

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
lesley prasad	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: 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 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 thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Lesley Prasad

Testimony

10/29/13

My name is Dave Bybee. I am a resident of Laie. Senat Bill # 1 is of great concern to me for many reasons. Here are just a few:

- 1) the process (a rushed special session with limited input)
- 2) the incredibly weak religious exemptions
- 3) most importantly, the attempt to redefine marriage.

A matter of such enormous consequence should not be hastily decided by a small group of people (the legislature). It should be taken to the enormous body of people who will be most affected by it. We, the people of Hawaii, should be the ones to decide on this and take responsibility for that decision.

If we are going to base this decision on the need for benefits then let's not be selective in our discussion of benefits. Let's include a discussion on what sort of benefits children (and society) get from the traditional institution of marriage. According to millennia of experience and sound research, marriage between a man and a woman it is not just a nice option, it is the best scenario we know of for the healthy development of children. This shouldn't be about what some socially innovative adults want to try. It should be about what our children need.

I ask that you, as my elected representatives, hear my voice and vote against this bill or recommend that this decision be placed where it belongs, in the hands of the people.

Dave Bybee

Laie, Hawaii 96762

To: 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: WILMA YOUTZ

City, State: HONOLULU, HI 96816

Subject:

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Signature: Wilma Youtz

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From: CLARITA GAMBELAN

City, State: 91-829 Pohakupura Rd. E.B. 96706

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Colette Hinchcliff	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I am testifying in strong opposition of SB1. This bill in NO way is promoting equality. I am most concerned by the lack of religious protections provided by this bill. Even the most recent draft is full of loopholes that limit 1st Amendment rights. This is extremely serious. It seems that society expects that religion must tolerate the desires and beliefs of the gay community on society, but in no way are religious beliefs and desires needed to be tolerated or accepted by anyone. HOW CAN THIS BE EQUALITY? This is not the right bill for Hawaii. The family is the basic unit of society. When the definition of marriage is changed, families are affected. Society is changed. Do you know in what ways? By voting YES, are you ready to take responsibility for this MAJOR societal change? The effects of this issue are too complex and far-reaching to be fully understood and decided upon in a single week of special session. What answers do you have for how the bill will be interpreted when lawsuits arise? What answers do you have for how children's education will be changed? PLEASE VOTE NO ON SB1. Let the PEOPLE decide on marriage. Let the PEOPLE be responsible for the consequences of this decision. Thank you for your consideration. Your actions regarding this issue will not go unnoticed, and will not be forgotten come re-election time. Sincerely, Colette Hinchcliff 275 Moomuku Place Honolulu, HI 96821

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Correna M. Foresee

City, State:

Honolulu, HI 96830

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City, State: Waiānae, HI 96792

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From: Sherril Lavatai

City, State: Aiea, HI 96701

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I believe in traditional marriage. I have seen an individual change from gay to straight and back again. Some just sees where it goes. It's a changing status. Why redefine marriage on a changing preference based on emotional or sexual choices. I believe in

traditional marriage. A child needs both their mother and father. You need both male and female to create a child. I am a mother. I do not want my child to be raised by "society's standards." I want my child to be raised as I was, with the same standard of truth that I know. The truth that has made me the person that I am today. I believe in traditional marriage.

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

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From: Marilyn Lindamood

City, State: Kan, HI

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From: B.R.O. HES ACOSTA THRO

City, State: GOP REPUBLICAN USA FORCES

Subject: Do the Right thing. God (Curses!

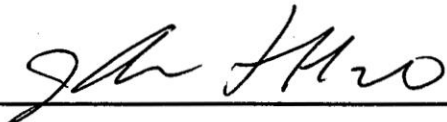
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City, State: Mililani, HI

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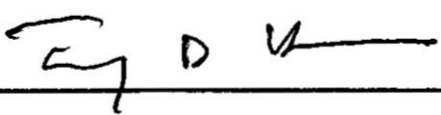
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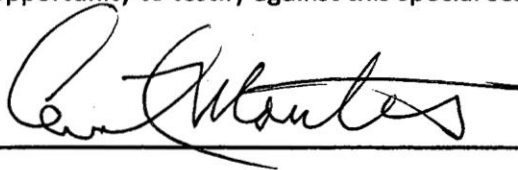
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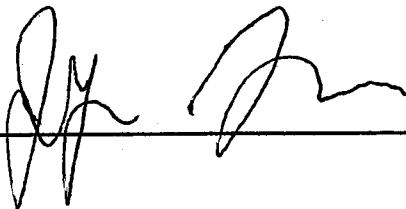
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From: CASEY AKANA

City, State: LAIHE, HI

Subject:

