [bnaka](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Opposition to Same Sex Marriage
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 9:24:41 AM

I have gay family members who I love dearly - it is precisely because I love them and my children that I will always oppose gay marriage. You see, the premise for homosexuality is that a child was born with a defect in who they are, that they are somehow a mistake. Bull___. They were born exactly as God meant them to be - PERFECT. I will NEVER accept or allow any teaching otherwise to be taught to my children or said of those I love.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
christopher metcalf	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: By bringing this to a vote in special session what you are saying is “I could care less about the faith community” The LGBT community already has civil unions and benefits etc... There agenda is not about the ceremony at all. This measure will forever alter Hawaii businesses, churches, schools, hospitals etc.... You are saying I do not care about what the people faith think is important and I want to push their concerns out of the public dialogue. PLEASE for the sake of Hawaii vote NO. Just look at the conversation taking place in our state. That is proof of the pushing of agendas. This is not about rights at all. Those are given with the Civil Union bill. Just admit this is about silencing the faith community.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Jackie Rama	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My family of 5 SUPPORTS TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE. We oppose GAY MARRIAGE. We will vote according only for representatives who share our concern for protecting the traditional family! Thank you! Paul, Jackie, Brooke, Blaine, and Bailey

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To: [JDLTestimony](#); JUDSStestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov; [governor.](#); [Sen. Russell Ruderman](#); [Rep. Faye Hanohano](#)
Subject: Same Sex Marriage Testimony
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 8:37:50 PM

I am not opposed to same sex couples having the same legal rights as heterosexual couples. However, I am opposed to the way this major issue is being addressed. A special session greatly limits the voice of the Hawaii people. In a special session the legislative process will be crammed into a few short days with the voice of the people having little if any impact. If we delay this important issue just a couple of months the people will have many more chances to voice their opinions during the many weeks of the upcoming normal session of the legislators. Why the rush!

At this time .2% of Hawaii residents (that's 2 of every 1000) are engaged in civil unions. Most if not all the people wanting same sex marriage are those now in civil unions. Is delaying the 2 out of 1000 people for a couple of months worth greatly limiting the voice of most of the other 998 of 1000 people? In a regular session some of the major issues that could be more fully examined include- are there any other ways to give the certain privileges being sought to the 2 out of 1000 people. Are some of the rights of the 998 out of 1000 people going to be denied due to this new law? At this time the language of the new law will infringe on many of the rights of the 998. In other states where same sex marriage has been passed the rights of businesses, churches, and parents have already been smashed. (For evidences see: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZX55HUPFSU&feature=share>)

We should either put this important issue to the vote of the people or put it through the normal legislative process where the people will be able to give a full voice to the issue. On issues of this magnitude the voice of the people should not be diminished. If the rights of many the 998 out of 1000 are being diminished and they can at least have a full voice before those rights are being diminished is one thing. But if you are diminishing those rights while at the same time greatly limiting the voice of these 998 to speak about it is another thing. Either put this most important issue to a vote of the people or stop the special session and let the people give full voice to their concerns in the regular legislative session which will take place in a couple of short months

Jennifer Meek

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Joan Merrill	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly disagree with this amendment to allow same sex marriages in Hawaii. I would not vote for any representative that supports the same sex marriage vote to pass, now or in the future.

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From: [Joe Kent](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Re: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT AND OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013 10:27:43 AM

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

My name is Joe Kent, and I'm offering SUPPORT to the legalizing of gay marriage. Gay people should be allowed to marry.

However, I am in OPPOSITION to the state telling businesses what to do. A business that wants to discriminate against gay people will already have dire consequences (they will lose business, and they'll get bad press). They don't need the state to make them criminals too.

After all, how is it moral to give one group freedom, and take away the freedom of another group? Both groups should be free.

A member of my family is gay, and I SUPPORT his right to marry anyone he chooses. But I OPPOSE the state telling businesses what they can and can't do. Please change this portion of the bill.

Joe Kent

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Kealoha Laemoa	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha My name is Kealoha Laemoa. I am a Hawaii Voter since I became 18 years of age. I just want to get to the point of my testimony. I am in opposition of this bill. I have a hard time understanding how you as legislators could bring up a bill that has already been settled and bring it up again (1998) Also I have a hard time in processing forcing upon our pastors to marrying same sex when they know and I know its unrighteous. I have done my homework regarding same sex divorcee have you done yours are you helping the process or making it worse?

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From: [kevin charles](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Religious organizations and facilities
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 7:35:40 PM

Dear Senator,

My name is Kevin Charles and I reside at 73-1202 Hamo ST in Kailua Kona, Hawaii.

I am writing you to ask that you amend the Marriage Equality Bill. Specifically **section 572-G Religious organizations and facilities; liability exemption under certain circumstances** lines 6-10, that would require churches that are open to the public to perform same sex marriages. My church regularly host community events and is open to all the public. We welcome people from all walks of life. We ask that you respect our right not to solemnize a particular marriage based on our religious conscience. If this law is passed, as written you are forcing us to shut out the community and to practice our religion under ground. I know this can't be what you attend to accomplish with this bill.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know if you are able to pass a Bill that would preserve our nations great history of religious freedom as well as address the marriage equality issue. I believe you can pass a bill that will accomplish marriage equality without eroding our religious freedoms.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Kevin Charles

From: [Neena Charles](#)
To: JUDSStestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov; [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Freedom of Religion
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 8:38:16 PM

Dear Senator,

Please protect our First Amendment rights.

Thank you,
Neena Charles

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Cc: randallokimoto@yahoo.com
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Randall Okimoto	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Randall & Melanie Okimoto 1423 Ahiahi Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
October 27, 2013 To: Clayton Hee, Chairman Re: Opposition of SB 1 Dear Honorable Chairman Hee and members of the committee, We are a family in Christ and we do not believe in this bill being called to hearing. We love and accept all people the way they are, but we also believe that sex between two people of the same gender is a sin. We are both proud educators in the public school system. We believe it will affect education and the curriculum we teach. Honestly, right now in our personal curriculum we do not teach about the specific topic of "marriage" and that it SHOULD be between a man and a woman; however, with this new bill, if it passes, we feel that we may be FORCED to teach that marriage can be between people of the same gender. Is that what we want our children to learn? Don't get us wrong, we should and are teaching our children to love and accept others for who they are but we shouldn't have to teach tolerance of sinful behavior, which we believe is sex between two or more people of the same gender, just like premarital sex and incest. Our first amendment right of freedom of religion is in direct conflict with this new law. If we refuse to perform any service because of the sexual sin (that we believe is a sin) then we would be thought of as discriminating. That is NOT what we believe! The institution of "marriage" is reserved for the sacredness of sex between a man and a woman. In the Bible, Genesis 1:26-28, God created human beings in His image, a man and a woman. He blessed them and said, " Be fruitful and multiply", which means to have many babies, thus the sacredness of marriage between A MAN AND A WOMAN. In 1998, the people of Hawaii decided to define marriage as between "a man and a woman", and this should be upheld today. When we vote our Senators and Representatives into office, we do so with the belief that they will do their jobs with our (those that voted them in) best interests at heart. Please take this testimony and others like it into kind consideration. Let Hawaii know that you are working for THEM! Next Monday, the special session that the governor called will begin. Our tax-paying dollars will be spent for an issue (traditional marriage vs. same-sex marriage) that should be give more time and consideration. Words like equality, love, fairness, good for the economy, etc. have all been used to defend same-sex marriage; all these words used to persuade people (legislators) who have been given the authority to make decisions for the State of Hawaii. But what does the

Bible say? Mark 10:8, Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:5, and Ephesians 5:31 all point us toward traditional marriage. I emailed every Senator and Representative on this issue and voiced my stance and humbly asked them to vote no for same-sex marriage. Three people responded: Senators Mike Gabbard, Donna Mercado Kim, and Representative Mark Takai. Mike Gabbard and Donna Mercado Kim both said they will vote against same-sex marriage. Mark Takai said he was unsure, but I heard somewhere he would vote for same-sex marriage. Of all the legislators (77) only three responded and I emailed them about a month ago. Whatever happens I want to do my part in this fight against powers and principalities in a Jesus way. Please allow us to encourage you to do the same. Have a blessed day! Sincerely, Randall and Melanie Okimoto Sent from my iPad

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Rochelle Kalaukoa	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I do not support same sex marriage

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Tarryn	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: To Whom It May Concern: As a resident of Hawaii, having lived on both Oahu and currently the Big Island, I look to you, the State of Hawaii Legislature, to protect Marriage between a man and a woman. It is my hope that as Elected Officials of our state, you will remain irrevocably committed to strengthening traditional marriage between a man and a woman, which for thousands of years has proven to be the best environment for nurturing children. For thousands of years, regardless of nationality or religious beliefs, society has depended upon the Family Unit and marriage between a man and a woman. As leaders of our state, and our country, Please help maintain and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society. Sincerely, T. McCormick

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I oppose the special session because it rushes the legislative process over a several day period for such an important matter.

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



(Signature)

(Printed name) Christopher McKaskle

(Zip code) 96821

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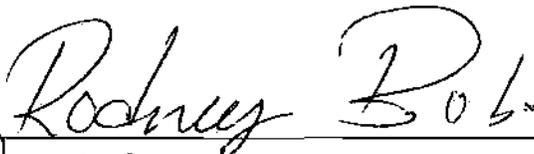
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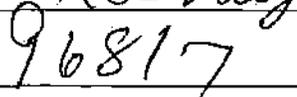


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(Signature)

(Printed name) Kathryn Anne Daisey

(Zip code) 96734

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(Signature)

(Printed name) William Comaech

(Zip code) 96795

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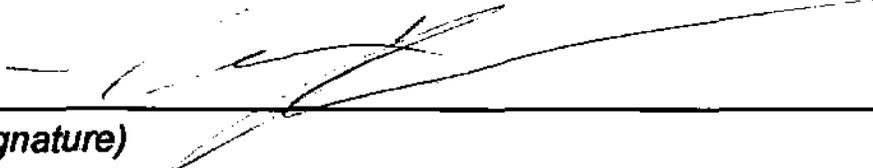
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(Printed name) Andrew Pessoa

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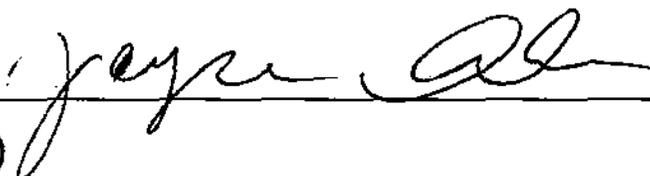
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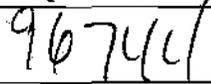
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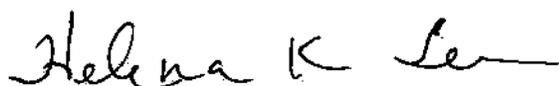
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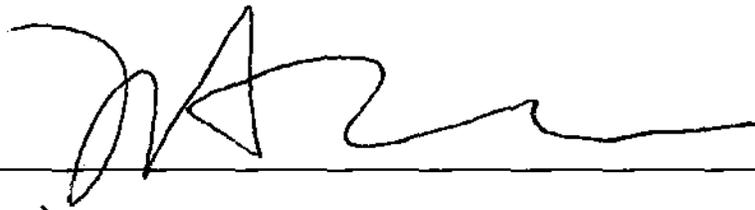
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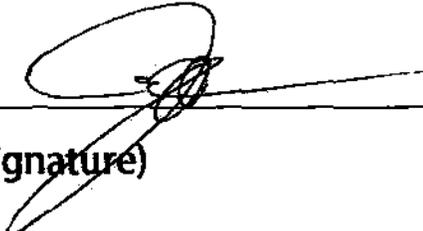
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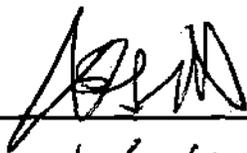
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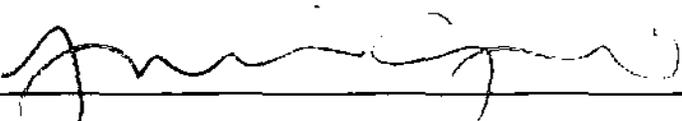
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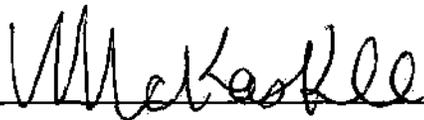
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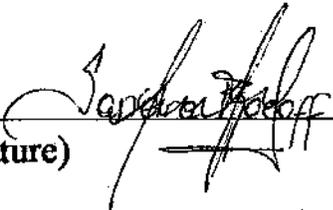
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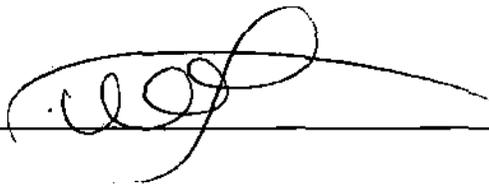
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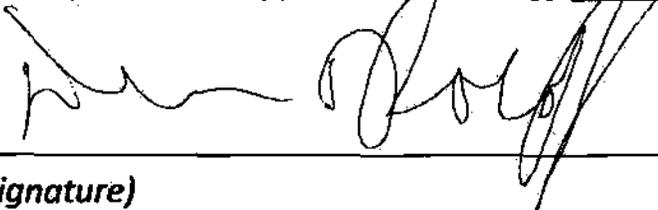
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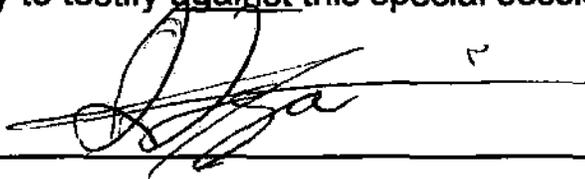
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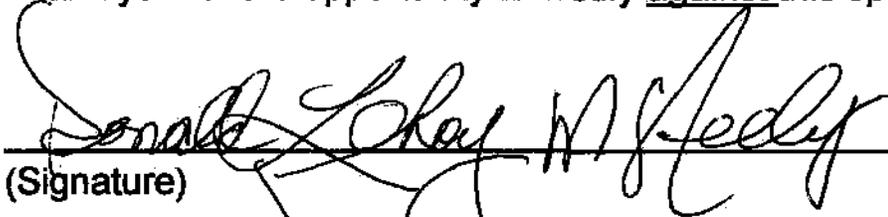
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify against this special session and against this bill.

Melissa J. Thurman
(Signature)

(Printed name) Melissa J. Thurman

(Zip code) 96706

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Elaine Brown

(Signature)

(Printed name) Elaine Brown

(Zip code) 96819

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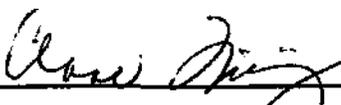
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The governor's current bill will NOT protect church facilities (contrary to what he wants you to believe). If your church offers a public service (such as a preschool, a meeting place for community groups like a neighborhood board, Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.), by definition your church is a public accommodation and would be legally obligated to sanction a same-sex marriage if it were requested.

Further, I oppose the special session because it rushes the legislative process over a several day period for such an important matter.

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



(Signature)
(Printed name) Anne Fujii

(Zip code) 96816

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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

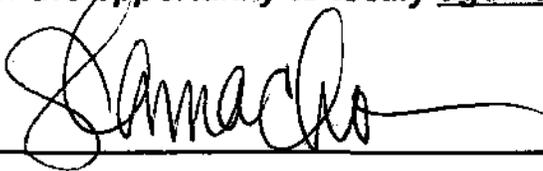
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(Signature)

(Printed name) STEPHANIE CAMACHO

(Zip code) 96795

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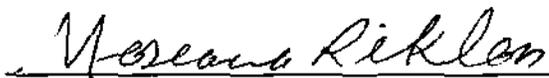
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The union of one man and one woman has a unique characteristic in that it can produce biologically related children to both members of the marriage. No other relationship is "equal". Changing the definition only muddles the clarity that already exists. Other arrangements have been accommodated in our civil union and reciprocal beneficiary laws.

I oppose the special session because it rushes the legislative process over a several day period for such an important matter.

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(Signature)

(Printed name) Mosiana Riklon

(Zip code) 96818

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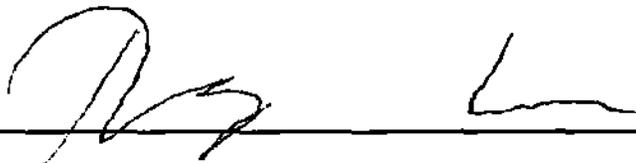
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(Signature)

(Printed name)

(Zip code)



TERRY G. TISHAK

96821

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(Printed name) DYLAN ANDERSON

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(Signature)

(Printed name) Xian Xing Huang

(Zip code) 96792

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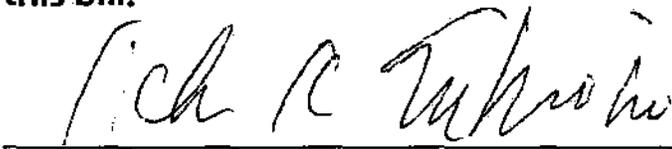
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(Signature)

(Printed name) John K Subiwa

(Zip code) 96826

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(Signature)

(Printed name) CAMERON KAWAI

(Zip code) 96839

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I only support marriage between one man and one woman.

I do not believe we should redefine marriage outside of that definition and am strongly disappointed that a special session has been called to do so.

Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Jackie Montana
Name

1533 Nakuia St
Address

Wahiawa HI 96736
City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage. (Morales)

Sincerely,

Dorothy O. Morales

Name

95-672 Alohilani St

Address

Mililani HI 96792

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely, (Morales)

Aufman

Name

647 Kunaia Lu #604

Address

Honolulu #79187

City, State, Zip



Dear SENATOR CLAYTON HEE

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Israel Moro (ISRAEL MORO)

Name

2701 LAKEVIEW CIRCLE

Address

WAHIAWA HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely, *Sen Clayton Hee*
(Faustino Nacapug)

FAUSTINO NACAPUG
Name

45 LAUOHE LANE
Address

Wahiawa HI 96786
City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Rose Marie Nakamizo
Name

1566 Erms St.
Address

Wahiawa, HI 96786
City, State, Zip



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Sincerely, (Navares)

Quita Navares

Name

216 Rose St

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Jaylene Navaras

Name

216 Rose St

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

TESS NAKAMISHI

Name

68 Kahuhea St

Address

Wahiawa HI 96783

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

ARACELY NAVARRO

Name

1122 - A AHE-AHE AVE.

Address

WAHIAWA HI. 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Terry Navarro

Name

1122 K Ke-Ke Ave

Address

Wahiawa HI 96784

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

FRED W. OGAWA

Name

124 KUAHIWI DR.

Address

Wahiawa HI. 96784

City, State, Zip



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Colleen Okashige Colleen Okashige
Name

95-258 Waipoo St.
Address

Mililani, HI 96789
City, State, Zip



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Donald I.R. Okashige

Name

95-258 Waipoo St.

Address

Mil. Lani, HI 96709

City, State, Zip



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95-258 Waipoo St
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Sincerely,

Jacqueline M. O'Reilly

Name

23 Leitchua Pl.

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Virginia M. Padden

Name

275 Mals St.

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Jeannita D. Pacheco

Name

1399 C California Ave.

Address

Wahiawa, Hi. 96786

City, State, Zip



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Therese Venefrida Paclib

Name

same as above. 232 Walker Ave.

Address

Wahiawa, HI. 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Robert + Paganini

Name

226 A Olive Ave

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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ALFREDO J. PALMA

Name

2206 California Ave #6

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Rose Marie Pambord

Name

724 Ihi Ihi Avenue

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Name

PO Box 893999

Address

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Ray Parayno 

Name

P.O. Box 893999

Address

M. C. Iani, HI 96789

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Sincerely,

Annette A. Pascual

Name

66 Halakahiki Place

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Wilma R. Penuliar

Name

644 Olive Avenue

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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RENIGIO PIANO

Name

60 LAHUNE ROAD

Address

WAHAWA, HI 96786

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ZOSIMO QUEMADO

Name

220 Nichols St

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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BERNARDO G. QUIDEZ

Name

133 MOAE PLACE

Address

WAHIWA HI 96786

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EMI QUIDEZ

Name

133 MOAE

PL

Address

WAHI

96784

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Shawn Quillin

Name

PO Box 81643D

Address

Wahiawa Hi 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Alicia N. Ramirez

Name

10 N. Ulukoua St.

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

RANDY RAMONES

Name

87-875 KULANUU ST.

Address

WAIWANA, HI 96792

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Helen Ren
Name
283 Maala St
Address
Wahiawa HI 96786
City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Shirley Rasmussen
Name

683 Kikowana St.
Address

Wahiawa, Hi 96786
City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

JOANIE RIDDLE

Name

1207 Aunani Dr.

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Kathy Biluena

Name

132 moae PL.

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96782

City, State, Zip



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en.

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Sincerely,

Shirley Rivers

Name

298 Wilikina Dr.

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

(Juan Rojo)

Juan Rojo

95-1143

Name

Wahiawa Dr 110

Address

Wahiawa HI 96789

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

MELVIN RUABIKO

Name

610 KANIHAHE ST.

Address

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City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Salome Ruaburo

Name

610 Kanihale St.

Address

Wahiawa, HI: 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Paulina Sandler

Name

94-117 Hokuaii Ct #109

Address

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City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Ono Kefauahi ANITA SAGAKI
Name

94-245 KIKIULA LOOP
Address

Wililani 96789
City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Erlinda V. Sayers

Name

1975 B alai PL

Address

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Sincerely,

DAVID SCOTT

Name

256-102 WAMBERS CT

Address

WAIHAWA, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Sansano

Name

1324 Loko Dr.

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96782

City, State, Zip



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Jeanette Shouk

Name

166 Kilea Pl.

Address

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Vera Sniffen

Name

954147 Makai St #71

Address

Milwau HI 96789

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

WAYNE SWIFT

Name

95 1147 MAKAU WAI ST # 71

Address

Wahiawa HI 96789

City, State, Zip



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Diane E. Sadows

Name

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Address

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Sincerely,

Frances Soares

Name

1042 Ehoeho Ave. #221

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

(Doris Sojat)

Doris Sojat

Name

270 ILLUAI DR

Address

WAHIAWA, HI 96782

City, State, Zip



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(Reggie Sojot)

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Name

278 Ihirwai Drive

Address

Wahi, HI. 96792

City, State, Zip



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Emmylon E. Scarrantes

Name

5006 Surigao Lane

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Alberta Dzung

Name

1804 E. Kamehameha Dr.

Address

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Sincerely,

Eliza Sugon

Name

93 Kaluhea St

Address

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City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Mrs. Lisa Pogoda

Name

1207 Aiea Dr.

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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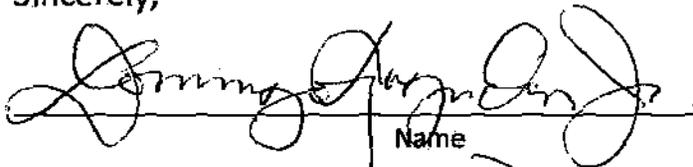
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Sincerely,

(Tagudin)


Name

1207 AUWAI DR.

Address

WAIKAWA HI 96786

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Julibeth Tamashiro

Name

95-1125 Koolani Dr. #176

Address

Mililani, Hawaii 96789

City, State, Zip



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Name

1888 Lanika Pl

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Robert Teixeira

Name

015 Neal Ave.

Address

Wahiawa, HI - 96786

City, State, Zip



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JULIUS TOLENTINO JR.

Name

P.O. BOX 861536

Address

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Sincerely,

Christian Tolentino-Calmaj

Name

Hapapa St. 944-14

Address

Mililani HI 96759

City, State, Zip



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PATRICIA TUPINIA P.O. SUPPINI
Name

P.O. Box 86 1125
Address

WAHIAWA HAWAII 96786
City, State, Zip



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Sincerely, ~~Clayton Hee~~

Dolores Uclusia

Name

880 Wakanileow St.

Address

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Sincerely,

Anna ...

Name

123 ...

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96781

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Wilma Nelson

Name

880 Wakanikoo St.

Address

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Sincerely,

Jovita A. Ungos

Name

1236 Auwai Drive

Address

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Sincerely, (Primo Ungos)

Primo Ungos

Name

1236 Auauai Drive

Address

Wahiawa, HI. 96785

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Benina R. Valdez

Name

1241 Neal Avenue

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

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Sincerely,

ANTHONY VALDES
Name

1241 NEAL AVE.
Address

WAHIAWA HI 96786
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Sincerely,

Jania VanHa

Name

115 Kaliko Dr.

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

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Sincerely,

Wayson J. Vannatta Jr.
Name

175 Kaliko Dr.
Address

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Mrs. Juanita B. Valdez

Name

1031 Whitman Wahiawa

Address

Hm. Hawaii 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Seanette L. Vardo

Name

484 ILIWAH DR

Address

WAH, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Andrew Velasco

Name

62 Hoomaha St.

Address

Wahiawa, 96786

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Sincerely, (Max R. Velasco, Jr.)

Max R. Velasco Jr.

Name

62 HOONANNA ST.

Address

WAHAWA HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Vellala
Name

123 Plumer St.
Address

Wahiawa HI 96782
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Dear *Sandra Clayton Hee*

I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

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Sincerely,

Barbara T. Walker

Name

127 Makanae Ave.

Address

Wahiawa, Hi. 96786

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Sincerely,

Cindy Yen

Name

108 Uakanihon Place

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Maria Yee

Name

108 UAKANIKO PLAZA

Address

WAHIAWA, HI 96798

City, State, Zip



Dear SEN. CLAYTON HEE,

I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

MALCOLM ZARA

Name

94-245 LEONAHUE ST., APT. A106

Address

WAIPAHU, HI 96797

City, State, Zip



JESUS CHRIST GATHERING HIS PEOPLE MINISTRY

Pastor George K. Piliwale

98-1277 Kaahumanu Street PP125

Aiea, Hi, 96701

Cell 561-7847

E-mail; Nobodyisinheaven@yahoo.com

To Whom It May Concern:

**Subject: Homosexual Marriage Special Session
Hawaii State Legislature 2013**

Notice of objection to this special session is now given:

Title for this writing: JESUS PURGE THE CHURCH

Scripture for this writing: CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE Matt. 21:12-13

From: Pastor George K. Piliwale and Beatrice M. Piliwale

Let it now be known. The reading of this statement will obligate the reader to act, because of having been provided the knowledge and understanding that homosexual marriage is not blessed by Jesus nor approved by God, but is totally of this world, and that all those who participate in this ungodly union, which is considered an abomination, and the reader who fails to act, shall be considered enemies of God (James 4:4).

Also, if there come any unto you having not the doctrine of Christ, receive him not into your home, neither bid him Godspeed: For him that biddeth him Godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds (2 John 9-11). And, the percentage of those actually saved are few, compared to those many who are called to receive Jesus as Lord, (Matt. 20:16, 22:14) and God's Word shall not be tampered with (Rev. 22:18-18).

At the conclusion of this letter it will become clear our failure to please God shall deny to us the salvation we sought to keep and this abundant United States shall become the great Sodom and shall perish as did Sodom, as it were in days of old (Gen. 19:4-29) and will be in days yet to come as Babylon fallen (Rev.18:1-24).

In this present time of the end, Jesus Christ is now purging his church in order to bring it forth having no spot nor blemish to present to the Father which is in Heaven. This pruning or purging of the church involves the removal of all unbelievers and all homosexuals. This includes those to-be-disappointed make-believe Christians who claim to be "once saved, always saved" and who have not repented of that doctrine. This adjustment is slowly but surely coming to its end with the advent of Jesus and the end of the world. May the Lord have mercy on us.

THE REAL THREAT OF HOMOSEXUALITY is hidden under a mask of equal rights, constitutional rights, employment opportunities, home ownership, and adoption of heterosexual children by homosexuals (to convert into the homosexual population), with the ultimate goal of the domination of the heterosexual world as a whole. Impossible? Do not count on that! (I am willing to bet that those in Sodom gave consideration to this same conclusion before they were enfolded into the deadly sin of homosexuality.)

In 1948, as a 12-year-old beach boy, I and my friend were confronted by a 45-year-old male as we stood in line to buy lunch after a morning of swimming and surfing. He graciously offered to make us lunch and we both accepted. After we were finished eating, he wasted no time in bringing up the subject of sex, and unzipped his shorts. He exposed his penis while stroking it and said, "Only men can satisfy men." (I don't mind telling you this was the filthiest, ugliest, and most disgusting display I ever had the displeasure of seeing.) Needless to say, as the homosexual continued to play with himself, my friend and I left quickly.

