

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Tracy Higashi	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Mr. Karl Rhoads, Chair Ms. Sylvia Luke, Chair House Judiciary Committee House Finance Committee Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees: As a registered voter in the State of Hawaii I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to SB-1 at the upcoming Joint House Hearing scheduled for October 31, 2013. The following is an outline of what I will be testifying to: 1. The Same-sex marriage should not be addressed in a special session for the following reasons: • A five-day special session is not enough time to discuss the most controversial issues of our time, the amount of time to debate and discuss the issue is far to limited. • No amendments to the bill are permitted which circumvents the democratic process. • A yes vote during a special session will reflect the will of the governor, the legislators and special interest groups but not necessarily the will of the people of the State of Hawaii. • The proposed religious exemption language is rendered invalid because of the public accommodations. • The proposed religious exemption does nothing to protect individual business owners, teachers or other citizens right to practice their religious freedom. • In 1998 the people of Hawaii voted on this issue and a 70% majority specified that Marriage was defined as 2. Legislators are elected to respect the fundamental Democratic principles provided for in the State of Hawaii and the United States constitutions. • The people of the State of Hawaii believe that they addressed the issue of same sex marriage in 1998, if there is concern that the will of the people has change in the past 15 years they should be given the opportunity to vote on the issue again. • Marriage is not a civil right and no court, including the Supreme Court, has ever said that it is. • The governor and legislators are elected to represent the people and as a result should respect the process that allows their voices and opinion the greatest opportunity to be heard. It is my belief that the current bill and the pursuit of it's passing in a special session called by the Governor circumvents my rights as a citizen, violates my right to religious freedom guaranteed by the first amendment of the US Constitution and jeopardizes social fabric of the State of Hawaii. Sincerely, Tracy Higashi 92-379 Awaawahea Place Kapolei, Hawaii 96707



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 "Does 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.*

First, America's Founders devoted 85% of the Declaration of Independence to explaining the basis on which they claimed a right to scribble over beliefs held sacred by Old Europe for centuries.

Hawaii's governor and legislature have stated no basis on which they claim a right to scribble over the definition of a word that has been held sacred since time immemorial other than "**We do, because we can**", which is to say, we spit in the face of what America's Founders described as "**a decent respect to the opinions of mankind**".

Second, 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.

Third, here's is irrefutable proof, Hawaii's government has no right to fundamentally modify that core, and why 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".

Fifth, Hawaii's government lacks a legitimate right to change the definition of "Marriage" because 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?

The rights of a child, and the obligations to that child 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.

Six, the Bill before you is dishonestly titled. It does not address Individual Equality. It addresses the rights of a Union comprised of more than one individual. Just like other secular law defines other types of unions comprised of more than one individual such as Mutual Benefit Societies, corporations, and Partnerships of all kinds.

And no! The individual equality of the members of those unions are not infringed on by the fact that unions formed for some purposes are tax exempt and those formed for other purposes are not.

In that context, the purpose of Marriage that's been held sacred since time immemorial is to conceive and raise to maturity the future of society. So while a union of people to pursue their loving feelings is as wonderful a thing is a wonderful and loving thing, that purpose is not primarily to conceive children who are a society's future, and raise them.

Don't forget. The taking of money under threat of armed force is common to both felony theft and legitimate taxation. And the thing that distinguishes between them is when the proceeds from a tax are spent on a purpose that benefits society as a whole. Conception of children, and assumption of the obligation to raise them, is such a benefit. And it was that benefit that was used to morally and ethically justify spending money taken under the threat of armed force to pay for the benefits Gov. Abercrombie feels he'd like to bestow on unions dedicated to other purposes. I don't dispute those other purposes are loving and lovely. I only observe they are not primarily formed to conceive and raise society's future — which makes them as different from Marriage as for-profit unions are from tax exempt unions.

If Hawaii's lawmakers wish to give money to unions formed for another purpose because it feels there is some other moral and ethical basis for doing so, so be it. But the least it should do is define its own word to describe that purpose. It is wrong to simply scribble the definition of a word they borrowed from people who hold it sacred.

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

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NOTE: You cannot successfully defend Marriage this side of the hearing table.

REMEMBER: Americans may not "**Throw the Bums Out**":
We may only "**Replace Them**".

BUT: We cannot replace them till better people offer to serve in public office. Better People will not run till someone builds a base with a ballot slot, money and manpower to make it possible for them to run and win, and

If you don't help us build that base NOW, no one else will. Will they?

PLEASE: Help The American Political Party build that base by adding your signature, and that of others, to our petition so TAPP can take the first step in toward the other side of the table.

Aloha,

I strongly oppose SB1 and strongly oppose the special session. I am *not* in opposition to same sex orientations; I have many homosexual friends who are very dear to me. However, I whole heartedly believe that this very controversial issue is not a decision that should be made by a select few, but rather should be that of the *people* of Hawaii, with whom this bill will affect.

The first reason is that there are unforeseen consequences that have not been critically and thoroughly investigated. This was obvious on Monday's session of testimonials, as a teacher from Canada flew down specifically to warn the senate of the negative effects that legalizing gay marriages have had on the educational system there. Teachers are being forced to teach homosexual sex, including anal sex, fisting, and oral sex, and this is starting in the 2nd and 3rd grade. Honestly, I did not even know what fisting was until I googled it. What I found was quite disturbing. Apparently, it is the inserting of a hand, to the wrist, inside a vagina or in extreme cases, anus or butt. Is this what you want your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all other future generations to learn in *school*? Is this what Hawaii's educational system has come to?

Furthermore, parents are not informed as to when their children will be learning about this, nor are they allowed to remove their children from class during these "lessons". An enraged father in Massachusetts who protested a pro-homosexual book his **6-year-old** son had been given in school was arrested by police and was forced to spend the night in jail (WND, 2005). This will ultimately divide the people.

Furthermore, health risks have increased with the legalization of gay marriages. Time Magazine (2012) explained, "scientists report that despite gains in controlling the spread of HIV, the disease has continued to spread at an alarming rate in the very population in which it first appeared - gay men." According to Washington DC's HIV/AIDS office "the principal way that HIV is transmitted continues to be through male homosexual activity." Slick (2011) reported that "homosexual men are 44 - 86 times *more* likely to be infected with HIV; 61% of new HIV infections occur with gay and bisexual men; and men who have sex with men (MSM) have consistently represented the largest percentage of persons diagnosed with AIDS and persons with an AIDS diagnosis who have died." These are just a few statistics; however, a simple google search will show you unmeasurable evidence of the detrimental health effects this has had in states that have legalized gay marriages. I don't know about you, but I personally would like to see the incidences of Aids to continue to decrease in my beloved state of Hawaii, not increase and become a major issue our children and other generations will have to be concerned about. Are you prepared to open up additional hospitals, pay the additional health care fees, and spend more money on campaigns about sexually transmitted infections (STI's) due to the increase in these diseases?

Please, before you make any final decisions, I beg of you to do your research. It appears as if everyone is simply fighting for equality- fair enough, seems like a just idea. However, no one is critically investigating and considering the negative impact this may

have on the communities, the people of Hawaii, and more importantly, the *future* of Hawaii. It is not that difficult to learn how legalizing gay marriages have impacted educational systems, the overall well-being and health, religions, small businesses, and ultimately, divided the people.

