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Mahalo,



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Hearing Date & Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10 am

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City, State: Honolulu, HI

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From: Jackie Young

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance,

I am writing in strong support of SB1

Some of you may know me as a former representative and vice-speaker of the House from 1990-94. One of the reasons I left was because of the issue of same-sex marriage. In 1993 and 1994 there were fierce debates and public meetings on this issue.

A friend, Alison Adams, was dying of breast cancer at Queen's Hospital. Alison was a psychology professor at UH who was in her second year of law school. Her partner Beth Byerly would walk back and forth from the Capitol to Alison's hospital room so Alison could look over the latest draft of legislation we were crafting. Her consistent answer: "It's not fair." During a hearing at Mabel Symth Auditorium Alison sent someone to read her testimony. She died a few months later.

When the time came to vote for the legislation I couldn't be "loyal" to the leadership team and instead, voted my "conscience"—I voted for fairness and equality.

Some people have been saying, "Let the people decide." The people did decide 15 years ago.

In 1998, I led the Protect Our Constitution Campaign arguing against a constitutional amendment that would violate our equal protection laws. We lost. The people gave the Legislature the power to define our marriage laws.

It was incredibly disheartening. We didn't realize at the time that it would be the beginning of a national movement to right a wrong.

As Republican attorney Ted Olson wrote: "Same sex unions promote the values conservatives prize. Marriage is one of the building blocks of our neighborhoods and our nation. At its best, it is a stable bond between two individuals who work to create a loving household and a social and economic partnership....It transforms two individuals into a union based on shared aspirations, and in doing so establishes a formal investment in the well-being of society."

A little of my history: I am of the generation that witnessed Pearl Harbor being attacked. I am of the generation that saw Japanese-Americans sent away to be interned during WW II. I am of the generation that lived in Wahiawa and saw Italian prisoners of war on farms outside of Wahiawa that are now Leilehua Golf Course. I attended Punahou School, which, until the 1960s had a 10% acceptance quota on Asians. This was a time when the Outrigger Club and the Pacific Club were off limits to Asians as was purchasing homes in affluent neighborhoods.

In 1954 I told my parents I wanted to marry Harry, my University of Hawaii College classmate. My parents cried, my grandparents cried, my aunts cried. Harry was not Korean (I'm "pure Korean"). In fact, he was not even Asian. Worse yet, he was "mixed" being of Hawaiian, Chinese, Portuguese, German and English background. On top of that he was from Maui.

We have four beautiful children. Two of them attended Kamehameha Schools, which was founded by a couple in a mixed marriage: Bernice Pauahi and Charles Reed Bishop.

In 1961 lived in Berlin, Germany with my husband who was the military police officer in charge of Checkpoint Charlie when the Berlin Wall went UP.

In 1962 we were driving to our new assignment in Augusta, Georgia. We were stopped at the Georgia state line. The issue was miscegenation—it was illegal in Georgia to be in a mixed marriage. But because we had Hawaii state IDs my husband and I were called "Hawaiians" and were considered ok. Our Japanese American colleague—a captain—was taken to the police station with his blond wife. Their commander had to vouch for them. He later became a general.

In 1964, while still living in Georgia, we heard about a case that would change history. A mixed race couple, Mildred and Richard Loving, asked ACLU to help them because they wanted the freedom to visit their friends and family in Virginia without being arrested. In 1959, the Lovings had police burst into their bedroom in the middle of the night, intent on catching them having sex—which was illegal in Virginia between mixed couples. Instead the police found them sleeping. Nevertheless, they were sentenced to a year in prison if they remained in Virginia. They moved away.

The result was the Loving v. Virginia case which in 1967 struck down the miscegenation law.

In 2007, Mildred Jeter Loving, a woman of African-American and Native American Descent spoke out on the 40th Anniversary of Loving v. Virginia about marriage equality.

Mildred said, "I am proud that Richard's and my name is on a court case that can help reinforce the love, the commitment, the fairness and the family that so many people, black or white, young or old, gay or straight, seek in life. I support the freedom to marry for all. That's what Loving, and loving, are all about."