In 1986, a gathering at Hamburger Mary's, a homosexual club in Waikiki not in existence today, celebrated a ten-year infusion of decadence into the population of the state of Hawaii that had begun in 1976. That ten-year journey had proven to be successful.

The success of this moral degradation by heterosexuals encouraged homosexuals to continue this activity of evil with the goal of bringing heterosexuals to their knees by submitting to the whims of homosexuality, as did the population of Sodom in the days of old.

In 1994, Act 217, *Relating to Marriage*, was introduced in the Hawaii State Legislature and, with the consensus of 71% of the public approving the definition of one man and one woman in marriage, was passed as HB/SB 2312 and enacted, thus temporarily preserving the sanctity of heterosexual marriage. Praise the Lord!

Homosexuals took the offensive in 2008 by claiming that many people had changed their minds. Even though in an unofficial poll, 61% of the Hawaii population still objected to civil unions, Christian leaders failed to capitalize on that fact and, by definition, gave the higher ground away to the homosexuals. Although a Christian "Red Shirt Rally" at about this time created a rumble of Christian support, one of its influential leaders pushed for compromise because he had a homosexual son. For his son's sake, this leader's resolve caved in and could not stand against evil. Because of his weakness, he and others like him fell to this evil and brought low the name of Jesus. That was the end of the Christian surge and now, five years later, homosexual efforts may be realized with the special session of the legislature to be convened October 28 in order to establish a law allowing the so-called marriage of homosexuals and their rights to all the benefits thereof.

There is no doubt that the rights of heterosexuals will be affected adversely if homosexuals prevail above all that is righteous. If this does come to pass, they will think they have won it all, but in reality they have prepared the ground for their eternal damnation, for this victory will have come about against the will of God and his only begotten Jesus Christ. God has already judged them by their fruits (Matt. 7:15-20) and has given them up to a reprobate mind (Rom. 1:28).

Hawaii State Legislators—you will be facing a critical choice on October 28, 2013. To assist you in your momentous choice, the following are a few specific examples of misleading words, phrases, and statements used by homosexuals to deceive those who are

willing to listen to them--to create a symphony of lies that will generate the greatest amount of pity and sympathy in their favor. They do this to make the consenting public tolerant of their evil, to make the consenting public an active part of their evil (2 John 9-11), and to make the consenting public share in their suffering of damnation, as they will, for their evil:

RAINBOW: As a covenant between God and Noah, a heterosexual. It is clear in Gen. 9:8-17 that God, not homosexuals, created and owns the rainbow.

Homosexuals claim this ownership.

HOMOSEXUAL: Involving sexual intercourse between persons of the same sex, which is an abomination before God. Other names identifying homosexuals are "fagot," "queer," "fairy," "mahu," and "gay." God will never ordain this false marriage. Believe it.

GAY: A softer less threatening identification of a person living a perverted and evil homosexual life style. In other words, a wolf in sheep's clothing (Matt. 10-16).

BIGOT: A person who is utterly intolerant of any different creed, belief, or opinion. Homosexuals are bigots for the evils of homosexuality. Heterosexuals are bigots, but in Jesus' name for righteousness. Their attempts to intimidate heterosexuals by calling them bigots were formerly successful. But, not any longer.

TOLERANT: To have sympathy for, and be a part of, homosexuality. The word of God in the Bible forbids us from tolerating homosexuality.

JESUS IS NOW PURGING THE CHURCH--a continues activity until the end is come. God has allowed this discrepancy concerning homosexual marriage to come into existence for the betterment of those of his children who may still be in a state of uncertainty but have not yet fallen. Homosexuality is a key ingredient, believe it or not, of energizing Christians to set their sights on Jesus, for without Jesus they can do nothing (John 15:5) and without the protection of Jesus, we all will fail. But listen now, those who rebel against the kingdom and who occupy a position of worldly power: The Lord has not sent you to attempt to destroy the sacred precepts of marriage, but to enforce its righteousness and sustain the one-man-and-one-woman concept that is likened to when we say yea, yea, and nay, nay (Matt. 5:37). For whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil; in marriage, if it be one man and another man or one woman and another woman, is more than commanded by God; these cometh of evil.

Therefore, Legislators, your obligation is clear: do not allow this shameful unity of homosexuals under law but stand on HB and SB 2312, *Relating to Marriage*, enacted in 1994, that is still in force. I have shown you the moral threat homosexuals pose for us, our children, and our grandchildren. I have proven homosexuals lied about the rainbow and about being bigots and intolerant--all that they accused us of being. I have presented irrevocable evidence that the homosexual view of equal rights is a sham, since homosexuals are really interested in the total domination of heterosexual society and the children they acquire from that society.

You, as a Christian, are the temple of God and represent Jesus Christ. You are the light of the world that cannot be hidden but must be seen by all. Amen

May Jesus bless all that is written: Pastor George Piliwale & Beatrice M. Piliwale

George & Bea Piliwale

October 24, 2013

The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee
Chairman, Committee of the Judiciary
and Labor

Renee Iwamura
1212 Nuuanu Avenue Suite 3804
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Position: Opposed Special Session Same Sex
Marriage

My Testimony is as follows:

I am really concerned about the special session on same sex marriage because I feel it does not respect the Democratic process. There seems to be undue pressure on this bill to make it into law without public hearings that take into account social, cultural, and traditional impacts that can create dramatic and detrimental outcomes to the people and to the keikis of Hawaii for generations to come.

The most important issue of our times have not been heard by a new generation of people and it is being coerced thru with out public hearings where the language of the bill can be adequately reviewed and testified on. This strips us of our basic rights to be

heard and our rights to speak which becomes unconstitutional in many respects. The legislature has taken on a disposable attitude of short cuts and outcomes that is not what Democracy is about. Is this the model of decision making we can expect in the future? It casts a shadow of doubt and breaks down bridges of trust and transparency that you represent the people of Hawaii well.

My hope is that this special session will be terminated and be ushered to regular session where the Democratic process can take place for the people of Hawaii.

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

RE: Bill #SB1

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

This is an amended copy to replace my original testimony submitted on October 23, 2013

My name is Teresa Shuptrine. I was born and raised in Hawaii all my life. My ancestry is Hawaiian, Chinese, and Caucasian.

I would like to offer my opposition to SB1, Relating to Equal Rights.

I lived the homosexual life at least twenty five (25) years. My father was a Navy man and was out to sea about six months to a year at a time. My mother was ill with severe rheumatoid arthritis and spent most of her time in her room. My older brother cared for me. As I was growing up, my dad and brother were my role models.

I became attracted to females at a very young age. It troubled me and caused me great torment throughout my life. I was brought up a devout Catholic and was unable to discuss this matter with anyone. I lived the closet life as I felt so ashamed, humiliated and condemned. It was a life in bondage with no peace. I prayed constantly to be changed with no avail. Many of my gay guy friends died due to aids.

At this time of life I continued to question my identity. The unnatural became so natural and the natural felt so unnatural. I believed I was born this way. I later felt that this was my cross to bear in life.

With the grace of God I was able to change. I have been set free for about 20 years now. The Lord revealed to me that I was always looking for a mother's love. I also realize that being a lesbian was a choice and I was not born this way.

In closing, the reason I oppose gay marriage is because I strongly believe in traditional marriage and family values. My foundation in life is JESUS and HIS LOVE.

I ask you what is more important, pleasing man or pleasing God?

Good Morning, Chairman Senator Heo and Senate Committee members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee,

My name is Trudy T. Tadaki a 46 year old registered voter residing at 94-981 Awamoku Place Waipahu, HI 96797. I am also a direct support staff supporting people with disabilities.

I am opposed to the special session and any legislation that supports same-sex marriage.

Thank you for your consideration

Trudy T. Tadaki Trudy T. Tadaki

94-981 Awamoku Place

Waipahu, HI 96797

Email: trudy-t26@yahoo.com

Password: MyVote-NO!

GRACE ALARCIO

Testimony For SB1
Monday 10/28/13

October 25, 2013

Aloha,

First of all, thank you for serving our great State, "Hawaii".

My name is Grace Alarcio and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii. ~~By my husband (Leonardo) and I~~ I ask that you would vote NO on the Same Sex Marriage Bill. We have a right as a citizen of Hawaii and of the United States of America to raise our children and the generations to come, that marriage is only between one man and one woman. It is not fair that the representatives are given the privilege to decide, the people of Hawaii should be given the right to vote.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter.

Mahalo,

Grace Alarcio



~~Leonardo Alarcio~~



I will be at the hearing, in person -
on Monday. 10/28/13

Grace Alarcio
91-1156 HoOmahaana St.
Ewa Beach

Re: Testimony in Opposition to SBI Relating to Equality

CHAIRMAN SENATOR CLAYTON HEE,
JUDICIARY & LABOR COMMITTEE

ALOHA,

MY NAME IS VAUGHN MIYACHI. I HAVE
LIVED IN HAWAII 64 YEARS AND I AM A REGISTERED
VOTER. I AM OPPOSED TO SAME SEX MARRIAGE,
AND I AM AGAINST A SPECIAL SESSION THAT IS
RUSHED WITHOUT GIVING THE VOTERS TIME TO
UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES.

MAHA LO,

VAUGHN MIYACHI

EMAIL: VMIYACHI@CS.COM

PASSWORD: HERE I AM

ADDRESS:

98-1697 KIAWE ST.

AIEA, HAWAII 96701

Oct. 24, 2013

Re: Testimony in Opposition to SBI Relating to Equality
To: Chairman Senator Clayton Hee
Subject: Written Testimony in Opposition to SBI Relating
to Equal Rights

Aloha Senator Hee.

My name is Merle Oniyauchi, a 64 year old
registered voter residing at 98-1697 Kiawe St.,
Aiea, HI 96701.

I am opposed to Same Sex Marriage and
urge you to vote NO on this bill. Why are
we rushing an issue of this importance
by a special session? I feel the people
should, ^{be able to give} ~~have~~ their input and ^{vote} ~~be heard~~ on this
matter.

Thank you.

Merle Oniyauchi
98-1697 Kiawe St
Aiea, HI 96701
email: oniyauchi@hawaii.edu
password: hallelujah

Good morning, Chairman, Members
and Senior Members of the
Joint Committee on Education

Members of the
Senate
present
for the
hearing

Re: Testimony in Opposition to SBI Relating Equality

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pleased to be here today. Same

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10/24/13 Re: Testimony in opposition to SBI Relating
to Equality
To Chairman Hee:

My name is Dannalei Baba, I'm a 55 year old
part Hawaiian, registered voter residing at 98-535
Koa mile St, Aiea, HI 96701.

I am opposed to any legislation that allows
same sex marriage. And I cannot understand
why Hawaii is rushing into a special session
as a result of the Supreme Court decision, especially
since the other 34 states are not.

I thank you for your services.

Respectfully submitted,
Dannalei Baba

Name: Dannalei Baba

email: keeki-elus@hawaii.org.com

password: voicevo

Relating to Equality

Re: Testimony in Opposition to SB1

10/23/2013

Aloha! Chairman Clayton Hee and Senate Committee members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee, Chairman Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke,

My name is Dale Stevens, I am 53 years of age and reside on the Windward Side at 47-017A Kamehameha Hwy, Kaneohe HI 96744.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to submit my written testimony opposing this legislation and also to take this opportunity to thank you for your service in serving the People of Hawaii.

With that said, I believe we the people of Hawaii should be allowed to vote on this issue and strongly oppose to the "Special session".

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Stevens

47-097 A Kamehameha Hwy.

Kaneohe, HI 96744

Hawaiian heritage and uniqueness as an island state, dedicate our efforts to fulfill the philosophy decreed by the Hawaii State motto, "Ua mau ke ea o Ka aina i ka pono."

Thank you for allowing me to briefly state my position. It is wonderful to participate in our legislative process.

Mahalo,

Leila J. Lee

5233 Keikilani Cir

Hon, HI 96821

Re: Testimony in Opposition to SB1 Relating to Equality
GOOD MORNING CHAIRMAN CLAYTON HEE AND SENATE
COMMITTEE MEMBERS, OF THE JUDICIARY AND LABOR
COMMITTEE,

Chairmen Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke,
My name is BAREN LEE and I live in the Aiea Hahaione District.
I am a father of five adult children and currently a
grandfather of three.

Thank you for your service and hard work to our community,
and thank you for taking the time to read my written
testimony.

I am writing to express my opposition to this special session
because it denies the people their rights to the democratic
process. Getting this type of precedence concerns me for
the future of our Hawaii. There may be no stopping of
"special sessions" for issues that would impact every resident
yet, should allow for all voting citizens to have input.

I strongly urge and ask you to reconsider suspending this
special session.

RESPECTFULLY,
BAREN LEE

Oct. 24, 2013

Re: Testimony in Opposition to SBI Relating to Equality

GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN CLAYTON HILL
AND SENATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE
JUDICIARY AND LIBERTY COMMITTEE,
Chairmen Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke,

MY NAME IS JOAN OHARA, A 70 YEAR
OLD VOTER RESIDING AT 800 THIRD ST,
PEARL CITY, HAWAII.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SUBMIT
MY WRITTEN TESTIMONY OPPOSING THIS
SPECIAL SESSION.

IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THIS 5 DAY
SPECIAL SESSION IS NOT ENOUGH TIME
TO DISCUSS THIS MOST CONTROVERSIAL
ISSUE OF SAME SEX MARRIAGE,
ESPECIALLY SINCE THE REGULAR
LEGISLATIVE SESSION IS ONLY TWO
MONTHS AWAY.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASK YOU TO
PLEASE ALLOW THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII
TO VOTE ON THIS ISSUE, AS THIS
ISSUE AFFECTS US ALL.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Joan Ohara

October 23, 2013

Re. Testimony in Opposition to SB1 Relating to Equality
Dear Chairman Clayton Hee and

Senate Committee members of
the Judiciary and Labor committee:
Chairmen Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke,
My name is Betty Sasaki. I'm a 71 year
old registered voter who resides in
Salt Lake, Honolulu, Hawaii.

I appreciate and thank you all for
your diligent service to the people of
Hawaii.

I would like to urge you to cancel
this Special Session to address Same-Sex
marriage because:

- 1) It does not give adequate time
for amendments to be proposed,
discussed, and voted on;
- 2) it does not give enough time for
the people to give their testimony
and express their wishes and desires;
- 3) this bill can be satisfactorily proposed,
discussed, amended, and put to vote
in the regular session which is only
a few months away.

Thank you for considering my request!

Aloha, Betty Sasaki
2950 Ala Hima St, Apt 863
H. H. H. 96818

Chairman Clayton Hee & Senate Committee
Members of the Judiciary & Labor Committee:
^{Chairman Karl Rhoads and ~~Julia~~ Leuke}
My name is Chris Amigawa, age 64, residing
at 9075 Kilauea Avenue, Honolulu, 96816.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my written
testimony opposing same sex marriage.

May our legislators continue to uphold the
Hawaiian Preamble and the Constitution of
the United States.

From my heart, 
Ua mau ke ea o ka aino i ka pono

Re: Testimony in Opposition to SBI Relating to Equality

Re: testimony in opposition to SB1, Relating to Equality
My name is Jane Shirone, I'm 76 + a registered voter
My address is 1475 Onipae St, Honolulu 96819

To Honorable Senator Clayton Hee, Representatives Karl Rhoads and

I am asking you to please vote NO to the Same-Sex
Marriage Bill. ^{by Lisa Luke,} I ^{strongly} believe that there should be
researches as to the results of states or
countries where SSN has been legalized. ^{We are opening}
"Pandora's Box" but rushing this bill without knowledge of its consequence.
I ^{strongly} believe that we should follow
the democratic procedure to let all people
have a voice in this matter.

Thank you for the awesome work you do for
it is a great responsibility. Your work determines
the destination of our state & the voice of all our people.

Sincerely,

Jane Shirone
1475 Onipae St.
Honolulu, HI 96819
e mail janedssh@gmail.com

to: Santa Clytem Hee) Re: Testimony in Opposition to SBI Relating
Rep. Carl Khorde. Subject: Same Sex Marriage Legislation to Equality

My name is Edward S. Shirama, a registered voter since 1962.

I firmly believe that this bill should not be passed
until all consequences that will affect generations to come
~~are understood~~. ^{are understood} are clarified & resolved, with participation

~~of~~ of all voters. Thank you for your consideration

Edward S Shirama
1475 Onipou St
Honolulu, HI 96819

Re: Testimony in Opposition to SBI October 24, 2013
Relating to Equality

Aloha & Good morning Chairman Clayton Fee
& Senate Committee members of the
Hawaii Judiciary & Labor Committee,
Chairmen Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke,
As a resident & a 70 year old voter in the
Aiea, Halawa, Newtown district, living at
98-1704 Kiawe St (Newtown Estates) Aiea, my
name is Angela C. Ho. Mahalo, thank
you for accepting this written testimony
opposing the proposed legislation. I'm
grateful & thank my Lord Jesus for your
service to us, Hawaii's Ohana.

As a retired Hawaii school Counselor and
Teacher for over 30 years, I have a deep, loving
concern for our children & future generations.
I've taught & hopefully modeled the values
of respect & integrity within our democratic
society. As an educator-leader in schools
& still working as a substitute & volunteer,
I know the importance of speaking truth,
having a clear conscience & serving others.

Please do not support a special session
since more deliberate analysis & consideration
are paramount to clearer decisions & more
wisdom. True democracy is mocked when
there's a "rush" in a most controversial issue.
Your constituents' voices cannot be effectively
heard in a short 5-day special session.

I believe we, Hawaii's people, addressed this
issue in 1998 & should be consulted again.

I thank you again for allowing me to "voice"
my heart's concerns. Mahalo.
Respectfully submitted, Angela C. Ho

Re: Testimony in opposition to SBI . Relating Equality

Good morning Chairman Clayton Fee and Senate
Committee members of the Judiciary and Labor
Committee
Chairmen Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke,

My name is Dorothy Akamine, a 73 year old
voter residing at 98-1745 Hapaki St, Aiea, Hi. 16701.
I want to thank you for allowing me to
submit my written testimony. opposing this
legislation. A five day 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 being
heard. I strongly urge that this
issue be placed on the ballot next
election. I recommend as a concerned
citizen and registered voter, to suspend
the special session.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Akamine

24 October 2013

Re: Testimony in Opposition to SBI Relating to Equality
Aloha Chairman tee and esteemed members of
the Judiciary and Labor Committee,
Chairmen Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke,

My name is Leila Ikemoto Lee. I am a
small business owner, a mother, and a grandmothe
which is why I am writing today for a sense
of urgency.

I am humbly asking our elected officials
to delay the special session until a regular
session, so enough information can be
disseminated and heard about the same-sex
marriage bill. A lot has been heard and
said about civil unions, but not nearly enough
on same-sex marriage.

I am also wary about this bill as to
its effect on religious liberties and how
it may affect my convictions as it relates
to my business.

Lastly, as a grandmother, I wish
to see my precious grandchildren grow in
a place where their religious beliefs are
protected and are fostered and are free to
grow. This is the legacy I wish to leave
them — a land where King Kamehameha III
proclaimed, "We the people of Hawaii, grateful
for Divine Guidance, and mindful of our

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:

Mahalo for your time in hearing out a very concerned citizen. Not only am I concerned as a citizen for the health and welfare of our beloved Hawaii, but also concerned as a husband, a father, a pastor, and a member of the School Community Council at Kainalu Elementary in Kailua. I know you have a heart for our state and our keiki as well, which is why I have attached for you the article entitled "This School Welcomes You" (Best practices for creating an LGBT-inclusive school climate) from the national magazine Teaching Tolerance, which was sent to Kainalu EI (and likely all of our DOE schools) a few weeks ago.

I appreciate your hearing me out without any pre-conceived notions. In order to assist in this, I would like to be very clear from the get go. I believe there should be NO bullying in schools or communities against ANY individuals. I believe that every individual deserves respect, dignity, protection, and love. I know that we will always have homosexuals in our schools and our communities. I personally have seven friends who identify themselves as homosexuals, and I love them, bless them, befriend them, support them, pray for and with them, and enjoy their friendship.

I also would like to apologize for any individual Christian or Christian church or organization who has personally attacked you (or other legislators) or who have used harsh words or harsh tones. I apologize as some may not have shown you what Jesus is like, especially in His love for you. I ask for your forgiveness for all of these.

I hope to convey to you that it is very possible to love the LGBT community and still vote 'no' on the Marriage Equality Bill.

Now, to my concerns and the reason I wanted you to look at the article.

1. This article is focused exclusively on inclusion of LGBT and for addressing anti-bullying of LGBT. "Anti-bullying" seems to be becoming more and more synonymous with "Do not bully members of the LGBT community" rather than "Bullying anyone is wrong." As I said above, bullying should absolutely not be tolerated because every student should be respected and dignified. And that's my point, EVERY student. Seems things have become disproportionately out of balance toward LGBT and we should ask why? What's driving this? Who is driving this? What are the goals and motivation underneath it? These are questions that ought to be thoroughly examined BEFORE voting on a bill that will have direct and indirect impact on education, churches, businesses, and society in general and religious freedoms of individuals.

2. The article is promoting inclusion and tolerance of LGBT. Yes, it's true, all students should be included and have tolerance given them. However, this article is the beginning stages of goals that go far beyond inclusion and tolerance. The larger goal has to do with promotion and even celebration of LGBT lifestyles. How can I say this? We simply need to look at what is happening in the public schools of countries and states that have legalized

SSM before us. They are 10-15 years ahead of us. It only makes sense that we take the time to study this issue and its effects before making such a huge decision that will impact generations to come. If you are willing to look at the reality of what has happened in Canada and Massachusetts, I can arrange for a meeting with a Canadian educator with 28 years experience teaching in their public schools (for a super-condensed version, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lTZmgfpllo>). Please take the time to look at the ramifications of this law that go beyond what most expect. Why the rush to pass this bill? We can look back at the impact of the no-fault divorce experiment on the United States. No fault divorce was the beginning of redefining marriage. Has no-fault divorce improved American society as a whole? Do we have less poverty? fewer unwanted children? fewer murders of minors? less violence? fewer people in prison? fewer people needing welfare? fewer young people needing remedial education? less drug abuse? fewer gangs? Fewer tax dollars needed to prop up those in need? Forty years of the breakdown of marriage has resulted in breakdown of society, and without a turnaround, we are simply scratching the surface of further breakdown.

During the week of Oct 28, 2013, in an unprecedented special session, our state will be examining redefining marriage yet again as being between same gendered couples which will further the breakdown of society. Why? Because marriage will then mean everything, and will at the same time mean nothing. Lesbian Masha Gessen's honesty about the real intent of pushing for Same Gender Marriage is revealing <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9M0xcs2Vw4> . I appreciate her honesty. I wish everyone were as forthright. She admits that marriage between one man and one woman for life will be devalued even further with the goal for it to become nonexistent. Will this further redefinition help our already broken society or further the breakdown and devastation of society and the generations? I encourage us to slow down and learn from the past.

Redefining marriage will open up the doors to even more diverse forms of "marriage" (see the poster in Canadian public schools titled Love Has No Gender promoting polygamy <http://www.peacehamilton.com/news/2012-09-26.pdf>) and there will be no legal or logical reason to prevent diverse marriage forms from being adopted. Currently, law and logic support the concept that marriage is between one man and one woman, if we knock down that legal wall, anyone with any type of relationship will have legal and logical basis to argue that their form of relationship be given the equal right to marriage.

3. I am concerned about the statement on the last page of the article (under subheading Conversion Therapy) that says, "It is impossible to "turn" an individual from gay to straight." Oh really? Since when did this hotly debated point of contention become so clear cut and conclusive? Is this an honest statement? What will be the impact of this bold assumption on our keiki? It is natural for young people to have questions and confusion about sexual attractions (even more so when LGBT lifestyles will be promoted and celebrated even more). If a young person hears this message of "it's impossible to change from gay to straight" when they are having some confusing times, the message can begin to solidify an identity that is not their identity.

4. I am concerned about the statement on the last page of the article (under subheading Religion) that says, "All students are entitled to their religious viewpoints, but those

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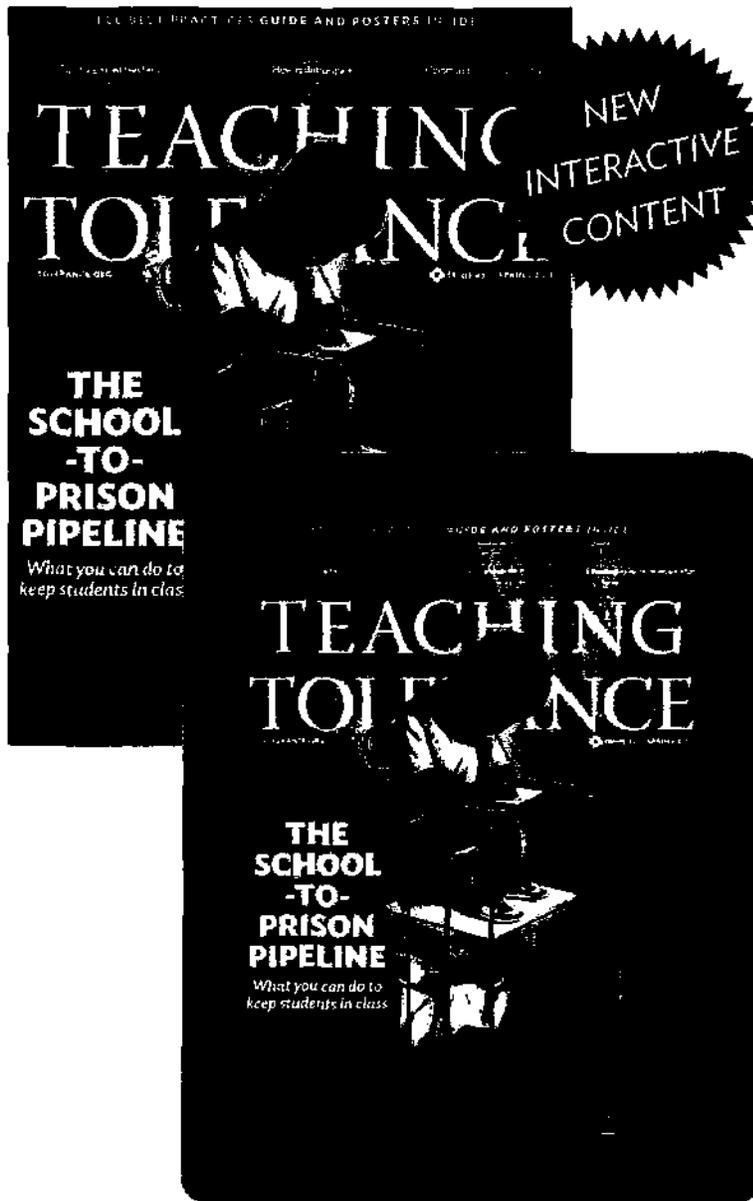
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SCHOOLS ARE PLACES OF LEARNING AND also miniature societies. The climate of a school has a direct impact on both how well students learn and how well they interact with their peers. Teachers and administrators work hard to make their classrooms welcoming places where each student feels included. But despite these efforts, students who are—or who are perceived to be—lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender (LGBT) continue to face a harsh reality.

According to a recent Human Rights Campaign survey, LGBT students report being harassed at school—both verbally and physically—at twice the rate of non-LGBT youth. With heightened stressors like bullying, harassment and a lack of role models, LGBT students are also more likely to experience negative educational outcomes.

Needless to say, LGBT students need allies.

Studies have shown that creating a supportive environment for LGBT students improves educational outcomes for all students, not just those who may identify as LGBT. And remember, it's not about politics—it's about

supporting students. Any educator, regardless of his personal beliefs, can be a resource for LGBT students.

It all starts with awareness. Often educators are unsure how to support their LGBT students in a meaningful way. These best practices were compiled to give school leaders the knowledge they need to create a climate in which their most vulnerable students feel safe and valued. Through inclusive policies and nurturing practices, administrators, counselors and teachers have the power to build an educational environment that is truly welcoming to all students.

Build an Inclusive School Climate

Gay-Straight Alliance Clubs (GSAs)

GSAs are a great way to educate students about diversity and support LGBT students. They can also be a valuable resource to administrators trying to gauge the temperature of their school climates.

A Teaching Tolerance Guide for School Leaders

Remember that a GSA club is no different from any other student club and cannot be subjected to any extra regulations.

Inclusive Leaders and Allies

Leaders who promote a safe and inclusive environment are essential in creating a positive school climate, and they should be rewarded accordingly.

