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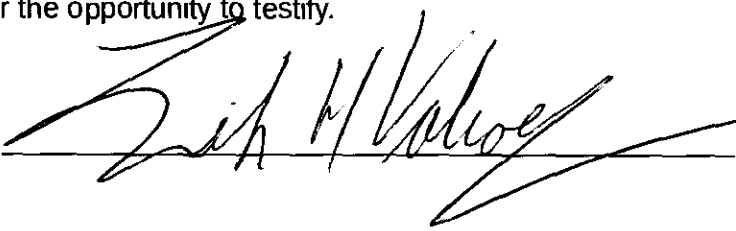
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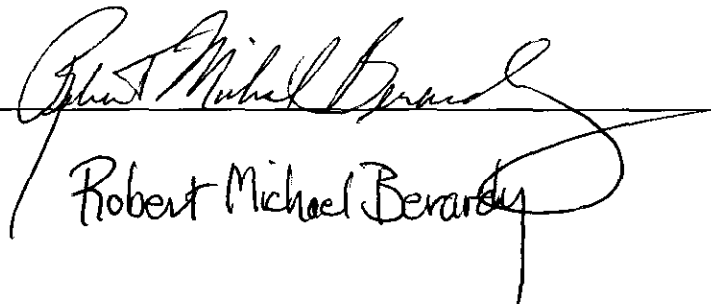
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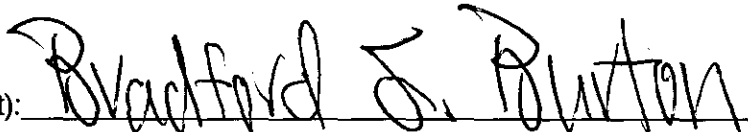
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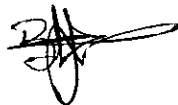
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From: Mark Kadota
Waianae, HI 96792
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RE: Thursday, October 31, Capitol Auditorium
Position: Strong Support

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From: Dr. Tim Riley
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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke and members of the Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I legally married my spouse on September 21, 2012 in Wellfleet, Massachusetts. I am writing you to tell you to consider the fact that I spent THOUSANDS of dollars in Massachusetts to marry my spouse. That money could have been spent here in my home state of Hawaii. Not only did we spend THOUSANDS of dollars but our guests also spent THOUSANDS of dollars in Massachusetts. Our local economy needs this money. This would be a windfall, a large boost for our state. Our local businesses need this financial support. Hawaii has a LONG history of supporting same sex unions The principal behind AIKANE proves this!!! The old Hawaiian saying "Polena pa 'a 'ia iho ke aloha i kuleana like ai kaua" sums it up quite well in my humble opinion translated into english it means: "In love tightly bound you and I share equal rights"!!! May the spirit of ALOHA, the spirit of OHANA and the spirit of AIKANE prevail for our beloved Hawai'i!!! These are just some of the reasons 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. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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From: Brian Shiro
Waipahu, HI 96797

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Position: Strong Support

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From: Bridgette Snyder
Kapolei, HI 96707

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As elected officials, having kids of your own, I know you wouldn't want the same thing for your children either in school, openly talking about not just sex but same-sex marriage as well. And it will happen, from elementary school to high school.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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As an alternative, please bring this issue to the table during the regular session starting in just 2.5 months in January 2014. 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 from me and those who feel the same as I do!

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Dr. Jonathan Stockdale, DO
Mililani, HI 96789

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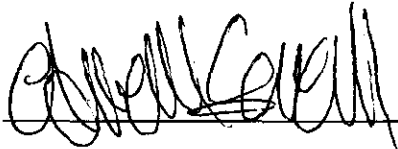
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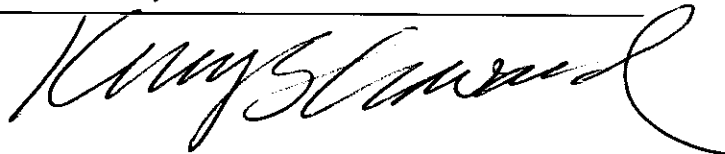
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From: Lily Ong

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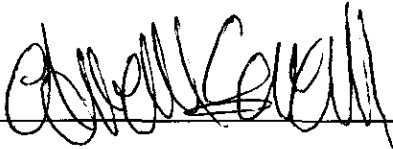
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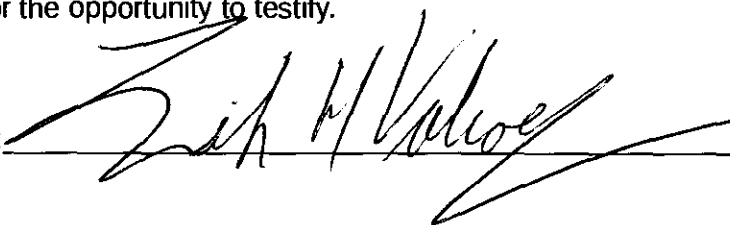
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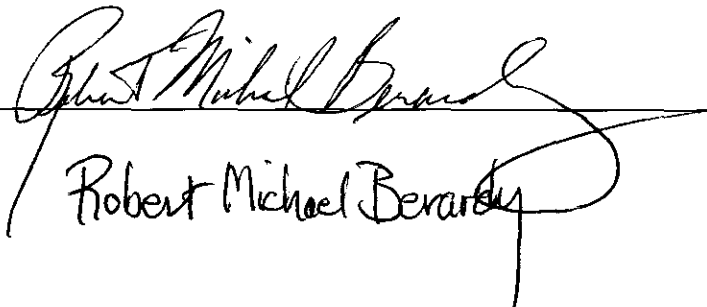
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SENATE BILL SB1: RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS
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RE: WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

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

The parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa have submitted a **total of 1,567 signed individual petitions** to various legislators, asking for their consideration to VOTE "NO" on SB1 Relating to Equality. **197 petitions were hand-delivered to Chair Rhoads' office and 212 were hand-delivered to Chair Luke's office.** We believe it's important that you know these numbers as our parishioners have already felt the repercussions of the feverish haste of this Special Session.

On Friday, October 25, 2013, we submitted 209 written testimonies for Monday's scheduled Judiciary and Labor Committee Hearing; that's approximately 10.5% of the 2,200 testimonies submitted. This significant number that will never be known as only 160+ of our 209 submitted testimonies were recorded. The "Faithful Citizenship" of these individuals should have been recognized but it was not, their opinions should have been considered but it was not, their testimony should have been recorded but it was not. The process is flawed.

For the record, the parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawa submitted personally signed petitions in opposition to SB1 Relating to Equality, to the Governor and to the following Legislators:

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| Governor Neil Abercrombie | (236 + Cover Letter Testimony) |
| 1. Representative Karen Awana | (1) |
| 2. Representative Lauren Cheape | (2) |
| 3. Representative Chris Lee | (3) |
| 4. Representative Suzanne Chun-Oakland | (1) |
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We collectively oppose SB1 for the following reasons:

- We believe SB1 has unilaterally and recklessly dismissed what the people of Hawai'i truly believe, [*§572C-2 Findings*. "...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."];
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The parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows Church have aloha for everyone, and we welcome and we respect the unique dignity of each person; however, this does not take away from our firm belief that marriage is a covenant between one man, one woman, and God, and that the institution of marriage itself is reserved for one man and one woman.

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Sincerely,

The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows Church
1403-A California Avenue
Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

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To the legislators

I'm not able to testify in person, here is my written testimony.

I am 82 yrs old born in Maui. raised on Oahu.

I'm an assoc. Pastor of New Life Church Hon.

If this ssm is passed, it will have a devastating consequents on our future generations, OUR KEIKI'S

How will I explain this to my children, grand children and great grand children. Knowing according to the Bible in God's eyes this is a Sin. There is no way I can justify ssm to them

I oppose same sex marriage and pls. protect our religious freedom.

“Let the People Decide”

Aloha and Mahalo may God bless and give you His Peace

Frank Kim assoc. P. Ph #398-9142

New Life Church Hon

1190 Nuuanu ave

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10-31-13

RE: I oppose the bill titled, S.B. NO. 1

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Please vote against this bill in all its forms. I up-hold that marriage is between a man and a woman only, and that society benefits from this remaining solid.

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54-363 Kamehameha Hwy.
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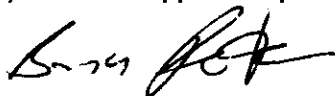
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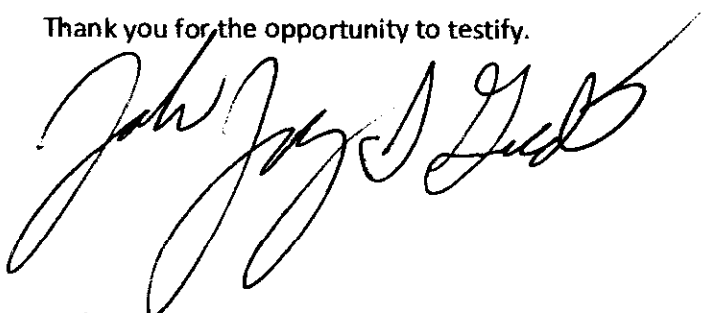
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City, State: Honolulu Hawaii

Subject:

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

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This whole issue surrounding a special session is causing our com unity to argue, fight, criticize, condemn and harm those who don't agree. Before this special session was announced we got along fairly well. Now there is so much hate and violence. Do you really think it will stop just because you pass a law? I think it will only get worse. You are tearing this community apart.

Why is gay marriage such an important issue that it requires a special session? What about our hundreds of homeless? Men, women, children, vets, who live on the street with no food, shelter or safety? Why aren't they more of a priority than trying to please gays?
What about the rights of Hawaii? Shouldn't the fact that it's not a legal state be more important than gay marriage? Why are we following the rest of the country when we are meant to be different?

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

my name is Lily Hong and I am currently a junior in highschool. I implore you to not pass this House Bill during such a Special Session. The measures that have been taken in this process is highly unconstitutional and will be a stumbling block in the years to come. How is an elected group to represent the 1.4 million in Hawaii concerning this issue in a mere five day Special Session? How are religious exemptions to be properly placed in such a short period of time. I find that my history research paper is given at least a month, so that my controversial topic can be properly and fully researched, so that I can make an educated decision. However, contrary to Governor Abercrombie's belief that this issue has been fully discussed many times, only 10 of the 51 representatives were in their positions during key historical points such as the bill in 1998 concerning the power of determining the definition of marriage. So how is this monumental decision to be properly decided in a mere 5 to 8 days?

This decision will affect the generations to come. That's my generation. That's going to be a bill that will affect how I live and how I will raise my children. So why the rush? And why can't we vote on this issue? If the government so strongly believes that the majority of people residing in Hawaii support same-sex marriage, then let's have the people vote on this important decision that will affect how their children will live. So have there has only been a total of 916 couples or 1832 individuals in Hawaii who have filed for civil unions. That is definitely not the majority of Hawaii. Children's rights is a much overlooked segment in this issue, because youth under 18 cannot vote on this issue. Therefore in accordance with parentage rights, their parents should be able to determine the way that they will be raised. By passing this bill, it will be recognized that same sex marriage is socially acceptable despite differing beliefs. I represent you next generation that will be providing the government with their representatives, senators, and Hawaii's workforce in a matter of years. Yet I am so frustrated that I cannot voice my opinion against this issue or be considered by my representative if I do not write that I am a voting member because they are very conscience of deciding based on the people who are actively voting. Therefore in the world of politics my voice is shut out and democracy is not to be done in such a matter. Let's take in consideration the voice of the keiki who have more years left in school than I have and also the voice of individual teachers who are speaking out against this issue. Ultimately this social tolerance will affect the education system and the children.

The truth is that there are so many factors to be considered that it cannot all be taken into full consideration without ample time. The 9th circuit case under *Hollingsworth V. Perry* in the supreme court ruled that it's questionable whether a state can extinguish marriage rights once they have been given. This means that if on a later date this issue comes up again and the people decide against same-sex marriage, then the government may not have the power to undue all the

marriage licenses that have been given to homosexual marriages. If this decision is possibly irreversible then definitely consider the after affects of rushing into the passing of this bill. Overall, parents are given the right to decide how their children are to be raised and this bill will affect the family in general. Please take into consideration that the voice of the ohana will not be heard throughout this special session, let Hawaii decide and consider that this ruling will affect this next generation. That will be all of the youth, children, and students and their voices cannot be heard. You the current government will be deciding what is socially acceptable in Hawaii s society for the future without our input. At least consider our parents voices, so that we may have an input in their decisions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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My name is Alyssa Yee, and I am testifying in opposition of the same-sex marriage bill. I am currently a senior in high school and have come to the realization that the passing of this bill will heavily affect my future, as well as the future of my children. I have noted that while the bill may include religious exemptions for ministers and churches that meet the provided criteria, it fails to protect my individual rights as a citizen of faith. Where is the safeguard to my religious freedom, guaranteed by the Constitution? There is none. This bill, in its current state, overrides our First Amendment rights. This places state law above the Constitution. If this bill is passed and I continued to express my religious convictions, I could easily be charged with hate speech. Secondly, I find it interesting that the institution of marriage pre-dates that of any form of ancient government. How is it that the government can redefine an institution established far before its own existence?

Lastly, I am convinced that a bill bearing such magnitude should be discussed in a regular session, where it can be given the proper amount of time and attention, and ultimately decided by the people. As this bill will directly affect each and every citizen of Hawaii, the people should be given a choice. Also, the fact that this bill could potentially be passed after nearly a week-long session, without the allowance of amendment, entirely sidesteps democracy.

I thank each of you for your time and consideration, and this opportunity for my opinion to be shared. The bill, as it stands, should not be passed in Hawaii because it overrides federal law and removes the voice of the people. Once again, thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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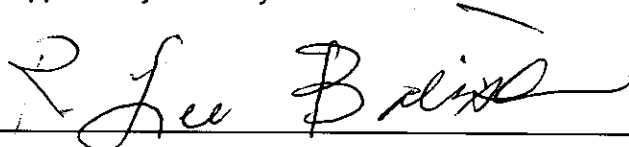
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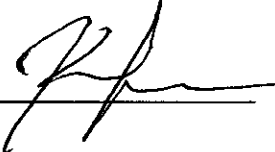
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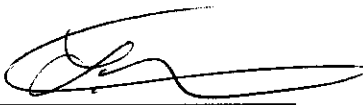
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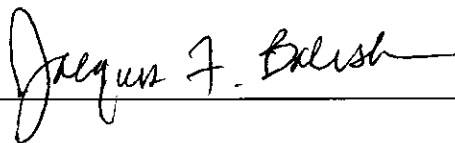
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Please vote against this bill in all its forms. I up-hold that marriage is between a man and a woman only, and that society benefits from this remaining solid.

Thank you for your valuable time,

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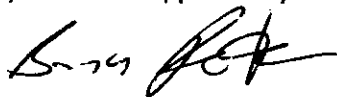
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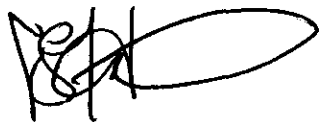
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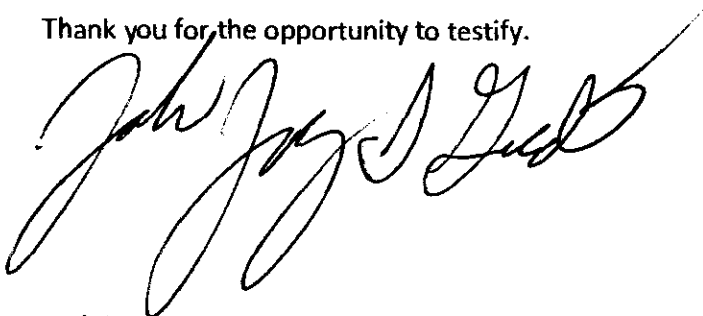
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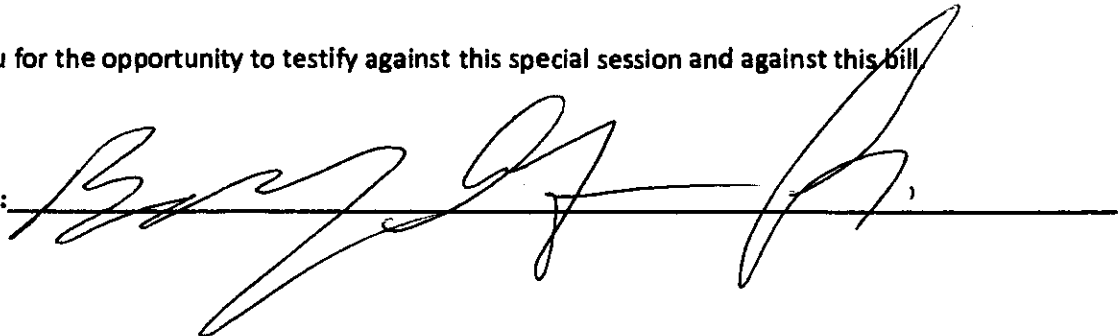
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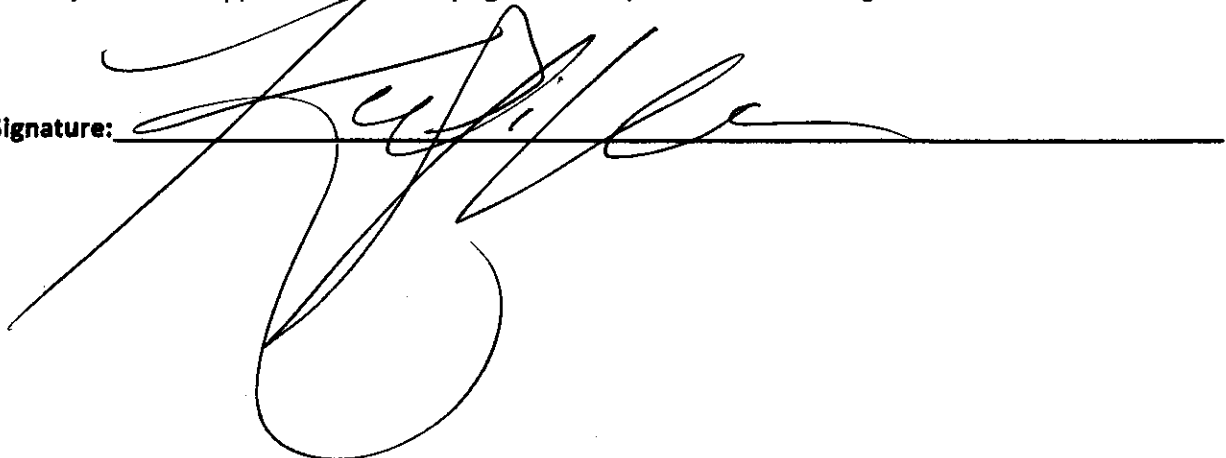
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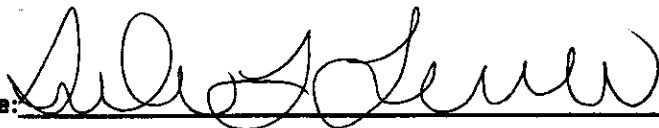
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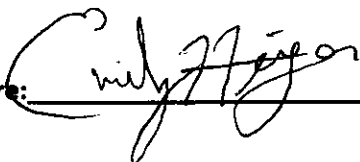
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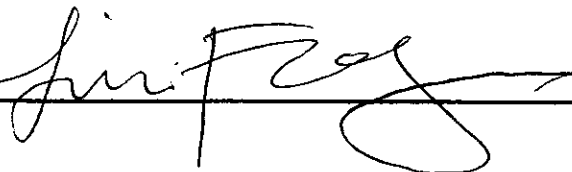
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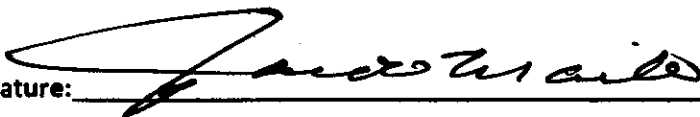
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Do not let a small group of people (2-3 % of our population) dictate how our nation or state should change without allowing the whole state to vote.

Again I am asking you to vote no!

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION SB1

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To: The House of Representatives

Committee on Judiciary: Rep Karl Rhoards, Chair; Rep. Sharon Har, Vice Chair and Members

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October 31, 2013 10:00 am

Special Session SB1

If given a registration ticket number, I would like to testify in person.

My Testimony: I have read Special Session SB1 and I oppose it. It does not reflect nor support the majority input of the people of the State of Hawaii. It does not allow the people to decide.

My Comments: I also oppose the hurried process the Governor, the Attorney General, and Senate took to present it to the public, their review process, and their hurried passing of it in spite of the overwhelming testimonies voicing opposition to it which even the Senate Chair of the Judiciary admitted to the huge amount. He also noted that for the past 20-something years this issue had been debated with much show of the people's opposition to such issue. Yet he voted for it. This shows me how much 'respect' he and others had for the testimonies from the hard working, patient testifiers who waited into the night to voice their opposition to SB1!

In over my sixty-something years, I have never sent a testimony to any committee. I am now because I want to caution you to vote wisely and consider the huge mistake to allow SB1 to pass. The repercussions of this bill will be felt by many in the present and future. I will be looking closely to how this bill is voted upon and I will share my views with my large Ohana both here on Oahu as well as the neighbor islands.

Roberta DS Chang 10-31-13 (submitted on-line 10-30-13)

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- 2) If this issue were really about rights, then the legislature would find a way to legalize Federal benefits.**
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- 14) Marriage is a covenant relationship before God.**

15) The State has no business telling my church how to conduct marriage ceremonies which are before God.

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In closing, I am against SB 1 to allow Same Sex Marriage. The Governor's effort to cram this into a shortened special session without outer island input and horrible consequences to our churches is high-handed. Please kill this Bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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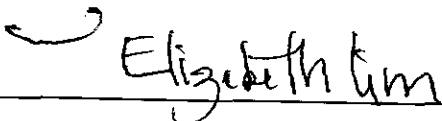
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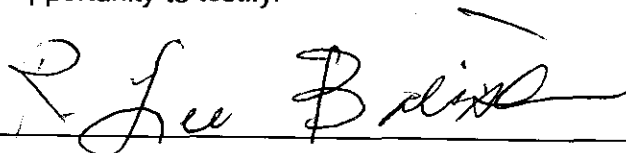
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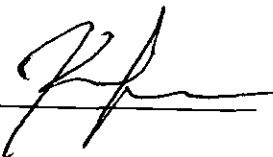
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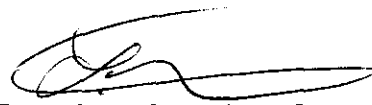
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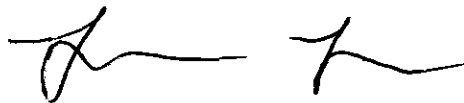
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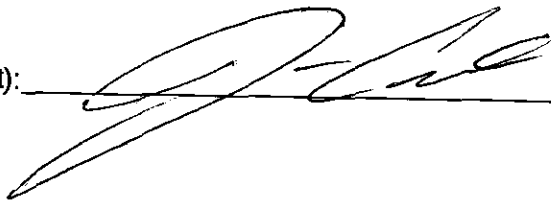
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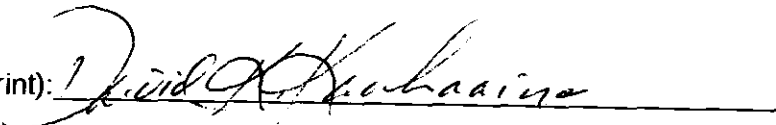
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**Tiana18ellis@yahoo.com
Honolulu, Hawaii, 96819**

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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: Loretta Toyama

City, State: Honolulu Hawaii

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: Loretta Toyama

10/29/2013

CHELSEY ANDRES

chelseyandres@yahoo.com

1640 Anakole Place none Pearl City HI 96872

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From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:40 AM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Mari Yoshihara [<mailto:myoshiha@me.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:17 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

To: House Committees on Judiciary and Labor Hearing Date/Time:
Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
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It is not the government's job to determine who they can and cannot marry. Rather, the government's responsibility is to protect the rights of minorities whose voices are often silenced and to ensure that justice is done.

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

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Mari Yoshihara

927 Prospect St. #504
Honolulu, HI 96822



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:01 AM
To: House Special Session
Cc: rufo.jerry@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Jerry Rufo	Individual	Oppose	No

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. Jerry Rufo Waipahu, HI

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:16 AM
To: House Special Session
Cc: talomoliga@yahoo.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Taloauau Moliga	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hi my name is Taloauau Moliga. First of all I want to give all the glory and honor to God for giving us the strength to stand strong on his word. I am here to let my voice to be heard with the Grace of God. I strongly opposed same sex marriage. Please vote NO to SB1 or Please let the people decide. Thank you very much and have a Blessed day

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: House Special Session
Cc: lanarobbins@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Lana Ululani Robbins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: While the intent of SB1 is a good one and while I am pro gay marriage all legislators in Hawai'i should include the people as part of the process and not infringe on their right to vote. The people of the State of Florida and the people of the State of Washington both voted on the gay marriage issue. The same should apply to local people including on the outer islands. This is a classic example of voter disenfranchisement. Therefore vote NO on SB1 and put it to the people including those on the outer islands for a vote. It is their right. Mahalo.

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:38 AM
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From: Mika Haberlin [<mailto:mhaberlin09@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:02 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

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Mika Haberlin
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From: Gary Yafuso [mailto:g_yafuso@yahoo.com]
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Subject:

From Rev. Gary Yafuso
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee.
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke.
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 am
Senate Bill 1
Opposed
Written

Please vote "no" for reasons you are well aware of.