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Heidi Ervin

City, State:

4th 662 ahui manana

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**OPPOSITION TESTIMONY
SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY
HOUSE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND JUDICIARY**

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October 30, 2013

**Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair Committee on Judiciary
Honorable Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair on Judiciary
Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair Committee on Finance
Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair on Finance
Honorable Aaron Ling Johnson, Vice Chair on Finance**

**Hearing Date: October 31, 2013 @ 10:00 am
Location: State Capitol Auditorium
Please note that I will be present to testify in person.**

Aloha mai kakou,

I am Colette Machado from the island of Molokai. I am representing myself as an individual who is a Christian. I am also testifying as a native Hawaiian.

- 1. This process is not "pono".**
 - ❖ **This Special Session never intended to include the peoples' mana'o. Especially our neighbor islands and their rural communities. Fast tracking this bill lacks transparency and lacks honesty.**
 - ❖ **SB 1 would change the social fabric of our culture and lifestyle in our beloved island home, Hawaii Nei forever. What's the rush?**

- 2. As a Hawaiian I am concern about section 572 C, of the bill where it includes provisions of "parentage presumptions" based on marriage of same sex couples is flawed. This provision would impact eligibility and qualification for entitlements for DHHL, KS/BE and other programs. This is not pono, please makaala!**
 - ❖ **Parentage presumptions will transfer Native Hawaiian ethnicity claims to Non-Native Hawaiian individuals.**
 - ❖ **In every instance in a same-sex marriage, at least one of the partners is not the biological parent of the child.**

- ❖ However, when “parentage presumptions” are applied, the ethnicity of both of the marriage partners automatically transfers to the child. The child’s birth certificate will read Native Hawaiian.
 - ❖ Benefits reserved for Native Hawaiians will be transferred to Non-Native Hawaiian children as a result of the Hawaii Marriage Equity Act of 2013. This is not PONO!
 - ❖ In the Preamble of our Hawaii Constitution it states, “We, the people of Hawaii, grateful for Divine Guidance, and mindful of our 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.” (The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness).
3. I am in strong support for Constitutional Amendment House Bill 5, “Let the People Decide”. This is the “pono” process!
- ❖ Allow the peoples voices to engage in a process for all the people of Hawaii rather than leaving it to 76 individuals in our State Legislature in the Senate (25) and House (51).
 - ❖ Take it to the people to determine as was done, in the General Election November 03, 1998, Proposed Amendments to The Hawaii State Constitution.
 - ❖ Official election result; 69.2%, 285,384, Yes votes. The people responded overwhelmingly, to “reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples only.
4. SB 1 fails to provide adequate religious exemptions regarding “public accommodations law” which is the most vulnerable for churches.
- ❖ SB 1 claims that thoughtful consideration had gone into this amended measure. It is misleading and it does fail to address the public accommodation law as part of the State of Hawaii Civil Rights Commission under section 489-D. In this section Churches would be subject to this law as discriminatory.
 - ❖ Furthermore, if these churches operated a for profit service open to the public and are prohibited from saying NO. It is my strong belief that our Kahus’ have that fundamental right to express core beliefs and practices by expressing their Constitutional Religious Right to express their own religious freedom to say NO to Same Sex Marriages.
 - ❖ SB 1 provisions for Religious exemption are meaningless. Should the State or Federal Government interfere by telling the churches how they should operate and conduct their business? This is insulting and in violation of First Amendment right to free exercise

of religion, speech, the press and assembly. This is not Democracy in Action.

- ❖ **The passage of SB 1 would curtail numerous religious liberties and Native Hawaiian ethnicity claims without adequate protection under the law.**

I am including into my testimony a "view point" which was printed in the Star Advertiser on October 30, 2013.

On October 28, the nation will be watching Hawaii as our legislature enters a special session that Governor Abercrombie called to debate his proposed law to enact same-sex marriage. The bill threatens to breach the sanctuary of sacred boundaries long protected in this country. Houses of worship and similar religious organizations will be subject to legal penalty for not hosting same-sex ceremonies. The only way to avoid this penalty is to close the doors to non-members hoping to be married on their grounds.

When compared with the other ten states that have enacted same-sex marriage, Hawaii's proposal takes one's breath away. No other state forces churches, synagogues and mosques to host same-sex weddings against conscience and doctrine.

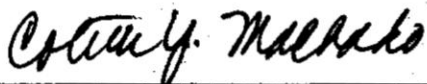
Many faith communities allow their members to marry a non-member in their church, synagogue, temple, or mosque. It's uniquely the business of religious organizations to open their doors to non-members. If Governor Abercrombie's bill is enacted, every faith community acting in this spirit would be at risk of punishment sanctioned by the state.