Publicly praise staff members who actively promote an inclusive environment. This practice both affirms their positive action and creates a culture in which other staff members are unafraid to be allies to LGBT and gender-nonconforming students.

Clothing and Dress Codes

Clothing is a key way students express their various identities—and many fashion choices are protected by the First Amendment.

➊ Enforce dress codes among all students equally. A school cannot constitutionally forbid male students to wear dresses, for instance, if other students are allowed to wear dresses.

➋ Empower students to express themselves. Messages supporting LGBT rights are protected speech, whether they're spoken, worn on a button or printed on a T-shirt.

Transgender and Intersex Students

Gender (how a person feels) and biological sex (the physical makeup of a person's anatomy) are two different things, and they are not always aligned. For example, a person may be raised as a girl but identify as a boy. Others may have been born with a condition that places their biological sex between male and female; they may still be deciding which gender they will ultimately adopt.

➌ Help students whose gender is incorrectly listed on paperwork to correct the situation and ensure school staff and students address them using their

preferred pronouns.

➍ Designate a gender-neutral restroom. Binary (women/men or boy/girl) restrooms aren't inclusive and can be unsafe spaces for transgender and intersex students. Allow each transgender or intersex student to use the restroom in which that student is most comfortable, whether it's the gender-neutral restroom or the restroom that corresponds with the student's self-identified gender.

Proms and Other School Events

LGBT students and students who do not conform to gender norms can easily feel excluded from extracurricular events like proms if care is not taken to implement inclusive practices and language.

➎ Use gender-inclusive language on all event communications, including invitations.

➏ Educate event organizers about students' First Amendment right to attend events with a same-sex date and to wear clothing of their choice.

Privacy

Four of 10 LGBT youths say the community in which they live is not accepting of LGBT people, which makes it absolutely imperative that educators respect students' right to privacy.

Never reveal a student's sexual orientation or gender identity without the student's permission—even to the student's family.

Preventing and Addressing Problems

Anti-Bullying Policy

Before a school can be inclusive of all students, it must be safe for all students. Your school's anti-bullying policy or code of conduct is the most public statement of its commitment to student safety. A strong policy protects all students, but many schools need explicit guidance on safeguarding LGBT students.

➐ Include language specifically prohibiting harassment based on nonconformity to gender norms, gender identity and gender expression.

➑ Give examples of harassment based on actual or perceived sexual orientation.

➒ Evaluate the effectiveness of your school's anti-bullying program annually using student and staff surveys. (Find ours at tolerance.org/equity-audits.)

➓ Designate an anti-bullying coordinator as well as an anti-bullying task force. Staff members specifically trained to prevent and respond to bullying incidents play a pivotal role in developing and maintaining your school's anti-bullying program and are essential if a bullying incident occurs.

➔ Communicate effectively and often with students, parents or guardians, and the community about school climate issues such as bullying. Post the name and contact information for your school's anti-bullying coordinator in the office, on the school website and in the student handbook.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Bullying Basics

Answers to frequently asked questions about bullying.
tolerance.org/bullying-basics

Responding to Hate and Bias at School

A Teaching Tolerance guide that shows educators how to respond to a hate-related incident in their school or community and guides them through crisis management and post-crisis efforts at improvement.
tolerance.org/hate-and-bias

Speak Up at School

A Teaching Tolerance guide that gives educators the tools to help students and themselves turn from bystanders to upstanders and explains how to respond

to biased remarks from peers, parents or even administrators.

tolerance.org/speak-up-at-school

Examining Your School's Climate

A questionnaire to begin the process of assessing your school climate.
tolerance.org/activity/examining-your-schools-climate

Glossary of Terms

A quick-guide to improve your LGBT vocabulary.
tolerance.org/LGBT-best-practices-terms

Ten Tips for Starting a GSA

These 10 simple steps can help make a GSA's launch successful.
tolerance.org/10-tips-GSA

◆ Ensure that reactions to reports of harassment do not further stigmatize students who were targeted for their real or perceived LGBT identities.

◆ Educate teachers and administrators about common bullying myths, such as the idea that LGBT students are “asking for it,” by expressing their sexual orientations or dressing in their preferred manners.

Bullying Hot Spots

Bullying often occurs when adults aren't present. Identifying areas where bullying takes place and taking action to make those places safer is an important step in the school climate improvement process.

Identify “hot spots” where bullying often occurs (inside or outside) and take immediate corrective actions to eliminate them, such as training and assigning students or staff to monitor these locations or adding cameras.

Training

From students to district administrators, everyone has a role to play in creating an inclusive school climate. Proper training gives all school community members a thorough understanding of the part they play in making their school an environment that welcomes all students.

◆ Conduct student training once a year, including age-appropriate discussion of the following:

- The importance of diversity (including nonconformity with gender norms) in the student body;
 - Behaviors that constitute bullying;
 - The negative impact of bullying;
 - How students should respond to bullying;
 - How teachers should respond to bullying;
 - Disciplinary consequences for students who bully their peers; and
 - The process for reporting bullying.
- ◆ Conduct teacher and administrator training once a year, including the following topics in addition to those above:
- Root causes of bullying;
 - Steps to foster an inclusive education

environment for all students—specifically students who don't conform to gender norms or who might be perceived to be lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender;

- Review of the school's bullying policy, emphasizing staff's responsibility to respond to all bullying; and
- Disciplinary consequences for school staff who engage in or ignore bullying.

Religion

Religion can be a hot topic when discussing LGBT issues. All students are entitled to their religious viewpoints, but those viewpoints may not intrude on the rights of others.

Harassment based on religious beliefs is unacceptable and should be addressed according to your school's anti-bullying policy.

Conversion Therapy

Also known as reparative or sexual reorientation therapy, this pseudo-scientific “therapy” has been denounced by all major medical and psychological associations and may cause a student great psychological harm.

◆ Educate school staff about myths perpetrated by those who conduct conversion therapy. It is impossible to “turn” an individual from gay to straight.

◆ Prepare counselors and teachers to support students who are coping with the emotional side effects of conversion therapy. Students who have undergone this so-called therapy have reported increased anxiety, depression and, in some cases, increased thoughts about suicide

Get Started

Easy-to-implement tips for making your school more LGBT-inclusive

◆ Empower GSA members to educate their peers by providing venues for communication (e.g., airtime during the daily announcements, a wall on which to hang posters or a school assembly).

◆ At end-of-the-year award ceremonies, present special “Diversity Leader” certificates to educators who actively promoted an inclusive school environment throughout the year.

◆ Check your dress code today. Are there rules that apply only to some students? If so, take immediate steps to remove them from your student handbook.

◆ Evaluate your administrative forms and communications. Do they use gender-neutral language or provide an opportunity for students to communicate their gender identity? If not, make the needed updates.

◆ Designate one member of your prom committee as the “Inclusivity Planner” to ensure that every student feels welcome.

◆ Include language in school privacy policies that explicitly states the confidentiality of information pertaining to students' sexual orientations and gender identities.

◆ Review your current anti-bullying policy. Don't forget to get input from students, parents, guardians, educators and the community.

◆ Teaching Tolerance's mapping exercise helps you begin identifying your school's “hot spots.” Download it at tolerance.org/map-it-out.

◆ Teaching Tolerance's guide, *Speak Up at School*, gives both educators and students practical strategies for speaking up against biased speech.

◆ Include faith groups in your school's multicultural club as an opportunity for cross-cultural understanding.

◆ Our article, “Therapy of Lies,” is a great resource for educating school staff about conversion therapy. Find it at tolerance.org/therapy-of-lies. ◆



Toolkit

Understand the daily challenges faced by LGBT students.
VISIT » tolerance.org/LGBT-challenges

To the committee on Judiciary and Labor:

Testimony on SB1

My name is Dennis Kim and I would like to testify on the inadequacies of SB1 in opposition to it.

I think I am the typical citizen in Hawaii: I am Hawaiian, Chinese, Korean, with a tinge of Rotuman. My extended family has married into every race. But the Ohana is the driving force that keeps everybody together. Our Ohana has Gay, Lesbian, and Straight people, we have Baptists, Catholics, Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses, Methodists, ^{Buddhists} Atheists, and Agnostics in our family. We have family gatherings all the time, and have never experienced any contention whatsoever based on our diverse beliefs. We revel in everyone's successes, and share their sorrows in times of need. We allow everyone to practice their religious beliefs according to their own tenants.

This bill will change all that. As you very well know, it is driving a wedge between people of faith who oppose this bill and those who support it. I have been talking to many of our legislators and feel that many are missing the point. They see this bill as a Civil Rights issue only. The reality is that it is also a First Amendment Issue. Only after people of faith made more noise did legislators consider the true religious impact rather than give it token consideration. For example, the Governor's bill and even the Senate bill only mention "solemnization of

I OPPOSE The bill # is SB1 proposed same sex marriage. Let the people Vote! I am "for" protecting my religious freedoms. What is this country coming too! You pass this and your taking the religious freedoms of millions. Our country was built on the very thing that you are trying to take away from us by passing this bill. Taking away our freedom to vote on this is just a sign of what we can expect from future America!! Please re consider and see the big picture of this choice!!!

Elsie Tolutau

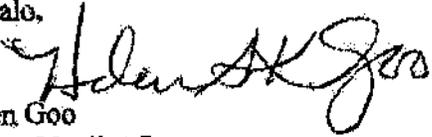
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Senator Clayton Hee
State Capital
Honolulu, Hawaii
Fax 808-586-7334

Representative Fale,

I write to urge you to vote NO to the governor's proposed Marriage Equity Act. This bill infringes upon our religious freedom here in our beloved State of Hawaii.

Mahalo,



Helen Goo
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Yuen Wah Choy
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October 24, 2013

Karl Rhoads, Chair
House Judiciary Committee

Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Finance Committee

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Aloha Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary Committee and Finance Committee:

I am an early childhood educator with over 25 years of experiences. Last week, with honor, I watched the news about teenagers killing teachers in Las Vegas and Massachusetts. These young men who committed such violent crimes showed low self-image and confused identity.

I am afraid that a home without a father and a mother will make it worst for young people to deal with their self-image and identity. They need a home that shows clear role distinctions of male and female to support them.

Therefore, for the sake of our kids and the generations that followed, please keep traditional marriage of one man and one woman. It's the best for our children, and for your children. A stable home needs a clear male and female model.

Thank you for trying to do a good job for all in the State, especially for our kiekie. Mahalo.

Sincerely,



Jennie Tung
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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

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

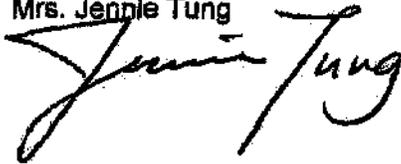
Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

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

I am opposed to gay marriages in Hawaii. Marriages are to be between a man and a woman.

Thank you

Mrs. Jennie Tung

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennie Tung". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

I urge you to vote NO on S.B. 1. Thank you for your time and leadership.

Ramona Asato

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Fax cover sheet

DATE: 10/25/2013

TO: Clayton Hee, Karl Rhoads, Sylvia Luke

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FROM: Ramona Asato

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COMMENTS: "Testimony in Opposition to SB1 Relating to Equality" Please do not pass this bill, Hawaii voted several years ago and killed a similar bill. We the people did vote gay and non gay. Why did the people we elect into office try to revise and pass a similar bill. Sometimes in life you will have to take a stance, I pray that you will stand for traditional marriage, it is not a union, it is two people becoming one. For the sake of Hawaii's future and the future of our keiki, this bill will be the start of a moral and ethic decline here in beautiful Hawaii Nei. I beg of you for my children and my childrens children do not pass this bill. May God be with you. In the name of Jesus, pray on it and do what is right in Gods eyes, once you go forward it will be hard to reverse your actions. Ask for Godly wisdom in everything that you do. Please.

Aloha
Ramona Asato

prayer center of the pacific

From: prayer center of the pacific [prayercenterpacific@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 5:12 PM
To: 'JDLTestimony-InPerson@capitol.hawaii.gov'
Subject: SB 1 Equal Rights

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 dying 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.**

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Second, the provision in subsection (c), if enacted, would be in direct conflict with the Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction And Enforcement Act ("UCCJEA") (Hawaii Revised Statute §583-A) whereby it states that "the family court shall adjudicate child custody". Pursuant to the UCCJEA, enacted in all states, the "home state" which has exclusive jurisdiction over a child exists where the child has lived for six (6) months or more prior to the filing of any custody proceeding. As such, per the UCCJEA, the Family Court here in Hawaii would not have continuing exclusive jurisdiction over a child that has not resided here for six (6) months prior to the filing of the divorce, and as such §580-1(c) is invalid or contradictory at the very least. The UCCJEA does not require the parties to be married. As such, in a jurisdiction where same-sex marriages are not legal, the issue of the custody of the same-sex parties' child(ren) would still be controlled by the UCCJEA. It does not appear that the Family Court here, even if the parties consented to personal jurisdiction, would have jurisdiction regarding child custody.

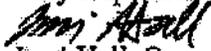
This also holds true somewhat for child support and/or spousal support. The parties may consent to the Hawaii Family Court having jurisdiction to establish child support and/or spousal support, but the Hawaii Family Court would not have any authority to withhold or garnish an individual's wages in another state. Garnishment/enforcement is pursued through the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act whereby the Child Support Enforcement Agency in the state of the Responsible Parent assists in garnishing child support.

With respect to property division, if allowed, it is unclear as to which state's property laws control- Hawaii or the state they reside? Hawaii Family Court would not have any long-arm jurisdiction to convey transfer of title to the property. In other words, if the Court ordered that one spouses is awarded the real property in California and the other spouse refuses to transfer title or move, Hawaii Family Court cannot order that the Bureau of Conveyances there transfer the title nor can the Family Court here order that a California sheriff remove the other spouse from the property. This renders the provisions of a same-sex divorce essentially invalid assuming the parties are not domiciled here.

Lastly, this provision as written then allows same-sex spouses to have more rights (although maybe unenforceable) than those that are not of the same-sex, just because the state they live in does not recognize same-sex marriages. As an editorial comment though, if the parties' marriage (performed here) was not recognized in the state they reside, why would they continue to live there or why did they get married in the first place?

Thank you for your time to allow the Family Law Section to submit its concerns regarding SB1.

Very respectfully submitted,


Jessi Hall, Esq.

Chair, Family Law Section
Hawaii State Bar Association

Co. Justin Sturdivant, Vice Chair/Chair Elect
Hawaii State Bar Association
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro

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WRITTEN ONLY
TESTIMONY

RE: SB1

DEAR SENATE COMMITTEE

I AM OPPOSED TO YOU PASSING THIS BILL FOR MANY REASONS. I BELIEVE ALL SHOULD FEAR GOD, HIS LAWS AND DECREES. LEV. 20:13 A MAN SHALL NOT LAY WITH A MAN AS HE LAYS WITH A WOMAN. ITS MY DUTY AS A CHRISTIAN TO WARN MY BROTHERS & SISTERS AND IF HE TURNS , AMEN . IF NOT IT IS ON HIS OWN HEAD.

I AM ALSO THINKING OF THE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON THE CHILDREN & THE EDUCATORS, WILL SODOMY BE TAUGHT IN SCHOOL?

THE ACT OF SODOMY, NOT THAT ITS NOT ALREADY HAPPENING NOW. BUT THE THOUGHT OF GAY MARRIAGE IN HAWAII WILL BRING MANY TO GET MARRIED HERE AND STAY IN OUR HOTELS AND LEAVE FECAL MATTER ON THE HOTEL RUGS AND SO FORTH. JUST A FEW MONTH AGO THE NEWS SPOKE OF A HEPATITES OUT BRAKE ON KAUAI OF 5 OR MORE MEN AT A MEN CLUB. WAS IT BECAUSE THE WERE HAVING SEX WITH EACH OTHER OR DID THE PICK IT UP FROM THE HOTEL ROOM? AS WE ALL KNOW HUMAN WASTE (DO DO) IS FILLED WITH BACTERIA THAT CAUSES MANY ILLNESS. TO THINK OF THE VACCUME BRUSHES SPREADING IT ALL OVER THE ROOM AND TO OTHER ROOMS IS FRIGHTENING. MOST CHILDREN SIT ON THE FLOOR TO PUT ON THEIR SHOE BECAUSE THE ARE TO SMALL TO REACH THEIR FEET FROM THE BED TO THE FLOOR AND NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU TELL THEM TO WASH THEIR HAND ! OH WILL YOU KNOW, WELL MORE SPREADING OF THESE GERMS. GERMS THAT CAN CAUSE GREAT ILLNESS OR DEATH AFTER ALL LYSOL KILL 99% OF BACTERIA? IF YOU REMEMBER TO BRING A CAN.

IT ALSO CONCERNS ME THAT WE ARE TAKING THE WORD MARRIAGE / MARRY THE TRUE DEFINATION IS WEDLOCK BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE/ MAN & WOMEN/ MALE AND FEMALE/ SPERM & EGG. YOU ARE TAKING A WORD AND CHANGING ITS DEFINATION. WHAT LAW CAN STAND IF WE START CHANGING DEFINATIONS OF A WORD? AFTER ALL GAY DOES NOT MEAN HOMOSEXUAL, IT MEANS CAREFREE AND HAPPY.

THIS WEEK ON THE NEWS THEY SPOKE ABOUT THE VOTE AGAINST GAY MARRIAGE THAT TOOK PLACE SOME 10 TO 15 YEARS AGO. THE RESULT WAS APPROX 69% NOT IN FAVOR OF GAY MARRIAGE AND I THINK THE BLANKS WERE COUNTED AS BEING IN FAVOR? ATTACHED TO THIS NO VOTE , WAS ALLOWING THE LEGISLATURE TO VOTE THIS ISSUE. I KNOW I VOTED AGAINST GAY MARRIAGE AND DON'T RECALL THE ADDENDEM . I MAY HAVE READ IT I DON'T REMEMBER AND I SURE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO VOTED CAN'T REMEMBER EITHER. BUT I CAN SAY IN THAT DAY AND AGE PEOPLE

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WERE MORE TRUSTING AND TRUSTABLE. THAT LONG AGO I TRUSTED THE LAW MAKER AND THE GOVERNMENT. I BELIEVED IN THE SYSTEM, NOW I AM NOT SO SURE. I THINK THIS IS A ISSUE WITH MANY PEOPLE. PEOPLE KNOW THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE VOTING PUBLIC VOTED AGAINST GAY MARRIAGE AND ARE STARTING TO SEE THE LAW MAKERS ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE, BUT LOOKING OUT FOR YOUR OWN AGENDA. THIS HAS CREATED A BRAKE DOWN OF TRUST, A BRAKE DOWN OF RESPECT, THE BRAKE DOWN OF SOCIETY. THE FEAR OF NOT BEING ABLE TO TRUST YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL NO DOUBT HAVE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES.

PLEASE TAKE THIS TESTIMONY IN TO YOUR CONSIDERATION AS YOU VOTE BILL SB1 AND THINK ABOUT THE IMPACT ON ALL THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE ALOHA STATE, THE VACATION STATE, OUR BEATIFUL STATE OF HAWAII.

MAHALO, ~~THE~~ OLYMPIA FREITAS

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TESTIMONY

BY: George L. Berish
on behalf of The American Political Party

TO: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

RE: SB1 RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS

DATE: Monday, October 28, 2013

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

I wish to appear to present the following testimony in person.



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The American Political Party

*Testimony Submitted for Hearings on
The State's Right to Redefine Marriage*



To ask whether the government class should change the traditional meaning of the word "Marriage" is to ask the wrong question.

The correct first question is whether the government class has a legitimate right to change it?

And for the reasons I'm here to present, my answer is no. It does not.

For the record, I refer to the definition forged by all of humanity's True Religions, and Great Philosophies, from time immemorial, which is:

- *A permanent bond formed between a man and a woman,*
- *A bond that creates the basic unit of society in which children are conceived and raised, and*
- *A bond that is protected, and enforced by society as a whole.*

My first reason is that no borrower has a right to modify that which she or he borrows.

In this case, the world's True Religions and Great Philosophies created the traditional definition of "Marriage", and held it sacred, long before humanity invented governments.

That makes secular government a borrower of the word, not its owner.

And that means the government class has no more right to modify it, than I have a right to borrow my neighbor's Koran and scribble over the sections I feel need changing.

My second reason is based on the fact I am here as a member of the American People. That's significant, because we are the first People to define ourselves in terms of common beliefs and principles, instead of a common bloodline.

That's why in this room full of Americans whose bloodlines must be traced back to Adam and Eve before they intersect, any of us can stand to say "We Americans", and the world finds that normal.

In contrast, had my four immigrant grandparents fled tyranny to places like China, France, Africa or Mexico (as a few examples), I would be ridiculed, if not physically harmed, for standing today to say We Chinese, We French, We Africans, or We Mexicans.

My point is that because we are not defined by a bloodline, we are either defined by a common set of beliefs and principles, or we no longer exist at all.

And none can refute that the belief system America's founders knew as the Judeo/Christian belief system of Western Civilization is the one in which they were educated, the one on which they relied to argue our right to separate from The People of England was legitimate, and the one they wrote into fabric of the Constitution whose job is limited to protecting the rights individually endowed by our Creator — not defining them.

In practical terms here is irrefutable proof, that you have no right to fundamentally modify that core, and it would be foolish to do so.

Today the Church sits at your feet today pleading that you not trample on what it holds dear.

If America's core was not the Judeo/Christian belief system that embraces "Separation of Church and State", but was instead the belief systems of many other nations — most notable today being the system underlying Islamic nations — the State would be sitting at the feet of the Church instead.

For in those systems the only role given to State is as the enforcement arm of the church.

For the record I should point out the foundation of Western Civilization's "Separation of Church and State" began with these words offered by Jesus Christ, the man, to other scholars of his time for whom such separation was unknown, if not unthinkable:

"Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and unto God that which is God's"

That declaration is the anchor from which Western Civilization set sail on its journey to establish the profoundly held belief that a person's duty to government and duty to God are separate and distinct. So to reject that belief system is to surrender any legitimate right to hold this meeting for this purpose at all.

For those inclined to quibble, Jews and Christians are not different people. That's why for centuries they have shared a single Judeo/Christian belief system named after them. They only differ over the question of whether the father of Jesus Christ was God or a man.

But in this context, that is no consequence. Both agree Jesus Christ was a man who taught a set of values that civilization as we know it depends on. A simple example is the belief in "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." In contrast to today's godless class whose leaders openly declare "We do, because we can".

My third reason why the government class in Hawaii lacks a legitimate right to change the definition of "Marriage" is you are collectively presuming to change all of human history, while still ignorant of the first question demanded by such undertaking.

"What legitimate need does the government class have to define the sacred institution of marriage in secular laws at all?"

To which the answer today is: None.

There was once. But I'd wager much no one in this room can tell us when the need for secular law to define "Marriage" ended, and what laws were repealed to end it.

For example, if you think marriage must be defined to write inheritance laws you are wrong. How could a marriage certificate be a moral or ethical base for defining a child's financial rights, and the financial obligations of the man and woman who conceive a child, when over 30% of children born in the United States are born as what the Old World labeled bastard children — children whose parents conceived them without a marriage certificate? Those rights and obligations are morally and ethically defined by the act that conceives the child, and that is better defined in secular law by DNA than it is by a paper certificate.

I have other reasons, and more detailed reasoning, but no more time. So I will end by emphasizing the foundation of my arguments.

Having rejected a common bloodline as our definition, the American People, as well as the legitimacy of our existence and nature of our government, depend on, and are defined by, a common set of principles and beliefs.

We are not, as Old World bigots prefer to think of us, and have us think of ourselves, mongrels and half breeds made up of part one of their kind, and part another.

We are One People forged from many, in the same way copper and tin is forged into Bronze that was so superior to its parts and entire epoch of human history is named the Bronze Age. And none is named after tin or copper.

Therefore, we are either defined by a single Judeo/Christian belief system forged over thousands of years by Western Civilization. Or we cease to be a People at all.

That's why I see it as hubris for the State to presume the power to redefine that belief system.

And that's why now is a good time to rethink whether the admittedly high self-esteem provides sufficient collective wisdom to safely tamper with thousands of years of hard won knowledge, wisdom and experience accumulated at a cost of many horrible mistakes.

Like the one I fear you are arrogantly willing to risk.

Thank you.
George Berish
for/The American Political Party

October 25, 2013

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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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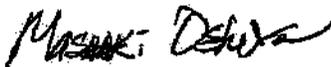
Subject: Testimony In Opposition of Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

I am writing in **opposition** to the proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 that will be discussed in a Special Legislative Session beginning on October 28, 2013.

I request your "NO" vote to the Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

Three other important issues related to the subject are: Let the People Vote, Protect Religious Rights and Freedoms and Protect Traditional Marriage Laws.

Sincerely,



Masaaki Oshiba
Hilo, HI.

October 25, 2013

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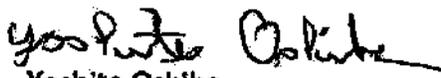
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I request your "NO" vote to the Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

Three other important issues related to the subject are: Let the People Vote, Protect Religious Rights and Freedoms and Protect Traditional Marriage Laws.

Sincerely,


Yoshito Oshiba
Hilo, HI.

October 25, 2013

Muriel Kaleo Oshiba-Cabanting
760 Ainaola Dr.
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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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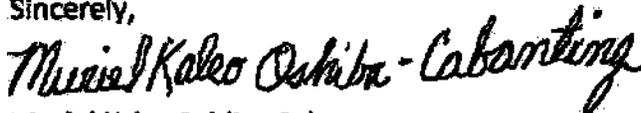
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I am a registered voter of the State of Hawaii born in the State of Hawaii 70 years. My brother like many of the men and women were killed in action for **our** freedom in this United States of America. Here I am asking my legislator to speak up to protect and preserve our freedom of religion also to protect the rights of religious organizations that we may not be enjoined to support or perform same-sex marriages against our religious beliefs and values. Protect our rights to maintain our houses of worship that we will not be required to host same-sex marriages or celebrations in our facilities. (OUR)

I request your "NO" vote to the Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

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Muriel Kaleo Oshiba-Cabanting
Registered voter
Hilo, HI.

October 25, 2013

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Gloria Heu
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I am a registered voter. My set back about the proposed redefinition of marriage is that I will not have a chance to exercise my vote against this issue. Let the people Vote.

I believe in God's purposes for our lives. I believe in the purpose of marriage between a man and a woman. I strongly believe in protecting and preserving religious freedoms and the right to refuse same-sex gender marriage ceremonies, celebrations amongst religious affiliates and facilities.

I request your "NO" vote to the Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

Sincerely,

Gloria M Heu

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Registered voter
Hilo, HI.

Yuen Wah Choy
5543 Kanau St..
Honolulu, HI 96821
October 24, 2013

Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

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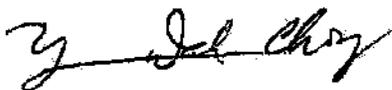
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Therefore, for the sake of our kids and the generations that followed, please keep traditional marriage of one man and one woman. It's the best for our children, and for your children. A stable home needs a clear male and female model.

Thank you for trying to do a good job for all in the State, especially for our kielekies. Mahalo.

Sincerely,



Hagoth and SusieTung Hannemann
3260A Monsarrat Ave
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

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

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

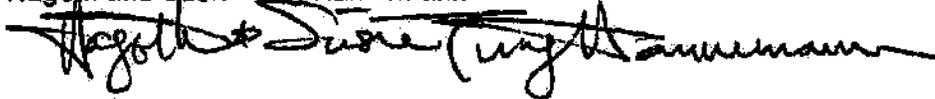
Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

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

I am opposed to gay marriages in Hawaii. Marriages are to be between a man and a woman.

Thank you

Hagoth and Susie Tung Hannemann



I urge you to vote NO on S.B. 1. Thank you for your time and leadership.

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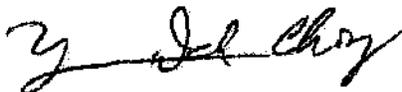
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Sincerely,



Lawmakers Ponder the Thought!!!

To our Friends & American Citizens of the gay community, being complacent on risky behavior is not a moral issue for people to decide, but a health issue concerning HIV, AIDS & even DEATH. This risky behavior is opposite from the Law of Average in Science & should be address in the Chamber of Law. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Caring Humanitarian:

Noel S. Muraki

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Monday, October 21, 2013

Senator Clayton Hee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S Beretania St
Room 407
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Hee,

We are writing to express our concerns over the Special Legislative Session schedule for October 29, 2013 concerning same-sex marriages. We object to the use of a Special Legislative Session as it does not provide adequate time for a fair process.