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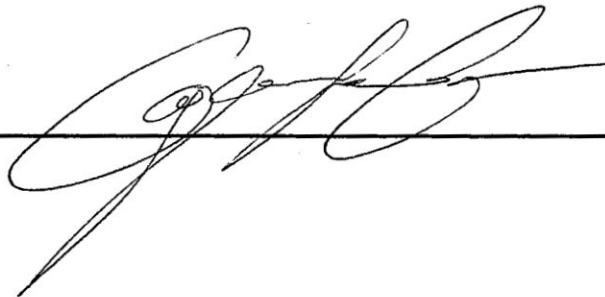
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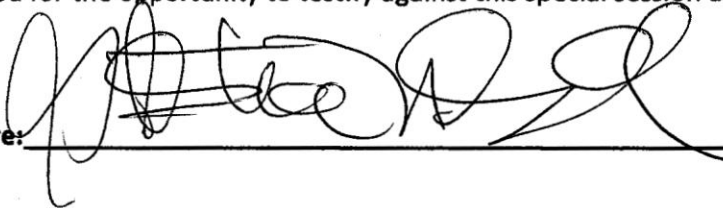
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From: JOJOJO RE 191104

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

From: Jed Tesoro

City, State: Kaneohe, HI

Subject:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Jed Tesoro	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Dear House Judiciary and Finance Committees, My name is Jed Tesoro and I am a voter in Hawaii. Thank you for your service to our community and state. Your stance for traditional marriage is an encouragement to my family and many others. Your leadership and dedication to our Hawai'i is greatly appreciated. Please encourage your fellow legislators to do the right thing by giving the people of Hawaii an opportunity to decide upon this controversial issue. As a parent, I am very disappointed that our freedom and rights are at stake during this special session. The legacy of our future generations is at stake. Our fathers, grandfathers, and uncles sacrificed their lives for our freedom as members of the 442 and 100th Battalion. Let us honor their legacy by being sure that all of our freedoms are safe and intact. Recently, my eighteen year old son went to a presentation regarding the consequences of same sex marriage in Canada and Massachusetts. It was great to hear his passion and decision to become a registered voter. This situation has given him a purpose to vote. He wants to protect his rights as a future parent and the rights of his children. Now, he is talking about telling his friends to vote and to have a say in their future and the next generations. What LEGACY are we leaving for the future generations? We hope it's not TOO LATE! As an educator at Heeia Elementary School, I am very concerned about the future of public education. We have attended several meetings to gain an understanding about the consequences of same sex marriage. The consequences have the potential to be very devastating. The rights of families and children are forfeited for the rights of one role group. The curriculum and extracurricular activities will place unnecessary pressure on children to conform to another person's beliefs. It is our job to support and honor what parents might believe is right. As an educator and potential administrator, I am not willing to teach something that I believe will harm or will be a disservice to the children and families. There is a strong possibility that I will leave a profession that I love. There is a belief that people who choose or is associated with this lifestyle are being bullied. I have not experienced any bullying because of sexual lifestyle choices. I have heard and witnessed children being bullied for various reasons. At Heeia School, the students know that we honor and respect everyone. There is no bullying in my grade or anything that I've witnessed at the school. Heeia School is a place where learning and respect is nurtured by all. We need to continue to protect the rights of all of our children. All children have value and should be treated in that way. I love my job! The kids and families are great. We need to stand to protect the rights of all of our children and families. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please continue to serve our state and community with diligence and integrity. Let the people decide on this contentious issue of same sex marriage. Thank you!! With Respect and ALOHA, Jed Tesoro

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

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To: House Committee on Judiciary and Committee on Finance

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

I will testify in person.

From: Sumner La Croix

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and Members of the Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

My testimony covers the impact of marriage equality on Hawai'i's economy over the next three years (2014-2016). I am a Professor with the Dept. of Economics, UH-Mānoa, and a Research Fellow with the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization, UH-Mānoa. In February 2013, I prepared a report (with Lauren Gabriel, William S. Richardson School of Law, UH-Mānoa) that estimated:

- The number of Hawai'i same-sex couples—**1,957 couples**—likely to marry over the 2014-2016 period;
- Additional tourism and wedding industry spending over the next three years triggered by weddings and marriage celebrations of Hawai'i and US couples and honeymoons of US couples (**\$217 million**).
- The number of same-sex spouses who would elect to be covered as a spousal beneficiary on their spouse's employer-provided health insurance.

We updated our report in July 2013 to reflect the two US Supreme Court rulings in the California Proposition 8 case and the DOMA case. Our conclusion is that the two decisions open the door to big flows of new spending in the Hawai'i tourism and wedding industries over the 2014-2016 period if Hawai'i were to enact marriage equality. We expect that marriage equality in Hawai'i will bring US same-sex couples, guests of US same-sex couples, and guests of Hawai'i same-sex couples to Hawai'i to marry, celebrate a marriage or honeymoon. More specific conclusions follow.