As the representatives of the people of Hawaii, it is your responsibility, your *duty*, to ensure that you are looking out for the best interest and well-being of *everyone* you represent- not the 1-1.5% of people. What about the 98.5-99% of the people who will be affected by this? Ignorance and impulsiveness are not characteristics of a good leader. A good leader is strong, brave, and will stand for what is right. I, and the rest of the people of Hawaii counting on you to do so; you are our last hope.

Again, I strongly oppose SB1 and strongly oppose the special session.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Michel Joseph Gedeon	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I am strongly opposed to this bill and I demand to have my voice heard.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 4:16 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: joe@greenapplehawaii.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM (In Person)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/29/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Michel Gedeon	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Hear the voice of the majority of the people. We are against same sex marriage in Hawaii.

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Most Honorable Representatives,

As a voting constituent, I am requesting that you do not allow this bad piece of legislation become law as it discriminates AGAINST people of faith who would practice what their religious beliefs would dictate, and takes away our Constitutional First amendment right to freedom of expression of those beliefs. It is not only the many churches that hold services in what could be broadly construed as "public areas" as the bill is worded, but private schools, businesses and small business owners. This bill does NOT afford appropriate protection of people's religious beliefs but would open the door to litigation and mandated normalization of "alternate lifestyles" through classroom curricula and programs which would be forced on many unwilling families. Is that what you want for your family, and friends? Will this be the price for political expediency? Please reconsider and let the people have a part in making a decision that has such far-reaching repercussions. I pray you reflect upon the fact that your decision now may irreversibly unleash unintended effects of this bill as seen in other states and countries if it should become law, for many generations to come and vote against this injurious piece of legislation.

Much Respect,

Kent Kitagawa
98-1440 A Koahehe Street

Ph: 456-8985 .

October 28, 2013

Thursday, October 31, 2013 –10:30 a.m.

House Committees on Judiciary and Finance

State Capitol Auditorium

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: STRONG SUPPORT for Senate Bill 1

Aloha Chairpersons Rhoads and Luke,

I strongly support SB 1 because:

1. It's a US Constitutional Right as stated in the June 27, 2013 US Supreme Court Decision;
2. Social Justice calls for respect and dignity of all human beings;
3. Our Hawai'i State Constitution calls for equitable treatment of all citizens;
4. Hawai'i Civil Unions do not qualify under US law for 1,000+ rights of marriage;
5. Hawai'i needs SB1 to continue it's reputation as the land of Aloha;
6. Ancient Hawai'i respected all sexual identities prior to influx of Christian missionaries;
7. 14 other states, DC, some Native American tribes and 15 other countries have legalizes Full Marriage Rights;
8. Lt. Frank Golojuch, fought in WWII for Liberty and Justice for all Americans and his own Grandson doesn't have Liberty and Justice;
9. My husband and I are 48 years married and want the same rights for our gay son and the rest of the LGBT community;
10. US Military LGBT couples are recognized as legal couples and need Hawaii to legalize marriage for them to receive Federal benefits;
11. Our LGBT couples and families are in valuable and loving relationships and need the legalization to qualify for Federal rights, responsibilities and benefits;
12. Those churches that value their LGBT members want to perform wedding

- celebrations to respect them and it's discrimination to refuse this right;
13. I love my gay son and have worked for 18 years for his and all my other LGBT friends liberty and justice;
 14. It's the right time for Justice.

Thank you for your consideration of this timely and important legal action.

Sincerely,

Reverend Carolyn Martinez Golojuch, MSW
Universal Life Minister, Wife of 48 years, Mother of a daughter and a gay son
Gomama808@gmail.com

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: Guomeng Chen

City, State: 1450 Maloo Pl, Honolulu, HI 96825

Subject:

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION AND SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL,
SB1 Relating to Equal Rights**

Dear Chair Rhoads & Chair Luke:

As a concerned citizen, I am submitting testimony against this special session and the bill that 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.

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. The only legitimate way to change this is to let we, the people, decide. Please do not circumvent the democratic process!

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

Signature: 

Aloha mai kakou,

My name is Jarren Tet On Kaleiokalani Soong. I am a Native Hawaiian and I also represent a part of the younger generation.

I strongly oppose SB1 and strongly oppose the SPECIAL SESSION.

I have friends and family that are gay/lesbian and want them to be happy with their partners but after reading the SB1 bill, my conclusion is this; this bill is not about marriage equality. It is about a small minority group infringing on the rights of churches, businesses, and other public accommodations who do not share the same beliefs. That is not equality. If the gay/lesbians want equality, then let the gay/lesbians and the people of Hawaii vote on SB1. 51 individuals should not be allowed to make the final deciding vote on SB1 and we all know that's true.

SB1 will also impose on all schools from elementary to high school in the state Hawaii. In Ontario Canada and Massachusetts, the Aids Action committee and the school system gave Gay sex education books to the elementary and middle school students. It's called My Little Black Book-Queer in the 21st century. This book is disgusting and immoral. They are not using this book to educate the kids on MARRIAGE EQUALITY (which this bill is suppose to be about) but rather to POLLUTE their innocent young minds. I can understand these gay sex ed. books being given to high school students who are gay/lesbian but not elementary and middle school students. That is immorally wrong.

I strongly oppose HB7 and strongly oppose the SPECIAL SESSION.

House Committees on Judiciary and Finance

Re: Hearing on October 31, 2013, at 10:00 am; Auditorium, 415 South Beretania St.

Aloha, Chair Karl Rhoads, Chair Sylvia Luke, and members of both committees:

My name is Gary Okabayashi. I am also submitting this testimony on behalf of Lenny Zimmerman. We are both residents of and voters in the State of Hawaii and strongly support SB 1, Relating to Equal Rights.

I was born and grew up in Honolulu and attended public schools (I attended my 50th Kalani High School reunion in August of this year) and the University of Hawaii. Having worked both in Hawaii and New York, I am now retired. Lenny grew up and worked in New York City. We moved to Waikiki in 2007. In short, Lenny and I are typical residents of the State. We are family members and your neighbors.

Lenny is also my husband -- after 35 years as a couple, we flew to California at the beginning of this month and were married on Oct. 2. Since getting married before the end of this year was very important to us for federal tax purposes, we thought it best not to leave anything to chance. I should note that with our California marriage, Lenny and I only have some and not all of the federal marriage benefits.

Marriage for same-sex couples is a matter of civil rights. A gay or lesbian person, like a straight person, should have the right to marry the person he or she loves.

Marriage for same-sex couples is also a matter of equality. We should have access to the same federal benefits that opposite-sex couples enjoy. For over 13 years, I have had to pay taxes on the health insurance and travel benefits that Lenny receives through my former employer. These taxes have now ended with our marriage.

Finally, enactment of SB 1 is a matter of fairness and aloha. No one should have to fly to another state to get married to get federal benefits. Indeed, some Hawaii residents cannot afford the expense of such a trip and would not be able to enjoy federal benefits unless we have marriage equality in Hawaii. Additionally, residents should be able to get married before family and friends here in Hawaii.

Lenny and I urge you to act favorably with respect to SB 1.

Mahalo.

Sincerely,
Gary Okabayashi
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Honolulu, HI 96815

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: SUNY Hee MOON

City, State: 1245 ELMST #206

Subject: Hono/ur/ur HI 96814

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION AND SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL,
SB1 Relating to Equal Rights**

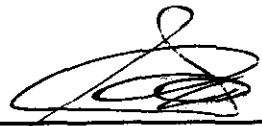
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify against this special session and against this bill.