We don't believe that elected officials are listening to the voice of the people and are being pushed by a small minority of individuals to act on something that is not in the best interest of our state. Although we are not in agreement with the civil union law, we do feel that law provides adequate equity to the small minority of people wishing to be provided equal benefits in a partner relationship.

We urge you not to make a rash decision and to stop this Special Legislative Session before a huge injustice is done to the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Stephen Lathrop-Lee



Toni Lathrop-Lee

Aloha Clayton!

I heard a rumor once that our Hawai'i legislature is overloaded with lawyers. I don't know the numbers. But if that's true, they're either make-believe or the shittiest lawyers in town. At least there are plenty who musta got their license to practice from Kmart or something.

This senate bill (and the gov's bill) for that matter, for SSM, are garbage. If the religious dudes have any brains at all, they will tie your asses up in court for who knows how long. And they will be right in doing that.

Listen, I WANT same sex marriage. I've been fighting for it since before some your friends were even around the Capitol, Clayton. But you know what? This thing has all the marks of being written by folks with other agenda. Like for one, maybe some folks have no use for churches and preachers and they want to "stick it" to the religious types by using this bill.

That's probably a good idea whose time has come. But stay the hell away from that issue with this bill if that's what you wanna do!

If that's how you wanna play it, I think we're gonna get killed.

First, is there anyone up there who knows what the hell the difference is between for-profit and non-profit? Huh? Churches are non-profit. Churches who wanna use their building to host weddings for a fee are STILL non-profit, you idiots. I've been to three of those weddings. And I know one of the preachers.

When someone uses the place for a wedding, they give the church \$100 or \$400 or whatever. And the church takes that money and runs it into their funds...for operating, for improvements, or whatever they want. It's just like their offerings they get from members on Sundays.

Now the couple having the wedding gets no tax deduction for paying the fee - because they're getting services in return. But the church can use the funds exactly the same way it uses the other funds. Those monies are not distributed to stockholders or pocketed as "profit" for anyone. I know, because my minister friend told me. That's NON-PROFIT!

The other STUPID ASS thing you are doing is that when you hit on these churches that do weddings, you're usually messing with the very same damn churches who support YOU and support SAME SEX marriage!! Lolos! Don't you know that the number one churches in town who have these wedding factory things going on are like Kawaiahao, Central Union, Makiki Christian, Judd Street United Church of Christ, St. Andrews, Nuuanu Congregational? Every last one of them are either Episcopalian or United Church of Christ. Those two were the first denominations who came out and said, "For sure, we will do same sex marriages." They're FOR you; not against you!

They're ON YOUR SIDE dumb okoles! They aren't fundamentalist Bible thumper-kine churches. And here you are - Aloha biting the hand that feeds you.

Please take a few days to clean up the shit in these bills right away. If you want to tell the churches to go to hell, do that another time. It would make me puke to see this bill go down in the sewer after all these because some morons keep pecking around with "church" language.

Just get it out of there and do all that shit another day.

Please.

Thank you.



Renald Takeshita

To: The Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: Second Special Session of 2013 to held on Monday, 10/28/13: Testimony

I am writing to ask that you uphold the integrity of marriage as it originated historically which virtually had nothing to do with religion or love (Foladare, 2011, p. 7). Marriage was considered an obligatory arrangement that ensured the succession of biological lineage. The other issue to gravely consider is the obvious discrimination that will result, develop, and fester subsequent to passing this legislation. This decision, if passed, will be like an automatic spark that will ignite harmful hostility that our innocent children will be victim of in the crossfire. As the state wants to conform to the rest of the world, pushing it into this direction will work against the integrity of life here in the islands. What will happen when people who engage in bisexuality desire to marry multiple partners? This sounds extreme yet the possibility becomes increasingly probable of veering into a tangent that could easily grow out of control.

I appreciate your help and ask that you vote against the marriage equality bill.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Reference

Foladare, L. (2011). The alchemy of divorce: Embracing the journey from heartbreak to hope. Retrieved from <http://books.google.com/books?id=BcJSevhMzA0C&pg=PA7&lpg=PA7&dq=the+first+recorded+marriage+in+2350+bc&source=bl&ots=vPxpMQItep&sig=EJG8iiLyTwxvqVwh5vaQT60MmKQ&hl=en&sa=X&ei=811iUurAKamZiAKa8IGgDw&ved=0CH8Q6AEwCQ#v=onepage&q=the%20first%20recorded%20marriage%20in%202350%20bc&f=false>

PRO-FAMILY HAWAII

P.O. Box 25158
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825

October 23, 2013

Testimony for Senate Judiciary Hearing
in Capitol Auditorium at 10:30 a.m. October 28
by Daniel P. McGivern, President

Sodom was destroyed for sodomy, a great abomination.

Those who are gay said all they wanted was civil unions. It was a lie. Now they say all they want is marriage. It's another lie.

They want to corrupt the young minds of our children and grandchildren in public schools. It's already happening in other states. Any Senator or Representative who votes for this bill is saying to the public--all the people of Hawaii--he or she doesn't give a damn what is taught in public grade, middle and high schools in Hawaii.

It's already happening in other states. In Massachusetts, a U.S. District judge said this is the norm now, and said the plaintiffs have to teach their child at home or place the child in a private school, to avoid the plague of teaching about homosexuality and lesbians to the children. The only thing that can stop this is a NO vote or an abstention by you legislators. Say no to Governor Abercrombie and Blake Oshiro, who are pushing this bill. Stand up for righteousness.

Daniel P. McGivern, President
Pro-Family Hawaii

Also supported by member Andrew J. Gerakas,
Chairman of Aloha Family Alliance

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The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 407
415 S Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Please Vote NO to Governor Abercrombie's Special Session

Dear Mr. Hee,

Any law that proposes to change the fundamental principles of marriage in Hawaii deserves to be carefully drafted and considered. Such a law would change fundamental cultural and economic relationships. It is my belief that such immense, societal changes should not be made without careful consideration of all the social and economic impacts, intended and unintended, such legislation would create...especially unintended impacts on established religion.

I believe that Governor Abercrombie's tactic to have this issue determined at a Special Session is fundamentally flawed. This forum does not give the Hawaii Legislature the time to fully debate, analyze and discuss the proposal in order to ensure that unintended impacts are not created.

Regardless of your own personal beliefs on this subject, I feel that it is imperative that you, as my elected official, stand up against the Governor's personal political agenda and that you do what you are elected to do, which is to carefully consider, analyze, research and debate laws through established, normal procedure, especially laws like this that will forever change deep seated cultural and economic rights.

Please vote NO.

I want to make it very clear that I do not support same-sex marriage. However, if it is to be the law of this land, it should be properly enacted through the normal legislative process, after ensuring unintended effects will not be created.

Sincerely,

G. Keoki Wallace

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Valparaiso, IN 46383
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October 17, 2013

Senator Clayton Hee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Religious Liberty Implications of Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

Dear Senator Hee:

Aloha! Aware of the historic role played by your State in the national discussion on marriage equality, we recognize that it is highly likely that you and your colleagues in the Hawaiian State Legislature will enact legislation legalizing same-sex marriage. We write as professors of constitutional law to urge you to ensure that any bill legalizing same-sex marriage maintains respect for the religious liberty of individuals and organizations that have a traditional view of marriage. Providing religious protections in any same-sex marriage bill honors America's long and rich tradition of religious freedom.

With the possible exception of Mr. Trump, no mainlander needs to remind you that President Obama is a Hawaiian. At this moment in our history, however, it might be helpful for you to hear from law professors who have grown up in the mainland that our president spoke for all of us—the signatories are Democrats and Republicans, Protestants and Catholics—when he stated on the day the Supreme Court overturned the Defense of Marriage Act last June:

I've directed the Attorney General to work with other members of my Cabinet to review all relevant federal statutes to ensure this decision, including its implications for Federal benefits and obligations, is implemented swiftly and smoothly. On an issue as sensitive as this, knowing that Americans hold a wide range of views based on deeply held beliefs, maintaining our nation's commitment to religious freedom is also vital. How religious institutions define and consecrate marriage has always been up to those institutions. Nothing about this decision – which applies only to civil marriages – changes that.

We echo President Obama's view that it is possible to achieve marriage equality without violating our nation's vital commitment to religious freedom. In this letter we urge you to consider our view that the current version of the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 comes up short in this regard. And we offer you a friendly amendment that can turn this moment into a win-win situation for all Hawaiians, of all faiths and none.

The contentious debate in Maryland, New York, Delaware, and elsewhere surrounding same-sex marriage proves the wisdom of constructive, good-faith attempts both to grant legal recognition to same-sex marriage *and* to protect religious liberty for conscientious objectors.¹

This letter analyzes the potential effects of same-sex marriage on religious conscience in Hawaii and proposes a solution to address the conflicts: a specific religious liberty amendment that should be an integral part of any legislation. This proposed amendment clarifies that individuals and organizations may refuse to provide services for a wedding if doing so would violate deeply held beliefs, while ensuring that the refusal creates no undue hardship for the couple seeking the service. We write not to support or oppose same-sex marriage in Hawaii. Rather, our aim is to define a “middle way” to address the needs of same-sex couples while honoring and respecting religious liberty.²

As this letter details, the conflicts between same-sex marriage and religious conscience will be both certain and considerable if adequate protections are not provided. Without safeguards, many religious individuals will be forced to engage in conduct that violates their deepest religious beliefs, and religious organizations will be constrained in crucial aspects of their religious exercise. We urge the Hawaii State Legislature to take the time and care to ensure that the legalization of same-sex marriage does not restrict the inalienable right of religious liberty. Doing so is entirely consistent with the text of the Hawaii State Constitution that each member of the State Legislature has sworn to uphold and protect. Since its adoption in 1950 and ratification in 1959, the Hawaii Constitution has always protected religious freedom in the strongest of terms.³

Part A of this letter proposes a specific religious conscience amendment that will defuse the vast majority of conflicts between same-sex marriage and religious liberty. Part B provides examples of precedent for the protection we propose. Part C details the sorts of legal conflicts that will arise if same-sex marriage is legalized without reasonable protections for religious liberty. Finally, Part D explains the need for robust religious liberty protections, now lacking in the proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

¹ Appendix A below summarizes the core religious liberty protections afforded by jurisdictions that currently recognize same-sex marriage by legislation.

² While we have a range of views on the underlying issue of same-sex marriage, we wholeheartedly share the belief that when same-sex marriage is recognized, it should be accompanied by corresponding protections for religious liberty.

³ See HAW. CONST. art. 1, § 4 (“No law shall be enacted respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof[.]”); HAW. CONST. art. 1, § 5 (“No person shall be . . . denied the enjoyment of the person’s civil rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of race, religion, sex or ancestry.”).

A. Proposed Religious Conscience Protection

The conflicts between same-sex marriage and religious liberty are avoidable.⁴ But they are avoidable only if the Hawaii State Legislature takes the time and effort to craft the “robust religious-conscience exceptions” to same-sex marriage that leading voices on both sides of the public debate over same-sex marriage are calling for.⁵

Any proposed marriage bill can provide reasonable, carefully tailored protections for religious conscience by including a simple “marriage conscience protection” modeled, in part, on existing conscience protections in Hawaii’s nondiscrimination laws, which provide important but limited religious liberty protections.⁶ The “marriage conscience protection” we propose is as follows:

⁴ See, e.g., Douglas Laycock, *Afterword* in SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: EMERGING CONFLICTS, Douglas Laycock, Anthony R. Picarello, Jr. & Robin Fretwell Wilson, eds. 191-97 (Rowman & Littlefield 2008) [hereinafter Laycock] (detailing the scope of “avoidable” and “unavoidable” conflicts).

⁵ See David Blankenhorn & Jonathan Rauch, *A Reconciliation on Gay Marriage*, N.Y. TIMES, Feb. 22, 2009, at WK11, available at http://www.nytimes.com/2009/02/22/opinion/22rauch.html?_r=1 (arguing for recognition of same-sex unions together with religious conscience protections). Though conscience protections should also extend to existing civil unions, we do not address civil unions here.

⁶ See, e.g., HAW. CONST. art. 1, § 5 (“No person shall be . . . denied the enjoyment of the person’s civil rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of race, religion, sex or ancestry.”); HAW. REV. STAT. § 378-3(5) (2012) (“Nothing in this part [governing employment practices] shall be deemed to . . . [p]rohibit or prevent any religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, that is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization, from giving preference to individuals of the same religion or from making a selection calculated to promote the religious principles for which the organization is established or maintained[.]”); HAW. REV. STAT. § 515-8 (2012) (“It is not a discriminatory practice for a religious institution or organization or a charitable or educational organization operated, supervised, or controlled by a religious institution or organization to give preference to members of the same religion in a real property transaction, unless membership in such religion is restricted on account of race, color, or ancestry.”). Haw. Rev. Stat. § 515-4 (b) “Nothing in section 515-3 shall be deemed to prohibit refusal, because of sex, including gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or marital status, to rent or lease housing accommodations: (1) Owned or operated by a religious institution and used for church purposes as that term is used in applying exemptions for real property taxes; or (2) Which are part of a religiously affiliated institution of higher education housing program which is operated on property that the institution owns or controls, or which is operated for its students pursuant to Title IX of the Higher Education Act of 1972.”). For analysis of why these exemptions are insufficient to address the full range of developing conflicts over marriage, see *infra* pp. 19-20.

Section ____

(a) Religious organizations protected.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no religious or denominational organization, no organization operated for charitable or educational purposes which is supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization, and no individual employed by any of the foregoing organizations, while acting in the scope of that employment, shall be required to

- (1) provide services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges for a purpose related to the solemnization or celebration of any marriage; or
- (2) solemnize any marriage; or
- (3) treat as valid any marriage

if such providing, solemnizing, or treating as valid would cause such organizations or individuals to violate their sincerely held religious beliefs. This subsection shall not permit a religious organization engaged in the provision of health care, or its individual employees, to refuse to treat a state-recognized marriage as valid for purposes of a spouse's rights to visitation or to surrogate health care decision making.

(b) Individuals and small businesses protected.

- (1) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2), no individual, sole proprietor, or small business shall be required to
 - (A) provide goods or services that assist or promote the solemnization or celebration of any marriage, or provide counseling or other services that directly facilitate the perpetuation of any marriage; or
 - (B) provide benefits to any spouse of an employee; or
 - (C) provide housing to any married couple

if providing such goods, services, benefits, or housing would cause such individuals or sole proprietors, or owners of such small businesses, to violate their sincerely held religious beliefs.

- (2) Paragraph (b)(1) shall not apply if

- (A) a party to the marriage is unable to obtain any similar good or services, employment benefits, or housing elsewhere without substantial hardship; or
 - (B) in the case of an individual who is a government employee or official, if another government employee or official is not promptly available and willing to provide the requested government service without inconvenience or delay; *provided that* no judicial officer authorized to solemnize marriages shall be required to solemnize any marriage if to do so would violate the judicial officer's sincerely held religious beliefs.
- (3) A "small business" within the meaning of paragraph (b)(1) is a legal entity other than a natural person
- (A) that provides services which are primarily performed by an owner of the business; or
 - (B) that has five or fewer employees; or
 - (C) in the case of a legal entity that offers housing for rent, that owns five or fewer units of housing.

(c) No civil cause of action or other penalties.

No refusal to provide services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges protected by this section shall

- (1) result in a civil claim or cause of action challenging such refusal; or
- (2) result in any action by the State or any of its subdivisions to penalize or withhold benefits from any protected entity or individual, under any laws of this State or its subdivisions, including but not limited to laws regarding employment discrimination, housing, public accommodations, educational institutions, licensing, government contracts or grants, or tax-exempt status.⁷

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⁷ Some have expressed concern that the proposed text would permit objections to interracial marriage. Although such objections are likely to be rare, if not non-existent, this concern is readily addressed by a simple proviso that would read: "Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions, this section does not change any provision of law with respect to discrimination on the basis of race."

This proposed amendment has several important benefits. First, this text parallels existing protections in Hawaii's nondiscrimination laws for a "religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, that is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization."⁸ The text also significantly mirrors, in part, the express protections provided in the Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington same-sex marriage laws for religious organizations. Many of these laws protect, among other things, the conscientious refusal "to provide services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges . . . related to the solemnization of a marriage."⁹

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⁹ See CONN. PUBLIC ACT NO. 09-13 (2009) §§ 17-19, available at <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2009/ACT/PA/2009PA-00013-R00SB-00899-PA.htm> (exempting religious organizations from "provid[ing] services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges . . . related to" the "solemnization" or "celebration" of a marriage, and providing separate exemptions for religious adoption agencies and fraternal benefit societies); 79 DEL. LAWS 2013, ch. 19, § 8 ("Religious Freedom. Nothing in this Act is intended to, nor shall this Act be construed in a manner that would, violate any person's rights under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or § 1, § 2, or § 5 of Article 1 of the Constitution of this State, including protected rights of freedom of religion thereunder. Nothing in this Act shall interfere with or regulate the religious practice of any religious society. Any religious society is free to choose which marriages it will solemnize."); see DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 13, § 106 (West 2012); Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act of 2009, D.C. LAW NO. L18-0110. (enacted Dec. 18, 2009, effective Mar. 3, 2010), available at <http://www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/lms/legislation.aspx?LegNo=B18-0482> (exempting religious societies and religiously affiliated non-profits from providing "accommodations, facilities, or goods for a purpose related to the solemnization or celebration of a same-sex marriage, or the promotion of same-sex marriage through religious programs, counseling, courses, or retreats..."); MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§ 2-201, 2-202 (2012), 2012 Maryland Laws Ch. 2 (H.B. 438) § 2-3 (exempting religious organizations from the "solemnization of a marriage or celebration of a marriage that is in violation of the entity's religious beliefs" or "the promotion of marriage through any social or religious programs or services, in violation of the entity's religious beliefs"); MINN. STAT. ANN. § 363A.26 (West 2013) (providing that a religious organization need not take "any action with respect to the provision of goods, services, facilities, or accommodations directly related to the solemnization or celebration of a civil marriage that is in violation of its religious beliefs."); N.H. REV. STAT. § 457:37 (exempting religious organizations from "provid[ing] services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges . . . related to" the "solemnization," "celebration," or "promotion" of a marriage); N.Y. DOM. REL. LAW § 10-b (1) (2011) ("a religious entity . . . benevolent [order] . . . or a not-for-profit corporation operated, supervised, or controlled by a religious corporation . . . shall not be required to provide services,

Second, this model provision addresses the primary areas of Hawaii law where the refusal to treat a marriage as valid is likely to result in liability, penalty, or denial of government benefits (“laws regarding employment discrimination, housing, public accommodations, educational institutions, licensing, government contracts or grants, or tax-exempt status”).

Third, this text provides protection only when providing services related to a marriage, solemnizing a marriage, or being forced to treat a marriage as valid would “violate . . . sincerely held religious beliefs.” This phrase is drawn from numerous court cases discussing the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and ensures that the religious conscience protections will apply only to a “violation” of “sincere” beliefs that are “religious”—not to situations that merely make religious people uncomfortable, not to insincere beliefs asserted as a pretext for discrimination, and not to non-religious moral beliefs.

Fourth, this text provides vital protections in subsection (b) for individuals of religiously informed conscience who own sole proprietorships and small businesses. We explain the need for such protection in Parts C and D below.

Finally, this model provision recognizes that religious accommodations might not be without cost for same-sex couples, such as the need to find a different wedding photographer or caterer if their original choice must decline for reasons of conscience. In order to address this issue, paragraph (b)(2) ensures that a same-sex couple can obtain the service, even from conscientious objectors, when the inability to find a similar service elsewhere would impose a substantial hardship on the couple. But because this hardship exception could force organizations or individuals to violate their religious beliefs, it should be available only in cases of substantial hardship, not mere inconvenience or symbolic harm. Paragraph (b)(2)(B) also ensures that no government employee or official (such as a county clerk) may act as a choke point on the path to marriage. So, for example, no government employee can refuse on grounds of conscience to issue a marriage license unless another government employee is promptly available and willing to do so. These sorts of override protections are common in other laws protecting the right of conscientious objection, especially in the health care context.¹⁰

accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges for the solemnization or celebration of a marriage”); R.I. GEN. LAWS ANN. § 15-3-6.1 (West 2013) (exempting religious organizations from “provid[ing] services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges to an individual if the request for such services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges is related to [t]he solemnization of a marriage or the celebration of a marriage, and such solemnization or celebration is in violation of its religious beliefs and faith; or . . . the promotion of marriage through any social or religious programs or services, which violates the religious doctrine or teachings of religious organization, association or society”); 9 VT. STAT. ANN. § 4502(1) (2009) (exempting religious organizations from “provid[ing] services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges . . . related to” the “solemnization” or “celebration” of a marriage); WASH. REV. CODE § 26.04.010(2)(5) (providing that religious organizations need not “provide accommodations, facilities, advantages, privileges, services, or goods related to the solemnization or celebration of a marriage”).

¹⁰ See, e.g., IOWA CODE § 146.1 (2005) (“An individual who may lawfully perform, assist, or participate in medical procedures which will result in an abortion shall not be required against that individual’s religious

B. Precedent for Religious Conscience Protections

There is ample precedent for the type of conscience protection we propose. As noted above, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington have already enacted religious exemptions as part of their legislation recognizing same-sex marriage.¹¹ Similarly, Hawaii's existing nondiscrimination laws on employment and housing provide a categorical exemption for religious organizations in certain circumstances.¹² And federal nondiscrimination statutes provide protection for religious and conscientious objectors in many different contexts.¹³ In short, protecting religious conscience is very much a part of America's and Hawaii's tradition. We urge the Hawaii State Legislature to continue its historic commitment to a "middle way" accommodation of interests.

The religious conscience protection that we have proposed would alleviate the vast majority of the conflicts between same-sex marriage and religious liberty, while still allowing for equality of treatment and respect for same-sex marriages. It has ample precedent in both Hawaiian and federal law. And it represents the best in the American and Hawaiian constitutional tradition of protecting the inalienable right of conscience.

C. Conflicts Between Same-Sex Marriage and Religious Liberty

beliefs or moral convictions to perform, assist, or participate in such procedures. . . . Abortion does not include medical care which has as its primary purpose the treatment of a serious physical condition requiring emergency medical treatment necessary to save the life of a mother."); S.C. CODE ANN. §§ 44-41-40 (2002) ("No private or non-governmental hospital or clinic shall be required . . . to permit their facilities to be utilized for the performance of abortions; *provided*, that no hospital or clinic shall refuse an emergency admittance."); TEX. OCC. CODE ANN. § 103.004 (Vernon 2004) ("A private hospital or private health care facility is not required to make its facilities available for the performance of abortion *unless* a physician determines that the life of the mother is immediately endangered.") (emphasis added).

¹¹ See note 9 above and Appendix A below.

¹² See HAW. REV. STAT. § 378-3 (1998) ("Nothing in this part shall be deemed to . . . [p]rohibit or prevent any religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, that is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization, from giving preference to individuals of the same religion or from making a selection calculated to promote the religious principles for which the organization is established or maintained[.]"); HAW. REV. STAT. § 515-8 (2012) ("It is not a discriminatory practice for a religious institution or organization or a charitable or educational organization operated, supervised, or controlled by a religious institution or organization to give preference to members of the same religion in a real property transaction, unless membership in such religion is restricted on account of race, color, or ancestry.").

¹³ See, e.g., 32 C.F.R. § 1630.11 (accommodating conscientious objectors to military service); 42 U.S.C. § 300a-7 (accommodating health care professionals who conscientiously object to participating in medical procedures such as abortion or sterilization); 42 U.S.C. § 2000bb *et seq.* (Religious Freedom Restoration Act lifts federal-created burdens on religious exercise).

In the only book-length comprehensive scholarly work on same-sex marriage and religious liberty,¹⁴ legal scholars on both sides of the same-sex marriage debate agreed that codifying same-sex marriage *without* providing robust religious accommodations will create widespread and unnecessary legal conflicts—conflicts that will work a “sea change in American law” and will “reverberate across the legal and religious landscape.”¹⁵ The conflicts between religious conscience and same-sex marriage generally take one of two forms. First, if same-sex marriage is legalized without appropriate statutory accommodations, religious organizations and individuals that object to same-sex marriage will face new lawsuits under the existing state nondiscrimination acts and other similar laws. So will many small businesses owned by individual conscientious objectors. Likely lawsuits include claims where:

- o Individuals of conscience, who run a small business, such as wedding photographers, florists, banquet halls, or making wedding cakes in one’s home, can be sued under public accommodations laws for refusing to offer their services in connection with a same-sex marriage ceremony.¹⁶

¹⁴ SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: EMERGING CONFLICTS, Douglas Laycock, Anthony R. Picarello, Jr. & Robin Fretwell Wilson, eds. (Rowman & Littlefield 2008) (including contributions from both supporters and opponents of same-sex marriage). See Thomas Berg, *What Same-Sex-Marriage and Religious-Liberty Claims Have in Common*, 5 NW. J.L. & SOC. POL’Y 206 (2010); Marc D. Stern, *Liberty v. Equality: Equality v. Liberty*, 5 NW. J. L. & SOC. POL’Y 307 (2010); Robin Fretwell Wilson, *Insubstantial Burdens: The Case for Government Employee Exemptions to Same-Sex Marriage Laws*, 5 NW. J. L. & Soc. Pol’y 318 (2010).

¹⁵ Marc Stern, *Same-Sex Marriage and the Churches* in SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: EMERGING CONFLICTS, Douglas Laycock, Anthony R. Picarello, Jr. & Robin Fretwell Wilson, eds. (Rowman & Littlefield 2008) at 1 [hereinafter “Stern”]. See also Laycock at 191-7 (detailing the scope of “avoidable” and “unavoidable” conflicts); Robin Fretwell Wilson, *The Calculus of Accommodation: Contraception, Abortion, Same-Sex Marriage, and Other Clashes between Religion and the State*, 53 B.C. L. REV. 1417 (2012) available at <http://scholarlycommons.law.wlu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1130&context=wlufac>.

¹⁶ See HAW. REV. STAT. § 489-3 (2012) (“Unfair discriminatory practices that deny, or attempt to deny, a person the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of a place of public accommodation on the basis of race, sex, including gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, color, religion, ancestry, or disability are prohibited.”); *Elane Photography LLC v. Willock*, 309 P.3d 53 (N.M. Aug. 22, 2013) (New Mexico photographer fined for refusing on religious grounds to photograph a same-sex commitment ceremony); Stern at 37-39; see also *Issues Brief: Same-Sex Marriage and State Anti-Discrimination Laws* at 3-5, available at <http://www.becketfund.org/files/34a97.pdf> [hereinafter “Issues Brief”]; Alyssa Newcomb, *Bakery Denies Same-Sex Couple Wedding Cake*, ABC NEWS Feb. 2, 2013 available at <http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/business/2013/02/bakery-denies-same-sex-couple-wedding-cake/>.

- Religious day care centers, counseling centers, meeting halls, and adoption agencies could be sued under public accommodations laws for refusing to offer their facilities or services to members of a same-sex marriage.¹⁷
- A church or other religious nonprofit that dismisses an employee for entering into a same-sex marriage can be sued under employment discrimination laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of marital status.¹⁸

The second form of conflict involving religious organizations and individuals (or the small businesses that they own) that conscientiously object to same-sex marriage is that they will be labeled unlawful “discriminators” under state or municipal laws and thus face a range of penalties at the hand of state agencies and local governments, such as the withdrawal of government contracts or exclusion from government facilities. For example:

- A religious college, hospital, or social service organization that refuses to provide its employees with same-sex spousal benefits can be denied access to government contracts or grants on the ground that it is engaging in discrimination that contravenes public policy.¹⁹
- A religious charity or fraternal organization that opposes same-sex marriage can be denied access to government facilities, such as a lease on government property or participation in a government-sponsored employee charitable campaign.²⁰

¹⁷ *Bernstein v. Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Ass’n*, Num. OAL Dkt. No. CRT 6145-09 (Off. of Admin. Law decision issued January 12, 2012.) available at <http://www.adfmedia.org/files/OGCMA-BernsteinRuling.pdf> (finding that a Methodist organization likely violated public accommodations law by denying same-sex couples use of its wedding pavilion); *Butler v. Adoption Media*, 486 F. Supp.2d 1022 (N.D. Cal. 2007) (administrators of Arizona adoption facilitation website found subject to California’s public accommodations statute because they refused to post profiles of same-sex couples as potential adoptive parents); see also Stern at 37-39; Robin Fretwell Wilson, *A Matter of Conviction: Moral Clashes Over Same-Sex Adoption*, 22 *BYU J. PUB. L.* 475 (2008) (describing clashes over adoption by same-sex couples).