This is no small contraction of religious freedom in Hawaii. Regardless of where one might stand on the issue of gay marriage, the protection of our First Amendment rights and values ought to be paramount. As it currently stands, the bill is sending a message that Hawaii is not a friendly place for people of faith.

Religious organizations contribute greatly to civil society, routinely opening their doors to non-members for various community events and offering charitable services for the greater public good. One shouldn't have to jettison a people's creed in order to let them serve the broader community. As First Lady Michelle Obama explained last year at the annual conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, a faith journey isn't just about what you do on the day of worship. "It's about what we do Monday through Saturday as well." Faith involves a comprehensive commitment, not to be threatened by factions picking and choosing how it can be fulfilled.

Do Hawaiians want the government inside our houses of worship, dictating how we exercise our faith? The peaceful diversity that has always defined Hawaii will be compromised if we codify a mentality that seeks to punish people of faith based on their deeply held beliefs. Hawaii's history of protecting religious diversity and individual rights of conscience is not – and must never be – strong-armed by political headwinds. Even advocates of same-sex marriage such as Brookings Institution senior fellow Jonathan Rauch have repeatedly called for mainstream members of the gay rights movement to remember and respect the fundamental religious freedom principles of fairness and liberty toward all members of all faiths. Until the Governor demonstrates that he understands this crucial principle, the legislature should reject this bill.

It is with much humility and aloha I humbly ask that you hold SB 1. Mahalo nui for allowing me to testify before your committees.



Colette Y. Machado

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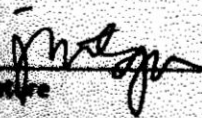
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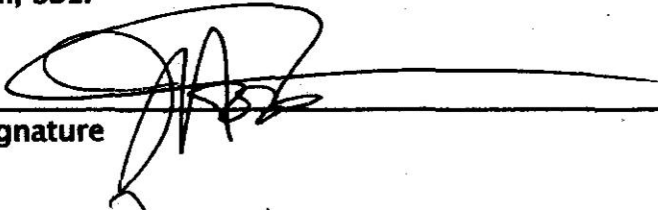
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Email

Joan.Hood@gmail.com

Phone number

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To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

From:

Arlene Meary

City, State:

HNL HI 96816

Subject:

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Signature:

Arlene Meary

10/30/13

To: House Judiciary Committee
House Finance Committee

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013
10:00am

Place: Capitol Auditorium

Re: Strong opposition to SBI

Dear Committee:

I am a husband and father and I strongly oppose bill SBI.

This issue is too paramount for the government ~~not~~ to decide alone.

Let the people decide.

With Regards,

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Name: Jerónimo Louie Fetuao

To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee

Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Place: Capitol Auditorium

Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

I will be testifying
Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousands of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Waipahu, HI 96797
Address

October 28, 2013

Aloha, Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

I am testifying in strong support of SB 1.

It is a little-known fact that for 24 hours back in 1996, same-sex marriage was legal in Hawai'i. However brief that moment of justice and equality, it was one that sparked the modern movement for equal marriage around the globe that now is embraced by fully 17 countries, including more than a dozen states here in the U.S.

Indeed, Hawai'i has always supported diverse configurations of what comprises "family", from structures of kinship and households of Native Hawaiians to more recent options. Judge Kevin Chang perhaps best summed up the familial landscape in his landmark decision of 1996 in *Baehr v. Miike*:

"There is diversity in the structure and configuration of families. In Hawaii, and elsewhere, children are being raised by their natural parents, single parents, stepparents, grandparents, adopted parents, half parents, foster parents, gay and lesbian parents, and same-sex couples."

Notwithstanding our unique leadership role in the global equal marriage front, there are those here at home who pander fear and a false morality, insisting that respecting the civil rights of gay and lesbian minorities will deteriorate, rather than strengthen our society. This is factually untrue.

As I am only a student of anthropology and a medical technician, I rely on the expert opinions of thousands of others for scientific knowledge on the health of gay individuals, the viability of families comprised by us, and the stable social orders and civilizations that include same-sex couples.

I would like to note also that there is broad support for same-sex couples and same-sex marriage from the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, and the American Sociological Association.