- The U.S. Supreme Court's decision allowing same-sex marriage to resume in California is particularly important for Hawai'i's tourism industry, as the addition of California increases the proportion of Hawai'i's visitors from states with marriage equality from 18 percent to 54 percent. We estimate **\$167 million** in additional spending over the 2014-2016 period by same-sex couples from states with marriage equality (and their guests) visiting Hawai'i to marry, celebrate their marriage or honeymoon.
- The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the DOMA case has opened the door to a limited set of federal rights for all same-sex couples regardless of whether the couple lives in a state with marriage equality. Same-sex couples from states without marriage equality can travel to another state with marriage equality to marry and thereby gain access to the limited set of federal rights. Some of these couples would choose to marry and/or honeymoon in Hawai'i if Hawaii enacted marriage equality. Including

spending from marriages and honeymoons of same-sex couples from states without marriage equality increases total additional spending to **\$217 million** over the 2014-2016 period.

- We estimate that marriage equality in Hawai‘i will likely increase State of Hawai‘i and City and County of Honolulu general excise tax revenues by **\$10.2 million** over the 2014-2016 period. State income tax revenues would also increase, but we have not estimated their exact magnitude.
- Without access to same-sex marriage in Hawai‘i, many local same-sex couples will choose to gain access to federal marriage rights by traveling to the U.S. mainland to marry. The absence of marriage equality in Hawai‘i raises wedding costs for Hawai‘i’s same-sex couples and their families and friends living in Hawai‘i, harms the Hawai‘i wedding industry, and diverts spending by wedding guests from Hawai‘i hotels, restaurants, retail, etc. to their counterparts in the mainland United States.
- Marriage equality in Hawai‘i should produce substantial federal tax savings for married same-sex Hawai‘i couples with a spouse as a beneficiary on the other spouse’s employer-paid health insurance. Marriage equality will also allow married Hawai‘i same-sex couples to become eligible to draw spousal benefits from the social security program, as benefits are based on whether the state of residence recognizes a couple’s marriage.

The full report, “The Impact of Marriage Equality on Hawai‘i’s Economy and Government: An Update After the U.S. Supreme Court’s Same-Sex Marriage Decisions,” can be downloaded at <http://www.uhero.Hawai‘i.edu/assets/LaCroix.Gabriel.MEUpdate.FINAL.pdf>.

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: KEVIN CORPUS

City, State: Waipahu HI 96797

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From: Val A. Featherston

City, State: Hon, HI

Subject: Sex same ≠ God's creation

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Signature: Valerie F.

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From: Randy D. Fedea

City, State: Honolulu HI 96817

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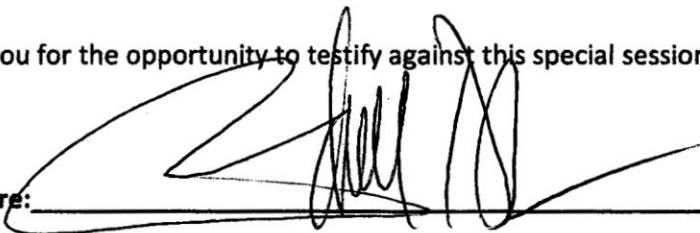
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-----Original Message-----

From: Douglas Kozub [<mailto:kozub@hawaii.rr.com>]

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

To: Judiciary Special Session

Subject: Against Same Sex Marriage

Thank you for taking time to read this brief exposition on why you should vote no to same sex marriage.

1) If same sex marriage is legal, it will force same sex education on our keiki. In Canada, same sex marriage has video's of cartoon males having sex for K-2 graders to watch! 3rd graders are given a day where boys can marry another boy while cross dressing. In middle school, kids see men having sex through video's. This is not what locals want. It is special interests groups from the mainland that want to change our views and way of life.

Also I find disturbing is the overzealous teaching of anti-bullying primarily focused on homosexuality. Homosexuals are among the least reasons for bullying in our schools. Many times more are our keiki bullied for being caucasian, afro-american, or physically undesirable. Among long lists of reasons why kids bully others, homosexuality is among the least reasons or even last. Yet, they receiving a very disproportionate amount of the anti-bullying teaching. Bullying gays is wrong. But lets teach our kids about bullying all groups who are disrespected.

Same sex marriage, if passed, would most likely increase this imbalanced teaching in our schools already.

This is another reason to not pass same sex marriage. Same sex marriage states do not just inform, but promote to keiki about men with men and women with women in ways that are inappropriate with the values of most of their constituents. Certainly, here on Kauai, most people are not for same sex marriage.

2) I have spent 10 plus hours waving signs in support of traditional marriage on Kauai. I have counted again and again the numbers of people who give us support while driving by verses the thumbs down or other negative expressions. The ratio is about 25 to 1 in favor of preserving traditional marriage. Nationally speaking only 3-4% of our population are gay. This seems to be reflected in our sign waving ratio's.

And here is the kicker: Every single person I saw, every single one was haole. Not a single one that I saw were local. I am sure there are some local individuals who want same sex marriage. But the overwhelmingly - vast majority of those on Kauai are not local, but from the mainland who have moved over to Kauai. And now, they want to change our way of life, and they want to change the way we educate our keiki.