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From: Pamela Bunn [<mailto:pbunn@pixi.com>]
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41-027 Hilu Street
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Melinda DeJean
1215 s Kihei rd
Kihei, HI 96753



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14/266 Papaya Farms Road
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To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: YP Chan - Written Testimony

Yuk Ping Chan

To House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 at 10: a.m.
Senate Bill 1
Opposed

WRITTEN

Please vote "NO" on the issue of same-sex marriage. I don't want my grandchildren to have such option, which will bring adverse effect to their lives and families.



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Subject: Strong support for SB1

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Nāpua Hō'ala i ka Pono -The Flowers Awaken in Peace and Justice

Date: October 31, 2013

To: Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee on Judiciary, and Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee on Finance

From: Kyle Kajihiro, on behalf of Hawai'i Peace and Justice (*formerly the American Friends Service Committee Hawai'i Program*)

Subject: **STRONG SUPPORT** for SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on a very historic bill that when it passes, will help to undo a major structural source of discrimination and oppression in Hawai'i.

For many years, Hawai'i Peace and Justice and its predecessor the American Friends Service Committee Hawai'i Area Program has spoken out in support of the right of same-sex couples to enjoy the same legal rights and benefits of marriage that heterosexual couples do.

Today, we strongly support this bill to undo the legal system of marital apartheid that has existed in Hawai'i. Marriage equality for same-sex couples will provide equal protections under the law for thousands of our family members, friends, and neighbors whose committed relationships are not currently recognized as equal to heterosexual couples.

The religious exemptions in SB1 are fair and reasonable. Any religious body that conducts weddings for the general public or rents their facilities to the public for a profit must follow the non-discrimination requirements of the public accommodations law.

At the same time we understand that this bill does not end homophobia or anti-gay oppression. But this law, when it passes, will remove an important legal impediment to legal protection for same-sex relationships, and it will be an important step in our process as a society to unlearn dehumanizing ideologies and undo oppressive structures.

We thank you for your willingness to take up this challenge, to hear the bill that will mark a historic turning point in our islands. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:39 AM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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From: Mark Levin [<mailto:levin@hawaii.edu>]
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Mark Levin
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Honolulu, HI 96822



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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:08 AM
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From: Scott Dodd [<mailto:scott@tastyventures.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:09 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

To: House Committees on Judiciary and Labor Hearing Date/Time:
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I am writing in strong support of SB 1.

Please support equality for all citizens of Hawaii. Be on the right
side of history!

THanks so much.
SCOTT DODD

Scott Dodd
75-5828 Kahakai Road
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740



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Katherine McQuiston
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From: Ernest Wong [<mailto:ernestwong576@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:07 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Please vote "NO" on Senate Bill 1

Ernest Wong

To House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee The
Honorables Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke Hearing on 31 October,
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Senate Bill 1
Opposed

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From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
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Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Hannah Wong [<mailto:yinghanwong@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:08 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Senate Bill 1 - Opposed

Hannah Wong

To House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
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Please vote "no" on the same-sex marriage bill.



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:40 AM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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From: Martin Diamond [<mailto:martindiamond@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:12 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

To: House Committees on Judiciary and Labor Hearing Date/Time:
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Kula, HI 96790



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Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Tim B [<mailto:timinhnl@outlook.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:14 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I strongly support marriage equality, and I vote.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a gay man and resident of the state of Hawaii, I strongly encourage you to vote in favor of gay marriage.

We should not be putting civil rights issues to a popular vote to be subject to the sentiments, passions of the day. No minority should have their rights subject to the passions and sentiments of the majority. This is a fundamental bedrock of what our nation stands for.

Please do what is in your heart. Please be on the right side of history and pass this legislation now.

Respectfully,

Timothy Bone
2714 Nakookoo St. Apt A1
Honolulu, HI 96826



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:40 AM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Angela Agustin [<mailto:aagustin.bgch@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:15 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Yes to Traditional marriage.

Aloha!

I'm a mother of 6, I have many friends that have non-traditional relationships. I love them dearly. But I am very fearful of my children's right to stand for traditional marriages. Seeing the results from other states, children & their parents being faced with legal consequences due to not agreeing with nontraditional sexual orientation education in the school. Please protect our rights and freedom.

Thank you!

Angela Agustin



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From: Jeri Arin [<mailto:jeriarin@ymail.com>]
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Jeri Arin
PO Box 1916
Kapaa, HI 96746



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:04 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Jenneau Marquez [<mailto:jenneau44@me.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:16 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Traditional Marriage

I am stating my stand on supporting traditional marriage.
Jenneau Marquez



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:40 AM
To: House Special Session
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From: Shallee Erorita [<mailto:shaderorita.erorita@me.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:15 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Disagree on same sex marriage

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:40 AM
To: House Special Session
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From: John Gelert [<mailto:jgelert@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:19 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

To House Committees on Judiciary and Labor:
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

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I WAS IN A GAY RELATIONSHIP WITH A MEXICAN MAN FOR 6 YEARS IN MINNESOTA FROM 1992-1998. HE WAS MADLY IN LOVE WITH ME. WE LIVED TOGETHER. WE TRAVELED TOGETHER TO SOUTH TEXAS, WHERE WE WERE STOPPED AT AN IMMIGRATION INSPECTION STATION AND PUT INTO SEPARATE JAIL CELLS. THEY TOOK HIM AWAY FROM ME THAT NIGHT AND DUMPED HIM INTO MEXICO ONLY TO GET ROBBED. I WOULD HAVE MARRIED HIM IF IT WAS LEGAL. I WISH THAT COULD HAVE ALLOWED HIM TO BECOME AN AMERICAN TO END HIS FEARS OF IMMIGRATION. INSTEAD, HE GOT INTO A BAD RELATIONSHIP IN MEXICO AND CAUGHT HIV AND AIDS.

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John Gelert
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Honolulu, HI 96819



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:43 AM
To: House Special Session
Cc: monika.pin@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
monikap	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To: The House Judiciary Committee The House Finance Committee Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013, 10:00AM Place: Capitol Auditorium Re: Opposition to SB1 Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair 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 be properly vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousands of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. 60% of all testimony submitted regarding SB1 indicated that the public OPPOSES SB1. This is a clear mandate from the people that SB1 should not advance during the special session. I sincerely hope that you will obey that mandate and vote against SB1. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Monika Pin Ewa Beach, HI

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Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Melvin Partido Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

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SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

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

Comments: Please vote no on SB1.

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:20 AM
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Loretta Ables Sayre
P.o. Box 893070
Mililani, HI 96789



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:21 AM
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To: House Committees on Judiciary and Labor Hearing Date/Time:
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Furthermore, I have been watching the testimonies this week. I am shocked when I hear people say that they do don't want their tax dollars going to schools and the teaching of same sex marriage. As a gay man who has lived monogamously with my partner for 13 years, does it not matter that my tax dollars are accepted by the public for school funding? Why is it ok to want to teach hate for any living human to impressionable young minds using my tax dollars?

I pay taxes just like everyone else so I deserve to be treated like the "norm". If society does not want to accept me as a gay man and offer me the same rights in all aspects of life, why do I have to pay the same taxes for a second class life?

I also don't know why the issue of marriage and religion should even be taught in schools. Every family is different, so how can one teacher pass his or her beliefs onto a child? Let it come from home. Why can't teachers simply tell students that certain subjects must be discussed with their parents?

Marriage has been redefined over countless centuries. There was a time when 12 year old girls were traded and married off to 30 year old men for land. That no longer is acceptable. There was a time when Native

Hawaiians could marry their siblings. That is no longer acceptable. There was a time when a white man could not marry a black woman (Loving vs, Virginia). That is no longer acceptable. The point being that marriage has been redefined over the centuries and it is time to redefine it again for the modern world. Sam sex marriage will have no impact whatsoever on "traditional" marriage. How could it?

I also would like to say that same sex marriage will not have any negative impact on child bearing. To all the opponents who say that marriage is meant as a means of procreation. I disagree.

Countless children are born out of wedlock in this country everyday. Look at the statics. In July 2013 these numbers were issued on the website...

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2013/jul/29/don-lemon/cnns-don-lemon-says-more-72-percent-african-american/>

17% of Asian American and Pacific Islander children were born out of wedlock.

25% of Non-Hispanic white children were born out of wedlock

42% of Hispanic children were born out of wedlock

53% of American Indian and Native Alaskan children were born out of wedlock

67% of Non-Hispanic Black children were born out of wedlock.

I believe that if same sex couples were allowed to marry, many would be able to adopt foster or orphaned children providing them with loving homes. Gay couples do not want to stop procreation. Many want children of their own and go to great lengths to adopt or have in vitro. It is not a gay agenda to create gay children or stop procreation from happening. Same sex marriage will not make that happen.

To those opponents that also say that same sex marriage will destroy the sanctity of marriage as we know it... doesn't divorce already do that?

I would also like to say to the opponents that being gay is not a choice. It is how we are born. Teaching children that being gay is

wrong is as discriminatory as teaching them that being Black, Asian, Mexican, Polish, Jewish, German, Catholic, Christian, Buddhist, Hindu et al is wrong. It's not wrong. We are all born into the skin we have, not by choice, but by "luck of the draw". Trust me. My life would have been easier for many of my 48 years had I made a choice to be heterosexual... but I would have ultimately been living an unhappy lie.

I am not a religious person, but do not condemn those that are. We are all of different minds and beliefs. But we are are equally human beings that deserve to be treated with the same respect and given the same rights as our neighbors.

I look forward to the day when I can legally marry John, my amazing partner of the last 13 years.

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

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

William Brattain
PO BOX 790481
Paia, HI 96779



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:53 AM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Ramona Kincaid [<mailto:monak23@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:31 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Same sex marriage

I support same sex marriages.

Sincerely,
Ramona Kincaid



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:53 AM
To: House Special Session
Cc: nolanhing@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

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

Comments: Please don't support same sex marriage. Dear Elected Official, I am a registered voter in Hawaii. I'm writing to ask you not to redefine the definition of marriage to include same sex marriage in Hawaii during the special session called by Governor Abercrombie. I believe in the biblical definition that God defines as between a man and a woman. Regardless of what popular opinion of the day may say, I believe that God's word never changes. Scripture is clear that a marriage is a sacred covenant before God. Please do not allow our state government to change what it means to honor God's covenant commitment. The current Bill being considered is not fair to churches and I do not want my children to be taught about homosexuality in schools. I believe in loving every human being regardless of their sexual preference (In fact, I have family members who are gay) but I do not want my child exposed to this in their schools. Also, I do not believe that the process for this special session addressing same sex marriage was conducted properly. The way things went down doesn't seem right at all. In fact, it is clear to your constituents that the deck seems stacked in favor of this bill that the majority of voters do NOT want passed. We voted and placed our trust in our elected officials and truthfully, I am very disappointed that it even got this far. Again, please vote NO to same sex marriage! In faith, ----- Nolan Hing

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From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:53 AM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Paulette Perkins [<mailto:paulette@kingscathedral.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:31 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I Stand for Traditional Marriage

I stand for traditional marriage between one man and one woman.
For myself and our future.

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PAULETTE PERKINS
2118 Kolo Place, Wailuku, HI 96793
email: paulette@kingscathedral.com



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:54 AM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Lynda Shimodoi [<mailto:shimodoi@juno.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:35 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Traditional marriage

Please preserve marriage between one man and one woman. I am very concerned about this. At the very least you should consider what the majority of constituents want by allowing us to vote on this very important issue.

Lynda Shimodoi

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:54 AM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Grace Peralta [<mailto:peralta.grace2014@kauaihigh.net>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:37 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: NO to same-sex marriage

Aloha,

My name is Grace Peralta, I am a senior at Kauai High school and the President of the Leaders and Training, high school program, at the Lihue Boys and Girls Club.

I highly DO NOT SUPPORT the same-sex marriage bill because I believe it is not right to teach, and basically promote, homosexuality in schools.

Humans are made to reproduce. Normal Reproduction is not possible with same sex, it just doesn't make sense.

Please DO NOT pass the Same sex marriage bill.

Respectfully,
Grace Peralta

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:54 AM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Leo Alarcio [<mailto:leonardo078@msn.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:39 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

October 31, 2013

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 strongly oppose this SB 1 relating to equality. It is my deep concern that this will bill affect our current and future generations.

I strongly believe in a marriages that is a man and a woman.

I want to express that I have no ill feelings towards the people who believes in same sex marriages but I will not vote for this bill to pass, and it is the right of the people to vote on this issue and not solely on the governor's decision.

Respectfully,

Leonardo Alarcio
Leonardo078@msn.com



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:55 AM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: MY [<mailto:palamoi0108@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:37 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong OPPOSITION to SB1, relating to "Equal Rights"

October 30, 2013

To: Karl Rhoads, Chair, House Judiciary Committee and Sylvia Luke, Chair, House Finance Committee
From: Michiko Yamamoto
Re: In **Strong OPPOSITION to SB1**, relating to "Equal Rights"
Hearing Day & Date: Thursday, Oct. 31st

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

As a voting citizen of the United States of America and the State of Hawaii, I am in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to SB1, relating to Equal Rights.

I believe it is our right as voting citizens to allow this issue to be voted on BY THE PEOPLE and not in a special session that circumvents the Democratic process.

Please do our government and people justice and LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE!

Thank you,

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Michiko Yamamoto



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:58 AM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Carol Tom [<mailto:cavern575@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:46 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Marriage

I support traditional marriage and oppose the same-sex marriage bill!



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:01 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Linda Yamamura [<mailto:lindayamamura@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:47 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Written testimony: Opposed Senate Bill 1

House Judiciary committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on Oct. 31, 2013 @ 10:00 am

SENATE BILL 1 OPPOSED

Written testimony
Paul and Linda Yamamura
Kahului, Maui



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:01 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Bennett, Michael M. [<mailto:Michael.Bennett4@va.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:51 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Vote NO

Please don't let this pass without the VOTE OF THE PEOPLE!!

Michael M. Bennett



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:02 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Jeannine Flielar [<mailto:jjflielar@mac.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:03 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I support traditional marriage

I support traditional marriage.

Thank you

Sent from my iPad



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:02 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Clyde Kakiuchi [<mailto:clydekakiuchi@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:04 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Voting "No"

I am standing to uphold traditional marriage and asking you to vote "no" on the bill.

Clyde Kakiuchi
2131 Date St. #103
Honolulu, HI 96826
808-282-4493



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:02 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Rick Thompson [<mailto:rick.whataguy.thompson939@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:09 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

Rick Thompson

House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee

The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.

Senate Bill 1

Opposed

WRITTEN

I am writing in opposition to the bill to legalize same sex marriage. In particular, I strongly object to the fact that the law will require me to serve gay couples as a wedding photographer.

As a photographer who offers my services to the public, I will be subject to a lawsuit if I refuse to photograph a gay wedding.

All photographers specialize in and are best at different kinds of jobs. Some photographers do not do baby portraits. Some do not do architectural work. No one tells them that they must do this work if they do not want to, like to or do not feel qualified to do it. Certainly, no one is subject to a lawsuit if they pass on a job. This will not be the case for gay weddings.

I believe it would be unethical for me to take a job that I did not want to do or feel qualified to do. I do not know how to romantically pose subjects of the same sex.

Artistic work is not like selling groceries or used cars. It is not discrimination for an artist to choose the subject and medium that inspires them. I am not anti-gay or homophobic. However, I am not inspired by same sex couples. For me to take the commission of doing a gay wedding would be unethical and an injustice to the gay couple. The gay couple deserve to have someone who wants to, likes to and feels qualified to capture the most important day of their lives. I would not be able to provide that service adequately in the same way that a photographer who does not do baby pictures would be short-changing the baby's parents. He is not anti-baby or pedophobic.

I, however, would be subject to a lawsuit. This is wrong. It is not a service to gay couples. I strongly urge a no vote on the bill.

Respectfully,

Rick Thompson

Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:02 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Jay Freitas [<mailto:jaygretch@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:09 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Say NO to same sex marriage

I support traditional marriage Let the People Vote

Pastor Gretchen Freitas

Sent from my iPad



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:03 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Jay Freitas [<mailto:jaygretch@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:11 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Vote NO to same sex marriage

I am for Traditional Marriage. Let the people vote

Pastor Jay Freitas
Sent from my iPad



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:03 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: karen ort [<mailto:karenkalena815@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:12 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: traditional marriage

Good morning

This is a plea to stop the legislation to allow gay marriage. This is a contradiction to our US Constitution. Marriage was designed to be between a man & a woman, nothing else! Please support traditional marriage & say "NO" to gay marriage
Thank you for your support!
Karen Ort
Kihei, Maui, Hawaii

Karen Ort
KOA Services
318 Moi Place
Kihei, HI 96753
(808)281-8870

"May His light shine upon you"



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:04 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Jay Freitas [<mailto:jaygretch@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:12 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: NO to same sex marriage

I am for Traditional Marriage. Let the people decide

Jeff Smith

Sent from my iPad



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:04 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Jay Freitas [<mailto:jaygretch@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:13 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: No to same sex marriage

Save traditional marriage between man and woman Let the people vote

The members of the church of the Firstborn on Maui Sent from my iPad



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:21 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Shanthy Tangonan [<mailto:shanthytango@icloud.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:56 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I SAY NOOO

Aloha,

My name is Shanthy Tangonan
I live on Kauai, and I and am a Junior at Kauai high school.

•I do Not support bill SB-1 because of what's happening in Massachusetts. I don't think it's right! people are saying it's for the children of the future but I honestly don't want my neices and loved ones or my kids in the future to turn out to be gay. God is coming soon, whether you read the bible or not it's a disgrace! yeah equal rights but seriously you guys are only thinking about money! let the people speak!! if 60% of the testimony were against it you guys should take that into consideration!!

Sincerely,
shanthy a girl who says no !

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:11 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: soulsurfers@soulsurferskauai.com [<mailto:soulsurfers@soulsurferskauai.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:29 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: PLEASE VOTE NO ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE!

We, the people of Hawaii have already voted against same sex marriage. I don't think it is right or legal for the government to override our decision! If you want to know what your constituents are wanting, give the decision back to us!!! Let us vote again! Otherwise, VOTE NO ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE! We who are against same sex marriage shouldn't have to be forced to accept it the same as traditional marriage. It is not a race. It is a choice. So it shouldn't be treated the same. PLEASE BRING IT BACK TO THE PEOPLE OR VOTE NO ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE!

Sincerely,

Joseph Pattillo
Tiffany Pattillo
Jessi Pattillo



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:12 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Phyllis Hernandez [<mailto:phylliswailuku@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:29 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

I am sending this e-mail to voice my opinion in support of traditional marriage. This same sex marriage bill does not respect religious freedom and legalizes immorality and attempts to institutionalize immorality into the culture. My greatest concern is how this will affect our children's lives for their future: The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children..to my children, grand children and great grand children. I AM NOT against the gay or lesbian society, in fact as a christian I love them as I love others, friend or enemy, however, it is against God's principals and I will not be moved.

Thank you for allowing me to express my views and opinion. God Bless America!



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:12 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: hannah yun [mailto:yun_hannah@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:32 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject:

Hannah
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1
I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:13 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: gbcwo1@hawaii.rr.com [<mailto:gbcwo1@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:34 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB-1

Aloha,

My name is Sidney Sumida

I live on Oahu, and I strongly oppose bill SB-1 because it will be detrimental to the people of Hawaii: Economically, morally, and domestically. It will mess up present and future generations.

Please rightly represent the people of Hawaii and not minority groups wanting special rights and privileges.

Sincerely,

Sidney Sumida



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:14 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Carole Havens [<mailto:kalola78@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:36 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Hearing senate Bill 1

Carole Havens

To the Honorable Chairs Kari Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Regarding the Hearing today Oct.31 @ 10:00 am
Senate Bill 1

Please know that another voter is **OPPOSED** to this bill being passed. I feel that our rights will be squelched and this bill will bring about conflict and many law suits. Thank you for your attention.

PLEASE, LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE

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Aloha ke akua <((><



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:14 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Marilyn Kaululaau [<mailto:kaululaam002@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:41 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: OPPOSING BILL SB1

Aloha,

I am writing to you to oppose Bill SB1. I was born on the island of Kauai and I now live on the island of Oahu. I am 52 years old, I have 4 children and 14 grandchildren. I was raised knowing our Hawaiian culture and beliefs as well as raised serving God. I retired from the State of Hawaii. I have seen many changes here in Hawaii. Some I agree with and some I do not agree with. This same sex marriage is definitely something I do not agree with. For the governor to rush this session so that he can pass this bill is outrageous. I am deeply saddened and disturbed that this is happening. I am a registered voter in this state that I love. We the people have voted for these people in office with the understanding that they would hear our voices when we speak.

Our voices have gone unheard. I have been following this whole thing and thousands and thousands of our people of Hawaii have voiced themselves to let the people vote on this bill, not the government, but it has gone amongst deaf ears. It has put even more of a mistrust towards our government, when they refuse to listen to our voices. It's been said that they want to hear our testimonies, but when we give our testimonies they just pacify us and pretend to listen, but their votes have already been in to pass this bill. **NO TRUST IN OUR GOVERNMENT!** That is what I see and that is what I feel. God has given us **FREE WILL**. What we do with that **FREE WILL** also has consequences. I pray that our legislatures realize what they are doing and what the consequences will be with their decisions. Remember, it was the people that put our legislatures in office and it is the people that can take them out of office. That is what happens when our legislatures refuse to hear our voices.

This bill is not right, it goes against everything that our country was founded upon. And then they want to change all the curriculum in the schools to accommodate the gay lifestyle because it's their rights? What about our rights of our children and grandchildren that do not believe in all of that. Why are they going to be forced to have to learn that way of life when we are against our children and grandchildren learning that way of life. I do not hate people that are gay, in fact my brother and many of my cousins and friends are gay, but I still love them. I don't have to like their lifestyle, but I still love them as a human being and a child of God. This bill goes against all of my beliefs but I am being forced to accept it. Well I refuse to accept it and I will never accept it. If I have to take my grandchildren out of school and home school them, then that is what I will do. **I AM A CHRISTIAN AND I AM NOT ASHAMED OF IT AND I WILL LIVE MY LIFE FOR GOD AND HIS WAYS.** I will not allow the government to dictate how I need to live and how I need to raise my children and grandchildren.

My heart is heavy laden because of this bill and I pray that the legislators will **FINALLY LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE AND LET THE PEOPLE VOTE!!!**

I know you will probably not even read this letter and just toss it aside, but at least I am letting you hear my voice and pray that you will listen.

Mahalo,
Marilyn Kaululaau

Happy Moments.....PRAISE GOD!
Difficult Moments.....SEEKS GOD.
Quiet Moments.....WORSHIP GOD.
Painful Moments.....TRUST GOD.
Every Moment.....THANK GOD!

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From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:15 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Connor Hendrix [<mailto:conjimihendrix@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:41 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Sb1

I oppose the sb1
-Connor Hendrix of Manoa

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:15 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Ciara Carrasquillo [<mailto:ciararenee91@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:41 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Please don't do this

Hi my name is Ciara Carrasquillo
I have nothing agents being gay but please don't let Hawaii become a
state of same sex marriage.

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:16 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: ulikimmich@goheartbridge.com [<mailto:ulikimmich@goheartbridge.com>] **On Behalf Of** Becky Kimmich
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:43 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I oppose SB1

Please stop same sex marriage. I'm opposed to SB1!!

Resident of Kailua-Kona,
Rebecca Kimmich



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:16 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: shaena_bieber@hotmail.com [mailto:shaena_bieber@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:44 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Same sex Marriage

Aloha,

My name is Shaena Gomez
I live on Kauai, and I and a student at Kauai high school.

I do Not support bill SB-1 because it's against God and it's no good.

Please **DO NOT** pass Bill SB-1 because it's once again against God and it can also hurt Hawaii and the future generation to come. There minds will be corrupted with different types of sex and it will make them feel very uncomfortable. Kids should be able to live there carefree life and not have to live with a big change in there lives. Parents might now have to worry about there kids hanging with the same sex or opposite sex, knowing you could have a relationship with either sex.

Sincerely,
Shaena Gomez



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:16 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: ulikimmich@goheartbridge.com [<mailto:ulikimmich@goheartbridge.com>] **On Behalf Of** Uli Kimmich
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:46 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Opposed to SB1

Please STOP same sex marriage in Hawaii! I'm opposed to SB1!!



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:18 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Melody [<mailto:mel.t.414@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:48 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject:

I oppose SB1

- Melody Navarro



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:18 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Spencer Lemer [<mailto:spencer.lemer@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:50 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

Spencer Lemer
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1
I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."
That the life of the land would be perpetuated in righteousness.



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:18 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Ray Robinson [<mailto:rayrobinson1961@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:51 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Ray Robinson

I oppose Sb1

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:19 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Samantha Davage [<mailto:samdavage@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:52 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I oppose SB1

Please don't let this go through.

Samantha Davage
Kailua-Kona
(808)-217-2699



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:19 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: 8084949854@txt.att.net [<mailto:8084949854@txt.att.net>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:53 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject:

I oppose SB1. Xiuyan Jiang

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From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:20 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Steven Bazan [<mailto:bazan@hawaii.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:53 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: opposition to same-sex marriage bill

Steven Bazan

House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee

The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.

Senate Bill 1

Opposed

WRITTEN

I am opposed to the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013. I ask that you allow the people of Hawaii to vote on this highly controversial subject. I urge you not to ignore the voices of those you are sworn to serve. Opposition has come out in great numbers this past week to show the vast implications of this bill. Same-sex marriage was defeated by a vote years ago. Now, do not abuse your power to overrule the voice of the people.