In 2004, the American Anthropological Association, the world's largest organization of scientists who study culture, issued this "Statement on Marriage and the Family":

"The results of more than a century of anthropological research on households, kinship relationships, and families, across cultures and through time, provide no support whatsoever for

the view that either civilization or viable social orders depend upon marriage as an exclusively heterosexual institution. Rather, anthropological research supports the conclusion that a vast array of family types, including families built upon same-sex partnerships, can contribute to stable and humane societies."

In further support, on June 20th of this year, the American Medical Association adopted the policy, H-65.973 Health Care Disparities in Same-Sex Partner Households:

Our American Medical Association: (1) recognizes that denying civil marriage based on sexual orientation is discriminatory and imposes harmful stigma on gay and lesbian individuals and couples and their families; (2) recognizes that exclusion from civil marriage contributes to health care disparities affecting same-sex households; (3) will work to reduce health care disparities among members of same-sex households including minor children; and (4) will support measures providing same-sex households with the same rights and privileges to health care, health insurance, and survivor benefits, as afforded opposite-sex households.

Likewise, on March 1st of this year, the American Psychological Association issued these statements:

"Empirical research demonstrates that the psychological and social aspects of committed relationships between same-sex partners largely resemble those of heterosexual partnerships. Like heterosexual couples, same-sex couples form deep emotional attachments and commitments. Heterosexual and same-sex couples alike face similar issues concerning intimacy, love, equity, loyalty and stability, and they go through similar processes to address those issues."

"Homosexuality is a normal expression of human sexuality, is generally not chosen and is highly resistant to change. There is no scientific basis for concluding that gay and lesbian parents are any less fit or capable than heterosexual parents, or that their children are any less psychologically healthy and well-adjusted....In drawing conclusions, we rely on the best empirical research available, focusing on general patterns rather than any single study.

Indeed, APA President Donald N. Bersoff, PhD, JD, noted that the association has a long history of supporting equal access to legal marriage based on years of scientific research:

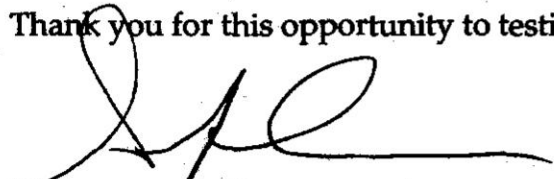
"There is no scientific basis for denying marriage to same-sex couples particularly when research indicates that marriage provides many important benefits. The research shows that same-sex couples are similar to heterosexual couples in essential ways and that they are as likely as opposite-sex couples to raise mentally healthy, well-adjusted children."

In similar fashion, this year the American Sociological Association President Cecilia Ridgeway said this:

"There is no evidence that children with parents in stable same-sex or opposite-sex relationships differ in terms of well-being. Indeed, the greater stability offered by marriage for same-sex as well as opposite-sex parents may be an asset for child well-being."

I have included statements from these organizations and references below.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify,



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AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Statement on Marriage and the Family

Arlington, Virginia--The Executive Board of the American Anthropological Association, the world's largest organization of anthropologists, released the following statement on February 26, 2004 in response to President Bush's call for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage as a threat to civilization:

The results of more than a century of anthropological research on households, kinship relationships, and families, across cultures and through time, provide no support whatsoever for the view that either civilization or viable social orders depend upon marriage as an exclusively heterosexual institution. Rather, anthropological research supports the conclusion that a vast array of family types, including families built upon same-sex partnerships, can contribute to stable and humane societies.

The Executive Board of the American Anthropological Association strongly opposes a constitutional amendment limiting marriage to heterosexual couples.

Media Coverage:

Scientists counter Bush view Families varied, say anthropologists by Charles Burress, AAA member Laura Nader was quoted, The San Francisco Chronicle, Feb 27, 2004

Gay Marriages Fit into This Adaptable Institution op-ed by Robert Myers, USATODAY, March 14, 2004

An Elastic Institution, op-ed by anthropologists John Borneman and Laurie Kain Hart discussing marriage, Washington Post, April 14, 2004.