3) Gays already have marriage. It is called civil unions. There are only a few major reasons why same sex couples are fighting for full marriage. Certainly health care benefits are one of the reasons. But also significant is the desire to enter the public school systems at every grade and not educate, but promote homosexuality as good. This I find not acceptable. We do not even do this for heterosexual marriages or couples.

Please consider this testimony as you consider this society transforming policy. Thank you again for your time consideration.

Sincerely,

Douglas S. Kozub

Testimony in **opposition** of SB1
Support of HB8, 11, 12
Relating to the Redefinition of Marriage

Committee on Judiciary
Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair
Representative Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair

Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

October 31, 2013
10:00am Auditorium

Chairs, Vice Chairs, and members of the Committees:

Thank you for scheduling a public hearing for this bill on a very important issue. I appreciate the time and effort that previous legislators have made to listen to individuals on this issue and the time and effort you have made to listen us this day on this issue.

I stand in strong opposition to SB1. I support HB 8, 11, 12. I represent family and friends on neighbor islands who could not afford to take off from work and fly to Oahu to testify the same. I also represent friends and family on this island who could not take off from work today to testify the same. I am a newly tenured public middle school teacher preparing to be married in a few months and start a family. I believe in hard work. I believe in doing the right thing even if at times it requires me to give up the things I want. As a teacher, one gets used to sacrifice. I serve this state well in teaching young minds. In fact, my students were sad to hear that I wasn't going to be with them today. While most students cheer at the thought of getting a substitute teacher, my classroom echoed with moans when I told them. I do not share this to boast, but to demonstrate the fact that the students in class C203 at Ilima Intermediate know how it feels to be cared about and loved. They know that because I am willing to do the difficult things. I listen to what I know is right in my heart and go out of my way to show them I care. That, to me, is the definition of love, and the kind of love required to make a lasting relationship, even a lasting marriage.

The decision of the United States Supreme Court to rule Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional in 2013 simply deemed it unconstitutional to restrict same sex couples the federal rights by those of heterosexual couples. It does not require our state to redefine marriage. Allow loving individuals the rights to take care of their families, but do not redefine marriage. The decisions to do so by others in our country and other countries have been made only within this past decade. It is too early for us to truly quantify the repercussions this decision could have here in Hawaii. In Canada, schools have mandated curriculum teaching students that it's okay to have sex with those of the same gender (see: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Sexual-Orientation-Directive.pdf>). Christian and non-Christian co-workers alike have told me they notice students experimenting with same sex behaviors, even those who don't identify as being gay. Students see it as a fun experience that is now more socially acceptable. Is that okay? Even to the gay community?

Supporters of SB1 say that opposing this bill takes away people's right to love freely. I disagree and am hurt to be accused of not having love in my heart because I don't believe in sexual freedom. The promises made in marriage are of the highest forms of love, and love is about sacrifice and self-restraint. It is about doing what's right even at the cost of oneself. It is not about sexual preference. My fiancé and I have been together for 3 years. We are not perfect by any means. We fall short of truly loving each other. We don't always sacrifice and restrain our wants, but ultimately, we know that's the kind of love that will keep our marriage strong. We personally have committed ourselves to abstinence. However funny it sounds, our sexual preference would be to have sex now! 😊 I may have other sexual attractions throughout the course of our marriage that may hurt him. He may as well. But I am training myself now, by not acting on my sexual attractions to restrain myself in the name of love. My fiancé and I choose not to act on our sexual attraction because we know teaching ourselves self-restraint is the highest manifestation of love. Some may say, how can I compare myself to those who have a real attraction for the same sex? I may need to continue to further examine the issue and I apologize sincerely if this testimony has weaknesses or hurts others. But I speak from my heart and I speak my truth keeping in mind that I too, am not perfect. I know that even some gays agree with me on this issue. For example, I have a gay friend who came out in 2006, who believes that marriage still should be defined as that between a man and a woman. He has since married a woman and they have a happy and loving family in California. He believes that love is not just about sexual preference.

Please representatives, do not rush the decision to pass this bill. As a future mother, I fully intend to continue working hard to advocate for the family and well-being of our society. I also fully intend to continue working as an educator and empowering young individuals with knowledge to improve themselves and therefore continue to improve our society. Most importantly, since we are all here about this particular issue, I fully intend to continue being a sincere friend to my homosexual friends. I love them with all my heart. I will advocate for harmoniously living with those who are different from me, even homosexuals. Give these same sex couples their rights, but do not redefine marriage. I pray that when I talk to my children about what love means and the kind of love that marriage requires, I will not be muted by the loud sounds of society saying that sexual sanctity is a thing of the past. I pray that my rights as an individual will not be taken away to practice my beliefs if public schools were mandated to condone sexual freedom.