LET THE PEOPLE VOTE

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Steven Julian Bazan



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:20 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Nathan Hakeem [<mailto:natehakeem@icloud.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:55 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Sb1

My name is Nathan Hakeem, a resident of the big island of Hawaii. I oppose the sb1 bill that's trying to be passed for multiple reasons including researched evidence that shows how damaging same sex marriage is and will be to the family structure and future generations. Thank you

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:20 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Junior Kaious [<mailto:kaiousjunior@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:56 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: NO to same sex marriage (SB-1)

Same sex marriage wasn't created, not meant to be in this universe, and never been allowed since the beginning. It breaks my heart that we are thinking twice about how marriage is supposed to be now. We are NOT making any covenant before GOD if we do have same sex marriage.

Therefore, I strongly DISAGREE with same-sex marriage.



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:20 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Junior Kaious [<mailto:kaiousjunior@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:55 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: NO to same sex marriage (SB-1)

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From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:42 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Alice Tsai [<mailto:atsai1126@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:35 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Opposition of Same Sex Marriage

I oppose SB1.

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:27 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Siona [<mailto:Siona@ibphawaii.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:28 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Same sex marriage

Yes I am writing in regards to this same sex marriage that this is very alarming to me and i absolutely oppose to this idea which has no morals and values in our society. Futhermore, this will ultimately bring confusion that affects our children and diseases that has no cure whatsoever....how are we tolerating this kind of disfunctional behavior. Please for the future of our next generation, we need to protect and instill values and dignity in order to sustain for a better and healthier life. I oppose SBI... Thank you for this opportunity to share.

Siona Siona Fruean
Sent from my iPhone



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:27 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: kawena_14@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
sean klein	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Marriage equality is long overdue in this State and Country. Please vote YES.

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From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:28 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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From: fourjulie@aol.com [<mailto:fourjulie@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:35 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I pray you take to heart this bill that your about to vote on. The people of Hawaii's family values will be forever changed. How will I being a Christian Grandmother of nine explain to my grandchildren these rules going against not only our Christian ...



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:34 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Danny Lehmann [<mailto:danny.lehmann@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:40 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

I oppose SB1. Please give the people a chance to vote on this crucial issue before we make a foolish mistake respectfully Danny Lehmann

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:35 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Winona Lee [<mailto:pearlkamhee@hawaiiantel.net>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:40 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: same-sex marriage sb-1

To whom this may concern,

I am not a high position person to debate this issue in lawyer's language. I simply would like to say I am against the same-sex marriage and pray that the government listens to the majority of how the people feel. There are too many issues that the Government is not listening to what the people want. Some of my concerns would be the education in schools and rights of anyone who opposes the same-sex marriage and could be sued. I am pleading that you at least let the people vote on this very serious bill.

Thank You for your time,

Winona P Lee
737-7788



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:35 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Kristy Foth [<mailto:strengths.kristy@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:40 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Please add this to the public record

Your Honors,

I oppose SB#1 and I also completely disagree with the process that is being forced up the voters, this is not right. I voted against this before.

Please listen to the majority of the people!!!!!! This bill is so much more than just rights. My rights are being violated and the Hawaii constitution is being trampled.

Kristy Foth

808-960-4833
76-6311 Haku Place
Kailua-Kona Hi. 96740



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:35 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Rhonda Fellows [<mailto:rhonda.fellows@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:41 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Written Testimony

My Name: Rhonda Fellows

TO: House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

WHAT: Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1

I am **Opposed** to this Bill
This will be **WRITTEN** Testimony.

Aloha,

I am writing to ask you to vote **NO** to this Bill before you. There is much more in this Bill than just same sex marriage and the results will be very bad for churches and those that believe in traditional marriage between one man and one woman. You know this is wrong and I am praying for God's wisdom and discernment will lead you to vote **NO** to this Bill.

Mahalo,
Rhonda Fellows
254 Aneo Lane
Kahului, HI 96753
Phone: [808-658-0500](tel:808-658-0500)



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:35 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Benjamin DuBord [<mailto:bendubord@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:42 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

I just wanted to write in that I oppose SB1.

I VOTE NO!



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:36 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: John A. Lockwood [<mailto:jlockwood@awlaw.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:43 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB 1 - strong support

Aloha lawmakers,

I support marriage equality for Hawai'i, and SB 1. Please pass it without amendments.

It is the right thing to do.

Civil rights should not be decided by a popular vote.

If an entity offers services to the general public, then it must be required to offer them to all. Discrimination based on sexual orientation should not be sanctioned.

Aloha, Jack Lockwood

1099 Alakea St., Ste. 1400
Honolulu, HI 96813



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:36 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Crystal Dohie [<mailto:cdohie@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:51 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 - Vote NO

Crystal Dohie
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1
I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."

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Crystal Dohie



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:38 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Ernest Harada [<mailto:ernesthawaii@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:01 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB 1

I SUPPORT PASSAGE!
Hawaii needs it! It is twenty years overdue!
Ernest Harada
1041 8th Ave
Honolulu 96816
(Registered Voter and Poll worker)

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:38 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: malu10@aol.com [<mailto:malu10@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:05 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB 1 - strong support

Aloha lawmakers, I support marriage equality for Hawai'i, and SB 1. Please pass it without amendments.

Aloha,
Sally Kimura



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:38 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Peniamina Nonoa [<mailto:nonoas06@yahoo.com.au>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:06 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

I oppose SB1 ,

Ben Nonoa

Peniamina (Ben) Nonoa
Love God Love People
Cell : 808 987 5869
75-5851 Kuakini highway : # 45
Kailua Kona : 96740
Hawaii



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:39 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Curtis and Colleen Foster [<mailto:wailuku.dreamin@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:08 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Testimony in Opposition to SB1

FROM: Colleen Michelle Foster – Wailuku, Maui

TO: House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1
Opposed
WRITTEN

“Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka 'Aina I Ka Pono 'O Iesu Kristo”

Through its Declaration of Rights in 1839 and its Constitution of 1840, the Kingdom of Hawaii established its paramount principle as "That no law shall be enacted which is at variance (contradiction) with the word of the Lord Jehovah, or at variance with the general spirit of His word. All laws of the Islands shall be in consistency with the general spirit of God's law."
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“Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed, Nor did they know how to blush.” JEREMIAH 8:12 NKJV

To the Honorable Chairs;

I urge you to vote no on SB1. Unfortunately, this special session is only a hint at the beginning of the loss of morality in our great nation. I contend that ALL moral laws of these United States were based on biblical truths. There are those who wish to change our history and deny this, but it is irrefutable that morality in America and all the laws of the land are based on the morality of the bible. Without the bible, there is no basis for moral law and our society will fall.

I ask that our representatives not forsake God’s laws and the laws he put forth to guide the behavior of His creation. This is not hate, neither is this discrimination (are we not charged with loving our neighbors?), but this is an earnest appeal to acknowledge God’s sovereignty over our lives and that a sacred **marriage** will always be that between one man and one woman.

In His loving care,

Colleen Foster
Wailuku, Maui

*Excerpt from "Hawaii Prayer Guide"



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:39 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Nicole Enos [<mailto:nicole@orbitsales.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:15 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session; FINTestimony
Subject: SB 1 - strong support

Aloha,

Please grant all of Hawai'i's families equal rights under the law; it is time to stop discriminating against our own people.

Mahalo,

Nicole Enos 96789



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:39 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Terry Day [<mailto:terrymanoa@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:20 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB 1 - strong support

Aloha lawmakers, I support marriage equality for Hawai'i, and SB 1. Please pass it without amendments.



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:39 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Faith Sato [<mailto:fysato@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:21 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB 1 - strong support

Aloha lawmakers, I support marriage equality for Hawai'i, and SB 1. Please pass it without amendments.

Mahalo,

Faith Y. Sato
Honolulu Resident



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:39 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Karen Harris [<mailto:mauidiver@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:23 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Senate Bill 1 -- Opposed

Karen Harris
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1
Opposed
WRITTEN

Please let the people of our great state decide this monumentally important decision by putting it to a statewide vote BY THE PEOPLE. Do not make the mistake and think you can represent all the people with just a few representatives on such a huge decision as redefining what marriage is and all that it entails. PLEASE LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE BY VOTING ON IT THEMSELVES!

I personally believe the Bible. Marriage is between one man and one woman. Do any of you who are suppose to represent me (on Maui) also agree with that? If not, that is why you should let the people vote. Let all the voices be heard through a statewide vote.

Thank you for your time,
Karen Harris



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:40 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Jonni Cheek [<mailto:jjdjcheek@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:23 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Oppose sb1

I oppose SB1

Thank you
Jonni Cheek

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:40 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Lydia Hooser [<mailto:dlhooser@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:26 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Same sex marriage

I oppose same sex marriage

Lydia Hooser

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:41 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Tanyarae Nuualiitia [<mailto:withloverae@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:29 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I oppose sb1

I OPPOSE SB1

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:41 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Linda Reece [<mailto:rlinda19@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:31 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: NO to same sex marriage!

I am OPPOSED to SB1. This bill being forced upon the Hawaii citizens and violates our fundamental & constitutional rights of democracy, speech, & religion.

The legislators in favor of this bill may feel like they are giving equal voice to the minority. But while doing so they are completely taking away basic rights of the rest of us. That is not heroic. It is Tyranny.
Please vote NO!

Linda Reece
Kahuku, HI. 97631



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:41 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Edward Asato [<mailto:eddie.asato@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:33 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SAME SEX SPECIAL SESSION

What's the RUSH? Please SPEND TIME RESEARCHING history and results of current states that has adopted this bill.

Do you want Hawaii to go in that direction.

This bill can change Hawaii's future.

Please VOTE NO! to the Same Sex Marriage bill.

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Aloha & Mahalo,

Eddie Asato, Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:41 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Williams, Kaeo [<mailto:kaeo.williams@hawaiipacifichealth.org>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:29 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Cc: 'Joshua Rivera'
Subject: Strong Support for Equality Bill

I Support the Equality Bill, Every "AMERICAN" has the right, regardless of sexual orientation, to marry. Please follow the Federal Ruling set by the US Supreme Court, and allow all citizens to marry.

Mahalo,

Ka'eo Williams
Credentialing Assistant
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Centralized Verification Services
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From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:41 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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From: Matthew Hamilton [<mailto:scapegoatguild@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:34 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Vote no SB1

I oppose SB1

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:42 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Casey Berdon [mailto:casey_berdon@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:34 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 vote no!!!

Casey J. Berdon

House Judiciary Committee, and House Finance Committee The Honorable
Chairs Karl Rhoades and Sylvia Luke Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @
10:00am Senate Bill 1 I oppose SB1. Please vote NO!!!



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:43 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Joshua Rivera [<mailto:joshua.rivera808@gmail.com>]
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To: Judiciary Special Session
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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:04 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: bks4@hawaii.edu
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

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

Comments: I have family members who are homosexuals but I'm sure that they would agree with me that a CHURCH should NOT be forced to hold gay marriages in their church!

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From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:05 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: John Sumada [<mailto:jdsun@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:16 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Re:TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Karl Rhoads, Chair
House Judiciary Committee

Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Finance Committee

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

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

As American citizens who believe in the democratic principles, we are asking you to allow the PEOPLE to vote on SB1. The people believed they addressed this issue in 1998, and should be the ones consulted again. A constitutional amendment would better address same-sex marriage AND allow for ample PUBLIC input.

Trusting in the democratic principles,
John & Fay Sumada



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:05 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: JERRY-STELLA SALUDEZ [<mailto:jerstelsaludez@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:14 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Fw: NO to same-sex marriage

Reniel Saludez

House Judiciary Committee and House of Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 am
Senate Bill 1
Opposed

PLEASE VOTE **NO** TO **SAME-SEX MARRIAGE**. As a mother and wife, I am against it. The repercussions will devour our sense of what is right and wrong. I am a simple woman who just wants to live in a peaceful world. But, by passing this law will do the exact opposite. I am not prejudice, hateful, spiteful, or ill-willed to who ever chooses there life's directs, but it will cost our souls, our freedom, and our constitution.

I have two little boys ages 7 and 8 . I am truly afraid for their future. When this bill passes, I fear that we will open a CAN of WORMS in the State of Hawaii because it will not stop here. There will be more demands for other changes that will affect our families, schools, businesses and many things here in Hawaii. We have a very peaceful state, why change it???

I beg you to please
VOTE **NO** TO **SAME-SEX MARRIAGE**,

Respectfully yours,

Reniel Saludez



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:05 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: kagor@juno.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Gordon Lau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Marriage is between a Man and a Woman PERIOD. Civil unions was the compromise or was this just a "Trojan Horse" to bring us to this point? Let the people VOTE!!!

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From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:06 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Katherine Brennan [<mailto:Katherinembrennan@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:18 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

To: House Committees on Judiciary and Labor Hearing Date/Time:
Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke and members of the 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.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Katherine Brennan
718 Sibley st
Honolulu, HI 96818



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:06 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONYV

From: JERRY-STELLA SALUDEZ [<mailto:jerstelsaludez@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:18 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Fw: Opposed: Same- sex Marriage

Stella Saludez

House Judiciary Committee and House of Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00AM
Senate Bill 1
OPPOSED

I would like to ask you to VOTE NO to Senate Bill 1. As a grandmother of 2 wonderful innocent kids, I am very concerned that we are passing a law that will affect their future and of all our keikis here in Hawaii. Please think of the repercussions when this bill passes. We live in a peaceful state where we value the traditions of the family, raising our children the way we deem right, nobody dictating us or forcing us how to raise our kids, Why change that. If you love our Keikis and their future, Please, please VOTE NO. May our Great GOD give you His Wisdom and Direction!

Respectfully yours,
Stella Saludez



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From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:09 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: JERRY-STELLA SALUDEZ [<mailto:jerstelsaludez@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:20 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Fw: Opposed: Same- sex Marriage

Jerry & Stella Saludez
(808) 672-5687

www.pastorjerrysharesjuiceplus.com

On Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:17 AM, JERRY-STELLA SALUDEZ <jerstelsaludez@yahoo.com> wrote:

Stella Saludez

House Judiciary Committee and House of Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
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Senate Bill 1
OPPOSED

I would like to ask you to VOTE NO to Senate Bill 1. As a grandmother of 2 wonderful innocent kids, I am very concerned that we are passing a law that will affect their future and of all our keikis here in Hawaii. Please think of the repercussions when this bill passes. We live in a peaceful state where we value the traditions of the family, raising our children the way we deem right, nobody dictating us or forcing us how to raise our kids, Why change that. If you love our Keikis and

their future, Please, please VOTE NO. May our Great GOD give you His Wisdom and Direction!

Respectfully yours,
Stella Saludez



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:09 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Keri Pomaikai Kaneshiro Kiesling [<mailto:keri.kiesling@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:21 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 - Opposed

Keri Kiesling

House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee

The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.

Senate Bill 1

Opposed

WRITTEN

Aloha mai kakou.

My name is Keri Kiesling and I am a resident on the Island of Maui. My husband and I are expecting our first child next month and are very excited about bringing this new life into the world. However, with the things that

I see going on in our state, country and world, I am also afraid to bring my child into this world. There is so much evil that surrounds us and so much immorality and total disregard for our maker, God.

I know that there are a lot of pressure on you folks from opposing sides of SB1, however, I plead with you to vote NO on this bill.

There are several reasons why I am opposed to this bill.

1. As a Christ-follower, I believe that the Bible is inherently true and that it is without error. I also believe that marriage is a Divine Institution, not a human institution. Therefore, what God calls righteous is marriage between *one man and one woman*, not a man and a man or a woman and a woman.
2. The religious exemptions are not iron-clad. They do not fully protect religious institutions and clergy.
3. There is seems to be no protection for individuals and business owners religious freedom.
4. There are those that claim that this bill is merely about equality, however, from seeing the precedence set in other places where same-sex marriage has been approved, the passing has indeed affected education, parental rights, businesses, individuals, etc.
5. I am worried that this will lead to allowing those that "identify" with the other sex to be able to use the opposite sexes restrooms. This worries me, because of the fact that sexual predators could use this to target their victims
(http://www.hawaiifreepress.com/ArticlesMain/tabid/56/ID/10917/13-States-with-Gay-Marriage-How-Education-Changed.aspx?utm_source=October+27%2C+2013+News+From+Hawaii+Free+Press&utm_campaign=October+27%2C+2013+Email&utm_medium=email)
6. This is a highly emotional and contentious issue that the majority of those that have spoken and taken polls say that they want the bill to be put on a ballot for we the people of the grand state of Hawaii to vote on.
7. There were many good questions asked by the Senators of the Attorney General and the Department of Taxation on Monday that were not adequately answered. These are things that should be researched *before* proceeding any further.
8. The people of Hawaii already voted in 1998 that marriage was to be defined between *one man and one woman* nothing more than that (not one man and one man, one woman and one woman, one man and multiple woman, or one woman and multiple men).

These are some of the reasons why I am opposed to this bill. I think that Rachel Murdock also makes very good points in her blog (<http://speckofred.blogspot.com/2013/10/my-thoughts-on-hawaiis-marriage.html?sref=fb>).

Please listen to the voice of the people and vote NO on SB1. I am praying for all of you through this difficult and contentious time.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Keri Kiesling

Lahaina, HI 96761



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:09 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

Importance: High

From: klaeuaahi@gmail.com [<mailto:klaeuaahi@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:23 AM

To: Judiciary Special Session

Subject: NO to same sex marriage

Importance: High

To Whom It May Concern,

Please DO NOT legalize same-sex marriage. I am concern of my generation and the kids that are growing up.

Education is very important to me. I disagree that the kids are being educated in their young age about it's okay getting married with same sex..

I STRONGLY DISAGREE of Same Sex Marriage.

KCC student, 22



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:10 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: JOHN DEMELLO [<mailto:Souljah248@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:24 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Testimony against Marriage Equality Legislation

My name is Pastor John Demello. As a resident of Maui, I would like to voice my objection to the Marriage Equality Act. I believe that this legislation will undermine the quality of life of our islands. Our traditional family structure has worked for thousands of years. Why would we adopt a law that encourage a model that has clearly been a detriment to every society that has adopted it. Please listen to voices of the people and vote no.....Respectfully submitted Pastor John Demello...296 Alamaha St Unit D.....Kahului, Hi 96732



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:10 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Diane E. Medeiros [<mailto:diane@molokaicommunityfcu.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:25 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: re please vote no

DIANE MEDEIROS

MOLOKAI

House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee

The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.

Senate Bill 1

Opposed

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

I am asking our leaders to please vote NO on the bill described above.

Marriage, as set up by God Himself, is to be between a man and a woman, plain and simple. Allowing this bill to pass will open a Pandora's Box of problems as seen in other states who have passed similar bills. For example, homosexual sex will have to be taught to our children in school with no opportunity for parents to opt out, because now it's legal. Organizations who do not believe this is right will be forced to do things (such as marry same sex partners, or allow them to adopt children, etc) that they believe with all their hearts is wrong.

We are the country that was started on religious freedom. Are we now going to take that freedom away? I pray it doesn't happen.



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:22 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: gregory h [<mailto:dds89@msn.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:01 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Marital Equality

I would like to state my strong opposition to the so called Marital Equity Bill. As is already happening all over the United States people of faith are being persecuted as a result of simply believing their faith and standing in opposition to same sex marriage.

Firstly, please realize that the people of Hawaii have already settled this matter through the ballot, so if you believe strongly that same sex marriage should be law, then let the people decide; not YOU.

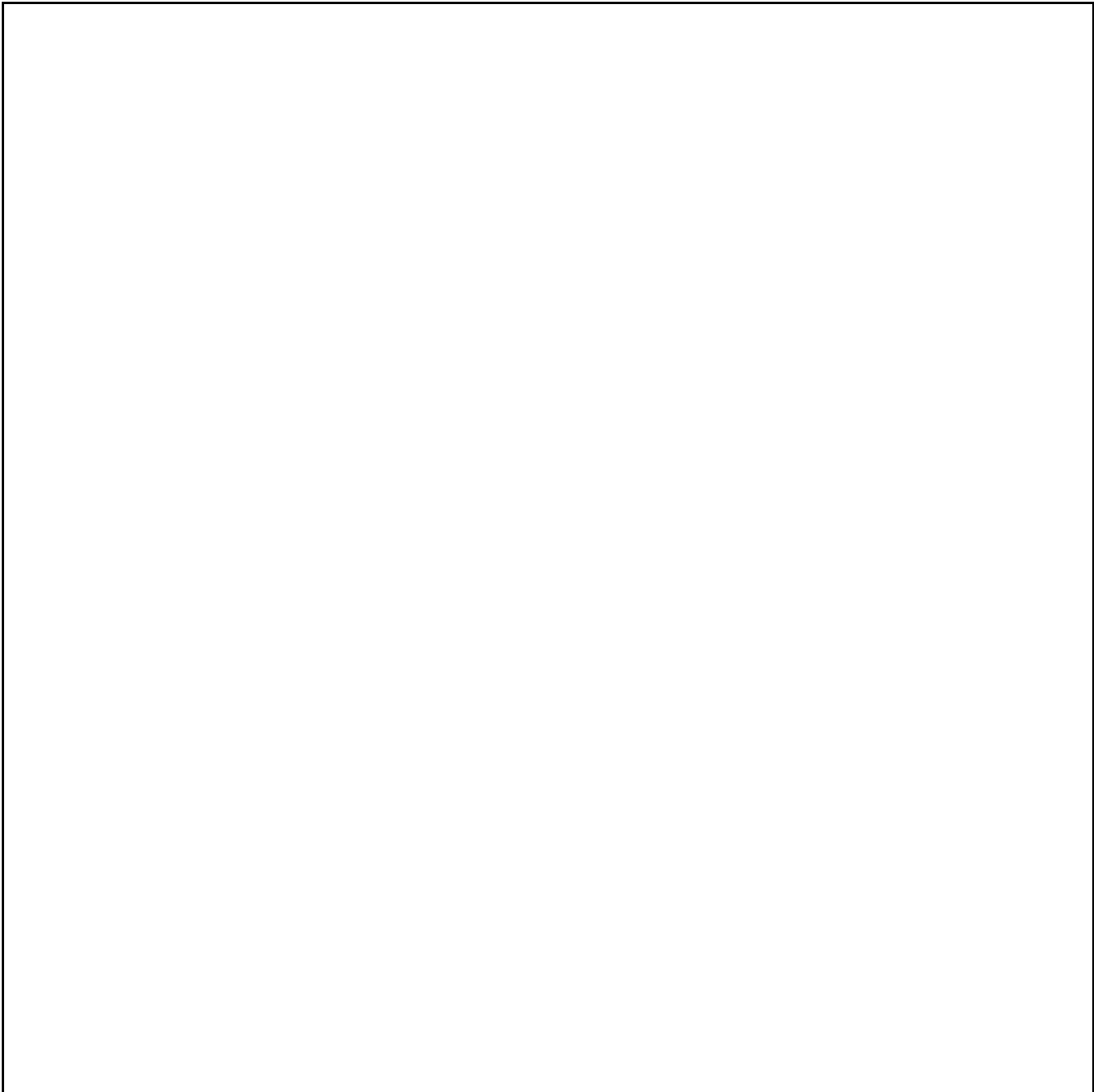
Secondly, voting for this bill violates the First Amendment of the Constitution of The United States.

Thirdly, this bill isolates people of faith and sets them up as a target as is already happening through "The Human Rights Commission." What about the human rights of people of faith who believe the very same principles that the founding fathers shared? Thank You, Gregory Hoke.



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:22 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: gregory h [mailto:dds89@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:01 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: FW: Shocking government assault on religious liberties



Dear Legislators,

There is no longer any doubt that our Christian faith is under attack.

And I'll prove it with the 7 shocking stories below.

Then, I'll tell you how to fight back!

First is the story of Michael Salman, a man who spent 60 days in prison for being a witness for Jesus Christ.

No, not in Iran or China or some other third world dictatorship, but right here on American soil in Phoenix, Arizona.

I know it's hard to believe, but it's true.

If you haven't heard this story, I'm not surprised.

The mainstream media has been ignoring stories like this for years. That's why I wrote you this message and that's why I need your help to spread the word.

Michael Salman was locked in jail for holding a bible study in his home -- for witnessing the gospel to his friends, family, and neighbors.

How did this happen?

You see, his city government claims there's a special permit required to use his home as a church.

That's right, local bureaucrats require "special permission" to host a bible study in your own home.

If that's not a blatant violation of religious freedom, I don't know what is.

Ever since the time of the Apostle Paul, homes have been a common place for Christian fellowship and worship.

Paul tells us in his first letter to the Corinthians about Aquila and Priscilla and the "church that meets at their house."

The Book of Acts tells us that Paul traveled "from house to house" preaching the good news.

How can anyone deny the war on Christianity when the age old house church tradition is being torn apart by government bureaucrats?

But there's even more.

Dozens of Christian entrepreneurs and business owners are facing lawsuits, government investigations, court orders, fines, and even jail time for their religious convictions.

And it's happening more and more every day.

Hands On Originals Christian Outfitters is a Christian owned and operated business which creates custom apparel such as t-shirts, hats, and handbags.

When a pro-homosexual political group demanded they produce t-shirts for a gay pride parade, Blain Adamson, the owner, refused, saying, "I cannot in good conscience endorse groups or events that

run counter to my convictions."

And for standing up for his convictions?

Blain was put under official investigation by a special "Human Rights Commission."

This "Human Rights Commission" has full subpoena power and the backing of the law as a law enforcement agency.

Mr. Adamson believes that "no business owner should be forced to violate his conscience simply because someone demands it."

But that hasn't stopped the radical homosexual commission from continuing its persecution.

You've probably never heard this story either.

That's why it's up to you and me to spread the word.

Will you share this message with everyone you know?

But before you do so, please read the rest of this email.

This isn't even the worst example of Christian business owners being targeted for their beliefs.

The story of Elaine Huguenin shows how bad the persecution can get.