Signature: _____



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Guy Kapeliela	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: As a native Hawaiian and a registered voter of the State of Hawaii, I oppose Bill SB 1. I believe the people should be given the right to vote to preserve traditional marriage or to allow same-sex marriage. Let the people decided. Thank you

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: Fooi-Jang Byum

City, State: 1561 Pensacola St. #1406 Hono, HI 96822

Subject:

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Fooi-Jang Byum

REPRESENTATIVE KARL RHOADS, CHAIR
REPRESENTATIVE SHARON E. HAR, VICE-CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR
REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, VICE-CHAIR
REPRESENTATIVE AARON LING JOHANSON, VICE-CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TESTIMONY RE: SENATE BILL NO. 1
RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS

October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Auditorium

Good morning Chairs Rhoads and Luke, Vice-Chairs Har, Nishimoto and Johanson, and members of the committees:

My name is David Lane Henkin, and I am testifying as a father of two wonderful children. I strongly support Senate Bill No. 1. If the State is to confer rights and impose obligations on its citizens based on their participation in a committed relationship, it should not discriminate based on whether the individuals forming that couple are of opposite sex or the same sex. Senate Bill 1, which removes the discriminatory ban on same-sex marriage, is vital to confer on all the people of Hawai'i equal protection under the law, regardless of sexual orientation.

My daughter is thirteen years old, and my son is ten. As a parent, my hope is that, some day, they will find happiness in a committed relationship with someone they love. When they do, I want to ensure that they will enjoy the same legal rights – both state and federal – as any other citizen of Hawai'i, regardless of the sex of their partner. I also want to ensure that the State does not stigmatize their relationships by relegating it to second class status.

Please pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony.

To: Representative Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee Chair
Representative Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee Chair
Representative Sharon Har, Judiciary Committee Vice-Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Finance Committee Vice-Chair
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Finance Committee Vice-Chair

From: David Henkin
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RE: In-Person Testimony on SB 1
Thursday, October 31, Capitol Auditorium
Position: Strong Support

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From: Susanna [<mailto:slontai@hawaii.rr.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 4:39 PM

To: Judiciary Special Session

Subject: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees:

As a voter in Hawaii, I ask that you vote "NO" on any legislative proposal that would redefine marriage between a man and a woman. I also ask that any attempt to reverse or modify a 1998 amendment to the Hawaii constitution redefining marriage be decided by the people of Hawaii as it was in 1998.

Same-sex marriage will hurt Hawaii families and send the wrong message to our children, our families, our schools, and our state.

By nature/science, same sex marriage is a misnomer, it does not pro-create, and not a marriage model for any other country around the globe. It does not serve society as a whole, but only for very few adults and it's association's agenda. The civil union's bill addressed the economics of what was claimed as a disparity for same-sex partnerships. From a state standpoint, economical stimulus is a poor and dangerous excuse to sanction same-sex marriages, and a terrible sacrifice of putting money over society. The true cost of these relationships would and is immeasurably harmful.

I am counting on you to remain steadfast to your personal convictions and not that of a purported 'sign of our times'. If this be the case, then LET THE VOTERS DECIDE so the truth of our people be known...again.

Respectfully and with Aloha,
Susanna Ontai

October 27, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, 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 SB1: The Marriage Equality Act of 2013

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

My name is Lisa Kai and I am a resident in the Kailua district. I am a parent of three girls and I have taught them values that will guide them through out their life and these values will be passed on to their children. My husband and I have modeled to them what marriage is – it's for a man and a women. My family and I believe in God and God is the center of everything in our lives. If you decide to pass this SB 1 bill this will confuse my children and my grand children. This bill will cause us to make a big decision about education. I will not send them to a public nor a private school. I would have to home school them because I will not allow them to be taught that same-sex marriage is right. This is my choice.

I am asking you to not pass the same-sex marriage in this special session because the people believed they voted on this issue in 1998 – if the polls show that Hawaii favors same-sex marriage, why not let the people vote?

It is my belief that the government's current bill will not protect church leaders' and individual rights.

Thank you for allowing me to share with you today.

Lisa Kai
Kailua, Hawaii
808-277-2977
lisakai@hawaii.rr.com

October 27, 2013

Mr. Karl Rhoads, Chair
House Judiciary Committee

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House Finance Committee

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

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Allow us to vote on this issue at the next election.

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Lisa Kai
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Honorary Chairman and members of the House

I am opposed to sb1.

Please come with me to visit your past. Your past as a young child... with a mom and dad.

When time was right Everyone here, whether choosing a relationship of man and woman or same sex, made the choice as an adult.

But what about the young one year old infant that gets adopted into a male - male or female - female marriage. How would it change their upbringing and how would it affect their perspective on the Biblical couple of man and woman.

Shouldn't the young infant have the same opportunity to experience a mom and dad and then choose for themselves their sexual lifestyle?

Finally, how would each of you have grown up if you were raised by two men or two women? Please let the people decide.

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Scott Kobayashi	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: My name is scott Kobayashi, I am a youth pastor at moanalua gardens missionary church, and I oppose SB1.

Karl Rhoads, Chair Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Judiciary Committee House Finance Committee

10/31/13

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(Printed name) Matthew Bright III _____

(address) 94-1030 Kaaholo St _____

(phone number) 671-3325 _____

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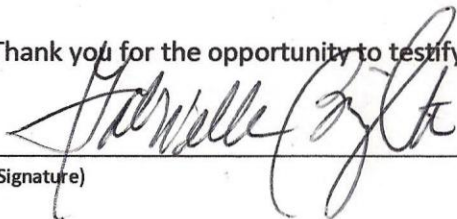
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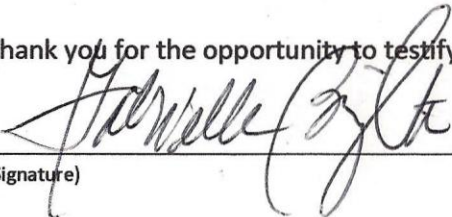
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I oppose SB1 for many reasons. Here are just 3:

1. This bill does not provide any language to protect small business professions (planners, photographers, florists, bakers, etc) who do not wish to provide services for such ceremonies. Marriage is a “holy matrimony” and “sacrament” and many wedding professions enter this profession as a service to God, much like clergy. Penalizing small business on “discrimination” charges is a violation of their Civil right of freedom of conscience as well as their 1st amendment right of freedom of religion.

2. This bill says NOTHING about the intended and /or unintended consequences to our society if same sex marriage is **legal**. Attached are 2 excellent resources of such consequences since legalizing same sex “marriage” in other states. We would be wise to take heed to these “history lessons.”

3. No one is really addressing the foundation of this bill, and as such, we, as Americans, are being disingenuous. Although uncomfortable and emotional, we must include a dialog of morality on this issue.

Some would have us think that our society has progressed to the point where we must embrace homosexuality in this societal progressive evolution, but homosexuality is not new. It has been around for a long time; dating back to Moses day and the Bible. Which really brings us to two questions:

1. Who has authority to define “morality?” The Bible or the State? The Bible clearly states that homosexual behavior is immoral. Just as pornography, murder, rape, theft, etc.