Thank you representatives Ward, Fale, and others who have taken the time to draft and introduce HBs 8, 11, and 12. It is possible for us to live what we know is right and live harmoniously with those who do not. Give us the freedoms to do so.

A respectful, honest, and hard-working school teacher and public servant

Chanelle Chin
92-779 Makakilo Dr. #8
Kapolei, HI 96707

-----Original Message-----

From: Grayson West [<mailto:nosyarggg@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 5:50 PM

To: Judiciary Special Session

Subject: Testimony In Opposition to SB1 Relating to Equality

I am in opposition of SB1 simply because this should not be addressed in a special session. I believe that we should be given the opportunity to let our voices be heard.

Some of the reasons why I do not support this bill is:

A five day special session is not enough time to discuss the issues, the benefits as well as the ramifications of what this bill will provide to the state of Hawaii as well as its citizens.

A yes vote will reflect the will of the Governor, legislators and special interest groups but not necessarily the will of the people of the State of Hawaii.

Consensus of the people of Hawaii have already stated opposition for this both now as well as 15 years ago.

As elected legislators we have entrusted you to represent us, the people of Hawaii, and with that should respect the process that allows our voices and opinions to be heard.

In conclusion taking away freedoms from one group to please another groups agenda does not give equality to all parties involved.

10/29/2013

Joint Hearing on SB1-JUD & FIN

Aloha Honorable Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Members of this Joint Committee,

I submit this testimony **IN SUPPORT of SB1**, relating to equal rights. It is time for our community to move forward and progress into an era of change and equality. This issue is a simple issue of equal rights. Marriage should not be denied by members of this community who wish to do so, on the basis of their orientation.

I READ THE BILL. The concerns of religious people have been addressed in the bill and I believe the religious exemption is more than accommodating.

I ALSO SUPPORT THIS SPECIAL SESSION. I think that this special session is the right time to resolve this issue for two reasons. One, this bill needs to pass soon in order for same gender couples to be able to start receiving Federal benefits that opposite gender couples receive which usually kicks in at the beginning of the year. Second, getting this bill out of the way will ensure that other really pressing legislative issues can get the attention it needs in the upcoming session (just look at what happened to Obamacare at the Federal level).

THE COMMUNITY WANTS THIS. Although there are trustworthy polls that show a majority of support by Hawaii residents on this issue, civil rights issues such as this should be taken up by the legislative body. This issue has also already been acquiesced by both the Federal and State Supreme Courts as well.

Let us move forward on this issue to ensure that everyone in our community is treated equally with love and respect. Vote Aye on SB1.

Mahalo,

Megan Moniz

To: House Committees on Judiciary and Finance
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:00am
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Testimony Opposition to SB1
Testifying in person

Dear Chair Rhoades, Chair Luke & Members of the Committee:

My name is David Tetsutani and I strongly oppose Senate Bill 1 for several reasons:

1. This issue should be not be dealt with in a special session as it is undermining democracy. Please kill this bill and let it go to regular session where it can be vetted and examined like other bills. A topic or subject matter of such weight shouldn't be rushed and slipped pass in a "special session." There is no emergency here, so please allow this bill to go through the proper democratic process.
2. Marriage is an institution of the church created by God. I believe marriage was created by God between one man and one woman. It is physiologically obvious that it works best this way. By promoting this bill and lifestyle choice we are taking a big gamble that it will not have any adverse effects on our people and communities.
3. Please take the time to research the effects of same-sex marriage in Massachusetts where it is has been legalized. In Massachusetts teachers are being forced to teach same-sex relationships regardless of their beliefs. Religious or even non-religious. Their rights are just as valid as the "new" rights of the homosexuals, but they are being forced to teach it or be fired. Parents whose religious beliefs go against same sex marriage in our state from exposing children to same-sex curriculum will have their rights stripped away. Teenager's religious beliefs that oppose homosexuality already are being singled out, if this bill passed will they also be sued? Please kill this bill and let this bill be vetted and examined in a regular session.

In closing, please kill this bill in order to preserve traditional marriage, to preserve the rights of all people, and to preserve democracy. Thank you for your consideration and time.

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

I am writing in strong support of SB 1.

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

In Hawaii, we don't turn our backs on family. No member of anyone's ohana – gay or straight – should have to face shame because of who they are and who they love.

The government should not be in the business of telling people who they can and cannot marry. None of us would want to be told that it is illegal to marry the person we love.

Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families.