Anthropologists Debunk "Traditional Marriage" Claim, by Adrian Brune, features AAA statement, Roger Lancaster and Dan Segal, Washington Blade, April 16, 2004

<http://www.aaanet.org/issues/policy-advocacy/Statement-on-Marriage-and-the-family.cfm>

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AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The policy, H-65.973 Health Care Disparities in Same-Sex Partner Households, was adopted the AMA on June 20. It states:

Our American Medical Association: (1) recognizes that denying civil marriage based on sexual orientation is discriminatory and imposes harmful stigma on gay and lesbian individuals and couples and their families; (2) recognizes that exclusion from civil marriage contributes to health care disparities affecting same-sex households; (3) will work to reduce health care disparities among members of same-sex households including minor children; and (4) will support measures providing same-sex households with the same rights and privileges to health care, health insurance, and survivor benefits, as afforded opposite-sex households.

<http://www.ama-assn.org/resources/doc/legal-issues/golinski-v-opm.pdf>

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

March 1, 2013

No Scientific Basis for Prohibiting Same-Sex Marriage, Key Associations Argue

Leading mental health groups file briefs in Supreme Court cases challenging Defense of Marriage Act, California's Proposition 8

WASHINGTON—There is no valid scientific basis for denying same-sex couples the right to legal marriage, or to deprive them of considerable benefits of the institution, according to legal briefs filed with the U.S. Supreme Court by the American Psychological Association and other leading mental health associations.

“Empirical research demonstrates that the psychological and social aspects of committed relationships between same-sex partners largely resemble those of

heterosexual partnerships," the briefs state. "Like heterosexual couples, same-sex couples form deep emotional attachments and commitments. Heterosexual and same-sex couples alike face similar issues concerning intimacy, love, equity, loyalty and stability, and they go through similar processes to address those issues."

Denying recognition to legally married same-sex couples stigmatizes them, according to the "friend of the court" briefs filed in the cases of *Hollingsworth v. Perry*, which challenges California's Proposition 8, and *U.S. v. Windsor*, which challenges the federal Defense of Marriage Act. *Perry* is slated to be argued before the court on March 26; *Windsor* will be argued on March 27.

Amicus Briefs

Hollingsworth v. Perry, *Windsor v. U.S.*

The briefs cite empirical scientific evidence that demonstrate that "homosexuality is a normal expression of human sexuality, is generally not chosen and is highly resistant to change." Likewise, "there is no scientific basis for concluding that gay and lesbian parents are any less fit or capable than heterosexual parents, or that their children are any less psychologically healthy and well-adjusted," according to the briefs.

"In drawing conclusions, we rely on the best empirical research available, focusing on general patterns rather than any single study," the briefs state. All the studies cited in the brief were critically evaluated to assess their methodology, including the reliability and validity of the measures and tests employed, and the quality of data-collection procedures and statistical analyses.

APA President Donald N. Bersoff, PhD, JD, noted that the association has a long history of supporting equal access to legal marriage based on years of scientific research.

"There is no scientific basis for denying marriage to same-sex couples particularly when research indicates that marriage provides many important benefits," Bersoff said. "The research shows that same-sex couples are similar to heterosexual couples in essential ways and that they are as likely as opposite-sex couples to raise mentally healthy, well-adjusted children."

Joining APA in filing the *Windsor* and *Perry* briefs were: the American Academy of Pediatrics; American Medical Association; California Medical Association; American Psychiatric Association; American Psychoanalytic Association; and National

Association of Social Workers. Also joining the Windsor brief were: the New York City and New York state chapters of the National Association of Social Workers and the New York State Psychological Association. Also joining the Perry brief were the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; the California Chapter of NASW and the California Psychological Association.

The American Psychological Association, in Washington, D.C., is the largest scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States and is the world's largest association of psychologists. APA's membership includes more than 137,000 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants and students. Through its divisions in 54 subfields of psychology and affiliations with 60 state, territorial and Canadian provincial associations, APA works to advance the creation, communication and application of psychological knowledge to benefit society and improve people's lives.

<http://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2013/03/same-sex-marriage.aspx>

AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

ASA Press Releases

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ASA Files Amicus Brief with U.S. Supreme Court in Same-Sex Marriage Cases

Research Shows Parents' Sexual Orientation Has No Bearing on Children's Well-Being

WASHINGTON, DC, February 28, 2013 — The American Sociological Association (ASA) weighed in on the gay marriage cases before the U.S. Supreme Court today, filing an amicus brief outlining social science research that shows “children fare just as well” when raised by same-sex or heterosexual parents.

“The results of our review are clear,” said ASA President Cecilia Ridgeway. “There is no evidence that children with parents in stable same-sex or opposite-sex relationships differ in terms of well-being. Indeed, the greater stability offered by marriage for same-sex as well as opposite-sex parents may be an asset for child well-being.”