Elaine is a wedding photographer in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

When asked to photograph a homosexual "commitment ceremony," she politely declined.

In Elaine's own words, "the message a same-sex commitment ceremony communicates is not one I believe."

That should be the end of the story, right?

Unfortunately, that answer wasn't acceptable.

Elaine was investigated by the "New Mexico Human Rights Commission" which found her guilty of discrimination and ordered her to pay \$7,000!

Elaine responded by saying, "[i]f it becomes something where Christians are made to do these things by law in one state, or two, it's going to sweep across the whole United States ... and religious freedom could become extinct."

Elaine fought this all the way to the New Mexico Supreme Court,

which ruled that a business owner does NOT have the right to turn away work that violates his or her Christian beliefs.

Unfortunately, that's exactly what's happening.

That's why I'm taking action with Public Advocate and our pro-family, pro-Christian grassroots members committed to fighting back against these government abuses.

And if you and I don't band together for our religious liberty right now, imagine how much worse it will get in just 5, 10, or 15 years.

I shudder to think of the danger.

So please, after you've finished reading this message, click below to sign the pledge putting yourself on record AGAINST government persecution of Christianity.

Then share this email with your friends and family.

If you and I can spread the word, perhaps we can finally restore religious freedom in America.

The sad fact is more and more Christian business owners are facing this same persecution.

When Baronelle Stutzman, a florist in Washington State, was asked by a regular customer to provide flowers for his homosexual marriage ceremony, she took his hand and told him, "I am sorry. I can't do your wedding because of my relationship with Jesus Christ."

She had never refused this customer before and insists her choice had nothing to do with discrimination.

She merely cannot support a ceremony she believes to be wrong.

Since then she's been harassed day and night -- and even received an arson threat!

Now she's being sued.

And if she loses, she'll be forced by law to either support homosexual marriage or pay a massive fine.

If that's not a clear violation of freedom of religion, I don't know what is.

The next two stories involve Christian bakeries being persecuted by for their religious convictions.

Aaron Klein's bakery in Oregon has faced harassing phone calls, emails, and even violent threats for refusing to bake a homosexual wedding cake.

So far he's been lucky enough to avoid being attacked by the state, but others haven't been so lucky.

Christian baker Jack Phillips could face jail time for refusing to provide wedding cakes for homosexual weddings.

According to his attorney, "he can potentially be prosecuted by the district attorney for up to 12 months in jail."

I'm sure you agree both of these stories are outrageous.

There can be no doubt that Christianity is under attack.

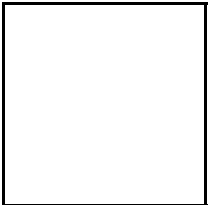
And you and I have an obligation to fight back.

Here's what you can do right now:

Sign the pledge below putting yourself on record AGAINST persecution of Christians for their beliefs.

Chip in just \$10, \$20, \$35, or even \$50 today to Public Advocate of the United States.

Share this message with everyone you know. Post it on Facebook, email it to your friends and family, even show it at your church.



You see, the seventh and final story of Christian persecution I'm sharing with you is how rabidly the Homosexual Lobby has come after me for my work through Public Advocate and fighting for our values.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, a radically anti-Family front group, has targeted Public Advocate for destruction.

First, they filed a lawsuit against Public Advocate, wasting tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees.

But I wish it just ended there.

As you would expect after reading these other stories, radical homosexual activists have been threatening my life for years now.

And not too long ago, one came very close to carrying out one of these threats.

Last year, a crazed activist walked into a fellow pro-Family organization and started shooting.

Thank God he was only able to hurt one victim before being restrained.

But what you may not know is that the very same shooter targeted me earlier that day.

In fact, the FBI has confirmed that the shooter possessed a list of pro-Family organizations he obtained from the SPLC's "Hate List" -- including Public Advocate.

And according to eyewitness reports, the shooter was seen scoping out Public Advocate's offices just days earlier.

Soon after this first failed attempt, the SPLC's lawyer posted my home address in public legal documents.

Their actions have put my life and the lives of my wife and children in great danger.

As you can imagine, these past few months have been tough on me, my family, and my staff here at Public Advocate.

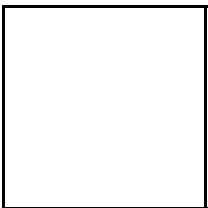
Just imagine how tough it is for all of us worrying there could be an attack lurking around any corner at any time.

And imagine the added pressure of fighting an expensive legal battle with the SPLC at the same time -- a legal battle that could potentially force Public Advocate to close down its doors for good.

Sometimes it becomes overwhelming.

Aside from faith in God, the only comfort I have is knowing there are thousands of God-fearing folks like you standing behind us.

And now -- more than ever -- I need to know I can count on your continued support.



[So in addition signing your pledge, I pray you'll consider chipping in just \\$10, \\$20, \\$35, or even \\$50 to our cause.](#)

And don't forget to share this message with everyone you know.

I can't thank you enough for joining in this battle.

Without you -- and without God -- we wouldn't stand a chance.

Thank you and God Bless.

For the Family,

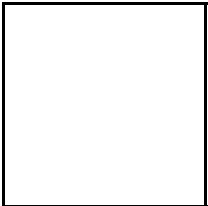


HON. EUGENE DELGAUDIO
President, Public Advocate of the U.S.

Greg, our Christian faith is under attack.

And groups like the anti-Family SPLC and their cronies in the Obama Administration are doing all they can to silence our efforts to defend our religious liberties through Public Advocate.

[So please click here to sign your pledge and stand alongside Public Advocate by chipping in \\$5, \\$10, or \\$20 to help our fight to defend religious liberty in America.](#)



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From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:23 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Maria Jackson [<mailto:maria@goheartbridge.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:07 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: About same sex marriage

Hello, my name is Maria Jackson.

I am strongly AGAINST same sex marriage law to pass in Hawaii.

My opinion is this is NOT the government domain to make law.

Our believes and value system might all different but if we destroy human basic principle, one day we will have no more boundary line for the nations.

Thank you so much for your time for our nation and our state.

I praying that our all mighty God's light will shine upon this nation and this place where we are living.

Maria Jackson
Hawaii resident

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:24 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Larry Ubilas [<mailto:ubifoster808@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:05 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SS Marriage testimony

I am in opposition to the SB1 relating to ss marriage.

Common sense needs to prevail as in 1998 legislative body allowed the issue to be determined by the community vote. What's the difference now? If a minority special interest group wants to use the legislative body of 2013 to push their agenda, the 1998 Civil Union document must be the first step. Without addressing that Act of 1998, any decision following is nullified. It was decided by the people then.

Every soul every person who acts on the issue in the next days will be held accountable for their actions one day on Judgement Day. I hope that every Legislator will be faithful to stand for his or her position and how their actions matched their responsibility--not only to him or her, but to the people they represent. Are they just puppets reacting to pressures or your career or are you acting on their own accord in humility and service.

"God" made it unto our money, documents, etc. way before someone decided to seek their own lifestyle. To use the Hawaiian agenda and Slavery topics as an excuse to have the SS marriage pushed through is selfish and wrong.

Marriage = One man one woman one God

Union = Equal Legal privileges

Hilary a. Ubilas



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:24 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Merv Witherup [<mailto:mervworldprayer@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:08 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Same sex. NO

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:24 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Debra Nakora [<mailto:pacificdebs@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:08 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I oppose SB1

Debra Kleier
House Judiciary Committee and
House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke Hearing on Oct. 31,
2013 @ 10:00AM SENATE BILL 1

I oppose SB1. Please Vote "No"

Sincerely,
Debra Kleier
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:25 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Scott & Lisa Orvis [<mailto:slorvis@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:11 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Sb 1

I am strongly upped to sb 1. The ramifications are unconditional to the freedom to worship without governmental involvement.

Aloha,

Scott Orvis

From my Android phone on T-Mobile. The first nationwide 4G network.



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:25 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Mele Strickland [<mailto:melewolf@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:12 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Support Traditional Marriage!

Please support traditional marriage. If you don't support this traditional marriage it will only lead to a decline in our society. Please do the right thing!

Mele Strickland



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:26 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Darren Sarmiento [<mailto:pdarrenvif@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:13 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Oppose SB-1 Bill exemptions are very limited and infringes on our religious rights

I oppose the SB-1 Bill for two reasons. First reason is I disagree with same sex marriages and its future implications that will bring division in the state among all people. Secondly, the exemptions to religious use of facilities. The church exist to reach people with the gospel of Jesus. To save them from their sinful way of life according to God. We are about reaching and ministering to the community. However, with the exemptions it is really prohibiting us from reaching out to the community, because when we do then we would have to allow gay couples to use our facilities and force clergy to marry. I don't see that as exempting the churches but just the opposite. It forces us not to reach out and only deal with our existing members. We have members or people in our church because we invite them to church and we go out in the community to minister and meet needs both physical and spiritual. Give the religious community full rights and expressions of our constitutional freedom. You do that I will be okay.

Thank you,
Pastor Darren Sarmiento
Valley Isle Fellowship Church
473 South High St.
Wailuku, Maui 96793

Sent from my iPad



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:26 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: kylor sparks [<mailto:someotherrandomguyman@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:17 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject:

I disagree with same sex marriage.



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:26 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Mark N [<mailto:markhochi@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:19 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Same sex marriage

October 31, 2013

Dear Sirs:

I thank you for this opportunity to voice my concerns for same sex marriage that is before us this day. There are many pros and con for this bill. I am opposed to SB1 mainly because I believe marriage is reserved for a man and a woman. A union between a man and man or a woman and a woman should remain as a civil union. I understand that the gay and lesbian want the same rights a married couple which I am not in opposition to. Therefore, I believe rights of civil union should be expanded to equal the rights of a married couple rather than redefining the definition of marriage.

We need more time to evaluate all options available before we making a haste decision.

Thank you,

Mark Nishioka



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:27 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: BILL HUNT [<mailto:whunt@ahfi.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:26 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB 1 - strong support

Aloha lawmakers, I support marriage equality for Hawai'i, and SB 1. Please pass it without amendments.



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:42 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Ray Reynolds [<mailto:guavaleaf@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:39 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

My Name: Ray Reynolds
Address: 41-738 Ala koa Street
Waimanalo, HI 96795

I oppose this bill, simply for the reason of losing my constitutional rights, being inflicted (shoved down our throats). This law is wrong, it is immoral it is against the will of the majority once voted upon in 1998. The ramifications are enormous. e.g. now it is same sex, next it will be fathers marrying daughters, mothers marrying sons, sisters and brothers wanting to be married, and polygamy, and men and women wanting to marry their dogs or their cats. When will this vulgar immoral evil stop. Answer it must stop right here with you same gender sexual intercourse is immoral in or out of marriage, likewise so is incest and bestiality.

Aloha and Mahalo
Ray Reynolds



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:42 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: mjkfaux@aol.com [<mailto:mjkfaux@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:37 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Testimony for SB 1 Hearing

Monica Medina

[92-650 Aoloko St., Kapolei, HI 96707](#)

[\(808\) 672-4584](#)

Mjkfaux@aol.com

Dear Senators:

I urge you to vote “no” to legalizing same-gender marriage.

My primary concern is the inherent risk that the law would have on my First Amendment rights, to express my freedom of religion, as well as the impact that it would likely have on my church community and other religious organizations. The bill currently features language intended to provide religious exemptions to protect churches from being forced to perform same-gender marriages that are in direct conflict with their beliefs. However, the religious exemptions will not protect all churches in Hawaii. Further, if forced, it can lead to lengthy and costly lawsuits that could lead some churches to eventually close down due to financial costs. This would end important community programs that help feed the hungry and provide a wide range of support to Hawaii residents in need.

Personally, I also stand to lose the right to express my religious views on traditional marriage between one man and one woman, whether in the workplace or in public, just as others are able to express their differing views.

I believe that this decision is one that should be made by the people of the State of Hawaii, as was done in 1998 when it was voted on as a constitutional amendment. I strongly feel that this special session of the legislature does not provide an adequate opportunity for people to voice their opinions. However, if the people of Hawaii will not be given the opportunity to vote on this issue, I ask you and your fellow lawmakers to take the time necessary to revise this bill in order to ensure that no one will lose their existing right to express their religious beliefs as originally granted to all Americans.

I trust that you will ensure that these concerns are heard.

Thank you so much for your careful consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,

Monica Medina



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:52 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Anaise Livai [<mailto:anaise.livai@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:00 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Testimony in Opposition of Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

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

Redefining marriage not only affects the estimated 5% of Hawaii residents who identify themselves as Gay or Lesbian, but will change society forever for the other 95% of Hawaii residents. Changing the definition of marriage is changing the morals of our society. As our school system is the means to educate our children on the laws and morals of our Society, passing this bill will also greatly affect the curriculum taught to all of our children. This is something that should be decided by the people, and not by a handful of politicians. If the majority of our people feel that having a Gay or Lesbian marriage is an acceptable alternative to heterosexual marriage, then so be it. But **LET THE PEOPLE VOTE**

If perhaps the majority of people in Hawaii do feel that they would like Same-sex marriage to be deemed as an acceptable alternative to heterosexual marriage then it would be important that **sufficient protections are put in place so that the religious rights of our people are not infringed upon.** Religious Freedom is one of the founding principles of our country. It is not uncommon knowledge that the bible teaches that Gay and Lesbian relationships are against the law of God. It is not a new radical philosophy but a moral principle that has been in place for thousands of years. It is a principle that even our founding forefathers believed in. Although society is changing, the bible has not changed, and many people still uphold the principles in the bible. It is their religious right to do so. To require any religious leader, organization, small business or individual to provide goods or services that assist or promote the solemnization or celebration of any marriage, or provide counseling or other services that directly facilitate the perpetuation of any marriage that is against their religious beliefs would be infringing on their religious rights. This bill does not cover religious sectors that for example of a same sex married couple came into a synagogue and request for a christening on their child and the pastor/priest refused to do the service, a number of law suits seem in order here and again this BILL does not protect those pastors/priest who do not believe in the lifestyle that these homosexuals choose to live in.

For these reasons, I humbly request that you **Let the people vote** concerning this matter as it currently stands our state is divided on this matter.

Sincerely,
Anaise Livai
P.O Box 148
Hilo, HI 96721



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:41 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Steven Hedlund [<mailto:kohalabaptist@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:29 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Personal testimony against approval of the same sex marriage bill

Dear Friends, I urge you to vote "NO" on the upcoming same sex marriage act. If this bill is passed it will ultimately erode traditional family values and have a detrimental effect upon our society and State. Mahalo Nui for your consideration! pastor Steven Hedlund/ Kohala Baptist Church Big Island, Hawaii



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:42 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Susie [<mailto:hi2mom@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:26 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: duplicate

Someone said the site crashed so I sent my testimony again. I received notice that I was # 535. Can I use that number that was sent to me yesterday?
thanks
Susan Roth



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:44 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Aaron Cordeiro [<mailto:aaroncordeiro@icloud.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:21 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I vote no sb1

I vote no on SB1

My name is Aaron Cordeiro Hawaii kai Dr. 96825



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:44 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: marcyfrommaui@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Marcy Koltun-Crilley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My Name is Marcy Koltun-Crilley and I am an R.N. living 20 years on Maui. I am also married for 33 years with a teenage son. And I am a registered voter. I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB1 Equality. I do so for many, many reasons but I will focus on one. Imagine being a gay child. You know you are gay but you say nothing because you are afraid. Your church tells you it is a sin. Adults and kids make jokes and nasty comment about it. You are told God may love you but hates what you may be thinking or feel. To You, it feels like YOU are the sin, who you are is bad. Is it any wonder that gay children get bullied , feel isolated and have high rates of suicide? Now days, most people change their mind about LGBT when they discover their own child is gay and the torture they have felt. When they learn that they are born this was as is about 9% of the world wide population. Discrimination HAS to stop and it will only stop when all people are treated equal and people learn that all people are people and the children no longer learn discrimination from adults. Imagine the straight child in a same sex parent home. The Government, friends, adults tell them their family are sinners, bad, and they are not given the same protections as other families. Bullying of children will never stop until all people are treated like equals. Thank You and I will be so proud to have Hawaii included as one of the States that really cares about people and children and show it !!!!! Marcy Koltun-Crilley Kihei, HI 96753 808-874-5644

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From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:45 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Henry A Lindo Jr [<mailto:hanalejr72@msn.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:20 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: OPPOSED Written Testimony

To : House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee

The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

From : Henry A Lindo Jr

Re : Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00am

Senate Bill 1

Opposed

Written Testimony

Aloha Honorable Chairs of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees,

I am asking for your **No** vote at this time. I understand you may believe that you have the best interests of the people at hand by making marriage equality legal but when I saw and heard the testimonies of our Senators who we voted into office who have a blatant disregard for the true voice of the people who are against this special session then I know that they are all in it for themselves. Look at polls being distributed as well as the testimonies of the people and you will see that the majority of the people would vote and the NO vote would prevail. What gives you, the legislators, who are the voice of the people the right to vote on the people's behalf without even speaking on behalf of the majority? Look at the numbers and you will see. We as citizens of Hawaii and as voters who have placed you in positions of power want to be heard and want you to hear the voice of the majority which is asking for you to truly take the time to look at this issue further by allowing the people of Hawaii's voice to be heard. With power comes responsibility so I am asking for you all to be responsible caretakers of the legislature and hear the true voice of the people, not cause you want to be the voice for the minority but because you believe in democracy and what is right. It is wrong the way this is all being handled and pushed through and I am ashamed of our legislators especially our Hawaiian ones who defiantly express a disregard for democracy and what is pono. Please don't make the same mistake that the Senate has made by not listening to the people but be the voice of the people. Thank you all for you time and consideration into this matter and May God bless each one of you and your families!

Mahalo,

Henry A Lindo Jr

Kaunakakai, Molokai, Hawaii 96748



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:49 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: sandychoi [<mailto:sandyawake@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:03 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

We oppose SB1!
Daniel & Sandy Choi

Sent from my iPhone



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Eva Gallegos [<mailto:evagall@cs.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:00 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SUPPORT SB1 SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL

To the State of Hawaii Representatives:

I am in support of SB1.

My partner and I moved here to Hawaii 8 years ago. We have been together for 13 years. We are both Professional Registered Nurses and we work at The Queen's Medical Center. We have chosen to make Hawaii our home.

Every Nurse has the obligation and duty to abide by the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics for Nurses.

Everyday we care for and treat every person and their family members with the utmost respect and equality, regardless of social status, financial income, sexual orientation and even criminal background.

We MUST treat each and every person fairly and equally EVERYDAY. This is not an easy task for Nurses, but we get it done.

In my 23 years as a Nurse, I have been threatened by patients, I have been attacked by patients, I have been discriminated against by patients, I have cared for patients who were convicted murders, rapists and drug addicts, rich and poor, all religions, educated and uneducated, and the list goes on and on. Some people are harder to care for than others, but I pride myself on providing non-judgemental patient care.

With that said, I would expect all State Representatives, who are public servants, to treat people equally and refrain from making legislative decisions, about Same-Sex Marriage, based on their personal beliefs and religious affiliations, but instead, protect the civil rights of the public and stop discriminating against people based on their sexual orientation.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Eva Gallegos, MSN, RN
876 Curtis Street
Unit 1607
Honolulu, HI. 96813
808-295-6699



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Karen Shishido [<mailto:karen.shishido@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:51 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1

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> Aloha Members of the House of Judiciary Committee:
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> I am late in sending this testimony because the testimony submittal site has been down for hours.
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> I strongly support marriage equality and full protection of same sex marriages under Hawaii's laws.
> Religious doctrine has no place in civil society. Times have changed since our legislators last visited this issue; history will show that honoring the unions of our LGBT friends and family is the pono thing to do.
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> Thank you for your consideration.
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> Sincerely,
> Karen
> Makiki/Waipahu
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From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Jennifer Cabjuan [<mailto:jcabjuan@me.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:46 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Personal Testimony for Sb1

Thank you for taking time to hear my testimony in regards to SB1. I have lived in Hawaii all my life as well as my husband. We are raising our children here and do not want the same sex marriage to be allowed in our family oriented state. I teach my children to follow and obey the laws of the land as well as the moral values that are plainly spelled out in the Bible. I don't want this law to be passed because it goes directly against what I teach my children according to our faith. My children do not naturally like to see same sex relationships on TV and don't like to see it around public life. Pushing a law sends a message that says our family values are wrong according to the state. How is that fair to my religious views? Same sex marriage is not what I want my children to have to grow up around and will continue to teach same sex marriage is wrong to my children even if a law is passed. Does this make me into a lawbreaker in my children's eyes? I plead with you to not support this bill as it is written and to also let the people of Hawaii decide what they want.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Cabjuan

Sent from my iPhone



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Karen Shishido [<mailto:karen.shishido@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:40 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1

Aloha Members of the House of Representatives:

I am late in sending this testimony because the testimony submittal site has been down for hours.

I strongly support marriage equality and full protection of same sex marriages under Hawaii's laws. Religious doctrine has no place in civil society. Times have changed since our legislators last visited this issue; history will show that honoring the unions of our LGBT friends and family is the pono thing to do.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Karen
Makiki/Waipahu



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Arcangel Natal [<mailto:kauhale2000@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:33 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Same-sex marriage

I am not against same-sex marriage, I am not religious in any way, what I do stand for is the right for the peoples vote to mean something. I have served this country for many years and one of thing I am proud of is that each person has a voice, through our vote. The State Senate has already decided to disregard their own constituents, If the house does the same then they are basically disregarding the people of Hawaii and the vote that occured in 1998 just like the Senate. Once the people vote on a constitutional amendment then it should take another vote by the people to change or revoke that amendment.

If allowed to vote and the people vote for same-sex marriage then for me that matter is settled. I want to be able to tell my children someday that their vote counts, if this fiasco is allowed to continue you will make me a liar.



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Travis Knott [<mailto:travisknott@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:34 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Support for SB1

I am writing in strong support of SB1 for both personal and professional reasons:

I am personally effected by this act. My partner and I have been together in a committed monogamist relationship for 20 years. We are part of our community. We volunteer for numerous nonprofits and charities, giving more hours than I can possibly track. We own our home and pay taxes (a lot of taxes!). While a marriage is most certainly a spiritual act for most people, it is not necessarily a religious one. There is no one religion that can own marriage and the stability it brings. It is a civil act with benefits granted by the state and federal government. To withhold some rights for any sort of religious reason is wrong.

In a professional manner I have worked with the disparity that couples face when they are not allowed to marry. I am a Financial Advisor. I have special training for Domestic Partner Planning. I work with many couples who have been together for many years and decades. Because they do not receive the same inheritance rights that married couples have, they must pay extra money to protect themselves through additional life insurance policies to pay the taxes on the retirement accounts that they inherit. Married couples can transfer a 401k or IRA to a spouse upon death with no tax hit. Non married couples would be taxed. This is the founding of the DOMA case that the Supreme Court faced. This places an additional burden on couples living in a state that does not allow same sex marriage, simply to protect their families and protect the wealth that they have worked their entire lives to accumulate.

Please pass SB1 without delay.

Sincerely,

Travis Knott

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From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: ambrosiodcuisine@aol.com [<mailto:ambrosiodcuisine@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:31 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: VOTE : NO

House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m. Senate Bill 1 I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."

Kerri A Ambrosio
Big Island Resident
Bee sharp and bee natural!



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Bruce Butler [<mailto:bruceb@hawaii.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:30 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

To: House Committees on Judiciary and Labor Hearing Date/Time:
Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke and members of the 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.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Bruce Butler
470 a West Kuiaha Rd
Haiku, HI 96708



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Mark Orbistondo [<mailto:mko737g@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:30 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

Your Honor

I hear by submit my testimony that you reconsider the passing of SB1. Please allow this discussion to be in hearing in the general session and once again be given to the people if Hawaii for voting.

Aloha,

Mark Orbistond
Registered VOTER.



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Iris Yap [<mailto:IrisYap@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:27 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Senate Bill 1

To: House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

Re: Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1

I am a registered voter on the Big Island of Hawaii. I support traditional marriage between one man and one woman.

I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."

Sincerely,

Iris Yap
64-674 Puu Olu Pl.
Kamuela, HI 96743



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Roanne Kaopua [<mailto:buslover@live.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:23 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

To: House Committees on Judiciary and Labor Hearing Date/Time:
Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

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they can and cannot marry. None of us would want to be told that it
is illegal to marry the person we love.

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

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Roanne Kaopua
20 Kawili St.
Hilo, HI 96720



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: ilima.loomis [<mailto:ilima.loomis@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:22 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: testimony on same-sex marriage

As the married mother of a six-year-old daughter, I am writing to urge you to make same-sex marriage legal in the State of Hawaii. Marriage equality reflects our family values: love, acceptance and recognizing the fundamental human rights and dignity of all people. It also reflects the most important value of our state: Aloha.

Please do what is right and show your aloha.

Mahalo,
Anna Salomon
Maui



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: JC Chang [<mailto:kekauoha51@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:21 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

Aloha,

I'm against SB1. I strongly urge that the bill be put to vote. The significance of this bill is so huge, that it should be decided by the voters. The opposition greatly outnumbers those in favor. If not, we the people of Hawaii will see just how unjust our government is! And people are already planning to run for office to get the crooked guys out.

Mahalo

J.C. Chang.

Sent from my iPad



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Bob the Phone Man [<mailto:bouillonsoup01@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:19 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Same Sex Marriage

Bob Bouillon
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on Oct 31 ,2013 @ 10:00am
Senare Bill 1
Opposed
Written

Please make this go to a state wide vote of the people of Hawaii. Do not let this be rambbed down on us without a right to vote.

Mahalo.