Our nation’s virtue and morality were founded in the Judeo Christian ethic; based on the words, the truths and the principles of the Christian Bible. This is not debatable. There are volumes of documentation supporting our nation’s acknowledgement and reliance on God. Which leads to the second question

2. Is this still “One Nation Under God”? Does God still have a place in the “American experiment?”

President Gerald Ford said: *“Without God there could be no American form of government, nor an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first - the most basic- expression of Americanism. Thus the found fathers of America saw it, and thus with God’s help, it will continue to be.”*

Legalizing any immoral lifestyle brings death to a civil society. The ONLY way any immorality celebrated could remotely be accepted is if we, as a nation, remove God and the Judeo Christian ethic out of civil government. Because this is the problem... God and the Bible. . By voting to legalize same sex “marriage”, aren’t our “representatives” really voting to do just this... remove God and the Judeo Christian ethic out of our civil government?

Sincerely,
Kathleen Campbell
1794 Kihei, HI
96753

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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: Joe Sosa-Rodriguez

City, State: Kailua, HI

Subject: SB 1

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City, State: Kailua, HI. 96734

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Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00am

Honorable Members of the House,

I am voicing 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 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.

Our family has personally sacrificed for our country's freedom and constitutional rights as well as many others families across our state and nation. There are countless families in Hawaii and across our nation who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom and constitutional rights. When my husband and I joined the military we promised to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. I know that you also made the same oath. It is taking a way our constitutional rights if you do not give us a say in this bill. It is not fair to those who have fought for our freedom and especially not fair to those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

In Lincoln's Gettysburg Address it says, "It is rather us to be here dedicated to the task remaining before us-that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to the cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have new birth of freedom; and that the government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

I ask you to let the people decide. Our flag still stands for freedom, give the people the freedom to decide on this issue.

Thank You,

(Gidgett Towns)

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: E Tiare Lando

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Sincerely,
Angela Kansou

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

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

From: Elsa Souza

City, State: Kailua, HI

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Signature: Elsa A. Souza

TO: House Committee on Judiciary and Finance
For Public Hearing on Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 AM
RE: Opposition to SB 1

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

My husband and I were witness to the great throngs of people who surged upon the State Capitol Monday evening in an incredible expression of freedom to speak boldly and sing in unison for love of Hawaii. This is love that showed individual sacrifice and effort to seek truth that comes from the self-evident reality of our humanity. So hundreds of people spoke to the Senate Committee members with much conviction, with facts and warnings to persuade them not to redefine marriage. But the majority of the members were not persuaded because the minds of those particular members remained firmly locked in their own opinion.

This action by the majority Senate Committee members is an act of grave irresponsibility, an act that reveals a mentality that authoritarian government is now operating in Hawaii under the guise of a democratic process that we, the people, hold dear. I ask, honorable members of this joint committee to not allow the powerful forces for special interest to hold you hostage. Do not allow these forces, whether it be for great political influence or lucrative material gain to prevent you from representing us, the people of Hawaii.

You have this opportunity to restore our trust in Hawaii's government, to make honorable the work of politicians where wise decision making will result in laws that will be respected and obeyed. Please defeat this bill SB1.

Thank you,
Jessica Villapando

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: Angie Kim

City, State: Honolulu, HI

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From: VICTOR GROVES

City, State: SALT LAKE (ALIAMANY), HI 96818

Subject:

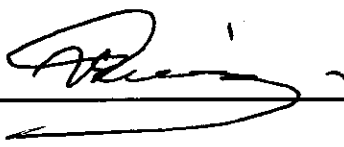
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From: Leroy Hall 411300 WaiKapauna St

City, State: Waimanalo, HI 96795

Subject:

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Signature: Leroy Hall

From: Jesse Seumanu [<mailto:pastorjseumanu@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 5:13 PM

To: Judiciary Special Session

Subject: In opposition to SB1

Aloha Senators,

As a Christian, we strongly stand in opposition to the bill SB1 currently in a special session before the Senate. After watching the endless streams of very concern citizens testifying before the Senate committee, it breaks my heart to see the attitudes of our elected leaders towards so many who oppose the SB1 bill.

It is sad to see the leaders of Hawaii yielding to the pressure of a very small minority in this country and in our state. Instead of taking heed to the voice and will of its people.

So this is your way of ram-rodging legislation by by-passing the public outcry against such an ill conceived bill. To cater to an evil agenda, and allowing decay of our morality as a society. You talk about aloha, who are you fooling, You have only see the surface of a ground swell against this bill. Please consider that despite the lobbying by either side,

God will have the last say.

--

Pastor Jesse Seumanu
Central Samoan AOG
Honolulu, Hawaii

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: Anna Titani

City, State: Honolulu, HI

Subject:

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION AND SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL,
SB1 Relating to Equal Rights**

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

Signature: Anna Titani

My name is Trenton Oshiro

I am strongly oppose to SB1

I am respectfully offended that people were turned away from the testifying. And even more offended that each person was only allowed 1 minute.

This special session is circumventing the democratic process.

If you vote Yes to this bill you are really saying that I don't want public input.

If you vote yes to this bill what you are really saying I am advocating this special session and I do not want to hold up the democratic process.

If you vote yes on this bill you are really saying that the voice of a minority is more important than the voice of the majority.

If you vote yes on this bill you are voting no to democratic process.

In a 1 minute testimony no one can accurately or adequacy, give a public input.

Can you honestly say that in a 5 day session you see and think through all the ramifications, liability, rights on both sides, religious freedoms, social impact on society, and so much more.?

This bill deserves to be carefully examine in a regular session. Anything less is not good for both the proponent of the bill and the opponents.

Trenton Oshiro

From: karli [mailto:k_miyata@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 5:18 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Cc: Rep. K. Mark Takai
Subject: Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees:

My name is Karli Miyata. I am a 36 year old lifetime resident of Hawaii, and **I oppose SB 1.**

I do not believe marriage for homosexuals is a civil or human rights' issue. It is not the same as civil rights based on race or gender, which are traits that people are undoubtedly born with and that can be biologically identified. A "homosexual" gene has yet to be identified, and thus we must not prematurely conclude that it is a natural human trait (i.e., something that we have no control over). An urge or desire can be controlled, but the color of our skin cannot. I have many natural desires that I choose to refrain from fulfilling because they are not healthy for me and/or others.

As a single person, I am not able to enjoy the benefits of a married person, but I don't see that as a violation of my civil rights or discrimination. As an Asian American, I am not able to enjoy the benefits of native Hawaiians, American Indians, etc. And no matter how much I would have liked to attend Kamehameha Schools or receive other benefits, I wouldn't try to change the definition of "native Hawaiian" in order to do so. Black is black, white is white, marriage is marriage.

Please don't misunderstand me. I am not in opposition to the gay & lesbian community. We all have free will, and whatever we choose does not make one any more or less of a human being. God loves us all equally. Although I believe that gays & lesbians should have certain rights, I also believe that our existing rights to freedom of speech, religion & conscience should be protected first and foremost, as well as the culture and traditions of Hawaii. As written, SB 1 does not guarantee that protection. There is clear evidence that these rights have been infringed upon in every place that has legalized same-sex marriage. So I urge you to not let history repeat itself. Please protect our right of choice too. I believe that **it is possible** to grant the gay & lesbian community the benefits they are requesting (possibly by amending the Civil Unions bill) while still protecting traditional marriage in Hawaii.

Please uphold the voice of the people and vote NO to SB 1. Mahalo.