Founded in 1905, the ASA has more than 14,000 members and a long history of presenting the consensus research findings of sociologists to American courts for their use in evaluating evidence and legal issues. In March, the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear cases on the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which denies federal recognition of same-sex marriages already legalized under the law of several states, and Proposition 8, which revoked the right of same-sex couples to marry in California.

“An issue at the heart of these cases is whether family composition, per se, affects the well-being of children and thus, provides a justification for limiting the right to marry,” said Ridgeway, the Lucie Stern Professor of Social Sciences in the Sociology Department at Stanford University. “This core question is an empirical one and is the subject of a broad range of social science research. As a scientific body, ASA has a duty to provide the court with a systematic and balanced review of the evidence to assess what the consensus of scholarly research has shown.”

In their briefs to the court, the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group of the U.S. House of Representatives, which is defending DOMA, the Hollingsworth Petitioners, which are defending Proposition 8, and their respective supporters assert that children fare better with opposite-sex parents than with same-sex parents.

“When the social science evidence is exhaustively examined — which the ASA has done — the facts demonstrate that children fare just as well when raised by same-sex parents,” states the ASA amicus brief. “Unsubstantiated fears regarding same-sex child rearing do not overcome these facts and do not justify upholding DOMA and Proposition 8.”

Wendy Diane Manning, Professor of Sociology, Director of the Center for Family & Demographic Research, and Co-Director of the National Center for Family and Marriage Research at Bowling Green State University, led ASA's examination of the social science evidence. Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP of New York City served as counsel to the ASA on the brief.

About the American Sociological Association

The American Sociological Association (www.asanet.org), founded in 1905, is a non-profit membership association dedicated to serving sociologists in their work, advancing sociology as a science and profession, and promoting the contributions to and use of sociology by society.

http://www.asanet.org/press/asa_files_amicus_brief_in_same-sex_marriage_cases.cfm

See Also:

ASA Statement Against the Proposed Constitutional Amendment Prohibiting Same-Sex Marriage (June 2004)

Similar statements have been made by other major American scientific and medical organizations such as:

American Psychiatric Association

<http://www.psychiatry.org/advocacy-newsroom/position-statements>

American Academy of Pediatrics

<http://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/pages/American-Academy-of-Pediatrics-Supports-Same-Gender-Civil-Marriage.aspx>

American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology

[http://www.acog.org/About ACOG/News Room/News Releases/2013/Ob-Gyns Endorse Same-Sex Marriage Equality](http://www.acog.org/About_ACOG/News_Room/News_Releases/2013/Ob-Gyns_Endorse_Same-Sex_Marriage_Equality)

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**OPPOSITION TESTIMONY
SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY
HOUSE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND JUDICIARY**

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October 30, 2013

**Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair Committee on Judiciary
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Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair Committee on Finance
Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair on Finance
Honorable Aaron Ling Johnson, Vice Chair on Finance**

**Hearing Date: October 31, 2013 @ 10:00 am
Location: State Capitol Auditorium
Please note that I will be present to testify in person.**

Aloha mai kakou,

I am Myron Akutagawa, born on the island of Molokai and was blessed to have been raised by my pure Hawaiian grandmother, who lived on east end or Mana'e, in the Ahupua'a of Ualapu'e. I am a Hawaiian and a Christian testifying in opposition of SB 1 for the following reasons:

- 1. This process is not "pono".**
 - ❖ This Special Session never intended to include the peoples' mana'o. Especially our neighbor islands and their rural communities. Fast tracking this bill lacks transparency and lacks honesty.**
 - ❖ SB 1 would change the social fabric of our culture and lifestyle in our beloved island home, Hawaii Nei forever. What's the rush?**
- 2. As a Hawaiian I am concern about section 572 C, of the bill where it includes provisions of "parentage presumptions" based on marriage of same sex couples. This provision would impact eligibility and qualification for entitlements for DHHL, KS/BE and other programs. This is not pono, please makaala!**
 - ❖ Parentage presumptions will transfer Native Hawaiian ethnicity claims to Non-Native Hawaiian individuals.**
- 3. I am in strong support for Constitutional Amendment House Bill 5, "Let the People Decide". This is the "pono" process!**