Bob Bouillon
283 Ilikai St
Kihei Hi 96753



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: chanlin@hawaii.rr.com [<mailto:chanlin@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:18 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 Written testimony will not be present at the hearing

Christine Hanlin
91-1101 Ho'omahana St.
Ewa Beach, HI 96706
chanlin@hawaii.rr.com

Dear Honorable Chairman Rhodes and fellow members:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I am opposed SB1 and to the redefining of marriage in a special session. It is my opinion that the issue of Same Sex Marriage should be voted on by the public just as it was back in 1998 when the majority of citizens in the State of Hawaii voted to approve a constitutional amendment against same sex marriages. The use of a special session limits my opportunity to voice my opinion on this issue and may result in legislation that does not represent the will of the people you have been elected to represent.

I am praying that God will continue to lead you in all of your decision making and that He will continue to encourage you in all that you do.

God Bless,
Christine Hanlin



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: mahanlin@hawaii.rr.com [<mailto:mahanlin@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:14 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 Written testimony will not be present at the hearing

Megan Hanlin
91-1101 Ho'omahana St.
Ewa Beach, HI 96706
mahanlin@hawaii.rr.com

Thank you Chair Rhodes and fellow representatives for reading my testimony.

I am opposed to SB1, the redefining of marriage. I feel that it is important for you to know how I feel about this as part of your decision making process. It is my opinion that the issue of Same Sex Marriage should be voted on by the public just as it was back in 1998 when the majority of citizens in the State of Hawaii voted to approve a constitutional amendment against same sex marriages. The people did not understand the deceptive motive in the amendment that strips them of their power by giving the legislature absolute power over marriage.

As a Christian, I feel my beliefs will be infringed upon and one day my rights will be as well. Using history as my evidence, every empire that legalized same sex marriage resulted in an homosexual empire that persecuted Christians (pagan territories, Greeks and Romans). Emperor Maximus who worshipped a homosexual god Jupiter wanted the expulsion of all Christians. Antiochus brutally executed those who wouldn't worship their homosexual god. Nero who was in a same sex marriage executed the disciple Paul. Spartans recruited 12 year old boys to introduce them to their homosexual gymnasiums. In Sparta, any man of good appearance and character who did not fall in love with another man, was fined for not sharing his great qualities with other men.

These past lessons appear drastic, but discrimination against Christians has already started in places that have same sex laws. New Mexico's court ruled against a Christian Photographer at Elane Photography because she refused to photograph a gay wedding. In this case, her religious rights were trampled to protect another group's rights. Sweet Cakes bakery just shut down this month because of relentless attacks by homosexual activists. The owner, Melissa Klein, did not want to serve a cake for a lesbian wedding because it goes against her personal Christian beliefs. The homosexual activists told vendors online to not recommend the bakery, write bad reviews, and have others cancel their orders. As a result the bakery closed down recently and the family is still dealing with death threats and break-ins at their personal home. In Alan Clifford, England, a British pastor was reported by homosexuals and is currently under investigation for writing a description of a homosexual rally outside city council. Discrimination against Christians has already started due to the same sex marriage agenda.

Now from ancient history to today, various world organizations to include Open Doors in France and Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life based in Washington have researched and found that Christians are the most persecuted group in the world. Authors Nina Shea, Paul Marshall and Lela Gilbert reiterated this in their new 2013 book: Persecuted: The Global Assault on Christians, which is cited and heavily researched. These three authors have documented the persecution of religious minorities and the world wide decline in religious freedom over the last 15 years. This is relevant because Hawaii will be nudging closer towards the loss of religious freedom as more groups that are hostile towards Christians are given the opportunity to rewrite Christian institutions and sacraments like the institution of marriage.

I am praying that God will continue to lead you in all of your decision making and that He will continue to encourage you in all that you do.

God Bless,
Megan Hanlin



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: natalie kubo [<mailto:kubo.nat@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:08 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: testimony

To Whom It May Concern

I would just like to make an attempt to have my views expressed with regards to the same sex marriage issue. I have many concerns but I am first, wondering why it is so important to push this whole process through. Why are we forcing this issue to be resolved right now? I believe that the people voted on this awhile back and it just seems like that effort is not being given any weight at all in this new issue. With that being said...why is such an important and life changing issue being left up to a small number of people? Why is this not being left up to **all** the people of Hawaii? What is the problem with that? I have lived in Hawaii my entire life and have been so frustrated by the lack of faith given to the process of the voice of the people. Our country what founded on the fact that ALL voices should be heard. I wish I could say with all honesty that I felt that there are no hidden agendas here but my gut tells me something different which is why I totally believe the choice of the way my state is run should be left up to the majority...through a vote of ALL people. I would accept whichever way it went pro or con. Please consider the ramifications of the way this bill is being pushed through...our future of ALOHA towards each other who have to live here every single day depends on it.

Sincerely,
NatalieKubo



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Lianne Thompson [<mailto:lili808@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:05 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Please vote for equality

Aloha~

My name is Lianne Thompson and I would like to ask you to vote in favor of marriage rights for same-sex couples.

I am a Christian, have been since I chose to follow Jesus Christ and was subsequently baptized at age 16. I am now in my 40s. I was taught that Jesus wants us to love and respect one another. I was never taught to force my views on others who don't believe. Instead, I was told to love others and live by example.

It is because I am a Christian that I strongly believe in the separation of Church and State. I want to worship as I choose, and I am happy to let others follow their faith (or not) as they choose. Religious freedom works both ways. The government cannot impose a religion on people, and the Church cannot impose its beliefs on the public (via government). I don't believe that there is any non-religious reason to deny same-sex couples the right to a legal marriage. Conversely, I will argue with anyone that churches have the right to deny same-sex couples the right to marry in their sanctuaries.

And, for the Catholic Church to say "it's okay to discriminate," is appalling to me. Do they forget a time in Hawai'i's not-so-distant history when their church was the subject of discrimination? Other Christian religions were acceptable, but not Catholics. Again, a separation of Church and State protects us all.

Allowing same-sex marriage should not, and I feel would not, lead to homosexuality being taught in the classroom. I didn't learn about any type of marriage in my public school experience. I did, however, learn about Creationism in the classroom.

The fact is, we do NOT value biblical marriage as a rule in this country and society. If we did, there would be no divorce. Divorced women would not be allowed to marry. Adultery would be illegal. If we truly considered the legal marriage that takes place a biblical entity, it would be so much more difficult to get married or divorced. We wouldn't have drive-through wedding chapels and game shows that make a marriage something to be "won." It's more difficult to get a driver's license than it is to get a marriage license. No, we do not value the sanctity of marriage in our legal marriage system. I for one, felt that I was "married" after I said my vows before my pastor. The signing of the "legal" papers was an afterthought.

However, those papers mean everything to people who do not enjoy the rights (and responsibilities!) that come with those papers. I am flabbergasted that we live in a country that feels it's okay for prisoners to get married (the one I always talk about—although he passed away earlier this year—is Richard Ramirez, the "Night Stalker." We live in a country where it's okay for a man, who was evil personified, who *preyed on women*, to marry.) yet tax-paying, law-abiding, contributing members of society, who happen to be gay, are denied this same right.

I have quite a few gay friends, some are in relationships and some aren't. Same like my straight friends. The difference is that if my single straight friends found love today, the idea of that love being justified in the eyes of the law is there for them. But not my gay friends. That seems unfair to me.

Look, when I got married, my marriage was technically illegal in Alabama (albeit, the law was not enforced), because I am asian and my husband is white. That was in the late 90s. Unbelievable, right? I implore you to please vote on the right side of history. Please do protect the religious freedoms of the various faiths who do not want to accept same-sex marriage within their sanctuaries, that is important. However, please, please let our fellow human beings, who just happen to be gay, share their love and their responsibility as couples and families with dignity and respect.

I know that it's a political risk for you to vote "yes" on this issue. I ask that you put that aside and do the right thing. Thank you for your service to our community.

Mahalo nui loa,
Lianne

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To: House Special Session
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From: Sherlane Dick [<mailto:sherlanedick@msn.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:03 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Sane Sex Marriage Bill before the Committee for the House of Representatives

Dear Representatives:

I would like to voice my opposition to this bill based on the fact that, as I understand it, that same sex marriage is not a civil right.

I also take offense at the Governor taking our tax payers money to have this special session for a minority group in Hawaii. This legislation does not rise to that occasion.

If same sex residents are unhappy with Hawaii's civil union benefits and wish all the benefits of the federal government also they should move to a state that already provides these government benefits.

It is unfair to change the laws of Hawaii that defines marriage as between a man and a woman for the benefit of a few who already have the state's rights regarding civil union benefits. I think they are greedy and ungrateful for what they already have. It is a shame that our legislature is being bullied by this group.

Sherlane Dick
2140 Kuhio Avenue
Honolulu Hawaii



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From: RUSHFORTHT@aol.com [<mailto:RUSHFORTHT@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:03 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Testimony Schedule

Seeking information on how Special Session schedule tracking is to take place.

I am #2593 for today's session, and have no idea of when I might get to testify??

Toby Rushforth



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:04 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only

From: JoAnn TAnoue [mailto:jo_tano@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:00 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: ALREADY ACCEPTED

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads & Luke, Members of the House Judiciary & Finance Committees
(including all Legislators who still want to pass this bill)

ALL PEOPLE ARE ALREADY ACCEPTED WITH BASIC RIGHTS

**IF SAME SEX ADVOCATES DONT FEEL ACCEPTED, THAT IS SOMETHING BETWEEN THEM
AND GOD**

DONT MAKE LAWS JUST TO MAKE SPECIAL GROUP OF PEOPLE FEEL ACCEPTED

THANK YOU.



From: Judiciary Special Session
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Subject: Written Only

From: Exquisite Custom [<mailto:dccustoms808@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:03 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I VOTE NO FOR BILL SB1

Cheryl Ching
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1
I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:04 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only

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From: Vanessa Mattos [<mailto:vanessahawaii@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:04 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Please vote no

Dear Leaders,

Please vote no. Please respect our religious beliefs and please vote no to legalizing same sex marriage in Hawaii. Please!

Mahalo,
Vanessa



From: Judiciary Special Session
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To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only

From: print4953 [<mailto:print4953@theupsstore.com>]
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To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Vote NO for bill SB1

Chelsey Amador
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1
I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."



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From: daniel kikawa [<mailto:alohake@me.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:12 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 Testimony

Pastor Daniel Kikawa

House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee

The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.

Senate Bill 1

Opposed

WRITTEN

Senator Hee says that if we let the majority decide, things like de-segregation and the women's right to vote would never have passed. He neglected to say that there were many Christians who led in these movements, like Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. But why are so many Christians against changing marriage? It is because you are changing a definition. We desire equal and far rights for all. Please give all the benefits to those living together in a household but don't call it marriage. We gave equal rights to vote for women but we didn't now call them men.

Pastor Daniel Kikawa, Ph.D.
Hilo Missionary Church



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To: House Special Session
Cc: Itchbay79@aol.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Fern Dalton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to give my STRONG SUPPORT to SB1. I feel SB1 DOES provide protection for non-public religious organizations and still upholds public accommodation laws. SB1 will SUPPORT the LGBT community in achieving EQUAL standing in the communities in which they live. SB1 will work hand in hand to PRESERVE THE PROTECTIONS that LGBT people have as a recognized class of individuals. Passage of SB1 is the MORAL AND JUST thing to do. As Mildred Loving (Loving v Virginia) said "...I believe all Americans, no matter their race, no matter their sex, no matter their sexual orientation, should have that same freedom to marry. Government has no business imposing some people's religious beliefs over others, especially if it denies people's civil rights."

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:23 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1-strong support

Equality for all. John Fiskio 96815



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SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Alicia K. Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I urge you to support HB 8 and HB 11

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From: JoAnn TAnoue [mailto:jo_tano@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:33 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: RACE IS NOT THE SAME AS SEXUAL ORIENTATION

RACE IS SOMETHING INNATE...BORN WITH

SEXUAL ORIENTATION IS A MOTIVATION OR CHOICE OF LIFESTYLE

SEXUAL ORIENTATION IS NOT BASIS FOR DISCRIMINATION

PLEASE DONT BE DECEIVED BY SAME SEX ADVOCATES MISS-USE OF THE
WORD EQUALITY



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From: Maria Teresa Blay [<mailto:teresablay@uofnkona.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:38 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject:

Maria Teresa Hammond Blay
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1
I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."

I live in Hawaii and from what I see - Hawaiians don't want this law passed. Therefore please vote "NO".



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:46 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only

From: JoAnn TAnoue [mailto:jo_tano@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:44 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: LOVE THEM - SAY NO TO SB 1

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads & Luke, Members of the House Judiciary & Finance Committees (including all Legislators who still want to pass this bill)

If you truly LOVE, then you will say NO

TOUGH LOVE IS HAVING TO SAY NO

Thank you.



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:48 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: randy.rodriguez@gmail.com
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SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Randy Rodriguez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha representatives, I strongly oppose SB1. Passing this bill would violate my 1st amendment right. I am neither a pastor or clergy but do have a strong moral foundation based on biblical principles. By passing this into law would deem it discrimination for being against it. I'm a small business owner and can deny doing business with any one for whatever reason, within the law. If I refuse to do business with a same-sex couple based on my moral beliefs, I would then be in violation of discrimination according to this bill. What would be next once this were to pass? Pedophilia, bestiality, necrophilia, the list goes on. Why would you deny those people such freedoms to love what they love to do and recognized by the state? When does deviant behavior become non-deviant? The potential ramifications to our keiki are unknown if this were to pass as "normal" and acceptable activity in our society. They (keiki) would have to receive this as part of their sex education curriculum. The debate would continue on both sides as to why this shouldn't and why this should be accepted teaching points. Think about this personally, if you are parents, how would you react if your 8-10 year old is getting graphic homosexual education at their school, showing that male-male/female-female sex practice is acceptable and HOW to perform such acts? Oh, and that you have NO say so in such curriculum. The morality of our state and country has continued to erode and the homosexual agenda has had a part in that. Passing this law will not contribute to a healthier moral state. In closing, I ask that you do NOT pass this bill and allow the people of Hawaii to vote. Mahalo, Randy

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SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

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

Comments: I am 100% against this 2nd Special Session--If this were a normal legislative debate on Marriage Equity, I would not have this frustration I feel towards our governor. I think 70% of Hawaii feels the same way, too...

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SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Jen Fedde	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose SB1 not only based on faith, but also for my children. I believe in love for all, however the sanctity of marriage is sacred. Being LGBT is a choice - there are no gay or lesbian genes. This is not like discriminating based on race, sex, etc that you are born with. Please vote no on this bill and let the people's voice be heard.

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From: Ihikapa Laumaewa [<mailto:ihikapalaumaewa@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:58 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session; FINTestimony; Kaleikoa Kaeo
Subject: SB1

Aloha kakou,

Kakoo me ka nui loa!

On behalf of my ohana, please accept this statement in full support for the passage of SB1 in order to provide equal access to same-sex couples and families.

Marriage and family should not be left to a fraction of self-proclaimed representative of Jesus. Is marriage and its benefits only for them? Is not marriage an institution for non-Christians also? Why then would we give them the sole power to define and institution which obviously should be beneficial to all?

To simply use their interpretation of the Bible as the guide is ridiculous. Historically, know that religion has been used in many lands to justify discrimination and supremacist policies. History proves this.

The power to define belongs to all of us. They have no right imposing their religious views upon us.

Aloha for all,

S. Kaleikoa Ka'eo

87 Pueo Drive
Waiohuli, Kula, Hawaii
96790
Tel: (808)-984-3369



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
verna ann sukumaran	Individual	Oppose	No

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. Verna Ann Sukumaran Kailua Hawaii 96734)

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Latesha Stephens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We must through this same sex marriage bill out! This is far too important an issue to just push through with a special session! There has not been a fair hearing of the people. There is not strong enough protections for religious freedoms. We simply must not pass this bill.

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SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Sarah Egan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please retain the separation of church and state. Please uphold this basic civil right.

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SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Faune Medeiros	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the same sex marriage bill because I believe that God has made marriage for one man and one woman. I also believe that anything other than that is not a natural act. I do believe that religious leaders and people should be able to refuse marrying people of the same sex and or providing any other services that go against their religious beliefs if not this is a violation of their religious freedom. I don't believe that we are a minority that believe this way but the majority. God stated in the Bible that it is not good for man to be alone so he created Eve from the rib of Adam and without one man and one woman you and I would not be here. Aloha and God Bless you.

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From: Francisco Lujan [<mailto:Franciscoxlujan@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:35 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

To: House Committees on Judiciary and Labor Hearing Date/Time:
Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke and members of the 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.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Francisco Lujan
1634 Makiki St. OFC 104
Honolulu, HI 96822



From: Judiciary Special Session
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From: Fayemari Ramos [<mailto:fayemari Ramos@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:33 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Fwd: I oppose SB1

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Subject: I oppose SB1

I cannot in good conscience agree with making heterosexual and homosexual marriage equivalent. They are different. Homosexuals have a right to be respected, valued and can create a homosexual partnership but it is clearly not nature's design or intent.

I believe this may infringe on my right to believe what I believe. I may be discriminated against because I do not support this. I may be persecuted by those who do not hold my view and I may be open to lawsuits as a psychotherapist if I do not offer marriage counseling to homosexual couples based on my beliefs and conscience. I will lose my rights.

Our society has turned away from its judeo-christian foundation. We must hold on to our foundation while allowing others to choose their path. I don't believe this is the correct action to address this because it is swapping my rights for another's. More thought is needed to create a win-win situation for both my right to hold my Christian belief for the definition of marriage and a homosexual couple to have a legal option to create a partnership.

Sincerely,

Faye Ramos

Sent from my iPhone



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I oppose SB1 .

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I oppose SB1

hi,
I'm sending this email in opposition to same sex marriage in Hawaii
so I oppose to SB1
Grace Yoon.

From Galaxy Note 10.1



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From: carlycs@hawaii.rr.com [<mailto:carlycs@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:48 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 Testimony

Aloha, my name is Carly Palmer. I live on Kiele Ave. and I am a registered voter. I am writing this testimony to say that I am a registered voter and SUPPORT traditional marriage. I am simply asking to let this bill go to the people to decide. In doing so, we will make our choice for ourselves in a true democratic process. Thank you.



From: Judiciary Special Session
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To: House Special Session
Subject: written only

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From: Kevin Weng [<mailto:kevincmweng@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:48 PM
To: FINTestimony; Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Yes to gay marriage

Hello:

Please support equal treatment for gays in Hawaii. Let's stop fearing and discriminating against people who are different. We have civil rights, we have womens suffrage, lets keep the progress going!

Kevin Weng
2149A 10th Ave
Palolo Valley



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From: bluemist@hawaii.rr.com [<mailto:bluemist@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 Testimony

Aloha, my name is Christopher Palmer and I live on Kiele Ave. I am a registered voter in my area and am writing this testimony to ask to let this bill go to the people to vote on. I support traditional marriage and want the opportunity to vote on it. Do not take away our democratic process. This is my belief and wish for the State of Hawaii. Thank you for your time.



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From: fourjijis@hawaii.rr.com [<mailto:fourjijis@hawaii.rr.com>]
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To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 Testimony

Aloha my name is Karen Palmer and I live on Kiele Ave. I am a registered voter and am writing this testimony to say that I support traditional marriage. If this bill must go through, I at least want the o[ppportunity to vote on it. Please, please let the people decide. Don't take this away from us. Thank you for your time.



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SB1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Karin Phaneuf	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please accept my testimony in support of the bill to legalize same-sex Marriage in Hawaii. Equal Rights for all people. I want to commend the law makers of my state for taking this action and for presenting such a united front. I am so proud of my state today!

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From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:43 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: tonmed8@aol.com [<mailto:tonmed8@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:48 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Testimony for SB 1 Hearing

Tony Medina
92-650 Aoloko St., Kapolei, HI 96707
(808) 672-4584
tonmed8@aol.com

Dear Senators:

I urge you to vote "no" to legalizing same-gender marriage.

My primary concern is the inherent risk that the law would have on my First Amendment rights, to express my freedom of religion, as well as the impact that it would likely have on my church community and other religious organizations. The bill currently features language intended to provide religious exemptions to protect churches from being forced to perform same-gender marriages that are in direct conflict with their beliefs. However, the religious exemptions will not protect all churches in Hawaii. Further, if forced, it can lead to lengthy and costly lawsuits that could lead some churches to eventually close down due to financial costs. This would end important community programs that help feed the hungry and provide a wide range of support to Hawaii residents in need.

Personally, I also stand to lose the right to express my religious views on traditional marriage between one man and one woman, whether in the workplace or in public, just as others are able to express their differing views.

I believe that this decision is one that should be made by the people of the State of Hawaii, as was done in 1998 when it was voted on as a constitutional amendment. I strongly feel that this special session of the legislature does not provide an adequate opportunity for people to voice their opinions. However, if the people of Hawaii will not be given the opportunity to vote on this issue, I ask you and your fellow lawmakers to take the time necessary to revise this bill in order to ensure that no one will lose their existing right to express their religious beliefs as originally granted to all Americans.

I trust that you will ensure that these concerns are heard.

Thank you so much for your careful consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,

Tony Medina



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:46 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: MILTON MIYASATO [<mailto:milton1327@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:49 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Same sex marriage

Same sex marriage may be called an equal rights issue by the advocates but it is not. It is an economic and political one – plain and simple. Every individual has equal rights under the protection of the law as it is written. Prohibiting the issuance of a marriage license to gay couples is not a denial of anyone's rights it is the enforcement of the law. Right now, marriage is defined as a union between one man and one woman. THAT IS THE LAW. Am I a hypocrite because I am married and oppose same sex marriage? Not at all. I did not have to have a law changed to get married. I did not request special treatment because I am a member of a special interest group. I believe that they are the hypocrites because they talk about just wanting to have a life long commitment to the one they love. Do you actually need a marriage license for that?

The law needs to be changed first and then a gay couple needs to be denied a marriage license before you can claim their rights are being denied. Let's put the horse back in front of the cart. Now, LGBT wants the law changed. Fine, but I would like to hear a compelling reason that is in the best interest of the majority of the people before I will change my view on this issue. As it stands now, only a small special interest group would benefit and the majority of people will have to undergo severe hardships spiritually and financially. Is it fair that a same sex couple cannot have the same federal or state benefits that married couples do? Probably not but what about the single adult siblings who have no one else to care for? Shouldn't they also have the ability to benefit as well? Government cannot be all things for all people – It's impossible – so they just have to do what is in the best interest of the MAJORITY of the people. And, most of the arguments I heard from SB1 supporters claim it is not about money. Well, if not then why do they need to get married. Isn't just being together with the "one you love" enough? Nobody is trying to prohibit that.

Supporters also claim that public school education regarding this matter has some safe guards. They claim that policy calls for any subject that a teacher feels is controversial will be discussed with the principal and a decision will then be made whether a letter is sent to the children's parents so they may have the option of having their children attend an alternative class. The problem I have is that first of all the teacher would have to consider same sex marriage "controversial" before that teacher would even bring it up with the principal. Then the principal will have to agree that it is "controversial" before they would send the letter out to parents. If this bill is passed one could infer that this issue would no longer be controversial because it's legal – where's the controversy.

It is also a proven fact as well that children who are raised by both a mother and a father are far more successful and have less issues than children who are raised by a single parent. I do not see two fathers or two mothers fulfilling this model.

Finally, if gay couples need to have a marriage certificate to wave around like a flag then they have got more issues than I thought. Do they need to parade around saying "look we are legally married" so they can "thumb" it in peoples faces?

And what the U.S. Supreme Court was referring to in regards to interracial marriage in 1967 was in effect to "preserve mankind." "Marriage is one of the "basic civil rights of man," fundamental to our existence and survival. ... They meant through procreation. Same sex couples cannot procreate! Sure they can adopt kids but it's not the same thing. If the whole world turned gay, eventually mankind would cease to exist.

The opportunist in the Senate believe that this will enhance their chances of winning re-election because while it may irritate their constituents who oppose this bill – they believe that they will be forgiven like usual and they will be re-elected even though they pass this bill against our wishes. And, they will add the “gay” vote to their re-election efforts. The most galling thing for me though is the fact that some members are either gay themselves or have a close friend or relative who is gay. Isn't that a conflict of interest?

You should not impose legislation that would benefit only 5.1% of our local population against the will of the rest of the people especially when there is no apparent imminent dangers or restrictions to life liberty and the pursuit of happiness. If an individual feels like a marriage license is the only way to pursue happiness in life, then even a marriage license will not help that person.

Thank you

Milton Miyasato



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:46 PM
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From: Moni Misaalefua [<mailto:mama.boss99@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:51 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject:

My name is Sisulimoni Misaalefua testifying on behalf of my household. My parents of ten children 6 men whom are straight and 4women whom are straight as well. Passing the SB1 would effect the values of our household giving the idea of sexual experimentation amongst same gender. To protect my family from a sexual preference influence of this state I am standing strong and solid against Same Sex Marriage. I do not believe our children should have to accept this kind of lifestyle. It is immoral and selfish to the reproduction of these islands. Thank you for your time, UA mau keep each o ka ain a I ka pono! -Sisulimoni Misaalefua



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From: Liz Norris [<mailto:liznorris@me.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:51 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Listen to the people of Hawaii

As a Hawaii voter and educator I would ask you to listen to the voice of the elders and people in our State and please vote "no" on the Equality Bill SB1.

The vast majority of both spoken and written testimony asks our representatives to stop the rush to push these bills through and give more time to consider the wider and long term repercussions of shifting the definition of marriage.

Again I ask, please listen and have both the integrity and the courage to say "No, let's take time to process this the right way."

Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth Norris



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From: Mika Okamura [<mailto:mikaokamura@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:51 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB 1 strong support

Please pass SB 1 for marriage equality. My name is Mika Okamura, zipcode is 96814.

Mahalo nui!

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Sent from Gmail Mobile



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:47 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: lalapasco143 [<mailto:lalapasco143@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:54 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject:

Larissalyn Berdon
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke Having on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00a.m.
Senate Bill 1
I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note® II, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:12 PM
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From: hannah yun [mailto:yun_hannah@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:32 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject:

Hannah
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
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To: House Special Session
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Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

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

Comments: I have family members who are homosexuals but I'm sure that they would agree with me that a CHURCH should NOT be forced to hold gay marriages in their church!

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To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: John Sumada [<mailto:jdsun@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:16 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Re:TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Karl Rhoads, Chair
House Judiciary Committee

Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Finance Committee

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

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

As American citizens who believe in the democratic principles, we are asking you to allow the PEOPLE to vote on SB1. The people believed they addressed this issue in 1998, and should be the ones consulted again. A constitutional amendment would better address same-sex marriage AND allow for ample PUBLIC input.

Trusting in the democratic principles,
John & Fay Sumada



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:05 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: JERRY-STELLA SALUDEZ [<mailto:jerstelsaludez@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:14 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Fw: NO to same-sex marriage

Reniel Saludez

House Judiciary Committee and House of Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 am
Senate Bill 1
Opposed

PLEASE VOTE **NO** TO **SAME-SEX MARRIAGE**. As a mother and wife, I am against it. The repercussions will devour our sense of what is right and wrong. I am a simple woman who just wants to live in a peaceful world. But, by passing this law will do the exact opposite. I am not prejudice, hateful, spiteful, or ill-willed to who ever chooses there life's directs, but it will cost our souls, our freedom, and our constitution.

I have two little boys ages 7 and 8 . I am truly afraid for their future. When this bill passes, I fear that we will open a CAN of WORMS in the State of Hawaii because it will not stop here. There will be more demands for other changes that will affect our families, schools, businesses and many things here in Hawaii. We have a very peaceful state, why change it???

I beg you to please
VOTE **NO** TO **SAME-SEX MARRIAGE**,

Respectfully yours,

Reniel Saludez



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: kagor@juno.com
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SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Gordon Lau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Marriage is between a Man and a Woman PERIOD. Civil unions was the compromise or was this just a "Trojan Horse" to bring us to this point? Let the people VOTE!!!

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From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:06 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Katherine Brennan [<mailto:Katherinembrennan@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:18 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

To: House Committees on Judiciary and Labor Hearing Date/Time:
Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke and members of the 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.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Katherine Brennan
718 Sibley st
Honolulu, HI 96818



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:06 PM
To: House Special Session
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From: JERRY-STELLA SALUDEZ [<mailto:jerstelsaludez@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:18 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Fw: Opposed: Same- sex Marriage

Stella Saludez

House Judiciary Committee and House of Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00AM
Senate Bill 1
OPPOSED

I would like to ask you to VOTE NO to Senate Bill 1. As a grandmother of 2 wonderful innocent kids, I am very concerned that we are passing a law that will affect their future and of all our keikis here in Hawaii. Please think of the repercussions when this bill passes. We live in a peaceful state where we value the traditions of the family, raising our children the way we deem right, nobody dictating us or forcing us how to raise our kids, Why change that. If you love our Keikis and their future, Please, please VOTE NO. May our Great GOD give you His Wisdom and Direction!

Respectfully yours,
Stella Saludez



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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:08 PM
To: House Special Session
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Respectfully yours,
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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:09 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: JERRY-STELLA SALUDEZ [<mailto:jerstelsaludez@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:20 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Fw: Opposed: Same- sex Marriage

Jerry & Stella Saludez
(808) 672-5687

www.pastorjerrysharesjuiceplus.com

On Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:17 AM, JERRY-STELLA SALUDEZ <jerstelsaludez@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:09 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Keri Pomaikai Kaneshiro Kiesling [<mailto:keri.kiesling@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:21 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 - Opposed

Keri Kiesling

House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee

The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.

Senate Bill 1

Opposed

WRITTEN

Aloha mai kakou.

My name is Keri Kiesling and I am a resident on the Island of Maui. My husband and I are expecting our first child next month and are very excited about bringing this new life into the world. However, with the things that

I see going on in our state, country and world, I am also afraid to bring my child into this world. There is so much evil that surrounds us and so much immorality and total disregard for our maker, God.

I know that there are a lot of pressure on you folks from opposing sides of SB1, however, I plead with you to vote NO on this bill.

There are several reasons why I am opposed to this bill.

1. As a Christ-follower, I believe that the Bible is inherently true and that it is without error. I also believe that marriage is a Divine Institution, not a human institution. Therefore, what God calls righteous is marriage between **one man and one woman**, not a man and a man or a woman and a woman.
2. The religious exemptions are not iron-clad. They do not fully protect religious institutions and clergy.
3. There is seems to be no protection for individuals and business owners religious freedom.
4. There are those that claim that this bill is merely about equality, however, from seeing the precedence set in other places where same-sex marriage has been approved, the passing has indeed affected education, parental rights, businesses, individuals, etc.
5. I am worried that this will lead to allowing those that "identify" with the other sex to be able to use the opposite sexes restrooms. This worries me, because of the fact that sexual predators could use this to target their victims
(http://www.hawaiifreepress.com/ArticlesMain/tabid/56/ID/10917/13-States-with-Gay-Marriage-How-Education-Changed.aspx?utm_source=October+27%2C+2013+News+From+Hawaii+Free+Press&utm_campaign=October+27%2C+2013+Email&utm_medium=email)
6. This is a highly emotional and contentious issue that the majority of those that have spoken and taken polls say that they want the bill to be put on a ballot for we the people of the grand state of Hawaii to vote on.
7. There were many good questions asked by the Senators of the Attorney General and the Department of Taxation on Monday that were not adequately answered. These are things that should be researched **before** proceeding any further.
8. The people of Hawaii already voted in 1998 that marriage was to be defined between **one man and one woman** nothing more than that (not one man and one man, one woman and one woman, one man and multiple woman, or one woman and multiple men).

These are some of the reasons why I am opposed to this bill. I think that Rachel Murdock also makes very good points in her blog (<http://speckofred.blogspot.com/2013/10/my-thoughts-on-hawaiis-marriage.html?sref=fb>).

Please listen to the voice of the people and vote NO on SB1. I am praying for all of you through this difficult and contentious time.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Keri Kiesling

Lahaina, HI 96761



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:09 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

Importance: High

From: klaeuaahi@gmail.com [<mailto:klaeuaahi@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:23 AM

To: Judiciary Special Session

Subject: NO to same sex marriage

Importance: High

To Whom It May Concern,

Please DO NOT legalize same-sex marriage. I am concern of my generation and the kids that are growing up.

Education is very important to me. I disagree that the kids are being educated in their young age about it's okay getting married with same sex..

I STRONGLY DISAGREE of Same Sex Marriage.

KCC student, 22



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:10 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: JOHN DEMELLO [<mailto:Souljah248@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:24 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Testimony against Marriage Equality Legislation

My name is Pastor John Demello. As a resident of Maui, I would like to voice my objection to the Marriage Equality Act. I believe that this legislation will undermine the quality of life of our islands. Our traditional family structure has worked for thousands of years. Why would we adopt a law that encourage a model that has clearly been a detriment to every society that has adopted it. Please listen to voices of the people and vote no.....Respectfully submitted Pastor John Demello...296 Alamaha St Unit D.....Kahului, Hi 96732



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:10 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Diane E. Medeiros [<mailto:diane@molokaicommunityfcu.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:25 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: re please vote no

DIANE MEDEIROS

MOLOKAI

House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee

The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.

Senate Bill 1

Opposed

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

I am asking our leaders to please vote NO on the bill described above.

Marriage, as set up by God Himself, is to be between a man and a woman, plain and simple. Allowing this bill to pass will open a Pandora's Box of problems as seen in other states who have passed similar bills. For example, homosexual sex will have to be taught to our children in school with no opportunity for parents to opt out, because now it's legal. Organizations who do not believe this is right will be forced to do things (such as marry same sex partners, or allow them to adopt children, etc) that they believe with all their hearts is wrong.

We are the country that was started on religious freedom. Are we now going to take that freedom away? I pray it doesn't happen.



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:11 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: soulsurfers@soulsurferskauai.com [<mailto:soulsurfers@soulsurferskauai.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:29 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: PLEASE VOTE NO ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE!

We, the people of Hawaii have already voted against same sex marriage. I don't think it is right or legal for the government to override our decision! If you want to know what your constituents are wanting, give the decision back to us!!! Let us vote again! Otherwise, VOTE NO ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE! We who are against same sex marriage shouldn't have to be forced to accept it the same as traditional marriage. It is not a race. It is a choice. So it shouldn't be treated the same. PLEASE BRING IT BACK TO THE PEOPLE OR VOTE NO ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE!

Sincerely,

Joseph Pattillo
Tiffany Pattillo
Jessi Pattillo



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:12 PM
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From: Phyllis Hernandez [<mailto:phylliswailuku@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:29 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

I am sending this e-mail to voice my opinion in support of traditional marriage. This same sex marriage bill does not respect religious freedom and legalizes immorality and attempts to institutionalize immorality into the culture. My greatest concern is how this will affect our children's lives for their future: The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children..to my children, grand children and great grand children. I AM NOT against the gay or lesbian society, in fact as a christian I love them as I love others, friend or enemy, however, it is against God's principals and I will not be moved.

Thank you for allowing me to express my views and opinion. God Bless America!



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:19 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Samantha Davage [<mailto:samdavage@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:52 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I oppose SB1

Please don't let this go through.

Samantha Davage
Kailua-Kona
(808)-217-2699



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Aloha,

My name is Shaena Gomez
I live on Kauai, and I and a student at Kauai high school.

I do Not support bill SB-1 because it's against God and it's no good.

Please **DO NOT** pass Bill SB-1 because it's once again against God and it can also hurt Hawaii and the future generation to come. There minds will be corrupted with different types of sex and it will make them feel very uncomfortable. Kids should be able to live there carefree life and not have to live with a big change in there lives. Parents might now have to worry about there kids hanging with the same sex or opposite sex, knowing you could have a relationship with either sex.

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Subject: Opposed to SB1

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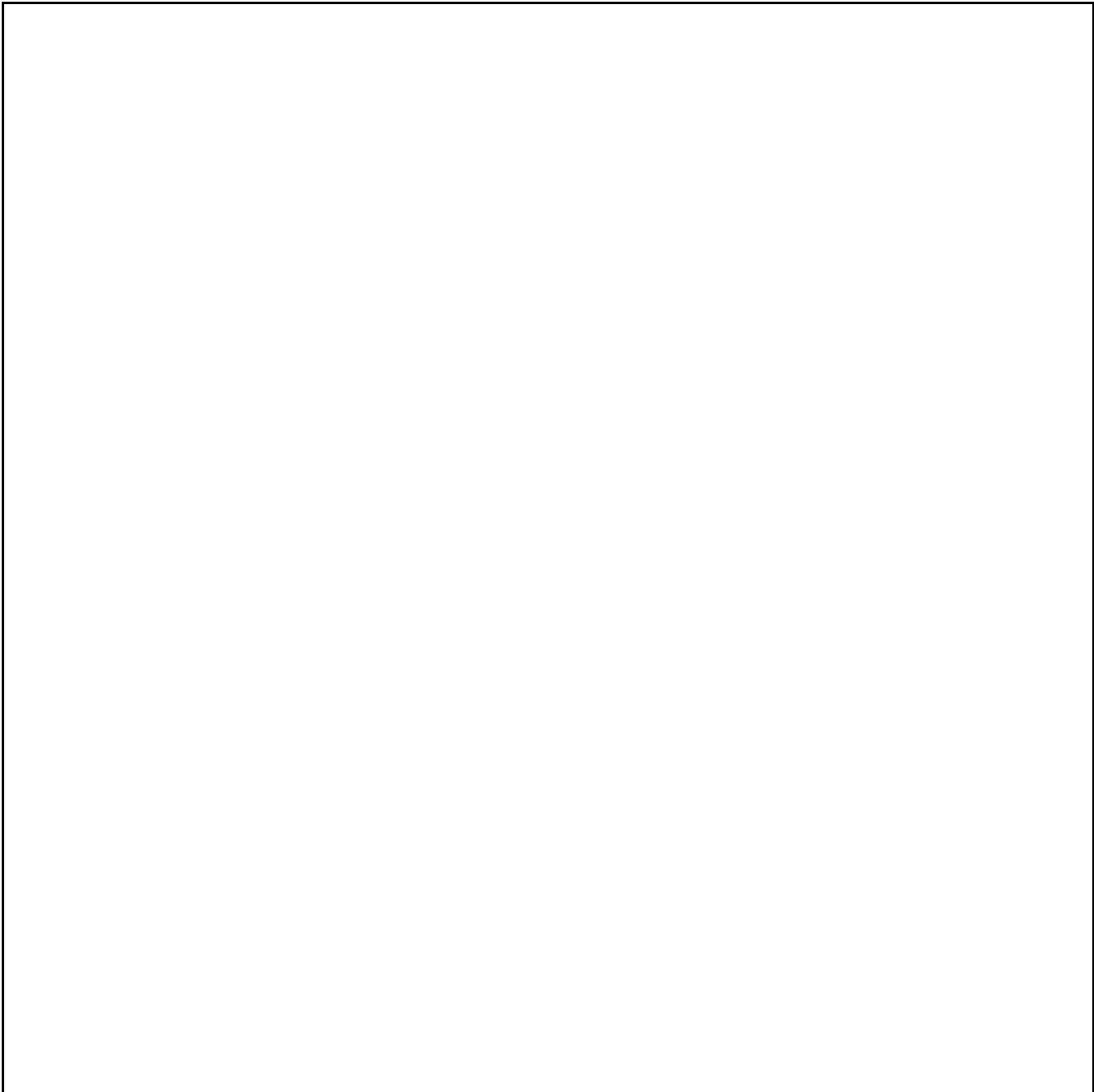
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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:01 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: FW: Shocking government assault on religious liberties



Dear Legislators,

There is no longer any doubt that our Christian faith is under attack.

And I'll prove it with the 7 shocking stories below.

Then, I'll tell you how to fight back!

First is the story of Michael Salman, a man who spent 60 days in prison for being a witness for Jesus Christ.

No, not in Iran or China or some other third world dictatorship, but right here on American soil in Phoenix, Arizona.

I know it's hard to believe, but it's true.

If you haven't heard this story, I'm not surprised.

The mainstream media has been ignoring stories like this for years. That's why I wrote you this message and that's why I need your help to spread the word.

Michael Salman was locked in jail for holding a bible study in his home -- for witnessing the gospel to his friends, family, and neighbors.

How did this happen?

You see, his city government claims there's a special permit required to use his home as a church.

That's right, local bureaucrats require "special permission" to host a bible study in your own home.

If that's not a blatant violation of religious freedom, I don't know what is.

Ever since the time of the Apostle Paul, homes have been a common place for Christian fellowship and worship.

Paul tells us in his first letter to the Corinthians about Aquila and Priscilla and the "church that meets at their house."

The Book of Acts tells us that Paul traveled "from house to house" preaching the good news.

How can anyone deny the war on Christianity when the age old house church tradition is being torn apart by government bureaucrats?

But there's even more.

Dozens of Christian entrepreneurs and business owners are facing lawsuits, government investigations, court orders, fines, and even jail time for their religious convictions.

And it's happening more and more every day.

Hands On Originals Christian Outfitters is a Christian owned and operated business which creates custom apparel such as t-shirts, hats, and handbags.

When a pro-homosexual political group demanded they produce t-shirts for a gay pride parade, Blain Adamson, the owner, refused, saying, "I cannot in good conscience endorse groups or events that

run counter to my convictions."

And for standing up for his convictions?

Blain was put under official investigation by a special "Human Rights Commission."

This "Human Rights Commission" has full subpoena power and the backing of the law as a law enforcement agency.

Mr. Adamson believes that "no business owner should be forced to violate his conscience simply because someone demands it."

But that hasn't stopped the radical homosexual commission from continuing its persecution.

You've probably never heard this story either.

That's why it's up to you and me to spread the word.

Will you share this message with everyone you know?

But before you do so, please read the rest of this email.

This isn't even the worst example of Christian business owners being targeted for their beliefs.

The story of Elaine Huguenin shows how bad the persecution can get.

Elaine is a wedding photographer in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

When asked to photograph a homosexual "commitment ceremony," she politely declined.

In Elaine's own words, "the message a same-sex commitment ceremony communicates is not one I believe."

That should be the end of the story, right?

Unfortunately, that answer wasn't acceptable.

Elaine was investigated by the "New Mexico Human Rights Commission" which found her guilty of discrimination and ordered her to pay \$7,000!

Elaine responded by saying, "[i]f it becomes something where Christians are made to do these things by law in one state, or two, it's going to sweep across the whole United States ... and religious freedom could become extinct."

Elaine fought this all the way to the New Mexico Supreme Court,

which ruled that a business owner does NOT have the right to turn away work that violates his or her Christian beliefs.

Unfortunately, that's exactly what's happening.

That's why I'm taking action with Public Advocate and our pro-family, pro-Christian grassroots members committed to fighting back against these government abuses.

And if you and I don't band together for our religious liberty right now, imagine how much worse it will get in just 5, 10, or 15 years.

I shudder to think of the danger.

So please, after you've finished reading this message, click below to sign the pledge putting yourself on record AGAINST government persecution of Christianity.

Then share this email with your friends and family.

If you and I can spread the word, perhaps we can finally restore religious freedom in America.

The sad fact is more and more Christian business owners are facing this same persecution.

When Baronelle Stutzman, a florist in Washington State, was asked by a regular customer to provide flowers for his homosexual marriage ceremony, she took his hand and told him, "I am sorry. I can't do your wedding because of my relationship with Jesus Christ."

She had never refused this customer before and insists her choice had nothing to do with discrimination.

She merely cannot support a ceremony she believes to be wrong.

Since then she's been harassed day and night -- and even received an arson threat!

Now she's being sued.

And if she loses, she'll be forced by law to either support homosexual marriage or pay a massive fine.

If that's not a clear violation of freedom of religion, I don't know what is.

The next two stories involve Christian bakeries being persecuted by for their religious convictions.

Aaron Klein's bakery in Oregon has faced harassing phone calls, emails, and even violent threats for refusing to bake a homosexual wedding cake.

So far he's been lucky enough to avoid being attacked by the state, but others haven't been so lucky.

Christian baker Jack Phillips could face jail time for refusing to provide wedding cakes for homosexual weddings.

According to his attorney, "he can potentially be prosecuted by the district attorney for up to 12 months in jail."

I'm sure you agree both of these stories are outrageous.

There can be no doubt that Christianity is under attack.

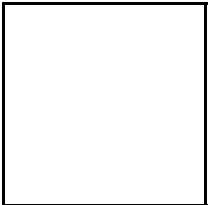
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Chip in just \$10, \$20, \$35, or even \$50 today to Public Advocate of the United States.

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You see, the seventh and final story of Christian persecution I'm sharing with you is how rabidly the Homosexual Lobby has come after me for my work through Public Advocate and fighting for our values.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, a radically anti-Family front group, has targeted Public Advocate for destruction.

First, they filed a lawsuit against Public Advocate, wasting tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees.

But I wish it just ended there.

As you would expect after reading these other stories, radical homosexual activists have been threatening my life for years now.

And not too long ago, one came very close to carrying out one of these threats.

Last year, a crazed activist walked into a fellow pro-Family organization and started shooting.

Thank God he was only able to hurt one victim before being restrained.

But what you may not know is that the very same shooter targeted me earlier that day.

In fact, the FBI has confirmed that the shooter possessed a list of pro-Family organizations he obtained from the SPLC's "Hate List" -- including Public Advocate.

And according to eyewitness reports, the shooter was seen scoping out Public Advocate's offices just days earlier.

Soon after this first failed attempt, the SPLC's lawyer posted my home address in public legal documents.

Their actions have put my life and the lives of my wife and children in great danger.

As you can imagine, these past few months have been tough on me, my family, and my staff here at Public Advocate.

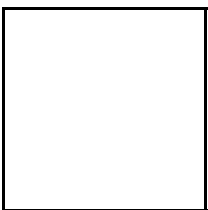
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And imagine the added pressure of fighting an expensive legal battle with the SPLC at the same time -- a legal battle that could potentially force Public Advocate to close down its doors for good.

Sometimes it becomes overwhelming.

Aside from faith in God, the only comfort I have is knowing there are thousands of God-fearing folks like you standing behind us.

And now -- more than ever -- I need to know I can count on your continued support.



[So in addition signing your pledge, I pray you'll consider chipping in just \\$10, \\$20, \\$35, or even \\$50 to our cause.](#)

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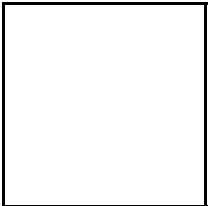


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Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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

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To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Opposed to SB1

Please STOP same sex marriage in Hawaii! I'm opposed to SB1!!



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:18 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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From: Melody [<mailto:mel.t.414@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:48 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject:

I oppose SB1

- Melody Navarro



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:18 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Spencer Lemer [<mailto:spencer.lemer@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:50 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

Spencer Lemer
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1
I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."
That the life of the land would be perpetuated in righteousness.



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Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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From: Ray Robinson [<mailto:rayrobinson1961@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:51 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Ray Robinson

I oppose Sb1

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:19 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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From: Samantha Davage [<mailto:samdavage@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:52 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I oppose SB1

Please don't let this go through.

Samantha Davage
Kailua-Kona
(808)-217-2699



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
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To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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From: 8084949854@txt.att.net [<mailto:8084949854@txt.att.net>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:53 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject:

I oppose SB1. Xiuyan Jiang

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From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:20 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: Steven Bazan [<mailto:bazan@hawaii.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:53 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: opposition to same-sex marriage bill

Steven Bazan

House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee

The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.

Senate Bill 1

Opposed

WRITTEN

I am opposed to the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013. I ask that you allow the people of Hawaii to vote on this highly controversial subject. I urge you not to ignore the voices of those you are sworn to serve. Opposition has come out in great numbers this past week to show the vast implications of this bill. Same-sex marriage was defeated by a vote years ago. Now, do not abuse your power to overrule the voice of the people.

LET THE PEOPLE VOTE

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Steven Julian Bazan



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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:20 PM
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Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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From: Nathan Hakeem [<mailto:natehakeem@icloud.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:55 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Sb1

My name is Nathan Hakeem, a resident of the big island of Hawaii. I oppose the sb1 bill that's trying to be passed for multiple reasons including researched evidence that shows how damaging same sex marriage is and will be to the family structure and future generations. Thank you

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:20 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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From: Junior Kaious [<mailto:kaiousjunior@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:56 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: NO to same sex marriage (SB-1)

Same sex marriage wasn't created, not meant to be in this universe, and never been allowed since the beginning. It breaks my heart that we are thinking twice about how marriage is supposed to be now. We are NOT making any covenant before GOD if we do have same sex marriage.

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:21 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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

From: Shanthy Tangonan [<mailto:shanthytango@icloud.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:56 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I SAY NOOO

Aloha,

My name is Shanthy Tangonan
I live on Kauai, and I and am a Junior at Kauai high school.

•I do Not support bill SB-1 because of what's happening in Massachusetts. I don't think it's right! people are saying it's for the children of the future but I honestly don't want my neices and loved ones or my kids in the future to turn out to be gay. God is coming soon, whether you read the bible or not it's a disgrace! yeah equal rights but seriously you guys are only thinking about money! let the people speak!! if 60% of the testimony were against it you guys should take that into consideration!!

Sincerely,
shanthy a girl who says no !

Sent from my iPhone



From: Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:22 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

From: gregory h [<mailto:dds89@msn.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:01 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Marital Equality

I would like to state my strong opposition to the so called Marital Equity Bill. As is already happening all over the United States people of faith are being persecuted as a result of simply believing their faith and standing in opposition to same sex marriage.

Firstly, please realize that the people of Hawaii have already settled this matter through the ballot, so if you believe strongly that same sex marriage should be law, then let the people decide; not YOU.

Secondly, voting for this bill violates the First Amendment of the Constitution of The United States.

Thirdly, this bill isolates people of faith and sets them up as a target as is already happening through "The Human Rights Commission." What about the human rights of people of faith who believe the very same principles that the founding fathers shared? Thank You, Gregory Hoke.



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:01 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: Iroller@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
James Roller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Our names are James and Lorrie Roller, and we want to reach out to you to express our serious concerns about the upcoming bill for same-sex marriage. We implore you to read the research from the state of Massachusetts detailing the harm same sex marriage has created since legalized. There have been negative impacts in the public schools, public health, hospitals, domestic violence, business and employment, adoption, First Amendment violations such as freedom of religion and speech and of course within the families themselves. We are charged with protecting our children and preserving their futures. Destroying the nucleus of the family unit and redefining an institution that is necessary to the rearing of healthy and productive children is what same sex marriage would bring to Hawaii, and you will have that legacy on your watch. We urgently, and strongly ask you to reconsider your position on this issue and vote NO. Additionally we request that a "roll call" vote be taken. Thank you for your continued public service. Respectfully, James and Lorrie Roller Mililani, HI 96789

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From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:05 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only

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

From: gumbolina@hawaii.rr.com [<mailto:gumbolina@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:00 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB-1 Strong Support

Aloha,

Please support SB1. Finally, we are acting on what an esteemed group of people acknowledged years ago. See the 1995 Report of the Commission on Sexual Orientation and the Law at:
<http://lrbhawaii.info/lrbrpts/95/sexor.pdf>.