¹⁸ See HAW. REV. STAT. § 378-2(a)(1)(2012) (“It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice . . . [b]ecause of race, sex, including gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, religion, color, ancestry, disability, marital status, arrest and court record, or domestic or sexual violence victim status if the domestic or sexual violence victim provides notice to the victim’s employer of such status or the employer has actual knowledge of such status[.]”); Stern at 48-52; Issues Brief at 3-5.

¹⁹ See *Catholic Charities of Maine v. City of Portland*, 304 F. Supp.2d 77 (D. Me. 2004) (upholding ordinance forcing religious charity either to extend employee spousal benefit programs to registered same-sex couples, or to lose access to all city housing and community development funds); Don Lattin, *Charities Balk at Domestic Partner, Open Meeting Laws*, S.F. CHRON., July 10, 1998, at A-1 (describing how the Salvation Army lost \$3.5 million in social service contracts with the City of San Francisco because it refused, on religious grounds, to provide benefits to the same-sex partners of its employees).

²⁰ See *Evans v. City of Berkeley*, 38 Cal.4th 1 (Cal. App. 2006) (affirming revocation of a boat berth subsidy at public marina due to Boy Scouts’ exclusion of atheist and openly gay members); *Boy Scouts of*

- Doctors, psychologists, social workers, counselors, and other professionals who conscientiously object to same-sex marriage can have their licenses revoked.²¹
- Religious fraternal organizations or other nonprofits that object to same-sex marriage can be denied food service licenses, adoption agency licenses, child care licenses, or liquor licenses on the ground that they are engaged in unlawful discrimination.²²
- Religious colleges and professional schools can have their accreditation revoked for refusing to recognize the validity of same-sex marriages.²³
- Church-affiliated organizations can have their tax exempt status stripped because of their conscientious objection to same-sex marriage.²⁴

America v. Wyman, 335 F.3d 80 (2d Cir. 2003) (holding that the Boy Scouts may be excluded from the state's employee charitable contributions campaign for denying membership to openly gay individuals).

²¹ See Stern at 22-24 (noting that a refusal to provide counseling services to same-sex couples could be "considered a breach of professional standards and therefore grounds for the loss of a professional license"); see also Patricia Wen, "They Cared for the Children": Amid Shifting Social Winds, Catholic Charities Prepares to End Its 103 Years of Finding Homes for Foster Children and Evolving Families, BOSTON GLOBE, June 25, 2006, at A1 (explaining how Massachusetts threatened to revoke the adoption license of Catholic Charities for refusing on religious grounds to place foster children with same-sex couples); Robin Fretwell Wilson, *A Matter of Conviction: Moral Clashes Over Same-Sex Adoption*, 22 BYU J. PUB. L. 475 (2008) (describing dismissals and resignations of social services workers where conscience protections were not available).

²² See 489 Haw. Atty. Gen. Opinion No. 91-01 (Jan. 3, 1991), 1991 WL 489765 (responding that a holder of a class 5 liquor license ("Dispensers' licenses, which authorize licensees to sell specified liquors for consumption on the premises") is subject to Haw. Stat. Ann. § 489's nondiscrimination provisions "since establishments holding class 5 licenses are explicitly included in the definition of the term 'place of public accommodation'"); Stern at 19-22 (noting that many state regulators condition licenses on compliance with nondiscrimination requirements).

²³ See Stern at 23 (describing how religiously affiliated law schools have unsuccessfully challenged diversity standards imposed by the American Bar Association as a condition of accreditation); D. Smith, *Accreditation Committee Decides to Keep Religious Exemption*, 33 MONITOR ON PSYCHOLOGY 1 (Jan. 2002) (describing a proposal of the American Psychology Association to revoke the accreditation of religious colleges and universities that have codes of conduct forbidding homosexual behavior), available at <http://www.apa.org/monitor/jan02/exemption.html>.

²⁴ See Jill P. Capuzzo, *Group Loses Tax Break Over Gay Union Issue*, N.Y. TIMES, Sept. 18, 2007 (describing the case of *Bernstein v. Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Ass'n*, in which New Jersey revoked the property tax exemption of a beach-side pavilion controlled by an historic Methodist organization, because it refused on religious grounds to host a same-sex civil union ceremony); Douglas W. Kmiec, *Same-Sex Marriage and the Coming Antidiscrimination Campaigns Against Religion* in SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: EMERGING CONFLICTS 107-21 (describing attacks on tax exemptions for religious organizations with objections to same-sex marriage); Jonathan Turley, *An Unholy Union* in SAME-SEX

All of these conflicts either did not exist before, or will intensify after, the legalization of same-sex marriage. Thus, legalizing same-sex marriage without new adequate protections for religious liberty will have at least two unintended consequences: It will harm religious organizations and individuals of conscience, *and it will spawn costly, unnecessary conflicts, many of which will lead to litigation.*²⁵

D. The Need for Robust Religious Liberty Protection

The Act known as the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, most recently revised September 9, 2013, seeks to enact same-sex marriage in Hawaii. This bill fails to provide sufficient protections for religious conscience. Sections 572-F and G currently read as follows:

§ 572-F Refusal to solemnize a marriage. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require any minister, priest, officer of any religious denomination or society, or religious society not having clergy but providing solemnizations that is authorized to perform solemnizations pursuant to this chapter to solemnize any marriage, and no such minister, priest, officer of any religious denomination or society, or religious society not having clergy that fails or refuses for any reason to solemnize any marriage under this section shall be subject to fine, penalty, or other civil action for the failure or refusal.

§ 572-G Religious organizations and facilities; liability exemption under certain circumstances. (a) A religious organization shall not be required to make a religious facility owned or leased by the religious organization available for solemnization of a particular marriage; provided that: (1) The religious facility is regularly used by the religious organization for its religious purposes; (2) For solemnization of marriages pursuant to this chapter, the religious organization restricts use of the religious facility to its members; (3) The religious organization

MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: EMERGING CONFLICTS 59-76 (arguing for same-sex marriage but against withdrawal of tax exemptions for religious organizations with conscientious objections).

²⁵ Filed lawsuits are often just the tip of the iceberg with respect to conflicts over a given law and a claimed right. Most conflicts get resolved before a suit is filed and comes to the attention of the public. Some employers will back down when suit is threatened. Others will pay a settlement and walk away. Some employers will be quietly “chilled” even though they would prefer another course of action. What matters is the number of conflicts rather than the number of lawsuits. These data are not available, however, and so cannot be empirically studied. Nonetheless, there need only be a few conflicts for there to be a crisis of conscience. Each conflict is a profound violation of religious liberty. Moreover, even assuming that there are a small number of actual conflicts (as some critics claim), then there will be a correspondingly few number of same-sex couples affected by the religious exemptions we recommend. Finally, discrimination lawsuits often increase dramatically over time, so an important question is how many lawsuits against conscientious objectors will be filed 20 years from now. *See, e.g., Vivian Berger et al., Summary Judgment Benchmarks for Settling Employment Discrimination Lawsuits*, 23 HOFSTRA LAB. & EMP. L.J. 45, 45 (2005) (“The number of employment discrimination lawsuits rose continuously throughout the last three decades of the twentieth century. In the federal courts, such filings grew 2000% . . .”).

does not operate the religious facility as a for-profit business. (b) A religious organization that refuses to make a religious facility available for solemnization of a marriage under subsection (a) shall not be subject to any fine, penalty, injunction, administrative proceeding, or civil liability for the refusal. (c) Nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted to exempt the owner or operator of any religious facility from the requirements of chapter 489 if the religious facility is a place of public accommodation as defined in section 489-2.

As explained below, this proposed legislation would provide less protection for religious liberty than every other state that has successfully enacted same-sex marriage legislation.

Consider first the ersatz protection received by individual clergy. Individual clergy who refuse to perform same-sex marriage receive no meaningful protection because they are already protected by the U.S. Constitution. Indeed, with or without this language, “[n]o one seriously believes that clergy will be forced, or even asked, to perform marriages that are anathema to them.”²⁶ Focusing on the issue of “forced officiating” is a straw-man argument calculated to distract the uninformed from real situations where religious conscience is at risk.

Like the ersatz protection received by individual clergy, religious organizations receive very narrow and largely illusory protection. Specifically, § 572-G exempts a religious organization from holding the wedding only if the organization “restricts use of the facility to its members.”²⁷ This provision could be read to mean generally or usually restricts, but it does not specifically include this limitation. It is not uncommon, however, for many religious organizations to open their facilities to weddings that include a non-member. Such facilities, then, would receive no protections.

Furthermore, § 572-G provides an exemption only if the facility is regularly used for religious purposes and not as a for-profit business. Finally, § 572-G removes any protection if the religious facility is a place of public accommodation. The latter introduces considerable uncertainty given the fact that the definition of public accommodation does not on its face appear to encompass the properties owned by churches or other religious organizations.²⁸ Moreover, in

²⁶ Stern at 1.

²⁷ Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 § 572-G(2) (Haw. 2013) (proposed).

²⁸ HAW. REV. STAT. § 489-2 (West) (“‘Place of public accommodation’ means a business, accommodation, refreshment, entertainment, recreation, or transportation facility of any kind whose goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations are extended, offered, sold, or otherwise made available to the general public as customers, clients, or visitors. By way of example, but not of limitation, place of public accommodation includes facilities of the following types: (1) A facility providing services relating to travel or transportation; (2) An inn, hotel, motel, or other establishment that provides lodging to transient guests; (3) A restaurant, cafeteria, lunchroom, lunch counter, soda fountain, or other facility principally engaged in selling food for consumption on the premises of a retail establishment; (4) A shopping center or any establishment that sells goods or services at retail; (5) An establishment licensed under chapter 281 doing business under a class 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12 license, as defined in section 281-31; (6) A motion picture theater, other theater, auditorium, convention center,

other jurisdictions, it is rare for a church to be considered a place of public accommodation.²⁹ If a religious facility is not a place of public accommodation, there is a good chance that no law applies to the religious facility—in which case the exemption for religious facilities is wholly illusory. In short, the proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 lacks any meaningful accommodation as drafted.

What the proposed legislation leaves out is considerable:

- It provides no protection to religious organizations from the loss of government benefits for refusing to recognize a same-sex marriage.
- It provides no protection for individual objectors other than a minister, priest, or other officer of a religious denomination or society.
- It provides no protection to religious organizations from private lawsuits brought under Hawaii's nondiscrimination laws other than for refusal to solemnize a marriage.

This proposed legislation is lacking as the following subparts explain in detail.

a. No Protection from Government Penalty for Certain Actions

A good deal of misunderstanding surrounds religious liberty accommodations. Accommodations serve the important function of protecting conscientious objectors from private lawsuits. But accommodations also serve the purpose of insulating conscientious objectors from penalties at the hands of the government.³⁰

lecture hall, concert hall, sports arena, stadium, or other place of exhibition or entertainment; (7) A barber shop, beauty shop, bathhouse, swimming pool, gymnasium, reducing or massage salon, or other establishment conducted to serve the health, appearance, or physical condition of persons; (8) A park, a campsite, or trailer facility, or other recreation facility; (9) A comfort station; or a dispensary, clinic, hospital, convalescent home, or other institution for the infirm; (10) A professional office of a health care provider, as defined in section 323D-2, or other similar service establishment; (11) A mortuary or undertaking establishment; and (12) An establishment that is physically located within the premises of an establishment otherwise covered by this definition, or within the premises of which is physically located a covered establishment, and which holds itself out as serving patrons of the covered establishment. No place of public accommodation defined in this section shall be requested to reconstruct any facility or part thereof to comply with this chapter.”)

²⁹ See, e.g., *Wazeerud-Din v. Goodwill Home & Missions, Inc.*, 737 A.2d 683 (N.J. Super. 1999) (churches are not “places of public accommodation”); *Saillant v. City of Greenwood*, No. IPO1-1760, 2003 WL 24032987 (S.D. Ind. Apr. 17, 2003) (a “church is not a place of public accommodation”).

³⁰ Robin Fretwell Wilson, *Matters of Conscience: Lessons for Same-Sex Marriage from the Healthcare Context in SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: EMERGING CONFLICTS* at 81; Michael W. McConnell, *Accommodation of Religion*, 1985 SUPREME COURT REV. 1; McConnell, *Accommodation of Religion: An Update and a Response to the Critics*, 60 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 685 (1992).

An objector may be penalized by losing access to government grant programs or other state or local benefits. Thus, in *Catholic Charities of Maine v. City of Portland*, the district court upheld a Portland ordinance that forced a religious charity either to extend employee spousal benefits to registered same-sex couples, or to lose eligibility to all city housing and community development funds.³¹ Similarly, the Salvation Army lost \$3.5 million in social service contracts with the City of San Francisco because it refused, on religious grounds, to provide benefits to the same-sex partners of its employees.³² The Boy Scouts of America have litigated and lost numerous suits over a state's authority to deny them access to benefits that others receive, when the law was otherwise silent.³³

In another example, Catholic adoption agencies in Illinois recently lost contracts with the state because they refused to place children in the homes of unmarried cohabitating couples.³⁴ The state claimed that the Catholic adoption agencies had violated the state's newly enacted civil union law.³⁵ That law contained no exemption for religious social service agencies and thus provided no protection against government penalties for conscientious objectors. Although this case implicated a civil union law, the consequences for a religious organization in Hawaii would be indistinguishable under a same-sex marriage law that omits important accommodations that we recommend.

Church-affiliated organizations have lost their exemption from taxes as well. In New Jersey, the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, a group owned and operated by an historic Methodist organization, refused on religious grounds to host the same-sex civil union ceremonies

³¹ 304 F. Supp. 2d 77 (D. Me. 2004); see also footnote 19 above.

³² See Don Lattin, *Charities Balk at Domestic Partner, Open Meeting Laws*, S.F. CHRON., July 10, 1998, at A-1.

³³ See *Evans v. City of Berkeley*, 38 Cal.4th 1 (Cal. App. 2006) (affirming revocation of a boat berth subsidy at public marina due to Boy Scouts' exclusion of atheist and openly gay members); *Boy Scouts of America v. Wyman*, 335 F.3d 80 (2d Cir. 2003) (holding that the Boy Scouts may be excluded from the state's workplace charitable contributions campaign for denying membership to openly gay individuals).

These results are possible because of the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Employment Division v. Smith*, 494 U.S. 872 (1990) (concluding that neutral and generally applicable laws do not violate the First Amendment no matter how much they burden an individual's or organization's exercise of religion). These outcomes demonstrate our point: legislative relief is needed to protect religious conscience.

³⁴ *Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield v. State*, 2011 WL 3655016 (Ill. Dist. 2011). In deciding a motion for summary judgment, the state trial judge held that Catholic Charities had no property right in their contracts from the state, and thus were not entitled to due process when the state decided not to extend the contract to the charities. *Id.* The judge expressly declined to address Catholic Charities' arguments that the state violated its rights under the Illinois Human Rights Act, 775 ILCS 5/1-101 *et seq.*, the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection & Civil Union Act, 750 ILCS 75/1 *et seq.*, and the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act, 775 ILCS 35/1 *et seq.* *Id.* at n. 1.

³⁵ Illinois Religious Freedom Protection & Civil Union Act, 750 ILL. COMP. STAT. 75/1 *et seq.*

of two lesbian couples in its beach-side pavilion.³⁶ Local authorities stripped the group of their exemption from local property taxes on the pavilion, and billed them for \$20,000, because the pavilion no longer complied with a state public lands program to which the exemption was tied.³⁷

The Camp Meeting Association was also investigated by the New Jersey Department of Civil Rights for an alleged violation of the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. The Department of Civil Rights has determined that probable cause exists to find a violation. Thus, the case is not only about losing tax-exempt status, but also about being penalized for allegedly violating state nondiscrimination laws.³⁸

These impacts on church-affiliated organizations, predicted by scholars,³⁹ did not result from statutory revocations of tax-exempt status in marriage legislation. Instead, these actions occurred because state laws never anticipated the problem and offered an explicit exemption.

³⁶ See Jill P. Capuzzo, Group Loses Tax Break Over Gay Union Issue, N.Y. TIMES, Sept. 18, 2007 (describing the case of *Bernstein v. Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Ass'n*).

³⁷ See Bill Bowman, \$20G Due in Tax on Boardwalk Pavilion: Exemption Lifted in Rights Dispute, ASBURY PARK PRESS, Feb. 23, 2008. Some exemption opponents argue that *Ocean Grove* is irrelevant to the same-sex marriage debate because the tax exemption at issue was conditioned upon the Camp Meeting Association's willingness to open the property for the entire public. That argument, however, overlooks two points. First, while the tax exemption in *Ocean Grove* was based on an open-space requirement, nothing stops governments from conditioning tax exemptions on other things, such as compliance with state and local nondiscrimination laws or, more generally, being organized for the "public interest." *Bob Jones Univ. v. United States*, 461 U.S. 574, 592 (1983). Thus, just as governments can strip a tax exemption because an organization cannot in good conscience open its property to the entire public, so also can governments strip a tax exemption because it concludes that an organization's conscientious objection to same-sex marriage violates nondiscrimination laws or "public policy" more generally. Second, when the Camp Meeting Association agreed to open its property to the entire public, it likely never contemplated the legalization of civil unions or same-sex marriage, much less that it would be asked to facilitate such a marriage in violation of its religious beliefs. *Ocean Grove* thus illustrates the fact that legalizing same-sex marriage will create significant conflicts of conscience that were never contemplated before.

³⁸ As the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit explained, "The federal complaint arose out of the [New Jersey Department of Civil Right's] investigation into whether the Association's refusal to permit couples to use the Boardwalk Pavilion for civil unions violates the [New Jersey Law Against Discrimination]. Clearly, therefore, New Jersey's interest in eliminating unlawful discrimination is at the center of this dispute." *Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Ass'n of United Methodist Church v. Vespa-Papaleo*, 339 Fed.Appx. 232, 238 (3d Cir. 2009); See also *Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield v. State*, 2011 WL 3655016 (2011).

³⁹ Douglas W. Kmiec, *Same-Sex Marriage and the Coming Antidiscrimination Campaigns Against Religion* in SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: EMERGING CONFLICTS 107-21 (describing attacks on tax exemptions for religious organizations with objections to same-sex marriage); Jonathan Turley, *An Unholy Union* in SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: EMERGING CONFLICTS 59-76 (arguing for same-sex marriage but against withdrawal of tax exemptions for religious organizations with conscientious objections).

These experiences drive home the need for explicit protection from penalties by the government.⁴⁰

b. Needed Protection for Individual Objectors

Legal recognition of same-sex marriage can also place a real burden on *individuals* whose objection arises not from anti-gay animus, but from a sincere religious belief in traditional marriage.

The proposed legislation does not protect individuals—other than those enumerated few—who, for religious reasons, prefer no role in a same-sex marriage ceremony. Thus, a religious individual who runs a small business, e.g., a baker who makes wedding cakes; a wedding photographer; a caterer; a florist; a reception hall owner; or a seamstress or a tailor, receives no protection at all.⁴¹ The failure to protect such individuals puts them to a cruel choice: their conscience or their livelihood.⁴² Enacting protections for individual objectors is not only necessary but also consistent with the existing public policy in Hawaii's nondiscrimination statutory scheme.⁴³

Some assume that any religious objection to same-sex marriage must be an objection to providing goods or services to gays as such: in other words, that a refusal represents animus towards gay couples. Yet many people of good will view marriage as a religious institution and the wedding ceremony as a religious sacrament. For them, assisting with a marriage ceremony has religious significance that commercial services, like serving food or driving taxis, simply do

⁴⁰ Unlike many other states, Hawaii has not enacted a state Religious Freedom Restoration Act. *See, e.g.*, Eugene Volokh, *RFRA State Map* available at <http://www.law.ucla.edu/volokh/remap.pdf> (last visited Sept. 3, 2010) (reporting states with state constitutional amendments, statutory RFRAs, and state constitutional free exercise clauses interpreted to require strict scrutiny).

⁴¹ *See Elane Photography LLC v. Willock*, 309 P.3d 53 (N.M. Aug. 22, 2013) (fining New Mexico photographer for refusing on religious grounds to photograph a same-sex commitment ceremony); *see also Gay Couple Sues Illinois Bed and Breakfast For Refusing to Host Civil Union Ceremony*, HUFFINGTON POST, Feb. 23, 2011.

⁴² Robin Fretwell Wilson, *A Matter of Conviction: Moral Clashes Over Same-Sex Adoption*, 22 BYU J. PUB. L. 475 (2008) (describing dismissals and resignations of social service workers where conscience protections were not provided).

⁴³ HAW. REV. STAT. § 378-3 (1998) (“Nothing in this part shall be deemed to . . . [p]rohibit or prevent any religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, that is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization, from giving preference to individuals of the same religion or from making a selection calculated to promote the religious principles for which the organization is established or maintained[.]”); HAW. REV. STAT. § 515-8 (1992) (“It is not a discriminatory practice for a religious institution or organization or a charitable or educational organization operated, supervised, or controlled by a religious institution or organization to give preference to members of the same religion in a real property transaction, unless membership in such religion is restricted on account of race, color, or ancestry.”)

not. They have no objection generally to providing services to same-sex couples, but they object to directly facilitating a marriage.

In short, nondiscrimination statutes enacted years ago now take on a whole new level of significance, with a much greater need for religious exemptions. A marriage bill that provides no protection to individual objectors (other than authorized celebrants, who are already protected by the Constitution) would effectively leave any individual who refuses to assist with same-sex wedding ceremonies vulnerable to a lawsuit, whether framed as sexual orientation discrimination, sex discrimination, or, where applicable, marital-status discrimination.⁴⁴

Of course, accommodating individual objectors might not be without cost for same-sex couples. Thus, we argue only for “hardship exemptions”—exemptions that are available only when there is no undue hardship on same-sex couples.⁴⁵

c. No Robust and Uniform Protection for Religious Organizations

Hawaii’s law prohibits discrimination based on, among other things, marital status, sex, and sexual orientation. Such discrimination is prohibited in a variety of areas—including employment,⁴⁶ housing,⁴⁷ and public accommodations⁴⁸—with only a few limited exemptions for

⁴⁴ Refusals to provide benefits to same-sex partners have been invalidated as a form of gender or sex discrimination. See *Baehr v. Lewin*, 852 P.2d 44 (Haw. 1993) (plurality op.) (discrimination by state against same-sex spouses raised difficult constitutional questions regarding sex discrimination and sexual orientation discrimination). Similar cases have occurred elsewhere. In *In re Levenson*, 560 F.3d 1145 (9th Cir. 2009) (order of Reinhardt, J.), the court found an employer’s denial of coverage for an employee’s same-sex partner under the company’s employment benefits plan to be sex discrimination. As Judge Reinhardt explained:

There is no doubt that the denial of Levenson’s request that Sears be made a beneficiary of his federal benefits violated the EDR Plan’s prohibition on discrimination based on sex or sexual orientation. Levenson was unable to make his spouse a beneficiary of his federal benefits due solely to his spouse’s sex. If Sears were female, or if Levenson himself were female, Levenson would be able to add Sears as a beneficiary. Thus, the denial of benefits at issue here was sex-based and can be understood as a violation of the EDR Plan’s prohibition of sex discrimination.

See also *In re Golinski*, 2009 WL 2222884 at *3 (9th Cir. Jan. 13, 2009) (Order of Kozinski, C.J.) (construing the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit’s benefits policy to include same-sex spouses because denial of benefits to same-sex marriage was form of sex-based discrimination); *In re Marriage Cases*, 183 P.3d 384, 436-40 (Cal. 2008) (same-sex marriage proponents pursued gender discrimination claims ultimately rejected by court); cf. WIS. STAT. § 111.36(1)(d) (defining sexual orientation discrimination as a form of gender discrimination).

⁴⁵ See Part A above.

⁴⁶ HAW. STAT. ANN. § 378-2 (2012) (making it unlawful “[f]or any employer to refuse to hire or employ or to bar or discharge from employment, or otherwise to discriminate against any individual in compensation or in the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment” because of “race, sex, including gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, religion, color, ancestry, disability, marital status, arrest and court record, or domestic or sexual violence victim status”).

religious organizations.⁴⁹ The current exemptions are inadequate to address the wide range of foreseeable issues, identified in part C, concerning same-sex marriage and religious objectors. One exemption protects only a religious organization's decision to favor members of the same faith in "real property transaction[s]."⁵⁰ Another applies only to employment—not provisions of services, housing, and other issues—and although it permits an organization to make decisions "calculated to promote the religious principles for which the organization is established or maintained," the scope of that language is unclear.⁵¹ And by stating that a given law does not "prohibit" certain actions by a religious organization, the exemptions may do nothing to protect against other governmental penalties such as withdrawal of licensure or tax-exempt status or withdrawal of government contracts.

Once the bill is passed, those opposed to *any* exceptions for religious communities will give the narrowest possible interpretation to all exemptions. For this reason, the legislature ought to take enough time to write legislation consonant with President Obama's sage counsel: "On an issue as sensitive as this, knowing that Americans hold a wide range of views based on deeply held beliefs, maintaining our nation's commitment to religious freedom is also vital." To clarify the sort of legal protection that should surround religious life in this country, and to foster and address a whole range of developing conflicts, further reflection on refining this legislation is imperative.

The proposed bill in Hawaii to legalize same-sex marriage provides *considerably less* protection than most *every other jurisdiction* where the legislature has considered the issue.⁵²

⁴⁷ HAW. STAT. ANN. § 515-3 (2012) (making it "a discriminatory practice for an owner or any other person engaging in a real estate transaction, or for a real estate broker or salesperson, because of race, sex, including gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, color, religion, marital status, familial status, ancestry, disability, age, or human immunodeficiency virus infection").

⁴⁸ HAW. STAT. ANN. § 489-3 (2012) ("Unfair discriminatory practices that deny, or attempt to deny, a person the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of a place of public accommodation on the basis of race, sex, including gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, color, religion, ancestry, or disability are prohibited.").

⁴⁹ See footnote 6 above.

⁵⁰ HAW. REV. STAT. § 515-8 (2012) ("It is not a discriminatory practice for a religious institution or organization or a charitable or educational organization operated, supervised, or controlled by a religious institution or organization to give preference to members of the same religion in a real property transaction, unless membership in such religion is restricted on account of race, color, or ancestry.").

⁵¹ HAW. REV. STAT. § 378-3(5) (2012) ("Nothing in this part [governing employment practices] shall be deemed to . . . [p]rohibit or prevent any religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, that is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization, from giving preference to individuals of the same religion or from making a selection calculated to promote the religious principles for which the organization is established or maintained[.]")

⁵² See Appendix A below. Delaware is the odd exception.

Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington have all enacted same-sex marriage laws, and all provide much more protection for religious liberty than Hawaii's proposed legislation.⁵³ Each of those states protects religious organizations from being forced to offer "services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges" related to a marriage when doing so would violate their religious beliefs.⁵⁴ Although the protections in Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington also fall short in key areas,⁵⁵ they still provide far more protection than Hawaii's proposed same-sex marriage legislation.

Conclusion

Without adequate safeguards for religious liberty of the sort proposed in this letter, the recognition of same-sex marriage will lead to socially divisive and entirely unnecessary conflicts between the exercise of rights pursuant to the same-sex marriage law and religious liberty. That is a destructive path leading to needless loss by both sides. A balanced "middle way" leads to a win-win solution for both sides. The Hawaii State Legislature should avoid either extreme and be the wise peacemaker. On that note, we would welcome any opportunity to provide further information, analysis, or testimony to the Hawaii State Legislature.

Respectfully yours,⁵⁶

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⁵³ See footnote 9 above; *see generally* Appendix A below.

⁵⁴ See footnote 47 above.

⁵⁵ See Letter to Iowa Legislators, *available at* <http://mirrorofjustice.blogs.com/files/2009-07-12-iowa-letter-final.doc>, at 6-7 (letter from the undersigned describing shortcomings of Connecticut, Vermont, and New Hampshire conscience protections).

⁵⁶ Academic affiliation is indicated for identification purposes only. The universities that employ the signers take no position on this or any related bill.