- ❖ Allow the peoples voices to engage in a process for all the people of Hawaii rather than leaving it to 76 individuals in our State Legislature in the Senate (25) and House (51).
 - ❖ Take it to the people to determine as was done, in the General Election November 03, 1998, Proposed Amendments to The Hawaii State Constitution.
 - ❖ Official election result; 69.2%, 285,384, Yes votes. The people responded overwhelmingly, to "reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples only.
4. SB 1 fails to provide adequate religious exemptions regarding "public accommodations law" which is the most vulnerable for churches.
- ❖ SB 1 claims that thoughtful consideration had gone into this amended measure. It is misleading and it does fail to address the public accommodation law as part of the State of Hawaii Civil Rights Commission under section 489-D. In this section Churches would be subject to this law as discriminatory.
 - ❖ Furthermore, if these churches operated a for profit service open to the public and are prohibited from saying NO. It is my strong belief that our Kahus' have that fundamental right to express core beliefs and practices by expressing their Constitutional Religious Right to express their own religious freedom to say NO to Same Sex Marriages.
 - ❖ SB 1 provisions for Religious exemption are meaningless. Should the State or Federal Government interfere by telling the churches how they should operate and conduct their business? This is insulting and in violation of First Amendment right to free exercise of religion, speech, the press and assembly. This is not Democracy in Action.

The passage of SB 1 would curtail numerous religious liberties and Native Hawaiian ethnicity claims without adequate protection under the law. I strongly oppose SB 1 and ask that you hold the bill.


Myron R. Akutagawa

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Corinne M. Bagoyo

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Hand-Delivered Testimony Before 10:00 a.m.

Committee on Judiciary and Committee on Finance
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Hearing Date & Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m., Auditorium

Place: Hawaii State Capitol Auditorium

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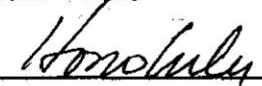
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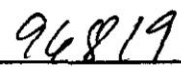


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Name: Ruta Malaki

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke Finance Committee

RE: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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From: Ruta Malaki

City, State: Waipahu, HI 96797

Subject: I will be testifying.

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I oppose this bill because it will infringe upon our freedoms protected under the First Amendment and will have far reaching consequences that nobody seems to be discussing. Whether it is freedom of speech, education or employment, this bill will impact our future and forever change our history, customs, and culture.

Finally, we voted on a constitutional amendment in 1998 giving the legislature the power to limit marriage between opposite sex couples and did not give legislators the right to define marriage as we are finding out only now! The only legitimate way to change this is to let we, the people, decide. Why should less then a hundred people decide what's good for almost a million people that live here in Hawaii? Please do not circumvent the democratic process!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify against this special session and against this bill. I look forward to further instructions on obtaining my ticket number.

Signature: R. Malaki

Date: 10/29/13

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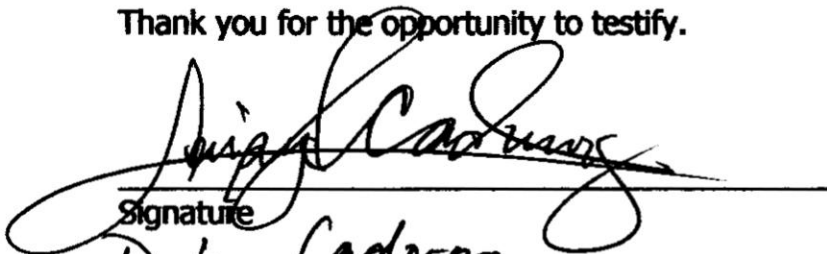
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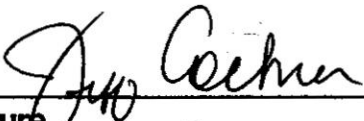
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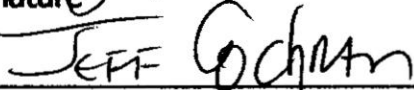
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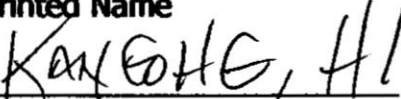
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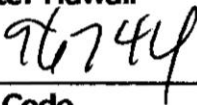

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Signature: Heavenlee Asato

Elias Kai
To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee

Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Place: Capitol Auditorium

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Elias Kai *Elias Kai*
Name

91-1018 KAHUKUWA ST.
EWA BEACH, HI 96706
Address

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

From: Andrale Domligan

City, State: Waipahu, HI

Subject:

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Sarah Graham

Name

Sarah Graham

91-1030 Ka'wele'a Dr EB

Address Ewa Beach

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

From: Joseph Ahn

City, State: ~~Honolulu~~ Downtown

Subject:

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Tai Ai

Name

91-1005 Kaiamalo'o St.