It is long overdue.

-Pam Martin



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:16 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only

From: Mark Han [<mailto:mcinhan2000@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:14 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject:

Seung M Han
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
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I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:17 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only

From: Christine Han [<mailto:hanchristinme@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:16 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."

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House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
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From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:29 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only

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

From: John [<mailto:jpang777@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:24 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Open your eyes

Dear Elected Officials,

Please open your eyes before it is too late. You are being deceived. The equality that same gender citizens are requesting is not the same equal rights that our constitution provides protection against discrimination for age, race, sex or religious beliefs but this same sex marriage bill is making it so. This twist of words or misconception is a lie. Do not be doped into thinking that homosexuality is a protected class under the constitution. It is simply an unfair inequality of being in a minority. No more, no less. Not all inequalities are fair but neither should they all become protected classes. It is not a handicap nor a disability. For example, it is unfair that some of us are born into a family with money while others are born without. Is it unfair, yes. Is it unconstitutional, by no means. Is it unconstitutional for a child to not be born a US citizen? No it's unfair but not illegal. Where is the cry for constitutional equality there?

Granting every inequality in life constitutional protection is illogical and nonexistent, so why are we entertaining this lie? It is not warranted. Don't confuse discrimination and prejudice with inequality. There are lots of unfair inequalities in this world and not all of them are viewed as discriminatory. Why allow the gay/lesbian community to fool you in thinking that they need constitutional protection? There are a lot more worthy causes in our society.

My dad always said if it ain't broke why fix it? Our ancestors did not get this wrong and by proceeding with this errant line of reasoning we

are throwing the baby out with the bath water. I traditionally was born from the union between a man and a woman like my parents before them and their parents before them. I would venture the same is true for most of you. Our ancestors did not get this wrong otherwise we are all here by mistake. If we accept this lie that unfairness is discriminatory than we concede that generations before us were wrong and that our current culture of aloha is broken. Don't know about you but I respect the truths that time has proven to be inalienable and were passed down to us.

Hawaii is not dysfunctional. It is not broken. Look around, our islands are beautiful. I love our islands just as they are. Unfair - yes, perfect - no ways but we are not broken. Our ancestors have passed on down to us this wonderful legacy and it is good. Don't change what is not broken.

Let us stop this foolishness. Homosexuality is not a civil rights movement. Let common sense prevail.

John Pang

Sent from my iPhone



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:57 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: written only

From: carlycs@hawaii.rr.com [<mailto:carlycs@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:48 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 Testimony

Aloha, my name is Carly Palmer. I live on Kiele Ave. and I am a registered voter. I am writing this testimony to say that I am a registered voter and SUPPORT traditional marriage. I am simply asking to let this bill go to the people to decide. In doing so, we will make our choice for ourselves in a true democratic process. Thank you.



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Karen Shishido [<mailto:karen.shishido@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:51 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1

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> Aloha Members of the House of Judiciary Committee:
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> I am late in sending this testimony because the testimony submittal site has been down for hours.
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> I strongly support marriage equality and full protection of same sex marriages under Hawaii's laws.
> Religious doctrine has no place in civil society. Times have changed since our legislators last visited this issue; history will show that honoring the unions of our LGBT friends and family is the pono thing to do.
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> Thank you for your consideration.
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> Sincerely,
> Karen
> Makiki/Waipahu
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From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Jennifer Cabjuan [<mailto:jcabjuan@me.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:46 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Personal Testimony for Sb1

Thank you for taking time to hear my testimony in regards to SB1. I have lived in Hawaii all my life as well as my husband. We are raising our children here and do not want the same sex marriage to be allowed in our family oriented state. I teach my children to follow and obey the laws of the land as well as the moral values that are plainly spelled out in the Bible. I don't want this law to be passed because it goes directly against what I teach my children according to our faith. My children do not naturally like to see same sex relationships on TV and don't like to see it around public life. Pushing a law sends a message that says our family values are wrong according to the state. How is that fair to my religious views? Same sex marriage is not what I want my children to have to grow up around and will continue to teach same sex marriage is wrong to my children even if a law is passed. Does this make me into a lawbreaker in my children's eyes? I plead with you to not support this bill as it is written and to also let the people of Hawaii decide what they want.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Cabjuan

Sent from my iPhone



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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:40 PM
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Subject: STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1

Aloha Members of the House of Representatives:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Karen
Makiki/Waipahu



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Arcangel Natal [<mailto:kauhale2000@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:33 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Same-sex marriage

I am not against same-sex marriage, I am not religious in any way, what I do stand for is the right for the peoples vote to mean something. I have served this country for many years and one of thing I am proud of is that each person has a voice, through our vote. The State Senate has already decided to disregard their own constituents, If the house does the same then they are basically disregarding the people of Hawaii and the vote that occurred in 1998 just like the Senate. Once the people vote on a constitutional amendment then it should take another vote by the people to change or revoke that amendment.

If allowed to vote and the people vote for same-sex marriage then for me that matter is settled. I want to be able to tell my children someday that their vote counts, if this fiasco is allowed to continue you will make me a liar.



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Travis Knott [<mailto:travisknott@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:34 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Support for SB1

I am writing in strong support of SB1 for both personal and professional reasons:

I am personally effected by this act. My partner and I have been together in a committed monogamist relationship for 20 years. We are part of our community. We volunteer for numerous nonprofits and charities, giving more hours than I can possibly track. We own our home and pay taxes (a lot of taxes!). While a marriage is most certainly a spiritual act for most people, it is not necessarily a religious one. There is no one religion that can own marriage and the stability it brings. It is a civil act with benefits granted by the state and federal government. To withhold some rights for any sort of religious reason is wrong.

In a professional manner I have worked with the disparity that couples face when they are not allowed to marry. I am a Financial Advisor. I have special training for Domestic Partner Planning. I work with many couples who have been together for many years and decades. Because they do not receive the same inheritance rights that married couples have, they must pay extra money to protect themselves through additional life insurance policies to pay the taxes on the retirement accounts that they inherit. Married couples can transfer a 401k or IRA to a spouse upon death with no tax hit. Non married couples would be taxed. This is the founding of the DOMA case that the Supreme Court faced. This places an additional burden on couples living in a state that does not allow same sex marriage, simply to protect their families and protect the wealth that they have worked their entire lives to accumulate.

Please pass SB1 without delay.

Sincerely,

Travis Knott

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From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: ambrosiodcuisine@aol.com [<mailto:ambrosiodcuisine@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:31 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: VOTE : NO

House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m. Senate Bill 1 I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."

Kerri A Ambrosio
Big Island Resident
Bee sharp and bee natural!



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Bruce Butler [<mailto:bruceb@hawaii.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:30 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

To: House Committees on Judiciary and Labor Hearing Date/Time:
Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke and members of the Committees on
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I am writing in strong support of SB 1.

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In Hawaii, we don't turn our backs on family. No member of anyone's
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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.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Bruce Butler
470 a West Kuiaha Rd
Haiku, HI 96708



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Mark Orbistondo [<mailto:mko737g@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:30 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

Your Honor

I hear by submit my testimony that you reconsider the passing of SB1. Please allow this discussion to be in hearing in the general session and once again be given to the people if Hawaii for voting.

Aloha,

Mark Orbistond
Registered VOTER.



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Iris Yap [<mailto:IrisYap@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:27 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Senate Bill 1

To: House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

Re: Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1

I am a registered voter on the Big Island of Hawaii. I support traditional marriage between one man and one woman.

I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."

Sincerely,

Iris Yap
64-674 Puu Olu Pl.
Kamuela, HI 96743



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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From: Roanne Kaopua [<mailto:buslover@live.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:23 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

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Roanne Kaopua
20 Kawili St.
Hilo, HI 96720



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: ilima.loomis [<mailto:ilima.loomis@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:22 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: testimony on same-sex marriage

As the married mother of a six-year-old daughter, I am writing to urge you to make same-sex marriage legal in the State of Hawaii. Marriage equality reflects our family values: love, acceptance and recognizing the fundamental human rights and dignity of all people. It also reflects the most important value of our state: Aloha.

Please do what is right and show your aloha.

Mahalo,
Anna Salomon
Maui



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: JC Chang [<mailto:kekauoha51@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:21 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

Aloha,

I'm against SB1. I strongly urge that the bill be put to vote. The significance of this bill is so huge, that it should be decided by the voters. The opposition greatly outnumbers those in favor. If not, we the people of Hawaii will see just how unjust our government is! And people are already planning to run for office to get the crooked guys out.

Mahalo

J.C. Chang.

Sent from my iPad



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Bob the Phone Man [<mailto:bouillonsoup01@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:19 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Same Sex Marriage

Bob Bouillon
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on Oct 31 ,2013 @ 10:00am
Senare Bill 1
Opposed
Written

Please make this go to a state wide vote of the people of Hawaii. Do not let this be rambled down on us without a right to vote.

Mahalo.

Bob Bouillon
283 Ilikai St
Kihei Hi 96753



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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From: chanlin@hawaii.rr.com [<mailto:chanlin@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:18 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 Written testimony will not be present at the hearing

Christine Hanlin
91-1101 Ho'omahana St.
Ewa Beach, HI 96706
chanlin@hawaii.rr.com

Dear Honorable Chairman Rhodes and fellow members:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I am opposed SB1 and to the redefining of marriage in a special session. It is my opinion that the issue of Same Sex Marriage should be voted on by the public just as it was back in 1998 when the majority of citizens in the State of Hawaii voted to approve a constitutional amendment against same sex marriages. The use of a special session limits my opportunity to voice my opinion on this issue and may result in legislation that does not represent the will of the people you have been elected to represent.

I am praying that God will continue to lead you in all of your decision making and that He will continue to encourage you in all that you do.

God Bless,
Christine Hanlin



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Subject: SB1 Written testimony will not be present at the hearing

Megan Hanlin
91-1101 Ho'omahana St.
Ewa Beach, HI 96706
mahanlin@hawaii.rr.com

Thank you Chair Rhodes and fellow representatives for reading my testimony.

I am opposed to SB1, the redefining of marriage. I feel that it is important for you to know how I feel about this as part of your decision making process. It is my opinion that the issue of Same Sex Marriage should be voted on by the public just as it was back in 1998 when the majority of citizens in the State of Hawaii voted to approve a constitutional amendment against same sex marriages. The people did not understand the deceptive motive in the amendment that strips them of their power by giving the legislature absolute power over marriage.

As a Christian, I feel my beliefs will be infringed upon and one day my rights will be as well. Using history as my evidence, every empire that legalized same sex marriage resulted in an homosexual empire that persecuted Christians (pagan territories, Greeks and Romans). Emperor Maximus who worshipped a homosexual god Jupiter wanted the expulsion of all Christians. Antiochus brutally executed those who wouldn't worship their homosexual god. Nero who was in a same sex marriage executed the disciple Paul. Spartans recruited 12 year old boys to introduce them to their homosexual gymnasiums. In Sparta, any man of good appearance and character who did not fall in love with another man, was fined for not sharing his great qualities with other men.

These past lessons appear drastic, but discrimination against Christians has already started in places that have same sex laws. New Mexico's court ruled against a Christian Photographer at Elane Photography because she refused to photograph a gay wedding. In this case, her religious rights were trampled to protect another group's rights. Sweet Cakes bakery just shut down this month because of relentless attacks by homosexual activists. The owner, Melissa Klein, did not want to serve a cake for a lesbian wedding because it goes against her personal Christian beliefs. The homosexual activists told vendors online to not recommend the bakery, write bad reviews, and have others cancel their orders. As a result the bakery closed down recently and the family is still dealing with death threats and break-ins at their personal home. In Alan Clifford, England, a British pastor was reported by homosexuals and is currently under investigation for writing a description of a homosexual rally outside city council. Discrimination against Christians has already started due to the same sex marriage agenda.

Now from ancient history to today, various world organizations to include Open Doors in France and Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life based in Washington have researched and found that Christians are the most persecuted group in the world. Authors Nina Shea, Paul Marshall and Lela Gilbert reiterated this in their new 2013 book: Persecuted: The Global Assault on Christians, which is cited and heavily researched. These three authors have documented the persecution of religious minorities and the world wide decline in religious freedom over the last 15 years. This is relevant because Hawaii will be nudging closer towards the loss of religious freedom as more groups that are hostile towards Christians are given the opportunity to rewrite Christian institutions and sacraments like the institution of marriage.

I am praying that God will continue to lead you in all of your decision making and that He will continue to encourage you in all that you do.

God Bless,
Megan Hanlin



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: natalie kubo [<mailto:kubo.nat@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:08 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: testimony

To Whom It May Concern

I would just like to make an attempt to have my views expressed with regards to the same sex marriage issue. I have many concerns but I am first, wondering why it is so important to push this whole process through. Why are we forcing this issue to be resolved right now? I believe that the people voted on this awhile back and it just seems like that effort is not being given any weight at all in this new issue. With that being said...why is such an important and life changing issue being left up to a small number of people? Why is this not being left up to **all** the people of Hawaii? What is the problem with that? I have lived in Hawaii my entire life and have been so frustrated by the lack of faith given to the process of the voice of the people. Our country what founded on the fact that ALL voices should be heard. I wish I could say with all honesty that I felt that there are no hidden agendas here but my gut tells me something different which is why I totally believe the choice of the way my state is run should be left up to the majority...through a vote of ALL people. I would accept whichever way it went pro or con. Please consider the ramifications of the way this bill is being pushed through...our future of ALOHA towards each other who have to live here every single day depends on it.

Sincerely,
NatalieKubo



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Lianne Thompson [<mailto:lili808@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:05 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Please vote for equality

Aloha~

My name is Lianne Thompson and I would like to ask you to vote in favor of marriage rights for same-sex couples.

I am a Christian, have been since I chose to follow Jesus Christ and was subsequently baptized at age 16. I am now in my 40s. I was taught that Jesus wants us to love and respect one another. I was never taught to force my views on others who don't believe. Instead, I was told to love others and live by example.

It is because I am a Christian that I strongly believe in the separation of Church and State. I want to worship as I choose, and I am happy to let others follow their faith (or not) as they choose. Religious freedom works both ways. The government cannot impose a religion on people, and the Church cannot impose its beliefs on the public (via government). I don't believe that there is any non-religious reason to deny same-sex couples the right to a legal marriage. Conversely, I will argue with anyone that churches have the right to deny same-sex couples the right to marry in their sanctuaries.

And, for the Catholic Church to say "it's okay to discriminate," is appalling to me. Do they forget a time in Hawai'i's not-so-distant history when their church was the subject of discrimination? Other Christian religions were acceptable, but not Catholics. Again, a separation of Church and State protects us all.

Allowing same-sex marriage should not, and I feel would not, lead to homosexuality being taught in the classroom. I didn't learn about any type of marriage in my public school experience. I did, however, learn about Creationism in the classroom.

The fact is, we do NOT value biblical marriage as a rule in this country and society. If we did, there would be no divorce. Divorced women would not be allowed to marry. Adultery would be illegal. If we truly considered the legal marriage that takes place a biblical entity, it would be so much more difficult to get married or divorced. We wouldn't have drive-through wedding chapels and game shows that make a marriage something to be "won." It's more difficult to get a driver's license than it is to get a marriage license. No, we do not value the sanctity of marriage in our legal marriage system. I for one, felt that I was "married" after I said my vows before my pastor. The signing of the "legal" papers was an afterthought.

However, those papers mean everything to people who do not enjoy the rights (and responsibilities!) that come with those papers. I am flabbergasted that we live in a country that feels it's okay for prisoners to get married (the one I always talk about—although he passed away earlier this year—is Richard Ramirez, the "Night Stalker." We live in a country where it's okay for a man, who was evil personified, who *preyed on women*, to marry.) yet tax-paying, law-abiding, contributing members of society, who happen to be gay, are denied this same right.

I have quite a few gay friends, some are in relationships and some aren't. Same like my straight friends. The difference is that if my single straight friends found love today, the idea of that love being justified in the eyes of the law is there for them. But not my gay friends. That seems unfair to me.

Look, when I got married, my marriage was technically illegal in Alabama (albeit, the law was not enforced), because I am asian and my husband is white. That was in the late 90s. Unbelievable, right? I implore you to please vote on the right side of history. Please do protect the religious freedoms of the various faiths who do not want to accept same-sex marriage within their sanctuaries, that is important. However, please, please let our fellow human beings, who just happen to be gay, share their love and their responsibility as couples and families with dignity and respect.

I know that it's a political risk for you to vote "yes" on this issue. I ask that you put that aside and do the right thing. Thank you for your service to our community.

Mahalo nui loa,
Lianne

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Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail. Thank you.



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:52 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Sherlane Dick [<mailto:sherlanedick@msn.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:03 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Sane Sex Marriage Bill before the Committee for the House of Representatives

Dear Representatives:

I would like to voice my opposition to this bill based on the fact that, as I understand it, that same sex marriage is not a civil right.

I also take offense at the Governor taking our tax payers money to have this special session for a minority group in Hawaii. This legislation does not rise to that occasion.

If same sex residents are unhappy with Hawaii's civil union benefits and wish all the benefits of the federal government also they should move to a state that already provides these government benefits.

It is unfair to change the laws of Hawaii that defines marriage as between a man and a woman for the benefit of a few who already have the state's rights regarding civil union benefits. I think they are greedy and ungrateful for what they already have. It is a shame that our legislature is being bullied by this group.

Sherlane Dick
2140 Kuhio Avenue
Honolulu Hawaii



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:52 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: RUSHFORTHT@aol.com [<mailto:RUSHFORTHT@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:03 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Testimony Schedule

Seeking information on how Special Session schedule tracking is to take place.

I am #2593 for today's session, and have no idea of when I might get to testify??

Toby Rushforth



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:52 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Anaise Livai [<mailto:anaise.livai@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:00 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Testimony in Opposition of Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

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

Redefining marriage not only affects the estimated 5% of Hawaii residents who identify themselves as Gay or Lesbian, but will change society forever for the other 95% of Hawaii residents. Changing the definition of marriage is changing the morals of our society. As our school system is the means to educate our children on the laws and morals of our Society, passing this bill will also greatly affect the curriculum taught to all of our children. This is something that should be decided by the people, and not by a handful of politicians. If the majority of our people feel that having a Gay or Lesbian marriage is an acceptable alternative to heterosexual marriage, then so be it. But **LET THE PEOPLE VOTE**

If perhaps the majority of people in Hawaii do feel that they would like Same-sex marriage to be deemed as an acceptable alternative to heterosexual marriage then it would be important that **sufficient protections are put in place so that the religious rights of our people are not infringed upon.** Religious Freedom is one of the founding principles of our country. It is not uncommon knowledge that the bible teaches that Gay and Lesbian relationships are against the law of God. It is not a new radical philosophy but a moral principle that has been in place for thousands of years. It is a principle that even our founding forefathers believed in. Although society is changing, the bible has not changed, and many people still uphold the principles in the bible. It is their religious right to do so. To require any religious leader, organization, small business or individual to provide goods or services that assist or promote the solemnization or celebration of any marriage, or provide counseling or other services that directly facilitate the perpetuation of any marriage that is against their religious beliefs would be infringing on their religious rights. This bill does not cover religious sectors that for example of a same sex married couple came into a synagogue and request for a christening on their child and the pastor/priest refused to do the service, a number of law suits seem in order here and again this BILL does not protect those pastors/priest who do not believe in the lifestyle that these homosexuals choose to live in.

For these reasons, I humbly request that you **Let the people vote** concerning this matter as it currently stands our state is divided on this matter.

Sincerely,
Anaise Livai
P.O Box 148
Hilo, HI 96721



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:54 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: cammiearakaki@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (In Person)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Cammie Arakaki	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Aloha, my name is Cammie Arakaki and I am a registered voter of District 28. I have voted in every election since I turned 18, and humbly ask that you provide the opportunity for the community to vote on important issues, such as the Senate Bill 1. My father, Dennis Arakaki, was District 28's Hawaii House Representative for 20 years. As a supporter and voice of the community, I know that he would not and does not support the passing of this Bill, without the due democratic process. As a mother of a young child, I have deep concerns for the implications that this passing of this Bill will bring to the public school system. In researching the effects of the legalization of same-sex marriage in other states, I had discovered some devastating consequences. If this Bill is passed without the public's vote, I will seriously consider leaving my home....The place where I was born and raised, my Hawaii nei. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you and thank you for serving the people of Hawaii.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

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From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:56 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: written only

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

From: Peniamina Nonoa [<mailto:nonoas06@yahoo.com.au>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:40 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

I oppose SB1 .

Ben
Peniamina (Ben) Nonoa
Love God Love People
Cell : 808 987 5869
75-5851 Kuakini highway : # 45
Kailua Kona : 96740
Hawaii



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:56 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: written only

From: Grace Yoon [<mailto:gydisciple@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I oppose SB1

hi,
I'm sending this email in opposition to same sex marriage in Hawaii
so I oppose to SB1
Grace Yoon.

From Galaxy Note 10.1



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Karen Shishido [<mailto:karen.shishido@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:51 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1

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> Aloha Members of the House of Judiciary Committee:
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> I am late in sending this testimony because the testimony submittal
site has been down for hours.
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> I strongly support marriage equality and full protection of same sex
marriages under Hawaii's laws.
> Religious doctrine has no place in civil society. Times have
changed since our legislators last visited this issue; history will
show that honoring the unions of our LGBT friends and family is the
pono thing to do.
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> Thank you for your consideration.
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> Sincerely,
> Karen
> Makiki/Waipahu
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From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Jennifer Cabjuan [<mailto:jcabjuan@me.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:46 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Personal Testimony for Sb1

Thank you for taking time to hear my testimony in regards to SB1. I have lived in Hawaii all my life as well as my husband. We are raising our children here and do not want the same sex marriage to be allowed in our family oriented state. I teach my children to follow and obey the laws of the land as well as the moral values that are plainly spelled out in the Bible. I don't want this law to be passed because it goes directly against what I teach my children according to our faith. My children do not naturally like to see same sex relationships on TV and don't like to see it around public life. Pushing a law sends a message that says our family values are wrong according to the state. How is that fair to my religious views? Same sex marriage is not what I want my children to have to grow up around and will continue to teach same sex marriage is wrong to my children even if a law is passed. Does this make me into a lawbreaker in my children's eyes? I plead with you to not support this bill as it is written and to also let the people of Hawaii decide what they want.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Cabjuan

Sent from my iPhone



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Karen Shishido [<mailto:karen.shishido@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:40 PM
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Aloha Members of the House of Representatives:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Karen
Makiki/Waipahu



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Arcangel Natal [<mailto:kauhale2000@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:33 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Same-sex marriage

I am not against same-sex marriage, I am not religious in any way, what I do stand for is the right for the peoples vote to mean something. I have served this country for many years and one of thing I am proud of is that each person has a voice, through our vote. The State Senate has already decided to disregard their own constituents, If the house does the same then they are basically disregarding the people of Hawaii and the vote that occurred in 1998 just like the Senate. Once the people vote on a constitutional amendment then it should take another vote by the people to change or revoke that amendment.

If allowed to vote and the people vote for same-sex marriage then for me that matter is settled. I want to be able to tell my children someday that their vote counts, if this fiasco is allowed to continue you will make me a liar.



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Travis Knott [<mailto:travisknott@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:34 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Support for SB1

I am writing in strong support of SB1 for both personal and professional reasons:

I am personally effected by this act. My partner and I have been together in a committed monogamist relationship for 20 years. We are part of our community. We volunteer for numerous nonprofits and charities, giving more hours than I can possibly track. We own our home and pay taxes (a lot of taxes!). While a marriage is most certainly a spiritual act for most people, it is not necessarily a religious one. There is no one religion that can own marriage and the stability it brings. It is a civil act with benefits granted by the state and federal government. To withhold some rights for any sort of religious reason is wrong.

In a professional manner I have worked with the disparity that couples face when they are not allowed to marry. I am a Financial Advisor. I have special training for Domestic Partner Planning. I work with many couples who have been together for many years and decades. Because they do not receive the same inheritance rights that married couples have, they must pay extra money to protect themselves through additional life insurance policies to pay the taxes on the retirement accounts that they inherit. Married couples can transfer a 401k or IRA to a spouse upon death with no tax hit. Non married couples would be taxed. This is the founding of the DOMA case that the Supreme Court faced. This places an additional burden on couples living in a state that does not allow same sex marriage, simply to protect their families and protect the wealth that they have worked their entire lives to accumulate.

Please pass SB1 without delay.

Sincerely,

Travis Knott

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From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: ambrosiodcuisine@aol.com [<mailto:ambrosiodcuisine@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:31 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: VOTE : NO

House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m. Senate Bill 1 I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."

Kerri A Ambrosio
Big Island Resident
Bee sharp and bee natural!



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Bruce Butler [<mailto:bruceb@hawaii.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:30 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

To: House Committees on Judiciary and Labor Hearing Date/Time:
Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke and members of the 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.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Bruce Butler
470 a West Kuiaha Rd
Haiku, HI 96708



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Mark Orbistondo [<mailto:mko737g@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:30 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

Your Honor

I hear by submit my testimony that you reconsider the passing of SB1. Please allow this discussion to be in hearing in the general session and once again be given to the people if Hawaii for voting.

Aloha,

Mark Orbistond
Registered VOTER.



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Iris Yap [<mailto:IrisYap@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:27 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Senate Bill 1

To: House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

Re: Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1

I am a registered voter on the Big Island of Hawaii. I support traditional marriage between one man and one woman.

I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."

Sincerely,

Iris Yap
64-674 Puu Olu Pl.
Kamuela, HI 96743



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Roanne Kaopua [<mailto:buslover@live.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:23 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

To: House Committees on Judiciary and Labor Hearing Date/Time:
Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

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is illegal to marry the person we love.