I will be testifying in person on October 31, 2013
Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Kaleo Gagne
2816 Waialae Ave # B
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

To: House Committees on Judiciary and Finance
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:00am
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Testimony Opposition to SB1
Testifying in person

Dear Chair Rhoades, Chair Luke & Members of the Committee:

My name is Jan Tetsutani and I reside in Kapolei. I strongly oppose Senate Bill 1 for several reasons:

1. This issue should be not be dealt with in a special session as it is undermining democracy. Please kill this bill and let it go to regular session where it can be vetted and examined like other bills. It is unfair that residents from the outer-islands do not have an opportunity to testify in person unless they pay expenses to fly here. We can see that citizens are concerned over the outcome of this bill. We trust that you will honor the people you represent and the democratic process.
2. Marriage is not a right. It is an institution of the church created by God. Marriage was created by God between one man and one woman. This bill is making this a civil rights matter when it is not a civil rights matter.
3. My third point is to please take the time to research the effects of same-sex marriage in other states like Massachusetts where it is has been legalized. In Massachusetts teachers are being forced to teach same-sex relationships regardless of their beliefs. Religious or even non-religious. How are we going to protect those teachers in our state who do not want to teach homosexuality? Parents do not have a say in what their children are being taught about same-sex marriage/couples in schools. How are you going to protect the parents whose religious beliefs go against same sex marriage in our state from exposing children to same-sex curriculum? How are you going to protect businesses of religious faith such as florists, photographers, etc. from lawsuits if their religious beliefs contradict condoning same-sex marriages? How are you going to protect a teenager's religious beliefs that oppose homosexuality who wants to give up her child for adoption? Please kill this bill and let this bill be vetted and examined in a regular session.
4. If the reason for this bill is to give same-sex couples the same benefits as married couples, it is not a rights issue. Married couples get tax benefits, government benefits, employment benefits, estate planning benefits, medical benefits, etc. These are all benefits, not rights. No one has to give them to married couples. The definition of a benefit is "an advantage or profit gained from something. 2. a payment or gift made by an employer, the state, or insurance company." If the same sex couple has a one person that is in the hospital, couldn't the patient have a documentation stating that they would like to allow this person to visit them in an emergency situation? If someone has died, couldn't they make a documentation before they passed away that they would like their burial and funeral arrangements made by a designated person? A person who has no family has to make such arrangements. If they want their estate to be left with a

designated person why couldn't they have a trust made? But what about social security benefits? Again, it's a benefit, not a right.

In closing, please kill this bill in order to preserve traditional marriage, to preserve the rights of all people, and to preserve democracy. Thank you for your time.

From: Michael Cruz [<mailto:kauaicruz8@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 6:42 PM

To: Judiciary Special Session

Subject: Please vote no on SB1

Aloha Committee Members,

My name Julie Noguchi Cruz a resident born and raised in District 14, Kapaa, Hawaii. I am a register voter and feel passionate about this bill. I urge you not to pass SB 1 for many reasons. This is the first time I am testifying on a legislation or bill. It is hard to sleep knowing that a bill is about to take place. This bill also infringes upon my religious beliefs that defines marriage as one man and one woman. Why are we in a hurry to re-define marriage that will affect all people of Hawaii? You all know, that this issue is serious and you all have been inundated with emails or people sharing their feelings about this matter. This is a clear voice from the people of Hawaii that is important and should not be rushed; however, it should be analyzed on how this re-definition of marriage will affect all people of our community in the State of Hawaii.

In 1998, the people of Hawaii has voted on this matter. Let the people decide and not rush a process where many people has come out to testify and thousands of people are passionate about this issue. Please don't pass this bill because it alters the law above man. I pray that you make a decision that should be left into the hands of the people, especially if you consciously voting against your constituents.

I personally belief that homosexuals act goes against my religious beliefs, and why are you going to allow my First Amendment of our Christian beliefs that was founded by our fore fathers and nation change the norms of Marriage.

Don't be or play God!

Are the issue really about equality? reasons that God agrees on the act of homosexuals and that marriage between homosexuals is okay and accepted. Can you prove to me that naturally homosexuals can conceive and populate society? Is the real reason about depopulation?

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Newton once said,

"Likewise, either same-sex marriage is right or it is wrong: Arguments about freedom of conscience dodge the issue. If same-sex marriage is wrong, then no one has a right to it any more than the bus-company owner has a right to localized apartheid. If same-sex marriage is right, then no one has a right to an exception clause in the way in which they relate to it. The point is that civil authorities must make laws on substantive issues and not on the basis of freedom of conscience because freedom of conscience only exists in matters of opinion, like whether a state-funded or private-funded healthcare system would be best. Freedom-of-conscience clauses — like those present in some countries' abortion laws — are an implicit admission that the law might be unjust, and if a law might be unjust, it ought not to be passed at all."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Julie Cruz

Sent from my iPad

Ladies and Gentlemen of the state House, I encourage you to refer this decision back to “We, the people” or acknowledge our choice as reflected in HRS Section **572C-2** and, either way, vote no on this bill.

The hierarchy of authority within this constitutional republic is as follows:

- 1) God created man and gave him a very limited sub-set of his sovereignty and authority.
- 2) Man, who created and gave the nation/states a limited sub-set of his sovereignty and authority.
- 3) The state(s), who, through their representatives, created and gave the federal “united states” a limited sub-set of their sovereignty and authority.
- 4) The federal government, which is the lowest, not the highest authority in the hierarchy, “we, the people” being the highest.