Sincerely,
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Aiea, HI 96701

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

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

From: Eunice Tangonan

City, State: Kapolei, HI 96707

Subject: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION AND SAME SEX MARRIAGE BILL

Dear Chair Rhoads & Chair Luke:

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I strongly oppose this special session and the legalization of same-sex marriage. In 1998, it was decided by the people of Hawaii to give the legislature the power to define marriage as between one man and one woman. So, why do we have a Bill that would redefine marriage? It was clear in 1998 that 70% of our voters wanted marriage to be between one man and one woman.

Also, this Bill seems to protect a small group of people while infringing on the rights of the majority of people. For such a very important issue that will affect our State forever, it does not make sense that only a small group of people are voting to legalize it. The only democratic and right way to change this is to let we, the people, decide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify against this bill.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 5:20 PM

To: House Special Session

Cc: jamilah35hernandez@yahoo.com

Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM (In Person)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/29/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
jamilah hernandez	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Please do not pass the SB 1 Bill!!!!!!

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Hon HI 96818

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To: Chair Rhoads
Vice-Chair Har
Judiciary Committee Members
Chair Luke
Vice-Chair Johanson
Vice-Chair Nishimoto
Finance Committee Members
From: John F. Honold, IV [resident of Kapolei]
Re: SB1
Date: October 31, 2013

1. I am opposed to SB1
2. I am a HUGE FAN of the DEMOCRATIC PROCESS as well as IDEALISTIC BELIEVER in the WISDOM of an INFORMED POPULACE.
3. I do not believe that these few days of Special Session adequately answers the myriad of great questions and concerns [on both sides of the issue] nor allow you to make an informed decision on behalf of the people of Hawaii.
4. I further believe that very MAGNITUDE and HISTORICAL implications of this bill preclude you or the Governor from making a decision apart from the people of Hawaii. Thomas Jefferson was a strong and vocal advocate of the Referendum process. which in his view recognized the people to be the sovereign. Whereas the King of England spoke of his power to govern being derived from God, Jefferson knew that those chosen to represent the citizenry as envisioned in a republic form of government were only empowered by the people. James Madison, as did Jefferson, knew too well the possibility that in a republic, *those chosen to rule can and would on occasion become consumed with their power and take actions not consistent with the Constitution -- actions that represented their self-interest and not the interest of the people (italics mine)*. [iandrinstute.org; I&R Factsheet Number Two].
5. Extended research, discussion and debate in the next legislative session, followed by an opportunity of the people of Hawaii to vote in November 2014 would allow us to RESPECT the interest of the people of the State of Hawaii.
6. STATE CONSTITUTION THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII
ARTICLE I BILL OF RIGHTS POLITICAL POWER
Section 1. All political power of this State is inherent in the people and the responsibility for the exercise thereof rests with the people. All government is founded on this authority. [Am Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]
7. Respectfully, I ask that you would let the people of Hawaii decide

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Isaiah Chong	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: "We will never have true civilization until we have learned to recognize the rights of others." That is a quote from the late Will Rogers, and it stands true to this very day. To whom it may concern, this herein is my humble and honest opinion, the opinion that I would like to share with ye. On June 12, 1967, the United States Supreme Court made a historic ruling in Loving v. Virginia, in the chief justice's opinion for the unanimous court he said, "[m]arriage is one of the `basic civil rights of man,' fundamental to our very existence and survival...." Now on June 26, 2013, the US Supreme Court made two more historic rulings, they ruled on the side of equality by striking down section three of the Defense of Marriage Act and reinstating a previous ruling on California's Proposition 8. But it is you all, our elected representatives, who in Hawaii, constitutionally, have been tasked with making this decision; a decision that should not be taken with a grain of salt. In 1993, the Hawaii Supreme Court made a first of its kind ruling in the world, and I need not quote it, because I am fairly sure ye have read it or heard about it. But I do ask the Hawaii legislature and its committees to legislate on the fair side of the law and court rulings. May we focus for a moment on the many armed forces members in Hawaii and let us remember the situation of US Army Chief Warrant Officer Charlie Morgan, a lesbian service member, who was married in New Hampshire, and died before the DOMA repeal, her wife's survivor benefits were delayed. Since the ruling on DOMA, deceased service members' same-sex spouses, will receive the survivor benefits if they and the deceased person were legally married; Hawaii at this time does not allow same-sex marriage, and because of that we put our gay and lesbian soldiers, marines, airmen, sailors and coast guards and their families at risk. Should our brave defenders die, their same-sex spouses will not receive any federal benefits because a civil union, as similar as it may be, is not a marriage, and those in civil unions aren't eligible for any federal benefits. Must we keep denying our military men and women, who risk their lives, a basic human right? Must we continue denying the residents of Hawaii a basic human right? Hawaii has always been very diverse, welcoming, and open: Why should our legislature not recognize it as such? Though many religious leaders, including The Right Reverend Robert Fitzpatrick, Bishop of Hawaii (Anglican Communion,) have spoken in support or signed petitions in support of marriage equality, others have spoken against it. When debating same-sex marriage, our legislators must remember that their faith has no place in legislation and they must remain secular and do what is best, just, and fair for the people of Hawaii. When elected, you all were tasked with passing legislation that is in our best interest, those laws must be in line with the basic law of the United States, the US Constitution, and in line with the basic law of Hawaii, the State Constitution, both constitutions prohibit discrimination and the Hawaii Constitution tasks the legislature to decide on the definition of marriage. By virtue of our two constitutions, it is the responsibility of the legislature to pass marriage equality because not allowing it is a form of discrimination and it is a sad, pathetic, miscarriage of justice! I have spent my entire life in the Moku'aina o Hawai'i, I have seen people of all races, cultures, and faiths together in

harmony. Hawaii, in my opinion has never been a discriminatory place. But unfortunately, I'm wrong, Hawaii is discriminatory... By denying same-sex couples the right of marriage, it is discriminatory. I live in paradise, I want to continue to live in paradise. I would love to continue to share the paradise I live in with holidaymakers, engaged couples and newlyweds, and we would have more people from each of those groups coming to Hawaii if we had marriage equality. Many couples travel to our 'aina to wed each year, they have the well dreamt of and fantasized wedding in Hawaii, even same-sex couples dream of a Hawaiian beachfront wedding, why should Hawaii deny them the right to fulfill their dreams!? Aloha: Aloha means hello, it means good bye, but most importantly... It means love, we are the Aloha State, we must live up to our state's nickname! In 1998 the residents of Hawaii appointed the legislature to make decisions of marriage, now my elected representatives and senators, it is time for you to do as the people of Hawaii voted for, it is time to end the discriminatory restrictions on marriage. Any of you reading this may disagree with same-sex marriage for your own personal reasons, be it upbringing, culture, faith, or any other particular reason... But it is your reason, should you let your opinions and/or reasoning affect others? Any person's opinion in objection to marriage equality, sir or ma'am, is not of any value to a couple in a loving relationship who seeks to marry; They see the love of their life before them, their soul mate, most importantly the one they want to marry. As I write this testimony, my eyes fill with tears, as I imagine the suffering same-sex couples seeking to wed feel, the immense sadness and hopelessness. Honorable members elected to represent us, I ask that you think of your wedding, or a wedding you've attended, I would like you to picture how happy the couple was on that day, I further ask you to think of the countless tears that are shed daily, by loving couples who are forbidden to marry in this state. I simply close in saying: Honorable Members of the House, Honorable Senators, ye took an oath to protect and defend the constitution of the US and Hawaii, how are ye defending it? To defend it, is to defend the parts of it that is recognized as demanding all people be treated equal, if a man and a woman can wed, equally a woman and a woman should be allowed to marry, same goes for a man and a man. As the old saying goes "what is good for the goose, is good for the gander." What is allowed for a straight person, equally, must be allowed for a gay person. Not long ago a white man was not allowed to marry a black woman; not long ago Rosa Parks was forced off her seat on the bus, under arrest; not long ago young Matthew Shepherd lost his life because he was gay... Today interracial marriage is not only allowed, but fully embraced; Today a black woman may gladly and proudly sit anywhere she pleases; Sadly, gay young men and women, are still bullied and tormented, how can we, as a society, denounce bullying and homophobia if our laws still reflect inequality? Inequality is bullying-by-law! Don't be bullies, be parliamentarians, statesmen and women, serve your community and serve the greater good. Ua mau ke ea o ka 'aina i ka pono, our state's motto. It means "the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness," my elected legislators, I ask you humbly to look in to your hearts, and to perpetuate righteousness through legislation. Mahalo, Isaiah Nahaku'okeola Chong.