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

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Roanne Kaopua
20 Kawili St.
Hilo, HI 96720



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: ilima.loomis [<mailto:ilima.loomis@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:22 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: testimony on same-sex marriage

As the married mother of a six-year-old daughter, I am writing to urge you to make same-sex marriage legal in the State of Hawaii. Marriage equality reflects our family values: love, acceptance and recognizing the fundamental human rights and dignity of all people. It also reflects the most important value of our state: Aloha.

Please do what is right and show your aloha.

Mahalo,
Anna Salomon
Maui



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: JC Chang [<mailto:kekauoha51@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:21 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

Aloha,

I'm against SB1. I strongly urge that the bill be put to vote. The significance of this bill is so huge, that it should be decided by the voters. The opposition greatly outnumbers those in favor. If not, we the people of Hawaii will see just how unjust our government is! And people are already planning to run for office to get the crooked guys out.

Mahalo

J.C. Chang.

Sent from my iPad



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Bob the Phone Man [<mailto:bouillonsoup01@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:19 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Same Sex Marriage

Bob Bouillon
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on Oct 31 ,2013 @ 10:00am
Senare Bill 1
Opposed
Written

Please make this go to a state wide vote of the people of Hawaii. Do not let this be rambled down on us without a right to vote.

Mahalo.

Bob Bouillon
283 Ilikai St
Kihei Hi 96753



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: chanlin@hawaii.rr.com [<mailto:chanlin@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:18 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 Written testimony will not be present at the hearing

Christine Hanlin
91-1101 Ho'omahana St.
Ewa Beach, HI 96706
chanlin@hawaii.rr.com

Dear Honorable Chairman Rhodes and fellow members:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I am opposed SB1 and to the redefining of marriage in a special session. It is my opinion that the issue of Same Sex Marriage should be voted on by the public just as it was back in 1998 when the majority of citizens in the State of Hawaii voted to approve a constitutional amendment against same sex marriages. The use of a special session limits my opportunity to voice my opinion on this issue and may result in legislation that does not represent the will of the people you have been elected to represent.

I am praying that God will continue to lead you in all of your decision making and that He will continue to encourage you in all that you do.

God Bless,
Christine Hanlin



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:48 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: randy.rodriguez@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Randy Rodriguez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha representatives, I strongly oppose SB1. Passing this bill would violate my 1st amendment right. I am neither a pastor or clergy but do have a strong moral foundation based on biblical principles. By passing this into law would deem it discrimination for being against it. I'm a small business owner and can deny doing business with any one for whatever reason, within the law. If I refuse to do business with a same-sex couple based on my moral beliefs, I would then be in violation of discrimination according to this bill. What would be next once this were to pass? Pedophilia, bestiality, necrophilia, the list goes on. Why would you deny those people such freedoms to love what they love to do and recognized by the state? When does deviant behavior become non-deviant? The potential ramifications to our keiki are unknown if this were to pass as "normal" and acceptable activity in our society. They (keiki) would have to receive this as part of their sex education curriculum. The debate would continue on both sides as to why this shouldn't and why this should be accepted teaching points. Think about this personally, if you are parents, how would you react if your 8-10 year old is getting graphic homosexual education at their school, showing that male-male/female-female sex practice is acceptable and HOW to perform such acts? Oh, and that you have NO say so in such curriculum. The morality of our state and country has continued to erode and the homosexual agenda has had a part in that. Passing this law will not contribute to a healthier moral state. In closing, I ask that you do NOT pass this bill and allow the people of Hawaii to vote. Mahalo, Randy

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From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Karen Shishido [<mailto:karen.shishido@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:51 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1

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> Aloha Members of the House of Judiciary Committee:
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> I am late in sending this testimony because the testimony submittal site has been down for hours.
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> I strongly support marriage equality and full protection of same sex marriages under Hawaii's laws.
> Religious doctrine has no place in civil society. Times have changed since our legislators last visited this issue; history will show that honoring the unions of our LGBT friends and family is the pono thing to do.
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> Thank you for your consideration.
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> Sincerely,
> Karen
> Makiki/Waipahu
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From: Jennifer Cabjuan [<mailto:jcabjuan@me.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:46 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Personal Testimony for Sb1

Thank you for taking time to hear my testimony in regards to SB1. I have lived in Hawaii all my life as well as my husband. We are raising our children here and do not want the same sex marriage to be allowed in our family oriented state. I teach my children to follow and obey the laws of the land as well as the moral values that are plainly spelled out in the Bible. I don't want this law to be passed because it goes directly against what I teach my children according to our faith. My children do not naturally like to see same sex relationships on TV and don't like to see it around public life. Pushing a law sends a message that says our family values are wrong according to the state. How is that fair to my religious views? Same sex marriage is not what I want my children to have to grow up around and will continue to teach same sex marriage is wrong to my children even if a law is passed. Does this make me into a lawbreaker in my children's eyes? I plead with you to not support this bill as it is written and to also let the people of Hawaii decide what they want.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Cabjuan

Sent from my iPhone



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Karen
Makiki/Waipahu



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To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Arcangel Natal [<mailto:kauhale2000@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:33 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Same-sex marriage

I am not against same-sex marriage, I am not religious in any way, what I do stand for is the right for the peoples vote to mean something. I have served this country for many years and one of thing I am proud of is that each person has a voice, through our vote. The State Senate has already decided to disregard their own constituents, If the house does the same then they are basically disregarding the people of Hawaii and the vote that occurred in 1998 just like the Senate. Once the people vote on a constitutional amendment then it should take another vote by the people to change or revoke that amendment.

If allowed to vote and the people vote for same-sex marriage then for me that matter is settled. I want to be able to tell my children someday that their vote counts, if this fiasco is allowed to continue you will make me a liar.



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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From: Travis Knott [<mailto:travisknott@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:34 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Support for SB1

I am writing in strong support of SB1 for both personal and professional reasons:

I am personally effected by this act. My partner and I have been together in a committed monogamist relationship for 20 years. We are part of our community. We volunteer for numerous nonprofits and charities, giving more hours than I can possibly track. We own our home and pay taxes (a lot of taxes!). While a marriage is most certainly a spiritual act for most people, it is not necessarily a religious one. There is no one religion that can own marriage and the stability it brings. It is a civil act with benefits granted by the state and federal government. To withhold some rights for any sort of religious reason is wrong.

In a professional manner I have worked with the disparity that couples face when they are not allowed to marry. I am a Financial Advisor. I have special training for Domestic Partner Planning. I work with many couples who have been together for many years and decades. Because they do not receive the same inheritance rights that married couples have, they must pay extra money to protect themselves through additional life insurance policies to pay the taxes on the retirement accounts that they inherit. Married couples can transfer a 401k or IRA to a spouse upon death with no tax hit. Non married couples would be taxed. This is the founding of the DOMA case that the Supreme Court faced. This places an additional burden on couples living in a state that does not allow same sex marriage, simply to protect their families and protect the wealth that they have worked their entire lives to accumulate.

Please pass SB1 without delay.

Sincerely,

Travis Knott

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: ambrosiodcuisine@aol.com [<mailto:ambrosiodcuisine@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:31 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: VOTE : NO

House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m. Senate Bill 1 I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."

Kerri A Ambrosio
Big Island Resident
Bee sharp and bee natural!



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Bruce Butler [<mailto:bruceb@hawaii.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:30 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

To: House Committees on Judiciary and Labor Hearing Date/Time:
Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke and members of the 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.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Bruce Butler
470 a West Kuiaha Rd
Haiku, HI 96708



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Mark Orbistondo [<mailto:mko737g@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:30 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

Your Honor

I hear by submit my testimony that you reconsider the passing of SB1. Please allow this discussion to be in hearing in the general session and once again be given to the people if Hawaii for voting.

Aloha,

Mark Orbistond
Registered VOTER.



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Iris Yap [<mailto:IrisYap@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:27 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Senate Bill 1

To: House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

Re: Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1

I am a registered voter on the Big Island of Hawaii. I support traditional marriage between one man and one woman.

I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."

Sincerely,

Iris Yap
64-674 Puu Olu Pl.
Kamuela, HI 96743



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Roanne Kaopua [<mailto:buslover@live.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:23 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

To: House Committees on Judiciary and Labor Hearing Date/Time:
Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Roanne Kaopua
20 Kawili St.
Hilo, HI 96720



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: JC Chang [<mailto:kekauoha51@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:21 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

Aloha,

I'm against SB1. I strongly urge that the bill be put to vote. The significance of this bill is so huge, that it should be decided by the voters. The opposition greatly outnumbers those in favor. If not, we the people of Hawaii will see just how unjust our government is! And people are already planning to run for office to get the crooked guys out.

Mahalo

J.C. Chang.

Sent from my iPad



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Bob the Phone Man [<mailto:bouillonsoup01@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:19 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Same Sex Marriage

Bob Bouillon
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on Oct 31 ,2013 @ 10:00am
Senare Bill 1
Opposed
Written

Please make this go to a state wide vote of the people of Hawaii. Do not let this be rambbed down on us without a right to vote.

Mahalo.

Bob Bouillon
283 Ilikai St
Kihei Hi 96753



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: chanlin@hawaii.rr.com [<mailto:chanlin@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:18 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 Written testimony will not be present at the hearing

Christine Hanlin
91-1101 Ho'omahana St.
Ewa Beach, HI 96706
chanlin@hawaii.rr.com

Dear Honorable Chairman Rhodes and fellow members:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I am opposed SB1 and to the redefining of marriage in a special session. It is my opinion that the issue of Same Sex Marriage should be voted on by the public just as it was back in 1998 when the majority of citizens in the State of Hawaii voted to approve a constitutional amendment against same sex marriages. The use of a special session limits my opportunity to voice my opinion on this issue and may result in legislation that does not represent the will of the people you have been elected to represent.

I am praying that God will continue to lead you in all of your decision making and that He will continue to encourage you in all that you do.

God Bless,
Christine Hanlin



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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From: mahanlin@hawaii.rr.com [<mailto:mahanlin@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:14 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 Written testimony will not be present at the hearing

Megan Hanlin
91-1101 Ho'omahana St.
Ewa Beach, HI 96706
mahanlin@hawaii.rr.com

Thank you Chair Rhodes and fellow representatives for reading my testimony.

I am opposed to SB1, the redefining of marriage. I feel that it is important for you to know how I feel about this as part of your decision making process. It is my opinion that the issue of Same Sex Marriage should be voted on by the public just as it was back in 1998 when the majority of citizens in the State of Hawaii voted to approve a constitutional amendment against same sex marriages. The people did not understand the deceptive motive in the amendment that strips them of their power by giving the legislature absolute power over marriage.

As a Christian, I feel my beliefs will be infringed upon and one day my rights will be as well. Using history as my evidence, every empire that legalized same sex marriage resulted in an homosexual empire that persecuted Christians (pagan territories, Greeks and Romans). Emperor Maximus who worshipped a homosexual god Jupiter wanted the expulsion of all Christians. Antiochus brutally executed those who wouldn't worship their homosexual god. Nero who was in a same sex marriage executed the disciple Paul. Spartans recruited 12 year old boys to introduce them to their homosexual gymnasiums. In Sparta, any man of good appearance and character who did not fall in love with another man, was fined for not sharing his great qualities with other men.

These past lessons appear drastic, but discrimination against Christians has already started in places that have same sex laws. New Mexico's court ruled against a Christian Photographer at Elane Photography because she refused to photograph a gay wedding. In this case, her religious rights were trampled to protect another group's rights. Sweet Cakes bakery just shut down this month because of relentless attacks by homosexual activists. The owner, Melissa Klein, did not want to serve a cake for a lesbian wedding because it goes against her personal Christian beliefs. The homosexual activists told vendors online to not recommend the bakery, write bad reviews, and have others cancel their orders. As a result the bakery closed down recently and the family is still dealing with death threats and break-ins at their personal home. In Alan Clifford, England, a British pastor was reported by homosexuals and is currently under investigation for writing a description of a homosexual rally outside city council. Discrimination against Christians has already started due to the same sex marriage agenda.

Now from ancient history to today, various world organizations to include Open Doors in France and Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life based in Washington have researched and found that Christians are the most persecuted group in the world. Authors Nina Shea, Paul Marshall and Lela Gilbert reiterated this in their new 2013 book: Persecuted: The Global Assault on Christians, which is cited and heavily researched. These three authors have documented the persecution of religious minorities and the world wide decline in religious freedom over the last 15 years. This is relevant because Hawaii will be nudging closer towards the loss of religious freedom as more groups that are hostile towards Christians are given the opportunity to rewrite Christian institutions and sacraments like the institution of marriage.

I am praying that God will continue to lead you in all of your decision making and that He will continue to encourage you in all that you do.

God Bless,
Megan Hanlin



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: natalie kubo [<mailto:kubo.nat@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:08 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: testimony

To Whom It May Concern

I would just like to make an attempt to have my views expressed with regards to the same sex marriage issue. I have many concerns but I am first, wondering why it is so important to push this whole process through. Why are we forcing this issue to be resolved right now? I believe that the people voted on this awhile back and it just seems like that effort is not being given any weight at all in this new issue. With that being said...why is such an important and life changing issue being left up to a small number of people? Why is this not being left up to **all** the people of Hawaii? What is the problem with that? I have lived in Hawaii my entire life and have been so frustrated by the lack of faith given to the process of the voice of the people. Our country what founded on the fact that ALL voices should be heard. I wish I could say with all honesty that I felt that there are no hidden agendas here but my gut tells me something different which is why I totally believe the choice of the way my state is run should be left up to the majority...through a vote of ALL people. I would accept whichever way it went pro or con. Please consider the ramifications of the way this bill is being pushed through...our future of ALOHA towards each other who have to live here every single day depends on it.

Sincerely,
NatalieKubo



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:51 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Lianne Thompson [<mailto:lili808@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:05 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Please vote for equality

Aloha~

My name is Lianne Thompson and I would like to ask you to vote in favor of marriage rights for same-sex couples.

I am a Christian, have been since I chose to follow Jesus Christ and was subsequently baptized at age 16. I am now in my 40s. I was taught that Jesus wants us to love and respect one another. I was never taught to force my views on others who don't believe. Instead, I was told to love others and live by example.

It is because I am a Christian that I strongly believe in the separation of Church and State. I want to worship as I choose, and I am happy to let others follow their faith (or not) as they choose. Religious freedom works both ways. The government cannot impose a religion on people, and the Church cannot impose its beliefs on the public (via government). I don't believe that there is any non-religious reason to deny same-sex couples the right to a legal marriage. Conversely, I will argue with anyone that churches have the right to deny same-sex couples the right to marry in their sanctuaries.

And, for the Catholic Church to say "it's okay to discriminate," is appalling to me. Do they forget a time in Hawai'i's not-so-distant history when their church was the subject of discrimination? Other Christian religions were acceptable, but not Catholics. Again, a separation of Church and State protects us all.

Allowing same-sex marriage should not, and I feel would not, lead to homosexuality being taught in the classroom. I didn't learn about any type of marriage in my public school experience. I did, however, learn about Creationism in the classroom.

The fact is, we do NOT value biblical marriage as a rule in this country and society. If we did, there would be no divorce. Divorced women would not be allowed to marry. Adultery would be illegal. If we truly considered the legal marriage that takes place a biblical entity, it would be so much more difficult to get married or divorced. We wouldn't have drive-through wedding chapels and game shows that make a marriage something to be "won." It's more difficult to get a driver's license than it is to get a marriage license. No, we do not value the sanctity of marriage in our legal marriage system. I for one, felt that I was "married" after I said my vows before my pastor. The signing of the "legal" papers was an afterthought.

However, those papers mean everything to people who do not enjoy the rights (and responsibilities!) that come with those papers. I am flabbergasted that we live in a country that feels it's okay for prisoners to get married (the one I always talk about—although he passed away earlier this year—is Richard Ramirez, the "Night Stalker." We live in a country where it's okay for a man, who was evil personified, who *preyed on women*, to marry.) yet tax-paying, law-abiding, contributing members of society, who happen to be gay, are denied this same right.

I have quite a few gay friends, some are in relationships and some aren't. Same like my straight friends. The difference is that if my single straight friends found love today, the idea of that love being justified in the eyes of the law is there for them. But not my gay friends. That seems unfair to me.

Look, when I got married, my marriage was technically illegal in Alabama (albeit, the law was not enforced), because I am asian and my husband is white. That was in the late 90s. Unbelievable, right? I implore you to please vote on the right side of history. Please do protect the religious freedoms of the various faiths who do not want to accept same-sex marriage within their sanctuaries, that is important. However, please, please let our fellow human beings, who just happen to be gay, share their love and their responsibility as couples and families with dignity and respect.

I know that it's a political risk for you to vote "yes" on this issue. I ask that you put that aside and do the right thing. Thank you for your service to our community.

Mahalo nui loa,
Lianne

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Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail. Thank you.



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:52 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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

From: Sherlane Dick [<mailto:sherlanedick@msn.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:03 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Sane Sex Marriage Bill before the Committee for the House of Representatives

Dear Representatives:

I would like to voice my opposition to this bill based on the fact that, as I understand it, that same sex marriage is not a civil right.

I also take offense at the Governor taking our tax payers money to have this special session for a minority group in Hawaii. This legislation does not rise to that occasion.

If same sex residents are unhappy with Hawaii's civil union benefits and wish all the benefits of the federal government also they should move to a state that already provides these government benefits.

It is unfair to change the laws of Hawaii that defines marriage as between a man and a woman for the benefit of a few who already have the state's rights regarding civil union benefits. I think they are greedy and ungrateful for what they already have. It is a shame that our legislature is being bullied by this group.

Sherlane Dick
2140 Kuhio Avenue
Honolulu Hawaii



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:52 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: RUSHFORTHT@aol.com [<mailto:RUSHFORTHT@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:03 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Testimony Schedule

Seeking information on how Special Session schedule tracking is to take place.

I am #2593 for today's session, and have no idea of when I might get to testify??

Toby Rushforth



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:52 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Anaise Livai [<mailto:anaise.livai@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:00 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Testimony in Opposition of Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

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

Redefining marriage not only affects the estimated 5% of Hawaii residents who identify themselves as Gay or Lesbian, but will change society forever for the other 95% of Hawaii residents. Changing the definition of marriage is changing the morals of our society. As our school system is the means to educate our children on the laws and morals of our Society, passing this bill will also greatly affect the curriculum taught to all of our children. This is something that should be decided by the people, and not by a handful of politicians. If the majority of our people feel that having a Gay or Lesbian marriage is an acceptable alternative to heterosexual marriage, then so be it. But **LET THE PEOPLE VOTE**

If perhaps the majority of people in Hawaii do feel that they would like Same-sex marriage to be deemed as an acceptable alternative to heterosexual marriage then it would be important that **sufficient protections are put in place so that the religious rights of our people are not infringed upon.** Religious Freedom is one of the founding principles of our country. It is not uncommon knowledge that the bible teaches that Gay and Lesbian relationships are against the law of God. It is not a new radical philosophy but a moral principle that has been in place for thousands of years. It is a principle that even our founding forefathers believed in. Although society is changing, the bible has not changed, and many people still uphold the principles in the bible. It is their religious right to do so. To require any religious leader, organization, small business or individual to provide goods or services that assist or promote the solemnization or celebration of any marriage, or provide counseling or other services that directly facilitate the perpetuation of any marriage that is against their religious beliefs would be infringing on their religious rights. This bill does not cover religious sectors that for example of a same sex married couple came into a synagogue and request for a christening on their child and the pastor/priest refused to do the service, a number of law suits seem in order here and again this BILL does not protect those pastors/priest who do not believe in the lifestyle that these homosexuals choose to live in.

For these reasons, I humbly request that you **Let the people vote** concerning this matter as it currently stands our state is divided on this matter.

Sincerely,
Anaise Livai
P.O Box 148
Hilo, HI 96721



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:54 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: cammiearakaki@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (In Person)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Cammie Arakaki	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Aloha, my name is Cammie Arakaki and I am a registered voter of District 28. I have voted in every election since I turned 18, and humbly ask that you provide the opportunity for the community to vote on important issues, such as the Senate Bill 1. My father, Dennis Arakaki, was District 28's Hawaii House Representative for 20 years. As a supporter and voice of the community, I know that he would not and does not support the passing of this Bill, without the due democratic process. As a mother of a young child, I have deep concerns for the implications that this passing of this Bill will bring to the public school system. In researching the effects of the legalization of same-sex marriage in other states, I had discovered some devastating consequences. If this Bill is passed without the public's vote, I will seriously consider leaving my home....The place where I was born and raised, my Hawaii nei. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you and thank you for serving the people of Hawaii.

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From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:56 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: written only

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

From: Peniamina Nonoa [<mailto:nonoas06@yahoo.com.au>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:40 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

I oppose SB1 .

Ben
Peniamina (Ben) Nonoa
Love God Love People
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75-5851 Kuakini highway : # 45
Kailua Kona : 96740
Hawaii



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:56 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: written only

From: Grace Yoon [<mailto:gydisciple@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I oppose SB1

hi,
I'm sending this email in opposition to same sex marriage in Hawaii
so I oppose to SB1
Grace Yoon.

From Galaxy Note 10.1



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:57 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: written only

From: carlycs@hawaii.rr.com [<mailto:carlycs@hawaii.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:48 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 Testimony

Aloha, my name is Carly Palmer. I live on Kiele Ave. and I am a registered voter. I am writing this testimony to say that I am a registered voter and SUPPORT traditional marriage. I am simply asking to let this bill go to the people to decide. In doing so, we will make our choice for ourselves in a true democratic process. Thank you.



From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:58 PM
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From: Kevin Weng [<mailto:kevincmweng@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:48 PM
To: FINTestimony; Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Yes to gay marriage

Hello:

Please support equal treatment for gays in Hawaii. Let's stop fearing and discriminating against people who are different. We have civil rights, we have womens suffrage, lets keep the progress going!

Kevin Weng
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From: bluemist@hawaii.rr.com [<mailto:bluemist@hawaii.rr.com>]
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To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 Testimony

Aloha, my name is Christopher Palmer and I live on Kiele Ave. I am a registered voter in my area and am writing this testimony to ask to let this bill go to the people to vote on. I support traditional marriage and want the opportunity to vote on it. Do not take away our democratic process. This is my belief and wish for the State of Hawaii. Thank you for your time.



From: Cammie A [cammiearakaki@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:58 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Cc: House Special Session
Subject: Re: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (In Person)

Aloha,

My name is Cammie K.M. Arakaki and I am requesting a number to testify in person.

Thank you,
Cammie Arakaki

3046 Uaawa Place
Honolulu, HI 96819

On Thu, Oct 31, 2013 at 1:54 PM, <mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov> wrote:

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Cammie Arakaki	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Aloha, my name is Cammie Arakaki and I am a registered voter of District 28. I have voted in every election since I turned 18, and humbly ask that you provide the opportunity for the community to vote on important issues, such as the Senate Bill 1. My father, Dennis Arakaki, was District 28's Hawaii House Representative for 20 years. As a supporter and voice of the community, I know that he would not and does not support the passing of this Bill, without the due democratic process. As a mother of a young child, I have deep concerns for the implications that this passing of this Bill will bring to the public school system. In researching the effects of the legalization of same-sex marriage in other states, I had discovered some devastating consequences. If this Bill is passed without the public's vote, I will seriously consider leaving my home....The place where I was born and raised, my Hawaii nei. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you and thank you for serving the people of Hawaii.

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From: Ihikapa Laumaewa [<mailto:ihikapalaumaewa@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:58 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session; FINTestimony; Kaleikoa Kaeo
Subject: SB1

Aloha kakou,

Kakoo me ka nui loa!

On behalf of my ohana, please accept this statement in full support for the passage of SB1 in order to provide equal access to same-sex couples and families.

Marriage and family should not be left to a fraction of self-proclaimed representative of Jesus. Is marriage and its benefits only for them? Is not marriage an institution for non-Christians also? Why then would we give them the sole power to define and institution which obviously should be beneficial to all?

To simply use their interpretation of the Bible as the guide is ridiculous. Historically, know that religion has been used in many lands to justify discrimination and supremacist policies. History proves this.

The power to define belongs to all of us. They have no right imposing their religious views upon us.

Aloha for all,

S. Kaleikoa Ka'eo

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From: Exquisite Custom [<mailto:dccustoms808@aol.com>]
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To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I VOTE NO FOR BILL SB1

Cheryl Ching
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1
I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."



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From: Vanessa Mattos [<mailto:vanessahawaii@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:04 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Please vote no

Dear Leaders,

Please vote no. Please respect our religious beliefs and please vote no to legalizing same sex marriage in Hawaii. Please!

Mahalo,
Vanessa



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From: print4953 [<mailto:print4953@theupsstore.com>]
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To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Vote NO for bill SB1

Chelsey Amador
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1
I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Alicia K. Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I urge you to support HB 8 and HB 11

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From: JoAnn TAnoue [mailto:jo_tano@yahoo.com]
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To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: RACE IS NOT THE SAME AS SEXUAL ORIENTATION

RACE IS SOMETHING INNATE...BORN WITH

SEXUAL ORIENTATION IS A MOTIVATION OR CHOICE OF LIFESTYLE

SEXUAL ORIENTATION IS NOT BASIS FOR DISCRIMINATION

PLEASE DONT BE DECEIVED BY SAME SEX ADVOCATES MISS-USE OF THE
WORD EQUALITY



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From: Maria Teresa Blay [<mailto:teresablay@uofnkona.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:38 PM
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Subject:

Maria Teresa Hammond Blay
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1
I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO."

I live in Hawaii and from what I see - Hawaiians don't want this law passed. Therefore please vote "NO".



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Kent Duffy	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Makena Duffy	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Samantha Decorte	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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