Ewa Beach, HI. 96706

Address

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

From: Keisha S Labawski-Ferris

City, State: 1235 Ala Karuna St #205 Hon. 96819

Subject:

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Verna Wickland

Name

V. Wickland

98-899 Kuhao Pl., Aiea 96701

Address

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

From: Kory Harrison

City, State: Honolulu, HI

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Name

98.1715 Kachumaru St

Aiea HI 96701

Address

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

From: KEVIN HARRISON

City, State: HAHONULULU, HI

Subject:

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Signature: Kevin Harrison

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

From: Kingston Brown

City, State: 1235 Ala Kapuna St #205 Hon 9689

Subject:

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Name Lauralynn L. Iwawae

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke Finance Committee

RE: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

From: Lauralynn L. Iwawae

City, State: 94-334 Puuowhe St, H3 Waipahu
I will be testifying.

Subject:

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Lauralynn L. Iwawae Date: 10/29/13

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

From: Janella Hung

City, State: Honolulu, HI 96819

Subject:

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Signature: *Janella Hung*

Name Rosetta R. Iiaavae

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke Finance Committee

RE: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

From: Rosetta R. Iiaavae

City, State: 94-334 Puuwahe St #3 Waikeolu
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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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From: KIMBERLY LONG

City, State: Ewa Beach, HI

Subject:

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Kentley Kai

To: The House Judiciary Committee

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KENTLEY KAI Kentley Kai
Name

91-1018 KAUUKUA ST.

ELA BEACH, HI 96706
Address

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

From: Ronald Montez

City, State: ~~San Francisco, CA~~ Honolulu, HI

Subject:

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To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

From: Charlotte Abergas

City, State: Waianae, Hawaii

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Signature: Charlotte Abergas

Name - Lalisa Ma Sun

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke Finance Committee

RE: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

From: Lalisa Ma Sun

City, State: Kahuku, HI

Subject: I will be testifying.

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Lahapa Ichimura Lahapa Ichimura
Name

91-1124 Kamboum. St
East Beach, HI 96706
Address

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee
Hearing Date & Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10 am
Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Marcia R P Harris
City, State: Waipahu, Hawaii

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION AND SB1, RELATING TO "EQUAL RIGHTS"
Also known as the same sex "marriage" bill**

Dear Chair Rhoads and Chair Luke:

As a concerned citizen, I am submitting testimony against this Special Session and the proposed bill that IF passed would legalize same sex "marriage," SB1, relating to Equal Rights. I oppose the Special Session because it rushes the democratic process and does not give we, the people, sufficient input in the legislative process.

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Marcia R P Harris
Signature

10/30/13
Date

Jennifer Ta'a

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Jennifer K.M. Ta'a

Name

98 1069 C. Komo Mue Dr.

Aiea, HI 96701

Address

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

From: Welle Jones

City, State: 2569 A/pulver Way Honolulu, HI 96816

Subject:

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Tyler Young
Name

91-1081 waikai street
Ewa Beach HI 96706
Address

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

From: LEROY LEHANO

City, State: MILILANI, HI

Subject:

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MIBI L. HARR

To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Place: Capitol Auditorium

Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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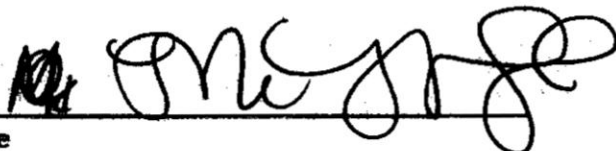
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Name

55-133 Kulani St B
LAIE, HI 96762

Address

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Honolulu HI 96825
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City, State: Honolulu, HI

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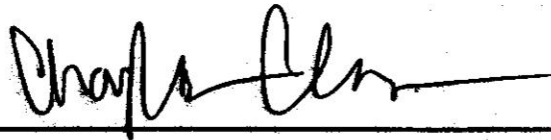
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City, State: MAKAKILO (Kapolei Hawaii)

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Dale Cullen

City, State:

Kailua, HI

Subject:

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