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Minister, Hector Hoyos (aka) SisterFace	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I am writing in Strong Support of SB 1. Aloha Hawaii State Leaders I stand here today & of course know there are many differences in our world & people, cultures. We all look different, we all go thru different life's & times good & bad. Rich or Poor, President of the United States or unemployed, hard laborer, retired, religious or not at all. " We Are All Equal under the United States Constitution & many many humans have died & suffered to have there rights as human, as an American." I know many of you Leaders & Our Governor are all ready for "Full Marriage Equality" & Equal Rights in a whole. You must all be harsh & very real with your peer leaders being swayed by outside radical interest. You must push thru True Equality & to even Call Out! those leaders publicly who do not support & let there constituents know the facts... There are many LGBT people & supporters who don't cause a big scene here in Hawaii like many us loud activist here today. People should know what leaders are truly Bigoted & not in there Districts. These religious crazy radical types with huge amounts of funding coming in from out of state & teaching hate under the Churches name scare me as an Ordained Minister. What are bigoted Hawaii leaders teaching hate to future generations who just get away with hate crimes & bullying gay kids or LGBT parents kids. We have children for heavens sake that are being abused by State Leaders in essence, because. There allowing promoting In-Equality treating LGBT like 2nd class citizens... There are so many rights and protections a LGBT parents need to help there families. We must think of the next generation of children and future minds, artistic, possible scientist & leaders. The Supreme Court Has Spoken... Obama & the Federal Government, County Clerks & Federal Judges are doing more for LGBT Equality now then a state like Hawaii. That led the way with Equality, We were the first state to start this not trend, but Human Right to love, the aloha, the ohana I have learned... to give access benefits, a better life. It is for all Government to separate Church & State, let us remember this leaders. Please Please be on the right side of history. We are not just an example for our own country anymore. We are an example of Americas Freedoms & Liberties, Civil Rights not Tyranny. As an Ordained Minister, a Drag Diva Minister, you heard me right as many of you know already. I have been fighting since 1986, I was a kid for Civil Rights & Equality for LGBT community on the east coast. I & many others want to help be a whole part of a whole new business in Hawaii, a new Equality, the right to Unite / Marry LGBT couples & loved ones. Help them receive there fair just of federal protections granted by the Supreme Court. Your casted polls & there fraudulent numbers are just flat out wrong. Even though the good ones are awesome for the states outlook, it's future. I believe after living in W.D.C. & most areas on the East Coast. The numbers are going to be shattered every year now with Full Marriage Equality being established in Equality States. also as a Minister, I no longer believe in "Civil Unions" I used to, but now. The Supreme Court has spoken, My heart has spoken to me. There are Clerks in Counties across our Country now giving out Marriage License because there hearts spoke to them. There are Federal Judges telling Governors, To step aside & overruling.

I was thinking this needed to happen here, Honolulu is a county right, but. Now we all are here... Debating, arguing with pure bigots, pleading, begging even for our right to Marry, my right as a Minister to Unite LGBT. My point is, many many LGBT Ministers exist & I know & I have felt the hate alone, just for being a gay loud Drag character Ordained Minister. All the small businesses that cater to weddings, ceremonies etc. & I can't Marry LGBT, but I can only Marry Straight folks & I guess Aliens from another galaxy. This is a major obstacle for my way of making a future, for making future income, for myself as a minister to be 1/2 of what I am. I sure would never say no to marrying a straight couple or any couple, ever. I tell you LGBT Full Marriage Equality is Hawaii's way of making big future income that is always needed here in Hawaii. Making new business in Hawaii from in state & major out of state tourism in LGBT weddings & all the businesses that go along with that. We as Hawaii, you all know are Americas true Paradise. Hawaii will most definitely be a major leader in LGBT wedding destination & new source of income for the state & small businesses around the islands, hotels & jobs even being created yearly directly form LGBT weddings. Even for all the haters & bigots, they will even feel the flow of income from LGBT, the possibilities are endless for LGBT Wedding Tourism. You all as leaders know it is your jobs to protect people from radical churches & out of state organizations from running our State of Hawaii Gov. from abroad sources. Churches & hate groups funneling in money to our State of Hawaii leaders just to keep there vote, its Bigotry. You all should please not put too much in any State Bill to protect churches that use there tax free funds raised from the public to promote hatred &. Some how be protected from a law suite they bring upon themselves for being bigoted & not marrying or letting LGBT use there facilities if public funded church spaces etc.. I Hope you all can do everything in your powers to get Full Marriage Equality, our Civil Rights through on this Special Session called by Governor Neil Abercrombie. I as a constituent, a human, Praise so many of you leaders making the better choice & using your hearts to know what true Equality is for your people, us humans, small & large businesses future & families in our State of Hawaii. Please Stand... with Equality, Civil Rights and the people of Hawaii and & Pass, Full Marriage Equality My Blessings, Mahalo Ordained Minister, Hector Hoyos (aka) Minister SisterFace 2499 Kapiolani Blvd. #3303 Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

Here are 13 facts taken straight from the CDC website*: * *[Statements in brackets are my commentaries.]*

- 1.) *Young people aged 13–29 accounted for 39% of all new HIV infections in 2009. 22% are between ages 13 and 24.*
- 2.) *With regard to youth, HIV disproportionately affects young gay and bisexual men.*
- 3.) *Continual HIV prevention outreach and education efforts, including programs on abstinence, delaying the initiation of sex, should be taught. [This is opposite to what the schools are teaching in same sex marriage states and Ontario.]*
- 4.) *Risk factors are: Early age at sexual initiation; unprotected sex; older sex partners. [This is what the schools are promoting.]*
- 5.) *Parent communication and monitoring may play an important role in reaching youth early with prevention messages. [This would be prohibited at the schools and parental monitoring would be prevented.]*
- 6.) *CDC data have shown that young gay, bisexual, and other MSM (males having sex with males), have high rates of new HIV infections.*
- 7.) *Another CDC study showed that young MSM and minority MSM were more likely to be unaware of their HIV infection, a situation that puts their health and the health of their partners at risk. [Keiki feel invincible and carefree.]*
- 8.) *Both casual and chronic substance users are more likely to engage in high-risk behaviors, such as unprotected sex, when they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol. [What teenager does not drink at parties?]*
- 9.) *Research has shown that a large proportion of young people are not concerned about becoming infected with HIV. This lack of awareness can translate into not taking measures that could protect their health. [Keiki feel invincible and carefree.]*
- 10.) *Abstaining from sex and drug use is the most effective way to avoid HIV infection. [Abstaining from sex is contradicted at the schools where same-sex marriage is legalized.]*
- 11.) *Parents also need to reinforce health messages, including how to protect oneself from HIV infection.*
- 12.) *The proportion of Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders (NH/PI) with late HIV diagnoses (AIDS diagnoses within one year of HIV diagnosis) in 2010 was the highest of all races/ethnicities in the United States and dependent areas.*
- 13.) *45% of NH/PI developed AIDS within 12 months after a diagnosis of HIV infection. [This is so quick—and deadly.]*

Dear Representative,

I pulled these statistics from the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* website to show the facts about HIV in Youth. My main concern is that when the schools in Hawaii are mandated to follow the direction of school systems in other states (and Canada) where same sex marriage is legalized, promiscuous behavior will skyrocket, and parents will be disregarded and kept in the dark regarding the curriculum their own children are being taught. This is happening in Massachusetts and Ontario, and translates into HIV infection for our youth, and possibly AIDS within 1 year.