APPENDIX A

Core Religious Liberty Protections in Same-Sex Marriage Legislation

All jurisdictions that have enacted legislation (Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington) expressly exempt clergy from requirements to solemnize or celebrate marriages inconsistent with their religious faith. See CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 46b-21, 46b-150d (2009); DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 13, § 106 (West 2012); D.C. CODE § 46-406(c) (2010); MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§ 2-201, 2-202, 2-406 (2012), 2012 Maryland Laws Ch. 2 (H.B. 438) § 2; MINN. STAT. ANN. § 517.09 (West 2013); N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 457:37 (2011); N.Y. DOM. REL. LAW § 11(1) (McKinney 2011); VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 18, § 5144(b) (2010); R.I. GEN. LAWS ANN. § 15-3-6.1 (West 2013); WASH. REV. CODE § 26.04.010(2)(4) (2012).

Nine jurisdictions (Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington) expressly allow a religiously affiliated group to refuse to “provide services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges for the solemnization or celebration of a marriage.” See CONN. GEN. STAT. § 46b-150d; D.C. CODE § 46-406(e); MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§ 2-201, 2-202 (2012), 2012 Maryland Laws Ch. 2 (H.B. 438) § 3; MINN. STAT. ANN. § 363A.26 (West 2013); N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 457:37(III); N.Y. DOM. REL. LAW § 10-b(1); VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 9, § 4502(1); R.I. GEN. LAWS ANN. § 15-3-6.1 (West 2013); WASH. REV. CODE § 26.04.010(2)(5).

Nine jurisdictions (Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington) expressly protect covered religious objectors from private suit. See CONN. GEN. STAT. § 46b-150d; D.C. CODE § 46-406(e); MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§ 2-201, 2-202 (2012), 2012 Maryland Laws Ch. 2 (H.B. 438) §§ 2-3; MINN. STAT. ANN. § 517.09 (West 2013); N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 457:37(III); N.Y. DOM. REL. LAW § 10-b(1); R.I. GEN. LAWS ANN. § 15-3-6.1 (West 2013); VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 9, § 4502(1); WASH. REV. CODE § 26.04.010(2)(6).

Eight jurisdictions (Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Washington) **expressly** protect religious objectors, including religiously affiliated **nonprofit organizations**, from being “penalize[d]” by the government for such refusals through, e.g., the loss of government grants. *See* CONN. GEN. STAT. § 46b-150d; D.C. Code § 46-406(e)(2); MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§ 2-201, 2-202 (2012), 2012 Maryland Laws Ch. 2 (H.B. 438) §§ 2-3; MINN. STAT. ANN. § 517.09 (West 2013); N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 457:37(III); N.Y. DOM. REL. LAW § 10-b(1); R.I. GEN. LAWS ANN. § 15-3-6.1 (West 2013); WASH. REV. CODE § 26.04.010(2)(4).

Four jurisdictions (Maryland, the District of Columbia, New Hampshire and Rhode Island) **expressly** protect religious organizations from “the promotion of same-sex marriage through religious programs, counseling, courses, or retreats, that is in violation of the religious society’s beliefs.” *See* D.C. CODE § 46-406(e) (2011)). *See also* N.H. REV. STAT. ANN § 457:37(3) (exempting “the promotion of marriage through **religious counseling**, programs, courses, retreats, or housing designated for married individuals”); MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§ 2-201, 2-202 (2012), 2012 Maryland Laws Ch. 2 (H.B. 438) §§ 2-3. (provided so long as the program receives no government funding); R.I. GEN. LAWS ANN. § 15-3-6.1 (West 2013) (exempting the “promotion of marriage through any social or religious programs or service”). New York may protect this. *See* N.Y. DOM. REL. LAW § 10-b (2) (“... nothing in this article shall limit or diminish the right, ... of any religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, which is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization ... from taking such action as is calculated by such organization to promote the religious principles for which it is established or maintained”).

Three jurisdictions (Minnesota, New Hampshire and New York) **expressly** protect religious organizations from “the promotion of marriage through ... **housing** designated for married individuals.” *See* N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 457:37(3). *See also* N.Y. DOM. REL. LAW § 10-b (2) (“... [N]othing in this article shall limit or diminish the right, ... of any religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, which is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization to limit employment or sales or **rental of housing accommodations** or admission to or give preference to persons of the same religion or denomination...”); MINN. STAT. ANN. § 363A.26 (West 2013)(providing that religious organization are not prohibited from “in matters relating to sexual orientation, taking any action with respect to ... housing and real property).

Three states (Vermont, New Hampshire and Maryland) expressly allow religiously-affiliated fraternal organizations, like the Knights of Columbus, expressly to **limit insurance coverage** to spouses in heterosexual marriages. *See* VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 8 § 4501(b); N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 457:37(IV) (2009); MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§ 2-201, 2-202, Note: MD INS. LAW § 8-402 (2012); 2012 Maryland Laws Ch. 2 (H.B. 438) § 4.

Two states (Connecticut and Maryland) expressly allow a religiously-affiliated **adoption or foster care agency** to place children only with heterosexual married couples so long as they don't receive any government funding. (Conn. Pub. Acts No. 09-13 § 19); *See* MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§ 2-201, 2-202 (2012).

Three states (Maryland, New Hampshire and New York) expressly exempt **individual employees** "being managed, directed, or supervised by or in conjunction with" a covered entity from celebrating same-sex marriages if doing so would violate "religious beliefs and faith." *See* N.Y. DOM. REL. Law. § 10-b (1). *See also* N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 457:37(III); MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§ 2-201, 2-202 (2012), 2012 Maryland Laws Ch. 2 (H.B. 438) § 2.

Two states (Maryland and New York) include **non-severability clauses** in their legislation. *See* 2011 Sess. Law News of N.Y. Ch. 96 (A. 8520 §5-a) ("This act is to be construed as a whole, and all parts of it are to be read and construed together. If any part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remainder of this act shall be invalidated."); H.B. 438, 2012 Leg., 430th Sess. (Md. 2012) (the "provisions of this Act are not severable, and if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, no other provision or application of this Act may be given effect and this Act shall be null and void").

Dear *Sen. Clayton Hice*

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I only support marriage between one man and one woman.

I do not believe we should redefine marriage outside of that definition and am strongly disappointed that a special session has been called to do so.

Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

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Dear SEN. CLAYTON HEE

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Sincerely,

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Dear *Chayton Lee*

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Jesusa Barsatan
Name

35 Alina Street
Address

Wahiawa Hawaii 96786
City, State, Zip



Dear *Sen. Clayton Hee*

I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Andrea BAGAYAS

Name

P.O. Box 861503

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Rae Alexie Bani

Name

880 WAKANIKUU ST.

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Bridgette Bennett

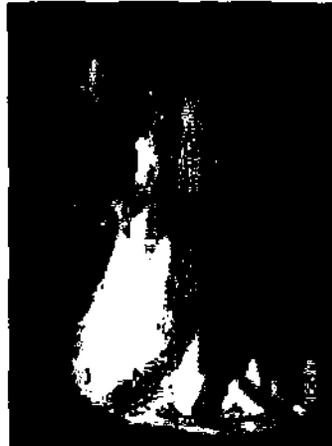
Name

123 Plum Street

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

NORMA E. BELANIDE

Name

95-081 KUPAPA DR APT D-270

Address

MILILANI HI 96789

City, State, Zip



Dear SEN CLAYTON HEE

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL BENNETT

Name

123 PLUM ST.

Address

WAHIAWA HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL BUTERGA

Name

302 IULIA ST

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



Dear Jen. CLAYTON HEE

I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

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I do not believe we should redefine marriage outside of that definition and am strongly disappointed that a special session has been called to do so.

Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

SHIRLEY BRASHEK

Name

1000A LANILOA PL.

Address

WAHIAWA, HI. 96706

City, State, Zip



Dear SEN. CLAYTON HEE

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Please vote NO on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

GLENN BRASHEX

Name

1888 A LANIWA PL

Address

WAHIAWA HI 96786

City, State, Zip



Dear *Sen. Clayton Hee*

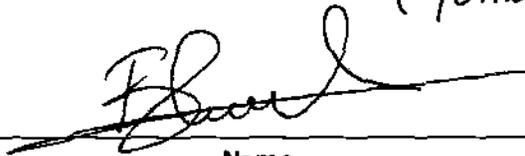
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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely, *(Yohanes Budizanto)*



Name

1403-A California Avenue.

Address

Wahiawa, Hawaii HI 96786

City, State, Zip



Dear *Sen. Clayton Hee*

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Alicia Bugher

Name

101 21st St

Address

Honolulu, HI

96818

City, State, Zip



Dear Sen. Clayton Aee

I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

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I do not believe we should redefine marriage outside of that definition and am strongly disappointed that a special session has been called to do so.

Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Binavice

Name

127 Makanihoo Pl.

Address

Wahiawa HI 96784

City, State, Zip



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I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Lorena Butella

Name

302 Ilima St.

Address

Wahiawa Hi. 96784

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Viteria + Anthony Braschler

Name

732 L KOA ST APT

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



~~DAVID~~ CLAYTON HEE

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

OSCAR D. CABAL

Name

1336 AHE AHE PLACE

Address

WAHIAWA, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



Dear *Sen. Clayton Hee*

I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Irene Cabal

Name

1336 Ahe Ahe Pl.

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Dennis S Obar

Name

1137 Hoi Hoi Kuaia

Address

Wahiawa Hawaii 96784

City, State, Zip



Dear *Senator Clayton Hee*

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Darlene Cabral

Name

2069 Calif Ave

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Shirley D. Caban

Name

1344A Ridge Ave

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

GAIL CABALLE

Name

241 KILEA PLACE

Address

WAHAWA, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



Dear Senator Clayton Hee

I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at
Our Lady of Perpetual Help / St. Joseph

I only support marriage between one man and one woman.

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disappointed that a special session has been called to do so.

Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Ronald Calimpong

Name

91-1212 Kauiki St.

Address

Ewa Beach, HI, 96706

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Dayne P. Casem

Name

222-A Valley Ave.

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

AMEWA CERA

Name

1040 ABE ABE AVENUE

Address

Wahiawa HI HAWAII 96784

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Robert Clement Polihoua Account

Name

95-380 Waia Loop

Address

Mililani, HI 96789

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Gladyce Clement
Name

95-380 Waiia Loop
Address

Mililani, HI 96789
City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Saturnino Conner

Name

1130 Ali Dr W

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Patricia Cash

Name

223 Valley Ave

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Walter Casen Jr

Name

222 A Valley Ave

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Victoria Caraulia

Name

57 Hauola Ave

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Randy Casal

Name

223 Venable Ave

Address

Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Cieslak 
Name

227 Kilea Pl
Address

Wahiawa HI 96756
City, State, Zip



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I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Matthew Cieslak

Name

227 Kilea Place

Address

Wahiawa HI, 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Ann-by M say aedak
Name

227 Kilea Place
Address

Wahiawa HI 96786
City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Lopez

Name

94-1055 Waiopae St.

Address

Waipahu, HI 96797

City, State, Zip



Dear *Sen. Clayton Hee*

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Felicisime Corpey
Name

1540 Calif. Ave.
Address

Wahiawa, Hi 96786
City, State, Zip



Dear *SEN CLAYTON HEE*

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Sincerely,

BONIFACIO COMPAR

Name

1540 CALIFORNIA AVE

Address

WAHIAWA HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

James M. Liu

Name

211 N. C. Mauka St

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Marion Uii

Name

211 N. Circle Mauike St

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Edward E. Clayton

Name

2043 Pua Place

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Ferdinand A. Arlene Danno

Name

95-1015 Haleku St

Address

Wahiawa, HI, 96789

City, State, Zip



Dear *Senator Clayton Lee*

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Arlene Damo

Name

95-1015 Hoboin St.

Address

Mililani, HI 96789

City, State, Zip



Dear Son. Clayton Hee

I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

HELEN DAN

Name

283 MAUA ST

Address

WAIHAWA HI 96786

City, State, Zip



Dear *Mr. Clayton Hee*

I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

RODOLFO DARR

Name

283 MALA ST.

Address

WAHIAWA HI 96784

City, State, Zip



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I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Valerie Dascal -Tago

Name

20A Makawao Ave

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96786

City, State, Zip



Dear

SEN CLAYTON HEE

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Deanne Daves

Name

938 Neal Ave.

Address

Wahiawa Hi. 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Angelika A. Leau

Name

221 Kuahini Avenue

Address

Wahiawa HI 96784

City, State, Zip



Dear Sen. Clayton Hee:

I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Phyllis L. Dilwith

Name

2566 California Ave.

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Rosemarie Dungan
Name

341 Circle O Naha St
Address

Wahiawa, HI 96786
City, State, Zip



Dear Sen. Clayton Hee

I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

I only support marriage between one man and one woman.

I do not believe we should redefine marriage outside of that definition and am strongly disappointed that a special session has been called to do so.

Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Francis Dumrao

Name

91-1196 Puaina Street

Address

Ewa Beach HI 96706

City, State, Zip



Dear *Senator Clayton Hee*

I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

M. C. Edeserke

Name

1745 Koi Koi St.

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



Dear *Senator Clayton Hee*

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Marie Plesarke

Name

1745 Koi Koi ST.

Address

Wahiawa HI 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

ISIDRA M. ETAMBULE

Name

121 A NANEA AVENUE

Address

WAHIAWA, HAWAII 96786

City, State, Zip



Dear SEN. CLAYTON LEE,

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

VALTON BIDDLE

Name

121 A NANA AVENUE

Address

WAHIAWA, HAWAII 96786

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

ARLENE ESTIAMBA

Name

263 ILI WAI DRIVE

Address

WAHIAWA, HI 96786-2306

City, State, Zip



Dear *Sen. Clayton Hee*

I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

TONY ESPIRITU

Name

109 KARSTEN DR.

Address

WAH. HI 96786

City, State, Zip



Dear SEM. HEE

I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

NESTOR EVANGELISTA

Name

1152 IDMEH PURGE

Address

WAHAWA, HI 96784

City, State, Zip



Dear *Senator Clayton Hee*

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Sincerely,

Rosemary Fernandez

Name

95-1166 Nawaikahi St #119

Address

Mililani, HI 96789

City, State, Zip



Gov. Abernethie

Rep. Sylvia Luke

Dear Sen Clayton Hee

Sen David Ige
Rep Karl Rhoads

I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

I only support marriage between one man and one woman.

I do not believe we should redefine marriage outside of that definition and am strongly disappointed that a special session has been called to do so.

Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Augustina Fernandez

Name

1121 Eames St

Address

H1 96786

City, State, Zip



Dear *Senator Hee, Rep. Luke, Sen. David Ige, Rep. Rhodes*
Sen. DeMazuz Rep. Marcus Oshiro

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Sincerely,

Prudencio Tendo

Name

1011 Hoi Hoi Ave.

Address

Wahi, HI 96784

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Yvonne Fukumoto

Name

220 Clark St.

Address

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Sincerely,

Eric H. Fukumoto

Name

34 Uluwehi St

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Wahiawa Hawaii 96786

City, State, Zip



^{Sincerely}
Dear Clayton Hill

I am a Roman Catholic and voter in the State of Hawaii. I attend Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa.

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Sincerely,

Ede Fickens

Name

241 Wahiawa St

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96782

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

REG GAMBROA
Name

47 IHOIHO PL. WAHIAWA
Address

HONOLULU HI. 96724
City, State, Zip



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Dear *Senator Clayton, etc*

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Sincerely,

JOAN GIBBS

Name

2594 Palis Ave

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City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Emilia Gonzalez

Name

1635 Waikea ST-C

Address

Wahiawa HI 96784

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

ElMay Gombio

Name

669 Avocado St.

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Sincerely,

CHRISTINE HAMADA

Name

2206 CALIFORNIA AVE, APT. N

Address

WAHIAWA, H.I., 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Denise Hak

Name

120 Lohi Place

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Sincerely,

LARRY HAWKINS *LH*

Name

1678 HOOLUW RD

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WAIHAWA, HI 96786

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Sincerely,

ROY HEATHERLY

Name

59 IHOIHO PL

Address

Wahiawa HI 96746

City, State, Zip



Dear *Senator Clayton Hea*

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Sincerely,

David Houle

Name

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Dear Clayton Hee, Senator

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Sincerely,

MARIO LAYUGAN

Name

Wahiawa

Address

HI

96784

City, State, Zip



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Please vote **NO** on same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

Don Layman

Name

112 Karsten Dr

Address

112 Karsten Dr Wahi 96786

City, State, Zip



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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Lagumy

Name

1126 A Aho Aho Dr.

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Sincerely,

Camille Layugan

Name

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Sincerely,

George Lopez

Name

333 Kukuia Dr

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Sincerely, (Remy Licato)

Remy Licato

Name

121 Kaniho Pl.

Address

Wahiawa, Hawaii 96744

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Sincerely,

DERNIS LOVELAND

Name

1928 ALAKALA WAY

Address

Wahiawa HI 96756

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Sincerely, 

Karen Lury

Name

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Sincerely,

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1928 Alahula Way

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Sincerely,

GRACE JARVIS

Name

62 KALUHEA ST.

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Dear *SERI. Clayton Hee*

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Sincerely,

Emmy P. Jose

Name

67 Iho Iho Place

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Wahiawa Hi 96786

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Sincerely,

JOHN B. KAMPFER

Name

143 Plum St,

Address

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Sincerely,

JOSIE MANANSA

Name

1855-B Wai'a ST

Address

Wahiawa, HI 96781

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Dear SENATOR CLAYTON HERE

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Sincerely,

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Name

1403 CALIFORNIA AVE

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Sincerely,

Janet M. Mullen

Name

1382 Manua Street

Address

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Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Merkle

Name

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Sincerely,

Charlene Ann Myers

Name

P.O. Box 86-1328

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David A. Monroy

230-B California Ave.

Wahiawa Hi 96786

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Sincerely,

Sadie Moray

Name

1798 Koikoi St.

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Dear *Claton Hee*

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Geraldine Montalvo

Name

1833 Calif Ave

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Sincerely, *(Montalbo)*

Albert Montalbo
Name

5 Hanalei Ave.
Address

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Sincerely,

Eleana Montalbo

Name

1678 Honolulu Road

Address

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Sincerely,

Marion Montalbano

Name

Shane Ose

Address

Wahiawa HI

City, State, Zip



TO: Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Family Law Section, Hawaii State Bar Association

**RE: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights, Hearing October 28, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.
Written Testimony**

Dear Chairman Hee & Vice Chair Shimabukuro and committee members:

The Hawaii State Bar Association's Family Law Section, comprised of 136 attorneys who regularly practice in the Family Courts of the State of Hawaii do offer these written comments regarding Senate Bill 1, Relating to Equal Rights.

We do not take a position as to whether or not the State should/not legalize same sex marriages. However, in reviewing the proposed legislation, we would like to point out potential problems in carrying out the statute(s), if enacted:

1. §572-C – This section is vague and needs to be clarified. We believe the intent was to create a provision that despite biology one is automatically assumed to be the parent just based on the fact that they are married. However, if this is true, then this provision is unnecessary. With the implementation/passage of §572-B, which turns the gender-specific terminology to gender-neutral terms, there would be no need for this provision. Anyone married would have the same rights regarding children, there would be no reason to say "parentage rights based on marriage shall be the same for all married spouses regardless of the gender of the spouses.

The concern here is that this provision does not take into consideration the surrogate or other biological parent. This may create the situation of naming three (3) parents on the birth certificate until such time as the surrogate's or other biological parent's rights are terminated.

2. §572-D – This language appears to be unconstitutional because the State is requiring the federal government to recognize the State's legalization of marriage. If it's purpose is to state simply that the all persons who are married are afforded the same rights regardless of gender, this is not what is being conveyed.

3. §580-1(b) & (c)- We vehemently oppose this provision for several reasons. First, on a practical level, the Family Court system, statewide, is already overcrowded and backlogged. Currently it can take two to three months for an initial hearing on the divorce calendar in the First Circuit. The First Circuit's (Oahu) Family Court consists of only three (3) full-time judges that preside over the domestic division (divorces). For the fiscal year from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 there were 4,133 divorces filed on Oahu alone, 5,536 statewide. There are too many cases as it is now with too few resources- it will be far worse if we include those who are not domiciled here. It will be our Hawaii residents who will suffer.

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,
I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

*Now is your chance to do "the
right thing" for so many people!*

Respectfully,

Rosalie Wiesenthal

Name (print): ROSALIE WIESENTHAL
Street: 481 OPIHIKAO PL.
City: HONOLULU, HI 96825
Email address: ROSWIES@AOL.COM

RE: Testimony in support of marriage equality

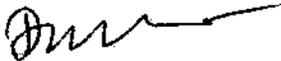
To whom it may concern of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing this testimony in strong support of marriage equality. This issue impacts my life directly. Being born and raised in Hawaii and being a proud Hawaii resident I was saddened that I would have to leave my home to be married, but at that time the option to being legally married was not given. So my partner and I along with my family went to California to be wed. I went into this marriage knowing that my certificate would not be recognized as a married couple at home but hoping one day it would. That time is now.

My partner changed jobs recently and would be without health care, I thought that it would be an easy transition to getting her onto my EUTF account. It was not. I presented my wedding certificate from California as legal proof that she was my spouse and therefore entitled to being covered under my health benefits. My department's human resource office incorrectly told me that the certificate that I submitted was not recognized so she would not qualify. Again after doing a web search the information that I was told was incorrect but I could see how confusing it was for them to interpret. If it was a heterosexual marriage there would have been no question about the license legitimacy of proving spousal rank. It is situations like this that brings home the fact that marriage equality is the right thing to do and that all marriages are held on equal ground.

I am proud to be from Hawaii... I just wish Hawaii was as proud of me.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna White
809 Maluniu Ave
Kailua, HI 96734

Senate Clerk

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,
I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

July 9, 1776:

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. Equality in the state of being
equal in rank, value or ability.

Respectfully,

Garry Loo

Amen.
The time is now
Do what's right!

Name (print):
Street:
City:
Email address:

Garry Loo

4132 Papu Aule

Honolulu Hawaii

garry-100@hotmail.com

Sara Ortiz

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TEL 808 7794831

sara.s.ortiz@gmail.com

October 14, 2013

Re : Testimony in Support of Marriage Equality

Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am respectfully submitting this letter in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i. Despite the divisiveness we have seen up until now, the issue of marriage equality transcends politics and religion. Marriage equality is an issue of human rights at their most fundamental level. As human beings, we should have the right to the most basic necessities: food, clean drinking water, basic shelter, adequate medical care, at the very least, primary education, and as citizens of this great country, basic freedoms that were granted by our forefathers in the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Love as a primal human emotion should be governed then by the tenets of these fundamental human rights. As human beings, it follows that we have the right to love whom we choose and to sanctify this love through the sacred act and institution of marriage.

On January 13, 2010, I graduated *summa cum laude* with a BA in International Studies from Hawai'i Pacific University and was honored to be selected as Valedictory Speaker of my graduating class. My mentor, then Chair of the Department of International Studies, Dr. Carlos Juárez, proudly introduced me as HPU's first valedictory speaker of Mexican heritage. As looked upon my audience of classmates with my professors and administrators behind me, I spoke of what it meant to be a student at my alma mater and what it meant to be a global citizen of Hawai'i, here in this "beautiful gathering place." I shared insights on life and implored my fellow students to create the better world our leaders have dreamed of. Finally, I acknowledged those in my life who had profoundly shaped the woman I've become, namely, "my life, my love, Edwin, who has stood by my through life's deepest valleys and highest summits, without whom I would not be standing here before you today." One month later, Edwin and I were married. In retrospect, I

can't even begin to imagine having been denied the right to marry this person whom I love so deeply. Yet still, so many are.

While Hawai'i Pacific University brought me here back in 2003, what has kept me here as a proud citizen of Hawai'i ten years later is our celebration of diversity and the sacredness of family, of 'ohana, that is unique to our culture. Here, we nurture an extended definition of family that is inclusive of relationships that extend beyond blood kinship to hanai spiritual kinship. I have come to learn is that the concept of family is so sacred here in Hawai'i, that opponents of marriage equality will fight to preserve archaic ideas of what a nuclear family *should* be instead of what it truly *is*, an evolving structure. Opponents of marriage equality may argue that sanctioning marriage for two people of the same sex is wrong, a moral outrage and might lead to the very destruction of family as we know it. These claims are based on hatred and fear, and stand in flagrant contradiction of Hawai'i's foundations of tolerance and acceptance of those different from ourselves that have drawn so many "outsiders" to our shores throughout history. As the crossroads of East and West, Hawai'i finds itself in a timely position to join states leading the movement toward marriage equality. As legislators, you stand at the edge of history. As a concerned citizen and advocate for social justice, I challenge you to take a step forward and have the courage to make your decision for marriage equality based on reason and in the spirit of justice and human rights for all families of Hawai'i.

Respectfully,

Sara Ortiz

10 Iliahi Street

Honolulu, HI 96817

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

My family and I support marriage equality in Hawai'i. My partner and I are both Hawaiians and feel that Hawai'i embraces our beliefs and cultures. We are proud to be Hawaiians and are hopeful that Hawai'i takes this opportunity to support marriage equality. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Sarah K Begley

Name (print): Sarah Begley

Street: P.O. Box 2428

City: Wailuku, HI 96793

Email address:

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

Equality I will always ~~Support~~.
Maybe the word "Marriage" has to be
looked at and debated. After
Testimonies I will make up my mind!

Respectfully,



Name (print):

Fetulima Tamasese

Street:

73 - 4399 Laui St

City:

K. Kona HI 96740

Email address:

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Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i. I was born + raised in Hanalei, Kauai, + my partner/spouse + I have been together for seventeen years. We were recently married in California + ask you to respect our civil rights by supporting marriage equality for Hawaii. As residents of Hawaii, my partner/spouse + I would like to be married in Hawaii.
Mahalo nui loa for your support.

Respectfully,

Maui Hamabata

Name (print): MATTHEWS M. HAMABATA

Street: 73-1193 LOLOA DRIVE

City: KAILUA-KONA, HAWAII 96740

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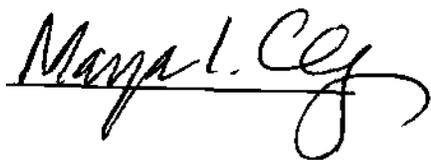
Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I believe that all loving and committed couples should be treated with the same dignity & respect. And I believe that anyone & everyone should have the right to marry who they love. Supporting marriage equality is important to me because I have multiple relatives and friends who are gay ~~and~~ lesbian. They have been in committed relationships with partners of the same sex, and they have illustrated that love knows no bounds. I believe the State of Hawai'i should recognize their love and commitment to one another.

Respectfully,



Name (print): Maya L. Chong

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I BELIEVE THAT TWO PEOPLE WHO LOVE EACH OTHER SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO MARRY REGARDLESS OF THEIR SEX!

Respectfully,

Earl Dressel

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Email address:

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am in ~~favor of~~ strongly support the marriage equality for Hawaii. We are all equal and should be all equal in every area.

Respectfully,

Anne Dressel

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Anne Dressel

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

We are all equal. We do not need an election ballot item next year deciding whether we should be equal or not. Equality starts right now. Pass the marriage equality bill.

Respectfully,

K. Veriato

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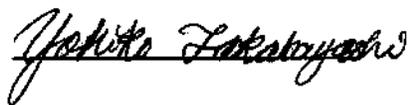
Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

IF IOWA CAN DO IT WE CAN TOO!

Respectfully,



Name (print): YOSHIKO TAKABAYASHI

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City: HILO , HI

Email address:

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

Hawai'i's number 1 value is *ohana*, this doesn't only apply to blood relatives; but to extensions of who we are & as a sign of respect. I have many friends or family members who are in a LGBT sex couple & it saddens me that they're unable to have the same rights or benefits as opposite-sex couples have.

One thing that broke my heart was when my Uncle Chris lost his long term partner of over 30 years, Uncle Dave. Uncle Dave's children, who had condemned him for his loving relationship, came in & took ~~EVERYTHING~~ they owned. My uncle Chris was left w/ ~~NOTHING~~, because they weren't legally married. How sad. After losing his partner, my uncle's health deteriorated rapidly. He died a poor man in 2011.

I promised my uncle that I would work on making this impossible to happen again to other same-sex couples. Hawaii is ready for Marriage Equality & to live up to the title, the Aloha State.

Respectfully,



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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

Equality in the eyes of the law is deeply embedded in the constitution so I find it outrageous that it has taken us so long to reach marriage equality. The bill before you in the coming special session is but one way to (nearly) achieve that. All recognition of marriage should be purely a civil matter and it should ~~be~~ treat everyone ~~at~~ the same. It is all about love and commitment!

Respectfully,

Richard D. Reed

Name (print): RICHARD D. REED

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your time, for reading this with an open heart. (decided to love a woman)

I came out in secrecy when I was 17 years old, never wanting anything more than to love with all of my heart and be loved back, only to learn that doing that in secret especially in the eyes of God, was actually being ashamed to be a christian.