At each level, government is “of the people, for the people and by the people”. You are our representatives. You are not the house of Lords. You, the state senate and house of representatives, are two houses of representatives “of the people”, elected, paid and empowered “by the people” to represent US in making laws “for the people”.

The legislature has stated in HRS Section 572-C-2, that the legislature finds that the people of Hawaii choose to preserve the tradition of marriage as a unique social institution based upon the committed union of one man and one woman.

However, you are now taking action in direct opposition to the noted will of “the people of Hawaii”, the electorate, the people who have elected you to represent them, and in fact you are attempting to strike the statement of their choice from the law. You are shaking your fists in the faces of the people who elect, pay and empower you to represent US in making laws “for the people”. Do you think we have changed our minds in such a short time, or do you feel that we are responsible enough to elect you, but not responsible enough to decide how you should “represent” us?

I encourage you to refer this decision back to “We, the people” or follow the choice we have already made, and, either way, vote no on this bill.

David W. Porter

Ref. from [**§572C-2**] **Findings**. The legislature finds that the people of Hawaii choose to preserve the tradition of marriage as a unique social institution based upon the committed union of one man and one woman.

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Mr. Karl Rhoads, Chair
House Judiciary Committee

Ms. Sylvia Luke, Chair
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:

I thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to SB-1 at the Join House Hearing scheduled on October 31, 2013. Thank you for respecting my rights as a US citizen and registered voter in the State of Hawaii. Below 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. A five-day special session is not enough time to discuss the most controversial issues of our time. For such a controversial issue, time and patience should be used to explore every nook and cranny, seen and unseen.
 - b. No amendments to the bill are permitted which circumvents the democratic process.
 - c. Does a "yes" vote to SB-1 reflect the heart of the people of Hawaii? Or does it reflect a small minority who have made their voices heard?
 - d. The proposed religious exemption language is rendered invalid because of the public accommodations.
 - e. The proposed religious exemption does nothing to protect individual business owners, teachers or other citizens right to practice their religious freedom (a violation of the first amendment).
 - f. In 1998 the people of Hawaii voted on this issue and a 70% majority specified that Marriage was defined as a union between a man and a woman.

2. Legislators are elected to respect the fundamental Democratic principles provided for in the State of Hawaii and the United States constitutions.
 - a. In 1998 the people voted against the same-sex marriage issue. If the people of Hawaii has had a change of heart in the past 15 years, let them prove it by giving them an opportunity to vote on the issue again.
 - b. Marriage is not a civil right and no court, including the Supreme Court, has ever said that it is.
 - c. The democratic process is founded on the concept of letting the people voice their opinion by means of voting. The special session bypasses the people's voice, thereby disrespecting the Democratic principle that we as Americans stand on.

I believe that the current bill trying to pass by special session called by the Governor ignores my rights as a citizen, ignores my right to religious freedom, and goes against the will of the people.

Sincerely,

Jeremy M. Honold
91-1022-C Keekolo St.
Kapolei, HI 96707

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Shawna Okami	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I have been afraid to come to the capitol because of all the harassment and name calling by these so called Christians that oppose same sex Marriage. Please as we go into this final hearing besure the angry Christians aren't allowed to Intimidate citizens that want to testify in support of Same Sex Marriages thank you

Aloha Law Makers,

My Name is Shawna Okami I am strong Support of SB 1 Equality Marriage Bill.

I have been in a relationship for almost 32 years come this Novermber 25th 2013. I and my partner have invested 32 years in a relationship that isn't recognized aand can't recieve the same benefits as a Married Couple.

Many of those that oppose this bill are doing so because of what their Religious leaders are telling them to do or say. I believe in " Freedom of Religion" but when Religion begins to try to force their dogma on the masses I have a problem with that.

I am a Buddhist I belong to the Soka Gakkai (SGI - USA)and we don't believe in discrimination of anyone. WE can't allow Religious emotional influence into our Legislative branch doing so would Make Hawaii no better than any radical muslim Country or state.

Thank you ,

Shawna Okami

P.O. Box 235183

Honolulu, Hawaii 96823

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From: Leslie Balbas

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Ewa Beach HI 96706

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Subject:

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

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Phone: 673-9838

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To: Chair Karl Rhods, Judiciary Committee

10/28/13

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From: Emily Haddox

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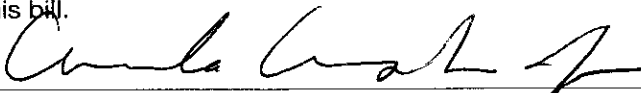
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10/28/13

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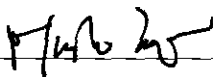
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From: GABRIEL RUBIO

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10/28/13

From: Joshyn L. Egdamin

Address: 2623 North St
Wahiawa, HI. 96786

Phone: 808-293-7425

Subject:

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION
AND SAME SEX MARRIAGE BILL**

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To: Chair Karl Rhods, Judiciary Committee

10/28/13

From: Adoracion S. Pangilinan

Address: 98-288 Kaunohi St 2707
Area, HI 96701

Phone: 808-772-7975

Subject: I am opposed! God created men & women to multiply.....