In Canada and Massachusetts they have *legislated* that parents be kept unaware of the activities of their kids *in and out* of school, and now the curriculum is being pushed to not only public and catholic schools, but also private schools. When will the rights of parents return? *Maybe* after years of law suits and many youth dying from AIDS.

Have you ever seen someone suffering from AIDS? I have many times. While in medical school, I volunteered at *The Calcutta House*, a hospice for men with AIDS in Philadelphia. These men were so thin, they looked like they had either end-stage cancer or they had come from Auschwitz. Their eyes were sunken, they had temporal wasting, chronic nausea and diarrhea, they could barely walk, and there was a spirit of sadness and death about them. Imagine your own son in this bed. Why? Because his school taught him the fun of being gay, and he was given addresses and phone numbers to gay bars and hangouts (with recommendations of which ones liked "young guys"), because you were kept in the dark about activities going on in and out of school. Because your son had a feeling that he was invincible (as all kids do), and a curious spirit; because *you* voted for it. Please vote NO to SB1—for your own kids' sake!

This is not just a matter of two people who love each other getting married; this is a matter of life and death for our keiki. The numbers do not lie.

Please do not think I am trying to scare you or deceive you. This is very real. The decision is between our keiki's health, well-being and life, or being politically correct for a few.

Please stand for what will save our keiki—parents deserve the right to vote on this--please allow the public to vote and do not put this into law. There is always a way to do what is good—you have this opportunity now.

Respectfully yours,

Connie Wong, M.D.

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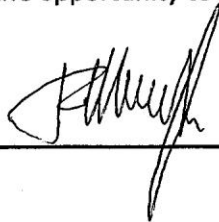
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Signature: Jessie Cadelina

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Signature: Todd Hairgrove

Carol Parker
PO Box 25714
Honolulu, HI 96825

October 26, 2013

ALL HAWAII STATE LEGISLATORS
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:30 am
I will be present to personally deliver my testimony.

Re: In **Opposition** to S.B. 1 (H.B. 5): *The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013*

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am opposed to S.B.1 (H. B. 5), The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, because

1. It denies individual citizens their First Amendment right of freedom of religion, and ultimately also denies individual citizens the right of free speech and lawful assembly.
2. It is in utter opposition to the will of Hawaii voters who voted in 1998 to define marriage exclusively between a man and women in the Hawaii constitution. More than 250,000 Hawaii voters expressed their resolute position on the definition of marriage as exclusively between a man and women. The language “reserve marriage” indicates that the people of Hawaii recognize that the institute of marriage deserves and demands special consideration and criteria, one man and one woman exclusively.
3. It denies business owners their First Amendment right of freedom of religion and ultimately also denies business owners the right of free speech and lawful assembly.
4. It re-defines the most core institution of society, marriage without regard to the impact and consequences on Hawaii, society, the community, and individual rights.
5. It fails to protect churches, religious groups and temples from lawsuits. It fails to protect church-affiliated organizations (universities, hospitals, adoption agencies, housing agencies, etc.) from lawsuits. It fails to protect bishops, priests and other clergy members from lawsuits.
6. It is fast-tracked through a process that does not offer Neighbor Island individuals the opportunity to present testimony in person.
7. It appears to be the act of the State of Hawaii Executive Branch and the Legislature to put the ‘wants’ of non-residents of Hawaii over the needs and will of residents of the people of Hawaii and the registered voters of Hawaii.
8. It appears to be the act of a legislative body attempting to ignore the firmly expressed will of registered Hawaii voters and bypass the voters of Hawaii who have already voted on this issue.
9. It appears to be the first act of a legislative body being forced to pass legislation by an Executive Branch attempting to show its first step in showing its power over the people of Hawaii.
10. It excludes legislative representatives of some registered voters of Hawaii the process and opportunity to vote on the legislation. This violates the US Constitution guaranteed right for the people to be represented in the legislation process.

I urge you to vote **NO on S.B. 1** (H. B. 5). Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,

Carol Parker
Registered Hawaii Voter

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: Juliana Yotsuji

City, State: 445 Seaside Ave. # 2802 Hon. HI 96815

Subject:

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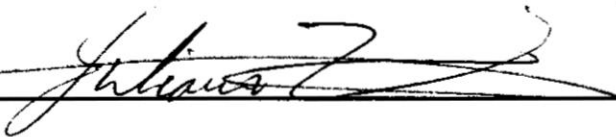
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City, State: EWA BEACH HAWAII

Subject:

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m. (Janet Ra)

From: 2203 Young St

City, State: Honolulu Hawaii 96826

Subject: Same ^{sex} marriage

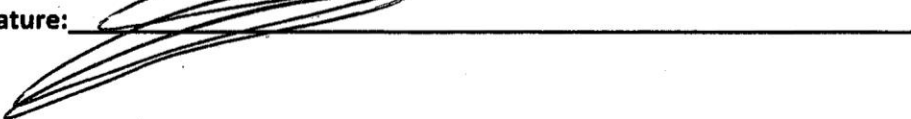
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To: Chair Kari Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: Yena Kim

City, State: 2116 Fern St. #203 Honolulu, HI, 96826

Subject:

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From: Anna Casey Ala Lili'oi St unit 702

City, State: Honolulu, HI

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From: Tracy Noh

City, State: ~~Hawaii~~ 92-1071 painia pl. Kapolei HI 96707

Subject:

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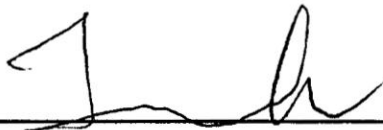
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From: Francine Cabbab

City, State: Wahiawa, HI 96786

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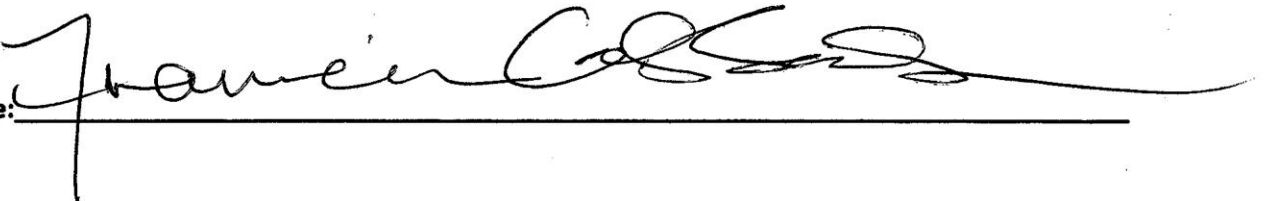
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From: Christy Villanueva