Today I am 54 years old and am pleading, begging, imploring you to let me and my girlfriend marry. We contribute to society, our families our state (inc. church) with all of our beings. Please allow us to marry, please.

Respectfully, With Aloha,



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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

35!! That's the number of years my partner + I have been together. We look forward to getting married this year after the marriage equality bill has passed. We have been waiting a long time + know the time has come for us to receive all the rights + benefits of opposite sex couples. We are both born + raised in Hawaii, tax paying, law abiding citizens who deserve full equality before the law. We also want the opportunity to get married in our home state.

Respectfully,

Donna Gedge

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am a longtime resident of Hawaii (25 years). Some twenty years ago I attended oral arguments at the Hawaii State Supreme Court at which the State AG was unable to provide compelling support for the state's interest in denying equal marriage rights to couples of the same gender. Recently the Supreme Court of the United States decided in favor of supporting the legitimacy and equality of same-gender marriage. Time is making ~~it~~ clear that marriage equality is truly a matter of equality before the law. Religious-based opposition to marriage equality has no more legitimacy than did religiously-motivated objections to so-called "miscegenation" in the past. My partner and I have been waiting nearly 30 years to enjoy equal protection as married persons. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Stephen Tschudi

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

My name is Lynn Onderko. I am a proud American, a proud mother and a proud Army spouse. I am blessed to be married to my best friend and true partner for 15 years. But I struggle every day knowing that this right has not been afforded to everyone that wants it.

This is a civil rights issue. Our constitution represents ~~all~~ all our citizenry equally. Marriage is not an exclusive privilege for only certain qualifying couples. The time is now, we must do the right thing. Pass Marriage Equality.

Respectfully,

Lynn Onderko

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Alpha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am a retired mother of two sons. One son identifies as Native Hawaiian and the other identifies as Black, or African-American. Who they are tells you why I am in support of equality for all.

Let's Move On to Marriage Equality!

Respectfully,

Joyce M. Charles

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Joyce Midori Charles

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I STRONGLY SUPPORT MARRIAGE EQUALITY!!!

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

THANKS FOR CONSIDERING THIS BILL. PLEASE VOTE "YES"
AND TAKE A STEP FORWARD FOR EQUALITY IN HAWAII.
SAME SEX COUPLES ENDURE MORE HASSLES FOR
BASICALLY NO REASON BUT NOT BEING LEGALLY MARRIED.
~~NO~~ THAT'S NOT RIGHT!

Respectfully,

David A. Bates

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

Marriage should be available to all regardless of gender. I support marriage as a right that should not be bridged to those of opposite genders. Gender itself is not fixed; it is a preference. So then should we limit marriage to those of opposite genders. Let's make marriage available to all including gender minorities. It is estimated that 10% of Hawaii's adult population belongs to LGBT or gender minorities.

Respectfully,

Randy In

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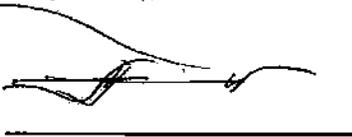
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Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

It would be really a shame for the ALOHA STATE to be the last recognizing equal rights for all couples and families of any demographics. In the year 2013 Human Rights have come a long way away from the "recent" times when BLACK people wouldn't be served at certain restaurants or allowed to drink water from a public fountain, unless labeled "COLOR WATER". Now GAY people are the "new" black people, fighting for the LEGAL RIGHT to MARRY! It is a great time to be part of this process and look backwards at 2013 with the peace of mind of having done what is RIGHT. Let's not be the LAST STATE to pass into history as homophobic discriminatory & out of tune with Reality!

Respectfully,



Name (print): Adriana Andrist

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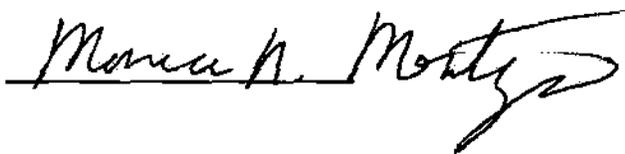
Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I have been waiting for 35 years to marry my partner. In 1998 I was hopeful of the possibility. I am now considered a senior citizen and as I rapidly approach end of life issues I never dreamed it would take my state so long to do the right thing. Please don't make me wait any longer to have the same rights as my married brothers and sisters. As a taxpayer, voter, retired government worker and all around respectful citizen of Hawaii I believe I am due this.

Respectfully,



Name (print): Monica Neilani Montgomery

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I have lived in Hawaii my entire life and have grown up being taught values of love, respect and acceptance. During this time of decision that will affect all families and individuals in Hawaii, I am in support of marriage equality.

The same rights should be extended to same-sex couples. They deserve the same dignity and opportunities to love and be protected under law.

I have friends and family members in the LGBT community and they deserve to be welcomed and loved in the same way, in the spirit of Aloha.

Respectfully,



Name (print): Lauralee Brady

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

My name is Crystal Maya Cathcart. I am a state employee, an adoptive parent, a community volunteer, a tax-payer, and a proud resident of Hawai'i. I live in Honolulu and have previously resided in Aiea and Kailua. As a social worker, I work tirelessly on behalf of Hawai'i families. I believe that my own family which is made up of my girlfriend, myself, and our daughter, deserves the same access to benefits ~~that~~ that ~~all~~ other families enjoy. I hope you will seriously consider making Hawai'i an even better place to live by granting marriage equality to all loving, consensual adult couples. It is a difficult thing to do to explain to my daughter that her parents aren't allowed to get married like all of her friends' parents. She doesn't understand, at 7 years old, why anyone would want to be ~~near~~ to our family. I hope to one day soon be able to tell her that her family is accepted by our state.

Respectfully,

As a mother, that would mean the world to me. Thank you for your time & consideration.

Crystal M. Cathcart

I urge you to support marriage equality for same-sex couples!

Name (print): Crystal Maya Cathcart

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor. Senator Bickwood Galutea.

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawaii.

It is time to pass bill SB 232. I am a strong supporter. I want to have the freedom that every heterosexual person has regarding marriage. Marriage shouldn't be something that should be denied to anyone.

I have my friends Tony & Sharon who wish to be married and I would like to attend to their marriage here in Hawaii.

Respectfully,



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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I and my same-sex partner, Stephen Tschudi, have been residents of Hawaii for more than 25 years. We consider these islands to be our home. We have been together as a couple for almost 30 years. We changed our surnames to have the same surname Tschudi — ten years ago to visibly show our union and commitment to each other. Ever since same-sex marriage began to be legalized in some other U.S. States, we have considered whether we wanted to travel to ^{one of} those States in order to get married, but our decision has always been that we wanted to get married in this State, our home, where our family and friends live. We have been waiting a long time for this to be possible, and now, with the Special Legislative Session, it seems that now there is finally a real possibility for this to happen. For this reason, I strongly urge you to vote in favor of marriage equality in Hawaii (it is the trend all

Respectfully,

Daniel Tschudi

Daniel Tschudi

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over the U.S.) so that Stephen's and my union can enjoy the same State recognition as that of heterosexual couples. This is a wonderful chance for our State to show true Aloha Spirit for all residents in these islands!

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

10/13/13

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

Please support ~~SB 232~~ ^{Equality} Marriage

I was raised and socialized within a catholic family. All my siblings are legally married, I wish the same for my significant other and myself. We have been together for over 35 years. We are good people, we pay our taxes, vote and highly involved in community

Respectfully, activities on Molokai,

 PHD

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

We are Dale Mole and Karlea Glassdell, Kahului residents and a same sex couple, together since 1996. We are both in the Health Care Industry.

We are in strong support of marriage equality for Hawaii. We are reciprocal beneficiaries since 2002.

We are born and raised here and of Hawaiian descent. We give of our time, money and our voices, as members of the Hawaiian Community, as community volunteers, and as community volunteers, and as tax paying, law abiding citizens. Together we have raised a child whose mother married with children and a business owner.

We ask for your support of marriage equality for Hawaii

Respectfully,

Dale Mole

Name (print): Dale M. Mole

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

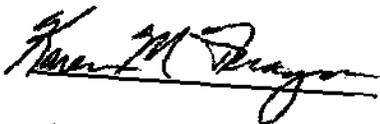
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Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I have been in a committed relationship since 1998 and moved to Maui in 2010 with my partner with the understanding that life here is full of Aloha Spirit for all. Unfortunately, same-sex couples in Hawaii are not fully embraced in our community and we have both experienced discrimination that is very disheartening. As a physician and physical therapist, I provide healing and hope to all of my patients, so the paradox that I do not consistently have that same energy directed toward me is difficult to understand. I remain hopeful that the positive directions I take will eventually be returned 10-fold. I am asking for your help in support

of marriage equality for everyone in Hawaii, embracing the true meaning of Aloha with love for all of our citizens, regardless of their individual preferences.



Karen M. Frangos
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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

My partner of 15 years and I moved out to Maui in 2010 to live out the rest of our lives here in Paradise. We believed that we were moving to a "progressive" state much like Oregon where we came from & hoping some day that we can be treated w/ equality & that Hawaii will allow us to marry here in Hawaii. We ask you to PLEASE consider Marriage Equality AS A BASIC Right to ~~have access~~ ^{allow us Access} to ~~be~~ legally marry & confirm our long time commitment to one another - As we have the full support of both our friends & family to marry.

Respectfully,

We just need your "permission" to make it legal. PLEASE consider this a request for your help to finally make this happen & know that you will gain many more supporters if only


Kim Bauske

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if you represent all of us in your district to help create "fairness" to

the current legal system. You'll gain many more supporters if you

take this stand as we ALL want to

Share in supporting legislators who are all about fairness!!

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am a happily married heterosexual Catholic. I enjoy the freedom to be married to the one I love. I cannot refuse this freedom to any of my brothers and sisters, as a matter of faith.

Who are we to judge that another kind of love, different from our own, is less worthy or less sanct?

Please vote to allow marriage equality for all who choose Love.

Respectfully,

Rita Ryan

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am writing this to you in hopes that you support the right for everyone to marry the person they love. I am a 30 year old lesbian living in Maui with my partner of almost two years. We hope to someday be able to get married and be able to have children and build a worry free family & life. I have been a lesbian all my life and am excited to see this happen. My home state is California & we are ready to join the other states as well. Marriage Equality for all.

Respectfully,

Stefanie B. Hildreth

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

We are Karlen Blaisdell and Dale Mole, Kahului residents and a same sex couple, together since 1996. We are both in the Health Care Industry.

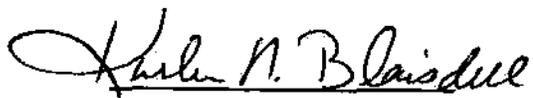
We are in strong support of marriage equality for Hawaii. We are reciprocal beneficiaries since 2002.

Both of us are born and raised here and of Hawaiian descent. We give of our time, our money, and our voices, as members of the Hawaiian ^{BUSINESS} Community, as community volunteers, and as tax-paying, law-abiding citizens.

Together we have raised a child who is married with children and a business owner.

We ask for your support of marriage equality for Hawaii.

Respectfully,



Name (print): Karlen N. Blaisdell

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am an attorney and long time Maui resident.

My partner and I have been together for ten years. We take care of my 85 year old mother and a foster child.

I have served on many boards and commissions and my life has been dedicated to service to my community.

Now I would like to ask, in return, that I be given the same treatment as my fellow citizens.

For me, it is a question of fairness and equal protection under the law. There is no longer any real reason for the state to deny equal access to justice and equal protection of the law. All the reasons are rooted in religion and prejudice. People are entitled to their beliefs but if my partner gets sick, I want to be able to visit him in the hospital and if I die, I want my benefits to flow to him, just like anyone else. Thank you for taking the time to vote for love.

Respectfully,

Kevin Block

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I was in a relationship with a Mexican man for 6 years when we lived together in Minnesota. I would have married him if that was possible. It would have prevented heartache if our marriage could have been recognized by the US Government for legal immigration. Instead, we were traveling together in South Texas when we were forced to stop at an immigration inspection station. They put ~~each~~ each of us in separate jail cells and then shipped my boyfriend back to Mexico permanently that night. Then he got into a bad relationship and caught HIV and AIDS. I continue to visit him.

Respectfully,



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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

My name is Stacey Moniz and I believe in the right to marriage for ALL. I STRONGLY support the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

Hawaii is the Aloha State. It's time. The rest of the community is ready. Let's make life fair for all (liberty & justice for all.)

Thank you for your time and service!

Respectfully,

Stacey Moniz

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

This is an issue of basic fairness, please pass this bill. It will make a positive difference in the lives of families throughout Hawai'i. Mahalo!

Respectfully,

David Raatz

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

my name is Sandra Farmer-Wiley and I live in Kihikihi on the Island of Maui. I share a home with my wife of 36 years. We tried to wait for Hawaii to recognize and offer respect to that commitment. This is your chance to do so.

Our relationship has endured without the support it should have had from the Community Government, and sometime our Faith Community.

We are now Senior Citizens and we're looking forward to being able to age with dignity, not fear.

Respectfully,

Sandra Farmer-Wiley

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

Same gender marriage is a civil issue -
a fairness issue.

Equal is equal. Family is family.

My partner/wife and I have supported
one another thru births, marriages and
deaths for 36 years. We feel that we
have earned the rights and privileges of
all married couples in Hawaii.

Respectfully,

N. Jean Walker

Name (print): N. Jean Walker

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Email address:

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i. !

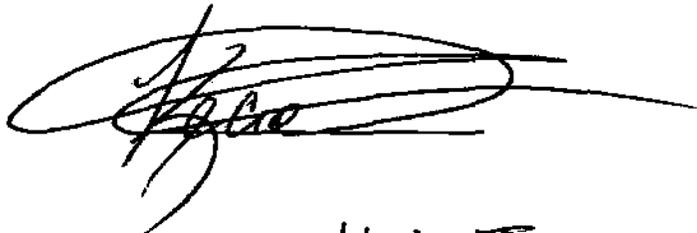
As a person of great faith + strong belief in GOD, I strongly believe in equality for all and I am in favor of any and all Bills that support Equality. It is ~~so~~ simply the right thing to do and it's the right time to do it without fear, we must move forward in our thinking and in our hearts.

I applaud the Senate for making history + taking a bold step forward in passing this bill and I have great hope + faith the House will do the same.

You can + will make a difference by doing the right, fair, + beautiful thing!

With Much Aloha!

Respectfully,



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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i. I am also a strong supporter of family values. Myself and my husband John take very active rolls in helping my handicapped sister both personally & financially. In the past five years we have made 26 trips to Vancouver Washington just to attend to family matters. During these years, my brother & mother passed away. We helped our family get through difficult adjustments ~~through~~ ^{by} counselling, financial assistance, & emotional support.

Respectfully,



Our marriage in California in 2008 changed my life for the better as marriage should. I pray my fellow companions get the same opportunity here in Hawaii

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John Montfort

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i. ~~Some~~ ^{Some} of my REASONS ARE LINKED TO MY BELIEF IN THAT ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE ENTITLED TO THE SAME CIVIL RIGHTS AS ALL OTHER CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF HAWAII + UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. SUPPORTING MARRIAGE EQUALITY WITH YOUR VOTE IS THE POND THING TO DO.

A MORE PERSONAL EXAMPLE OF WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE IN SUPPORT OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY IS BECAUSE OF PEOPLE LIKE MY FRIENDS WHO HAD BEEN ^{IN} A COMMITTED, LOVING AND RESPONSIBLE MONOGAMOUS RELATIONSHIP FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS. NO TWO HUMAN BEINGS COULD HAVE EXEMPLIFIED FAMILY VALUES ^{MORE} THAN THESE TWO MEN. SADLY, ~~AT~~ ^{AFTER} TWO WEEKS ~~AGO~~ ONE OF THE PARTNERS DIED OF CANCER, FOR WHICH HE HAD BEEN CARED FOR AS DEVOTEDLY AS ANY MARRIAGE PARTNER. BUT THEY WERE DENIED THE RIGHT TO CALL EACH OTHER BELOVED SPOUSES.

Respectfully,
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GAIL P. GUARZO
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MAKAWAO, HI 96768

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I recently moved to Maui from California because of how open and loving and accepting the residents were towards everyone, including same sex relationships. In this ^{past} years ~~ago~~ I have purchased a home with the idea of sharing & making a family. So I thank you for hearing the bill that would grant Civil Union to same-sex couples. ~~As~~ As a person of faith I pray & love every single day to ~~marry~~ marry my partner, ~~and start~~ ~~my~~ my ~~family.~~ ~~family.~~ I am in favor of this piece of legislation that would grant the basic rights and responsibilities to committed couples regardless of gender they happen to have fallen in love with. Really... peace & love is the answer to community & world peace ~~and~~ by acceptance of all.

Respectfully,



Name (print): Rebecca Siminon

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I have lived here on Maui for over 10 years and have cultivated a thriving business during this time. I am completely self employed and I pay state taxes on time every month.

I was raised in a religious environment so I understand the opposing side, but believe that this is about basic human rights.

I have been single most of my life but have found the love of my life and want more than anything to just be treated the same as heterosexual couples.

Thank you for doing the right thing!

Respectfully,



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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

My partner & I have lived & worked in Maui for over 20 years. We are self-employed and have paid taxes, both State & Federal and we enjoy what Maui has to offer. During this time on Maui, we have held signs and lobbied to have same-sex marriage available to us. We've been in a committed relationship for 34 years and although we are registered as Domestic Partnership Reciprocity, we do NOT enjoy the over 1,000 benefits that marriage affords heterosexual people. We've waited long enough, 34 years, and now is the time to legalize our committed relationship.

Respectfully,

John M. Maroon

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I have lived on Maui for 23 years and am a Maui Community College graduate. My partner and I have been together for over 24 years. We have been involved in fighting for marriage equality since the early 1990s.

We have experienced hate crimes in the form of property vandalism and verbal/physical threatening experiences due to being a gay couple.

Our friends and family are in full support of our relationship and are awaiting the day that we can be "married" not "same-sex married."

Please support this effort to afford my partner and I access to FEDERAL rights that cannot be attained without "Marriage!"

Respectfully,



Name (print): Paul HARPER-O'Connor

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

My husband and I have been together for sixteen years and married for five years. We were not allowed to live together in the U.S. because DOMA Section 3 defined marriage for federal purposes as only valid between a man and a woman - and I am a UK citizen. The Supreme Court struck down DOMA #3 on 6/26/2013 and within three months I was able to get a Green Card so we could be together. A Civil Partner cannot sponsor a partner for a Green Card and Hawaiians cannot drive somewhere else to marry. Respectfully, Please support this bill.

Respectfully,

Peter

Name (print): PETER JOHN HOWELL

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City: WAILUKU HI 96793

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

My partner and I have lived and worked in Hawaii for 20 plus years. We became reciprocal beneficiaries when that recognition became available. We seek marriage as a ~~means~~^{means} to both protect and honor our commitment to each other. In total we have been together 34 years and yet we both feel vulnerable for our rights concerning inheritance, retirement, and health decisions.

We strongly support marriage equality in Hawaii.

Thanks for reading my letter

Respectfully,

Stew A. Leeper

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

After 12 years together, my partner & I were unmarried in our state just before making the permanent move to this beautiful state when we went to obtain our Hawaii State nurses license. We were told that we were not married here. After years of fighting for the right to call him my husband, he is now less than that.

Thank you for helping make (Hawaii) take the step to equality not only for us, but all of Hawaii's people

Respectfully,

Michael Doney

Name (print): Michael Doney

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am writing in Strong Support of Marriage for Hawai'i. I am 28 yrs old and Born & raised in Maui. I never thought I would be discriminated for loving one another. We are taught to love in all religions. Please hear my plea to remind people to understand something as simple as love is now being denied to a Human. We deserve the same rights. "I thought I was born in the United States of America." I trust you will make the right decision.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Scott Hubbell

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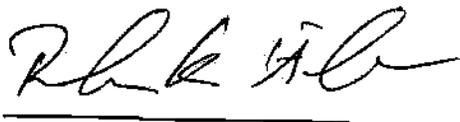
Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

We need to focus on our keiki, they are our future. We remind our children that they are wonderful, beautiful, and that we accept them for who they are. How is this possible when a standard is set for who they are allowed to marry? This movement will help set an example. That you are who you are, and you marry who you love. not who fits the social standard. We are an accepting 'Ohana of Hawai'i Nei.

Respectfully,



Name (print): Radha An

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City: Haiku

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i. As a resident of Maui, I'm seeking your support on passing this bill. I've been in a 13 year committed relationship, and would appreciate one day having the opportunity of marrying my partner and gaining the full rights and recognition as my straight allies.

Respectfully,



Name (print): Kevin Yabes
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Email address: kyabes@hotmail.com

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

My partner & I need the protections & benefits of marriage here in Hawaii in order to secure Federal benefits under the new laws. Our civil union is not enough - Hawaii needs to catch up with the rest of the country & the world. Also, the young people of Today wonder why Hawaii is behind while others are moving ahead. Please pass this new law right away.

Respectfully,

Rob Harper - O'Connor

Name (print): ROBERT JOHN HARPER-O'CONNOR

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roconnorhi@YAHOO.COM

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

It is time.

It is American Liberty.

It is the Aloha Spirit.

It is right for the
economy of Hawaii.

Pass the marriage equality
act!

Makalo.

Respectfully,

Harold Bloomfield

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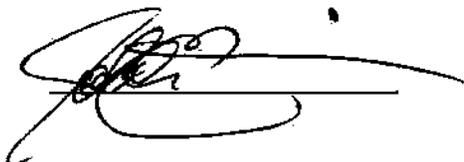
Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

LOVE AND COMMITMENT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED, NOT PUNISHED!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John A. Ervin', written over a horizontal line.

Name (print): JOHN A. ERVIN

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City: Hilo, HI 96720

Email address: johnaervin@yahoo.com

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

LOVE AND EQUALITY IS NOT ABOUT GENDER.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edwin L.P. Miranda". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Name (print): EDWIN L.P. MIRANDA

Street: 341 NAHALEA AVE.

City: HILO

Email address:

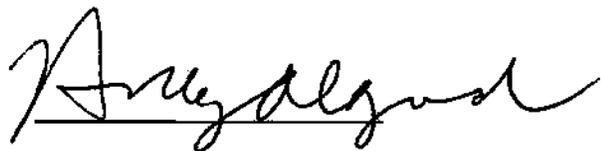
Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

Eila, my wife, and I were married on Salt Spring Island, Canada in 2005. We are distressed that our marriage is still not recognized in Hawaii, the Aloha State. Please remedy this injustice and vote to legalize marriage equality in Hawaii. We deserve a right to happiness.
Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Name (print): Holly Alford

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I have been married for 7 years, yet my marriage is not valid in my home state of Hawaii. It's important to me + my partner + our children to have the legal recognition + benefits as well as the social equality that Marriage Equality provide.

PLEASE pass Marriage Equality

Mahalo -

Respectfully,



Name (print): EILA ALGOOD
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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I HAVE BUILT A WONDERFUL AND LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH MY PARTNER/HUSBAND (WE MARRIED IN CA. THIS SUMMER) OF 17 YEARS. WE ARE LAW ABIDING, HARD WORKING TAX PAYING CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AND DESERVE EQUAL TREATMENT IN ALL AREAS OF OUR LIVES. PLEASE FIND IT IN YOUR HEART TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT BILL.

Respectfully,

Kevin M. Cawley

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I have known I was gay since age 5! My parents made it very clear to me that if I expected to be a doctor, I could not be "different". But I quickly learned that there is so much more Sameness than difference. I also realized that living an incongruent life was very unhealthy. To the point! The time has come for equality for all Americans. Please remember that slavery used to be a "tradition" - and note that divorce is more common in "red states than blue"! Please - let all of us share our joy, love and commitment.

Respectfully,

Shay Bintliff

Please ignore the lies + hate - Grant us marriage equality - it will only strengthen our families!

Name (print): SHAY BINTLIFF, MD

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

My partner of 25 years, the love of my life, died 2 weeks before we were finally given the right to marry in California. It would have made her + our families + colleagues so happy.

I have been blessed to find another love of my life + we moved to Hawaii because of its accepting + diverse culture + beauty. Please don't let our chance to marry and be citizens of a Hawaii that continues to be open + accepting, not be a reality before we no longer have the chance.

Respectfully,
Sandra I. Springs

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

It is time for Hawaii to support its **LEBT** citizens & children as much as every other person in this beautiful state. It is not about religious beliefs, ~~IT~~ IT IS about equality & fairness. ~~absolutely~~

Respectfully,

Frankie Pang

Name (print): Frankie Pang
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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

The state of Hawaii should be allowed to provide a license to marry to people who love each other and are willing to commit to each other their support and care for a lifetime.

Marriage provides a strong safety net and benefits that single persons do not enjoy. The benefits of marriage provided by both state and federal laws helps to prevent poverty and to reduce ^{the need for} government welfare support.

Please you for marriage equality

Respectfully,



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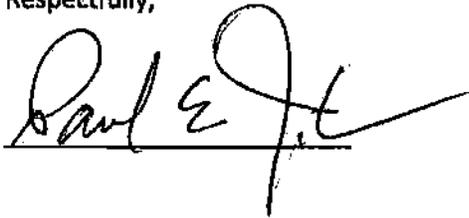
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Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

It is clear that this is the civil rights issue of the first part of the 21st century. Gay and lesbian people are entitled to same rights and responsibilities as opposite-gender couples. Please vote courageously for marriage equality and commit Hawaii to stand with other states that have passed similar legislation - because this is the future, and because it is the right and just thing to do!

Respectfully,



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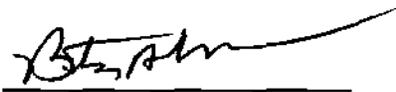
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Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I have never been married nor do I anticipate ever being married. However, I, along with every other individual, should be able to marry whomever they wish regardless of gender, race, religion, etc. As a graduate of law school, I firmly believe that both the U.S. and Hawaii constitutions should and must treat all persons equally. Please vote yes.

Respectfully,



Name (print): Betsy A Sanderson
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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I urge you to support legislation allowing gay marriage in Hawaii. Our community, state and country have evolved on this issue and understand that it is time to extend these civil rights to gay people.

When my lesbian friends in Massachusetts were married 9 years ago, their 4 children gained a sense of legitimacy that my daughter always had.

Respectfully,

Kathryn G. Rawle

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City: Kaneohe

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

A good understanding of the meaning of marriage from a spiritual point of view needs to be expressed and supported. The marriage forms a balance of two people. In the past, from a procreation point of view, the marriage was meant to legalize sexual union. A deeper meaning ~~is~~ to form a bond where two people can grow spiritually by befriending and support each other. May the laws make this so

Respectfully,



Name (print): RONALD L. THIEL

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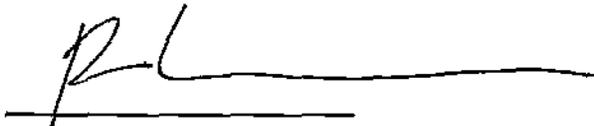
Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

THE HAWAIIAN TRADITION OF ACCEPTANCE
OF LIFE AS IT IS APPLIED TO ALL OF US.
HAWAII CELEBRATES DIFFERENCES.
WE ARE COMMITTED TO FAIRNESS TO ALL
OF THE MANY STATES ⁽¹³⁾ WHERE MARRIAGE
EQUALITY IS LAW, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE
THAT MARRIAGES BETWEEN MEN, OR
BETWEEN WOMEN, HAS HARMED THE
INSTITUTION.

Respectfully,



Name (print): R HEADY LEE
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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

As a young representative, I support Marriage equality. I will be voting next year. Coming from a bi-curious perspective, it does not make sense to me that if I turn out to be a bisexual, I will not have the same rights as my parents have. When I look at both homosexual, and straight marriages, I see ² people in love. If marriage is about long term love between two people, and no matter what gender loves what gender, they all want long term love. Thus they should all have marriage rights.

Respectfully,

Lawrence Derbes III

Name (print): Larry Derbes III

Street:

City: ~~H~~ Kamuela

Email address:

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i. As a physician I understand that all of us - everybody - deserve our respect. This should extend to all areas of the law. Our current system, however, creates differences based on sexual preference. The current bill addresses this in a way that is acceptable to the majority of Hawaii's residents. The time is now to address this issue. The way we treat marginalized segments of our society will define our generation. You will be proud that you have supported this bill.