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Legislature - same sex marriage is totally illegitimate & unlawful in the eyes of God!

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Signature: AS Pangilinan

We have to respect & abide by God's Law.....

To: Chair Karl Rhods, Judiciary Committee

10/28/13

From: Joanne K. Galiza

Address: 94-251 Kahuaii St
Waipahu HI 96797

Phone: 216-5721

Subject:

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10/28/13

From: Candice Carvalho

Address: 46-548 Kapalai Rd

Kaneohe HI 96744

Phone: 495-7532

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From: MALIA GAPUSAN

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WAIPAHU, HAWAII, 96797

Phone: 542-3509

Subject:

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Signature: Malia Gapusan

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Address: 2350 AKEPA ST PELOUAT
HI 96782

Phone: 808 295 8157

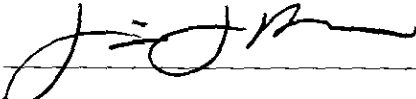
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10/28/13

From: Nevo Lehto

Address: 91-200 Puama's ma'o place

96707 Kapolei HI

Phone: (808) 636-6457

Subject: Gay marriage.

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10/28/13

From: Paulo Rh Sam

Address: 92-5070 Linnukale St.
Kapolei, HI 96707

Phone: 808-840-0529

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From: Jayna Bale

Address: 92-6051 Kalemakapi St.
Kapolei, HI 96707

Phone: 808-551-0714

Subject:

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From: CHARLES STRICKLAND

Address: 86-266 ALAMHI ST

WAIANAEE HI 96792

Phone: (808) 953-4951

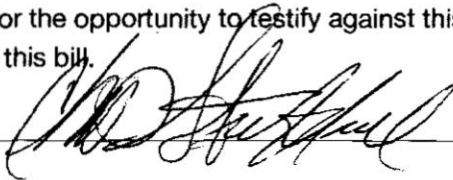
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10/28/13

From: Novaleen Ishii

Address: 89-1044 Pihardana St.

Waianae, HI 96792

Phone: 688-8105

Subject:

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10/28/13

From: BERYL WILLIS

Address: 85-1070 Piolokea St
Waianae, HI 96792

Phone: 808. 221-2217

Subject:

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Signature: Beryl Willis

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From: Joselle Villaro

Address: Ewa Beach, HI

Phone: 8083894157

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91-1072 Keolu Avenue St

Kapolei, 96707

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WAIANAE, HI 96792

Phone: ~~808~~ 354-5233

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From: Wally & Ann Salazar

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From:

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Address:

91-15411 Pukonaka St.

Maui Beach HI 96760

Phone:

(808) 679-1741

Subject:

Opposition Same Sex Marriage

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Walter B. McDonald

To: Chair Karl Rhods, Judiciary Committee

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From: Jan Bale

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From: Keolakaneglohanokekua Maclaves

Address: 94-1045 Puloku street

Phone: (808) 687-1808

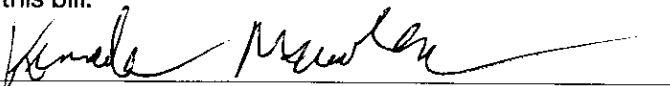
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Signature: Mykel Medeiros

To: Chair Karl Rhods, Judiciary Committee

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From: Dustin Mefford

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Wahiawa HI. 96786

Phone: 384 - 312 - 4788

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Waiānae, 96792 Waiānae HI 96792

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Address: 503 PARKINGTON Hwy # 203
Kapolei, HI 96707

Phone: 808 781-7624

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From: RICARDO ROSEIN

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EWA BEACH HI 96706

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From: Pome Castillo

Address: 11665 Nakula St

Wahiawa 96796

Phone: 808 358-2480

Subject:

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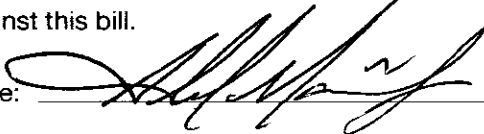
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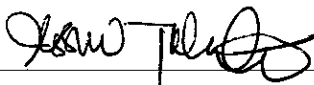
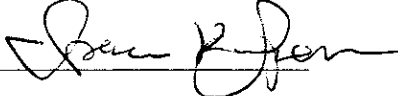
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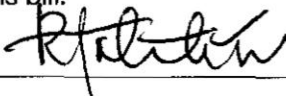
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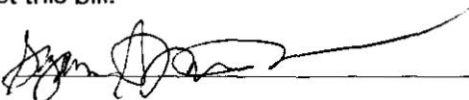
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