City, State: Waimanalo, Hawaii 96795

Subject: Same-sex Unions -

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City, State: HONOLULU, HI 96814

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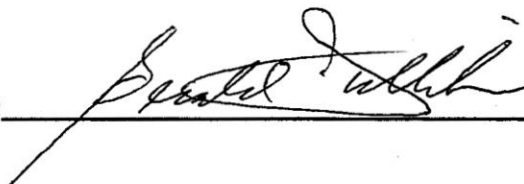
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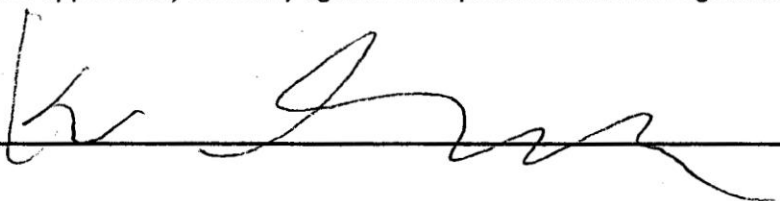
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From: ~~Xi~~ Betsy Ye

City, State: HI

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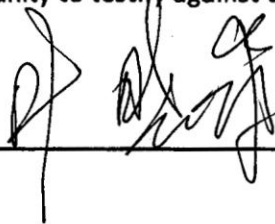
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City, State: Carle HI 96762

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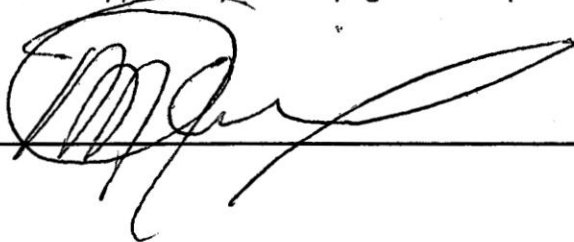
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From: Karen Russ

City, State: Honolulu HI 96825

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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: Sara Villanueva

City, State: Waimanalo Hawaii 96795

Subject:


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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: Talianne Alisa

City, State: Lane, HI

Subject:

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Talianne Alisa Oct 28/13

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: CHAO ZHENG & ZHEN FAN

City, State: HONOLULU, HI 96825

Subject:

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From: JOSHUA FRANKLIN

City, State: HONOLULU, HAWAII

Subject:

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

From: Lee Mi Soon 1717 Mott-Smith Pk. #307

City, State: Honolulu HI 96822

Subject:

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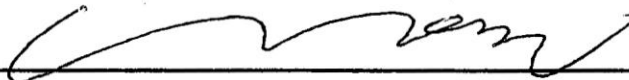
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Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

From: Stephen H. Smith

City, State: Honolulu, HI 96734

Subject:

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

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From: Jon Sub

City, State: HI Honolulu HI

Subject:

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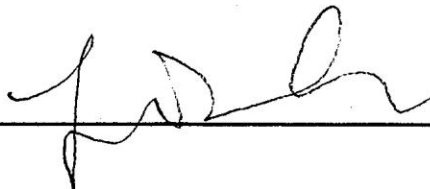
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Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

From: Raymond Lang

City, State: KADOLEE HI 96707

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

From: Makana M Jeff

City, State: Honolulu HI 96828

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: Wendy Loh

City, State: Hon. HI 96822

Subject:

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City, State: Loai, HI

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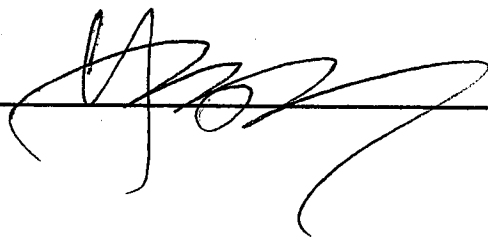
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City, State: HAWAII HI

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

From: Marie T. Renie

City, State: Waikanae, HI 96781

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Signature: Michael E. [Signature]

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From: GERALDINE MARTINEZ

City, State: HNL, HI 96822

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

From: EARL STUCKEY

City, State: HONOLULU, HAWAII

Subject: OPPOSITION

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From: Andrew Yasuhara

City, State: 95-227 Waikalani Dr. A704 Mililani HI 96789

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City, State: EOA BEACH, HI

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City, State: Aiea, Hawaii

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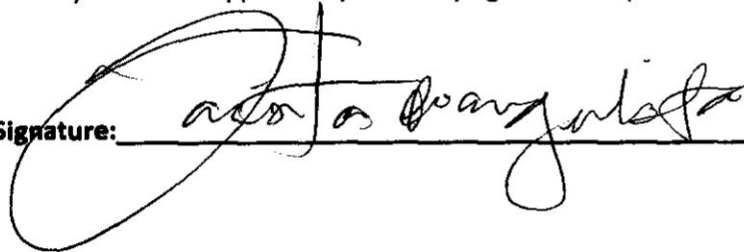
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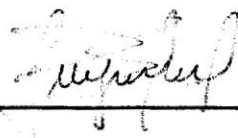
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Non-Mt. 10/16

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Sheldon Lacsina	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: My name is Sheldon Lacsina, I was born and raised here on Oahu in Waimanalo and am currently the lead pastor of New Hope Hilo Hawaii on the Big Island representing a congregation of 1500 people. I oppose SB1 Marriage has three basic components, two people joined together, solemnization, and procreation. This bill will give the first two, but will never be able to fulfill the third. So it is not marriage equality at all. You can redefine the definition of our moon and call it a sun, it may orbit like the sun, have the same shape as the sun, but it will never be able to shine like the sun. Therefore changing the definition does not make it equal. Keeping the definition of marriage does not judge gays at all or make them 2nd class citizens. Slaves in our country were freed, but the definition of slavery was not changed. Women now have the right to vote, but the definition of woman remains the same. We as a people may have evolved and changed, so redefine Civil Unions, not marriage, that is true equality. Tell me, with such smart and gifted people in our government, we cannot do better in offering same sex couples the same rights, benefits, medical fairness and equality without changing the definition of marriage. I too believe that everyone should be treated fairly, so let's look at alternative laws or amendments like HB-5 rather than changing the definition of a word that has caused you lack of rest, headaches, marital debate and does not bring equality to our keiki who will suffer the consequences of this proven dismantling of culture in the states and nations that have passed this law. Yes, as religious leaders and clergy, we do have a choice to not marry same sex couples, so do other clergy in other states, but they have paid the price of a lawsuit to go with their choice due to the law. What makes this a great state are not the laws, it's the culture of our people. But that all changes once you put this into law because it will change our culture. I ask each of you as legislators, to search your soul, not political strategy, or pressure, but dig deep into your legacy and what you will be remembered for. Twenty years from now, your colleagues will not be by your side, nor will the governor, but your children and grandchildren will be. I want you to picture yourself on your death bed, and those who are by your side, I guarantee you, not one of your colleagues today will be there supporting you and your family, and neither will the governor. Don't make your decision based on what a small majority of the states are doing, just to go with the flow, rivers do that only to end up going down the waterfall. If you vote yes on this bill, you will regret that decision the moment you do if in your heart you wish to vote no. Many of your children will see you as heroes when they find out you went against the grain of pressure and turned from a yes to this bill, to a no because you thought of them and their families. Thank you, Sheldon Lacsina

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