Respectfully,



Name (print): LAWRENCE J. DERBES JR. MD, FACC

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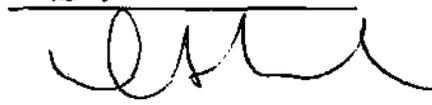
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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

Respectfully,

David McCollough + John Roth
 

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10/20/13 (Sunday)

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

I, Maile Napoleon (Kaku) support marriage equality here in Hawai'i, Island wide, we are all one.
Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

Yes, please add me to the list of marriage equality, for all concerned, for I believe that everyone of us are equal + in a place to decide that whoever wants to be married with all the rights - that others have - so as a minister for 22 years, here in the Island of Oahu & now Hawai'i & Colorado - I highly feel that "we," "they," "us," are & should be given our Human Rights & treated as so - I have relatives that are looking for marriage equality -

Respectfully, & the peace of mind of being treated as so - Respectfully, Rev. Maile

Maile Spencer Napoleon (Spencer) Napoleon

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I would like to thank you for being a part of this, and making the decision that will shape the history of civil rights in Hawaii for years to come. As a young voter, I have only recently become aware of and involved in legislative issues. However, this is one that is very important to me and close to my heart. My cousin, one of my best friends, lives in Honolulu with her girlfriend. Though I don't think they will be getting married any time soon, if and when she wants to commit her life to another woman whom she deeply loves, I want that to be her legal right. If it is not, when the time comes, I worry that she (and many other bright young gay people) will flee Hawaii for a place that is more egalitarian and welcoming. As a result, we could develop a reputation for prejudice and become a less appealing place to visit and live.

Respectfully,

Sachi Ainge

Name (print): Sachi Ainge
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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am a healthcare provider here in Waimea on the Big Island.

I see a direct correlation of overall health in the community with happiness. Happiness that comes from every dynamic of life. One particularly ^{imp.} is marriage. I feel strongly that one should be able to choose

whomever will make them happiest as a spouse, ^{regardless of gender.} Let's ensure a

Respectfully,

 happy and ~~healthier~~ society! community

Name (print): Leesa Miyasato DDS

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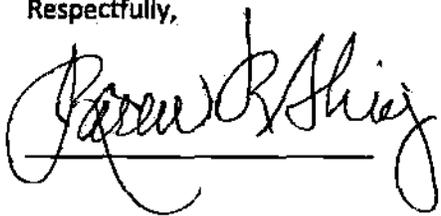
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Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

my name is Karen Shiomi and I live at
1228 Honua Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
I am a retired probation officer in
support of marriage equality for gay and
lesbian couples. I believe that all couples
in Hawaii should be able to marry the
person they love. Thank you.

Respectfully,



Name (print): KAREN R. SHIOMI

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Email address:

bkshiomi@hawaianet.net

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

As a gay man, I feel that marriage equality will be very valuable also in ways of giving gay people a way of ~~the~~ building greater self esteem and may eventually lessen the Bully that does go on in our society.

Thank you so very much for your efforts in this endeavor.

Respectfully,

Arthur W. Smith

Name (print): ARTHUR W SMITH

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City: KEA'AU HI 96749

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I live in Hakalau Hawaii and I am a retired Army Colonel. I am so proud that the military has recognized gay marriage. So that now my partner can now have my military benefits if Hawaii will recognize gay marriage. It is very important to use to receive these benefits, but he cannot unless Hawaii recognizes our marriage. I served in Vietnam and have served as Chief Mineral Resources division for California State lands. It is time that I get recognized as equal to any heterosexual and receive the benefits that my fellow soldiers receive.

Respectfully,

Name (print): Paul B. MOUNT II, COL, USAR, RET

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City: HAKALAU, HI 96710

Email address: hipaulz@YANCOO.COM

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

Hello -

I am a faculty/staff member at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. It is hard to get Domestic Partner Benefits and after a long road of questioning and discrimination I finally got the rights I deserve. There are many "OUT" LGBTQ faculty/staff. In fact, I am the ~~only~~ only one who openly identifies as ^{queer} AUH-Hilo. Please vote Yes on LGBTQ Marriage.

Respectfully,



Name (print): Hannah Wu

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I have had a long life as a lesbian. I have witnessed sorrowful mental hospitalization, life altering attacks, and all prejudice for almost 50 years.

I am very close now to marrying the woman I love. My email says it all ~~walk in sunshine~~ ~~can~~
I thank you for your support

Respectfully,

Debra Mingo

Name (print):

Debra Mingo

Street:

N.P.O. Ben St

City:

Naalehu, HI

Email address:

above

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am writing in support of same sex marriage
you should be able to marry the person you
love I wouldn't deny anyone of this right

Respectfully,

David W Honser

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davidcor111@aol.com

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am a retired RN and my partner of 15 yrs is a retired Engineer. We are domestic partners but wish to marry in Hawaii.

Please know that "yes" vote will prove another landmark in civil rights & equality and will send a message that Hawaii embraces & welcomes all people, including gay & lesbian brothers & sisters.

We ask for your support of marriage equality.

Thank you

Respectfully,

John R Cook

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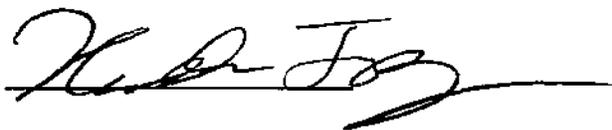
Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am a UH Hilo College student. I am the ~~the~~ PRIDE Hilo student club at UHH that interacts within the LGBT community. While I do not have a partner, it would mean a lot to me that when I am ready to get married, I actually have the right to marry my same sex partner. So please vote "yes" on this legislation.

Respectfully,



Name (print): Hannah Flanery

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

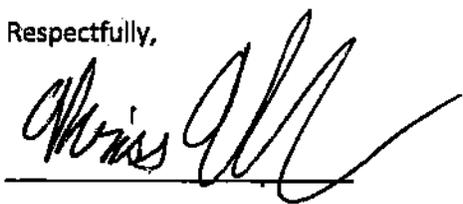
Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am a transgender student at UH Hilo who feels that now is the time to stand on the right side of history. The LGBT* community and their issues and struggles remain unpronounced in mainstream Hawaiian culture and I ~~more~~ refuse to stand-by silently during this time of change. I would greatly appreciate your support on this momentous moment for marriage equality, as would UH Hilo as a whole and the rest of the Hawaii island community.

Mahalo!

Respectfully,



Name (print): Kris Millner

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Email address: KMillner@hawaii.edu

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

For in the same way
you judge others, you will
be judged and with the
measure you use, it will
be measured to you.

Matthew 7:2

Respectfully,

Danielle Marrufo

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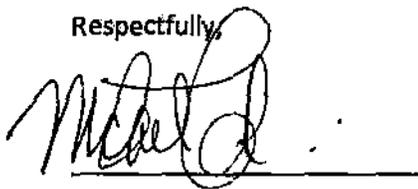
Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I believe I should be able to marry the person whom I love & wish to spend the rest of my life with. Please do not deny me of this basic of rights.

Respectfully,



Name (print): Michael Carlin

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

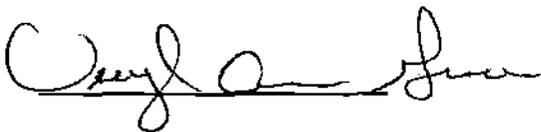
Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am a straight woman who will be celebrating fifty years of marriage with the same man next June. It hurts me that my gay and lesbian friends are currently denied the opportunity to reach this kind of life milestone. Because of my marriage, I am granted certain civil and tax rights that gay & lesbian couples do not have. These rights should be universal. It is not appropriate for citizens to be discriminated against because of who they are.

I therefore ask that you consider what is right for the people of our state and for the children who will grow up in this state and vote in favor of passage of the marriage equality bill.

Respectfully,



Name (print): VERYL Ann GRACE

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

Under the U.S. Constitution, all
citizens enjoy equal protection under the
law. Simple. No morality, no accusations,
no shame. Equality for all.

What people do in the privacy of their
homes is none of my concern.

Now!

Thank you. Mahalo mei.

Respectfully,

Kate P Boyd

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Kathleenbyd@yahoo.com

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

Aloha, My name is Krysanne Rodriguez. I am from Indianapolis, Indiana. I moved here to Hilo for college, I attend University of Hawaii at Hilo for Hawaiian Studies and Marine Science. I heard about the same sex Bill through PRIDE Hilo group at my University. I myself am bisexual and I support the same sex Bill. I believe everyone should have the right to marry who they love.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

Krysanne Rodriguez

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I AM A PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. WE STRIVE TO CREATE
A PLACE OF LEARNING THAT IS SAFE FOR ALL. IF NOT
ALL STUDENTS ARE NOT EQUAL IN THE EYE OF THE STATE LAW,
HOW COULD WE PRETEND WE ~~SUPPORT~~ PROVIDE EDUCATION
DEEPLY-ROOTED IN THE STATE OF ALOHA, STATE OF DIVERSITY?
WEANNOOT

Respectfully,



Name (print): MISAKI TAKABAYASHI

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am a business owner in Hilo and strongly support Marriage Equality here in Hawaii. It is unbelievable and unimaginable that we have not yet passed legislation for same-sex marriage. It is high time for all gay people to afford the same rights as heterosexuals.

Respectfully,



Name (print): Roanne Nip Kaopua
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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

We are Deborah + Tanya Beirne, We are residents + homeowners and a same-sex couple, together since 2008. I am a Educational Specialist for the Biology Department at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Tanya owns her own Lawn and ~~Landscaping~~ Landscaping Business. We stand in Support of SB232. We have three children who are loving in support of their mothers. We are honored and moved to be a part of this important discussion, and sincerely thank you for hearing these testimonies. today and for your consideration of the bill. We work, worship and play here, and we, our families, our friends and our co-workers and our community wish for us to be recognized as equal, and have our relationship recognized as a legal civil union. We are law-abiding tax-paying citizens. We ask for your on

Respectfully,

SB 232. It is the right thing to do. Thank you for your consideration that would be a positive impact in many lives,

Deborah + Tanya Beirne

Name (print): Deborah + Tanya Beirne

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

My Name is Danielle Lohi Himmelsbach, I was born and raised on the big Island of Hawai'i. Hawai'i is known as the "Aloha" state, Aloha means love. I believe that everyone should be free to fall in love with any person, regardless of gender, race, religion, etc... When two people are in love and decide they want to spend the rest of their lives together, they should have the right of marriage. IT'S not "Gay Marriage" it's just Marriage. Everyone Everywhere deserves equal rights. Gay rights are civil rights. Hawai'i's laws should reflect the Aloha spirit!

Respectfully,

Danielle Himmelsbach

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I moved to Hilo ten years ago from San Francisco. Growing up & living in a prominently gay community gave me the opportunity to get to know and love many people from all walks of life who were members of the LGBT community. They are my best friends, my love. I do not understand how anyone can be denied their fundamental human rights. This is a land of Aloha — open and accepting love.

Respectfully,

Cassandra Clark

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

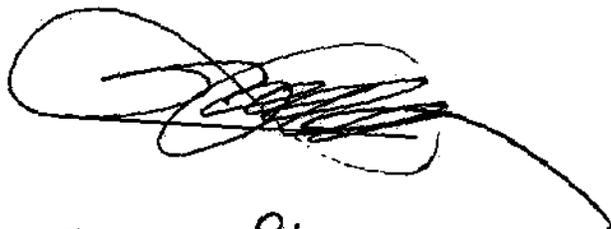
I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

As a fifth generation Kama'aine in Honolulu I am asking for your support in passing this basic civil rights bill. Doing what is Pono is especially important for the keiki.

I personally know of many same sex couples raising keiki in Hawaii.

It's only a matter of time. Other states and Countries have already made this basic right clear & right.

Respectfully,



Name (print): Sharon Au, Principal Broker/Owner Properties of the Pacific
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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am a heterosexual woman very happily married to a wonderful man for the past 24 years. We are the parents of a daughter. I strongly feel that all people should have access to the same legal protections and supports that my family has been able to take for granted. My gay and lesbian

friends, however, have to date not had those protections and supports.

I urge you to pass marriage equality for Hawai'i!

Respectfully,



Name (print): Amy C. Gregg
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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am a licensed minister who has called Hilo my home for the past 35 years. I am married to a wonderful man, and we both hope that others of either gender will be free to find in marriage the love and support we have known in this union. Love and devotion know no gender preference. Please, take a stand and vote to legalize marriage for all. Pass this bill that celebrates inclusion and equality. Politicians of quality are not threatened by bills for equality.

Respectfully,



Name (print):

Jeri Gertz

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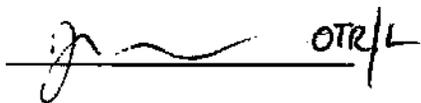
Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

As a resident of Hilo, Hawai'i, I have been saddened by recent demonstrations against marriage equality. I am married, and it pains me that our beautiful state has not yet recognized the right of all citizens to partner with aloha, regardless of gender, ~~to~~ to deprive human beings of this intrinsic right is fundamentally wrong. History has shown time and again that we are moving towards a more inclusive world - that the spirit of aloha itself is reflected in just equity for everyone. Please choose the pono way of being for all citizens. Mahalo for your support of marriage equality.

Respectfully,

 OTR/L

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am a gay man and have been a resident of Hilo since 1997. I vote in every election on every issue.

This issue is like no other in my entire life. Currently, I do not enjoy the same rights as my friends who are able to marry. I want those rights and privileges.

I want to be a whole citizen.

Respectfully,



Name (print): Jacob R. McPherson

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

My name is Ka'imipono Kajiyama and I live in Hilo at the University Palms.

I support marriage equality for gay & lesbian couples. I am a member of the LGBT community. For me, this issue shouldn't even be a question. I believe in equality for everyone. Social change movements have helped to address sexism & give women rights, abolish slavery and the discrimination of colored people. I feel if these huge issues at their times could be changed for equality, so can LGBT civil rights. I thank you for reading.

Respectfully,



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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

AS A RECENT ADDITION TO HAWAII, I WOULD
REQUEST TO HAVE THE ALOHA SPIRIT THAT
PERVADES OUR STATE. THIS SPIRIT INCLUDES
ACCEPTANCE FOR EVERYONE. AS A CHURCH
GOER, I BELIEVE THAT ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS
ARE IN THE BILL AS WRITTEN TO GUARANTEE
RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS, WHICH STILL ALLOWING
THOSE WHO LOVE EACH OTHER THE SAME
EQUAL PROTECTION AS THE REST OF THE
RESIDENTS

Respectfully,

David A. Heilemann

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Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in **strong support** of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

I am a heterosexual, resident of Hilo. I have been the victim of assaults on my civil rights (illegal abortion, violation of privacy by medical profession, kidnapping & attempted rape) so I am well aware of the terrible & unnecessary toll it takes on a human being. I consider myself a contributing citizen with valuable gifts to share if I feel safe & accepted by my community. The same is true for my gay & lesbian brothers & sisters.

Respectfully,

Lea Cooper

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City: HILO

Email address: leacandycooper@yahoo.com

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Hello Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawai'i.

As a mental health professional, I am familiar with the stress that can come to a person who is denied the choice to marry the person they love. The stigma of being viewed as less-than socially can lead to problems of low self esteem and depression.

On a personal level, I am a lesbian in a committed relationship. My domestic partner and I are engaged to be married, and plan to do so before the year is out. If marriage equality does not pass here in Hawaii we will have to travel to California at great expense in order to do so, effectively losing the supportive presence of most of our friends and family at this important event.

Please support our right to marry here in Hawaii as so many other states and the Federal government have already done. Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

**Laura Acevedo MA LMHC
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Papaikou, Hawaii
laurawamheart@yahoo.com**

Re: Testimony in support of marriage equality

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawaii. I believe that all loving and committed couples should be treated with the same dignity and respect. I am gay and I want to make a lifetime commitment to the person whom I love.

I am also a Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) (retired) of the Hawaii Army National Guard. I have done two tours to Afghanistan and one tour to Kuwait. As a proud former gay member of the Armed Forces and current resident of Honolulu, I am honored and moved to be a part of this important discussion. Thank you for hearing these testimonies today and for your consideration of the bill.

Respectfully,

Frank P. Belen, Jr.
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Aloha Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express **STRONG SUPPORT FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY FOR HAWAII**.
This is one of the most important issues that we need to pass.

I am very proud to be a resident of Hawai'i, and I do many things to serve this beautiful state.

Marriage Equality will help increase social freedom for residents of our state. I am an ordained minister & chaplain, & as a person of faith I live by a philosophy of lovingkindness & charity. I believe in Marriage Equality because it will allow people to love & marry each other regardless of gender. All committed couples deserve the same basic rights & responsibilities. It will also allow individuals who are committed to each other to visit each other in the hospital when sick without restriction & give them other rights related to ownership, inheritance, & so on.

Marriage Equality will help gay/lesbian people to have improved mental health. I know so many gay/lesbian people here, & I have seen them suffer unnecessarily as a result of the current state of inequality. As a mental health professional, every day I witness the psychological harm that is done via reduced human rights as well as from bullying and harassment that results from a community that does not view gay/lesbian people as equal. As a result of being discriminated against, many gay/lesbian people suffer from more depression, suicidal thoughts, and anxiety than the average population. I have witness teenagers and adults commit suicide due to being discriminated against for being gay or lesbian. It is a tragedy that is totally unnecessary and preventable. **Marriage equality would help reduce bullying against glbt people over time.**

Marriage Equality will bring economic benefits and increased revenue to our state.

Other states who have passed marriage equality have seen increased spending by gay/lesbian families & friends on wedding parties, events & services. People love to get married in Hawaii, & this will allow couples from all over the world to come here & get married.

Marriage Equality will teach our keiki about equality and to treat others with respect and not based on discrimination.

Marriage Equality will prove another landmark in civil rights and equality for our state and it will place us nationwide among the states who are now choosing equal rights for committed couples. We would be VERY PROUD of this.

Marriage Equality in Hawaii would not reduce or negatively affect religious communities' right to deny couples access to weddings or other events in their facilities, if they do not support this. Churches practices would not be negatively affected in any way.

Mahalo nui loa for considering passing marriage equality for all couples of our beautiful land,
Rev. Heather Havey
Honolulu, HI

My name is Ernestine Belaski and I am in support of Marriage Equality.

I was a single parent of two working three jobs to support my two children. That's when I met my partner, Maricor Roman. We were both working at Ross and started a friendship that turned into a special relationship. She allowed me to quit two of my jobs and continue my education while supporting both of my children. In 2009, just a year and a half after we met, my son was ill and was in ICU for 8 weeks. She stood by us even when she could have ran the other way. We got through it and wanted to take our relationship to the next level but couldn't.

On June 5, 2013 my Children's father passed away and left behind three children ages 5, 7 and 12. Without hesitation, we took them in and are now raising them on our own. See, they lost their mom three years before their dad and was never close to any other family but us.

They have been through a lot and don't have a lot of trust but if we were able to get married then that would help them to understand that we love each other so much that we would always be together to take care of them as a couple.

Please pass marriage equality so families like us have equal rights for our children.

Thank you for your support

Ernestine L. Belaski-41

Maricor Roman-36

Jamal-Shamon Outlaw-20

Asia-Zhane Outlaw-19

Je'sha-Ariana Outlaw-Pila-12

Chad-Alexander Pila-7

Passion-Ayana Outlaw-Pila-5

In 42 years of life together, John and I have never been held as equal; never had legal security; never able to file joint taxes; are denied nearly 1,400 financial & social benefits of marriage. At the end of life, we have no guarantees we will be able to take care of the one we love, without the state or long-lost relatives taking everything we have built together.

We are the target of a religious ad in the Maui News saying that we are only second class citizens. "YOU are not good enough...that YOU do not deserve the same rights as all other Hawaii residents." It is nothing new -- we see hate constantly. It hurts deeply -- especially to see it from fellow Mauians.

10 years ago, the Massachusetts legalized marriage in that state. None of the bigots' dire predictions turned out to be true. Now a whopping 85% of voters say it's either had a positive or no any impact on their lives. Even among Republicans 66% say it hasn't negatively affected them.

And remember how it was supposed to destroy straight marriages? *Massachusetts has the lowest divorce rate in the country.* "The family" hasn't fallen apart or been destroyed in the least. Incest and polygamy have not been legalized. Marriage equality is a resounding success.

Why is it acceptable to attack and deny your neighbors, members of your own congregations? Why deny equality to members of your family: your sisters & brothers, mothers & fathers, sons & daughters, grandchildren, nieces & nephews?

We are your friends, your coworkers, business owners, run resorts, are civic leaders, teachers, doctors, lawyers. You have known most of us for many years and we have prospered together to make Maui the #1 paradise it is. We are part of Maui's creative soul - the *aina* of Maui: artists, designers, architects, singers in your church choirs; we are actors, theater & filmmakers, writers, producers. We take care of you, your children, your aunts & uncles. We care for Maui & Hawaii -- the *aina* -- deeply as we strive together make our home truly the *Aloha State*.

To deny marriage equality now will continue to make us second-class. It is not fair. It is not just. *The Supreme Court has said at least 19 times that to treat any minority group as not equal, is unconstitutional.* This is a civil issue. The Court described the right to marriage as "one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free men;" a "basic civil right;" a component of the constitutional rights to liberty, privacy, association, and intimate choice; an expression of emotional support and public commitment; the exercise of spiritual unity; and a fulfillment of one's self.

In short, in the words of the highest court in the land, *marriage is "the most important relation in life," and "of fundamental importance for all individuals."*

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY
ALOHA MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY AND LABOR,

I AM WRITING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
MARRIAGE EQUALITY FOR HAWAII.

MY NAME IS SHEENA L. SHOOK AND I RESIDE
IN HONOLULU. MY GIRLFRIEND AND I HAVE BEEN
TOGETHER FOR NEARLY SIX YEARS. IT HAS BEEN
DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF
SOCIETY WITHOUT THE SAME LEGAL STATUS
AFFORDED TO MARRIED COUPLES. OUR DAUGHTER
IS CURRENTLY ONLY LEGALLY ADOPTED BY
MY GIRLFRIEND. IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN
I FALL TO THE BOTTOM OF A LIST OF
POSSIBLE GUARDIANS FOR MY OWN CHILD.
WE WOULD HAVE TO PAY SEVERAL THOUSAND
DOLLARS TO ESTABLISH ME AS NEXT OF KIN
FROM A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE (THROUGH AN END OF
LIFE PLAN FOR MY GIRLFRIEND) WHEN A
LEGAL MARRIAGE WOULD AFFORD ME THAT
RIGHT.

PLEASE SEE TO IT THAT THIS BILL
PASSES AND THAT MARRIAGE EQUALITY
IS ESTABLISHED FOR ALL THOSE SEEKING
IT.

SINCERELY,

SHEENA SHOOK

HONOLULU, HI 96813

STREET ADDRESS: 318 PUNA LN, #B

I strongly support Marriage Equality.

I never thought I would have the opportunity to refer to Gerald (my love of 42 years) as my 'husband'. It is such a remarkable term. It speaks of longevity, trust, attraction and the social & intellectual pairing of human beings.

There have been so many times during the last 42 years, where being able to marry and use the term 'husband' to explicitly convey our relationship, would have been both appropriate and better for me and to whomever I was speaking. Those missed opportunities began early in our lives.

First, we grew up as teenagers in the Sixties, where the subject of homosexuality was never discussed. We never had any grownup icons to tell us our gay feelings were natural and okay. There was no internet. Any information about being gay was almost non-existent. It was only spoken about in the negative.

We met in the Seventies, where homosexuality had not progressed much from our adolescent years. Gerald and I clung together with the strength of our personal pairing commitment. We were "in the closet" socially.

In the Eighties, being gay became a national news story. We participated in the first Pride parade in West Hollywood. I will never forget the feelings Gerald and I had while holding hands (which we never had done in public) and beginning our walk toward the event while passing a mounted policeman with him greeting us and smiling welcomingly. We had never had such a better self-esteem building day. It still affects us today and still leaves us wanting that feeling again.

In the Nineties, we decided to improve our quality of life, so we came to Hawaii, specifically, Maui. We were pleased with overall community acceptance of our pairing, but I still could not call Gerald my 'husband'.

In the Two Thousands, we had a glimmer of hope for marriage equality in Hawaii. But that got sabotaged. We were very hurt by Hawaii's retreat on Marriage Equality. We had been waiting a long time.

In the Twenty Tens, We had a civil partnership ceremony on our 40 anniversary. We have never enjoyed the benefits of what a marriage brings. And still now, I cannot call Gerald my 'husband'.

I urge you to allow Marriage Equality. It's only fair. I want to say 'husband'.

John Ashton Westerberg
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IN SUPPORT OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for Hawaii.

As a retired lieutenant colonel in the US Air Force, I served my country and my Constitution for 20 years. But I am now legally a second class citizen, since the woman I love and asked to marry me happened to have been born genetically male.

Please take strong action to undo this injustice and pass marriage equality in Hawaii so that we can live our lives together in full equality under the law.

Thank you for your consideration,

Christopher Finta
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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

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

I am writing in UTTER support of SB 1.

Funny, I have written, and called, and emailed so many members of the legislature and only one has actually contacted me: My Representative Mark Takai, who I so proudly stand beside for acknowledging that love is love, no different for gay couples than for anyone else.

Whatever a bishop, a pastor, or lawyer may profess, I view this moment as the beginning of a greater humanity, of unions guided by each individual's understanding of their higher power- which leads to justice. Justice for all.

For truly, I think the "Marriage Equality" bill will become an Act of basic, decent, humane rights. Humane to gay partners with young children (dearest friends of mine) who desperately need their social security to go to the support of their family due to dire illness. This basic right they have earned. So are the 1138 other federal benefits they cannot collect without marriage.

Why is their loving family so different? Why am my partner and I that, too? Why can't I even hold her hand in public without feeling uncomfortable, without feeling comforted?

I recently read a commentary in the paper by Sister Joan Chatfield, a devout Catholic who said, "We are all created equal in God's eyes; the love we commit to one another should be equal in our laws as well." She cited the golden rules, "Love thy neighbor. Judge not lest you be judged. Do unto others as you would wish done unto you." And then she said these words again, "Love is love." Funny, how sad I felt reading such a kind response to the turmoil confronting same sex marriage.

Maybe my partner and I are different. Maybe we are some *other*. 30 years ago, I felt that profoundly. Today, I feel this:

Sometimes, it's those things we least understand that deserve our deepest trust. Isn't that what love and wonder tell us, too? – Pyco Iyer *Sometimes it is those things.*

Thank you, Chairman Hee, and those on your committee, for inspiring me to write my clearest view of SB 1.
Sherrie Sato

TO: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Hee, Chair; Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

HEARING DATE & TIME: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Auditorium, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1 – EQUAL RIGHTS

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

I am writing in **strong support of SB 1** for marriage equality in Hawai'i.

My name is Geoffrey Chung, and I was born and raised in Hawaii. I have been together with my partner, Doug, for eight years and together, we share co-parenting responsibilities for our eighteen year-old daughter. The stress of not being recognized as a family, created in large part by legal inequities for gay/lesbian families, cannot be understated.

The U. S. Supreme Court struck down DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act) which allows married, same-sex couples in those states that have marriage equality to obtain the federal marriage benefits (over 1000) that are already granted to opposite sex married couples. Married same-sex couples in the military already receive the federal benefits of marriage, which is significant in Hawai'i given its many military installations throughout the state. I, myself, work for the federal government, an organization that now views Doug as my legally-recognized "married" partner. As such, it is time for Hawaii to offer parity for the recognition, rights, benefits, and entitlements now offered by the federal government.

Hawai'i has been on the forefront of civil rights in the United States including the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, nondiscrimination clauses for employment, public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, and Civil Unions. Now is the time for Hawai'i to pass the marriage equality bill granting marriage rights to same-sex couples.

Thank you for your consideration of this Bill. I appeal to your sense of justice, and ask that you please support passage of SB 1.

Respectfully,

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Testimony in support of marriage equality.

Aloha Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,
I am writing in strong support of marriage equality for
Hawaii.

As a citizen of Hawaii for almost forty-two years I
have looked forward to the day when lesbian and gay
people could "tie the knot, and be not only understood,
but be fully qualified by law to receive all the
benefits of married love.

I am currently a member of the Gay Men's Chorus
of Honolulu. One of our members, Ed, age 23, is in
the US Army and was stationed with his male partner,
John, there. Tragically his dearest was killed by
an IED. His commander sent him home to mourn.

He met John when they were only fourteen. Together
they prospered and in the last decade had a son via
surrogate mother, then placing the child with Ed's
brother. They both joined the Army and was stationed
together in Afghanistan.

In mid September Ed was sent again to Afghanistan. He
e-mailed members of G.M.C.H with the thought: "For those I
love and care about, I will sacrifice."

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