

MY NAME IS ARIANNE DEFREITAS AND I **OPPOSE** SB 1.

I LOVE MY GAY FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS, BUT MARRIAGE IS SOMETHING I CANNOT COMPROMISE.

MARRIAGE SHOULD BE RESERVED BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN.

IF THIS BILL PASSES, PLEASE AMEND THE RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION TO ENSURE THAT THE CHURCHES ARE PROTECTED FROM BEING SUED. IF THIS BILL IS PASSED AS IS, IT WILL TAKE AWAY THE CHURCH'S POWER TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SAY NO. SINCE WHEN IS SAYING NO TO SOMETHING A CRIME? IF THIS BILL IS PASSED AS IS, SAYING "NO" WILL BE OUTLAWED AND VOICING ONE'S OPINION WILL BE FROWNED UPON.

I DO NOT WANT MY PASTOR TO GET SUED FOR REFUSING TO MARRY SAME SEX COUPLES.

IN MASSACHUSETTS, ON 3% GOT MARRIED AFTER THEIR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL WAS PASSED. IS THIS WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR? THE 3%?

AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE HOW MUCH I LOVE MY GAY FRIENDS AND FAMILY. I WANT EVERYONE TO BE HAPPY, BUT THERE ARE JUST SOME THINGS THAT NEED TO HAVE BOUNDARIES.

THANK YOU.

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 wanted to let you all know that I am strongly against Bill SB1.

Please let the people decide on this enormous issue, that could have many ramifications in the future. I understand that you want equality for all, but this goes father than that. Please do not forget our ability to practice religion, and unfortunately I believe that marriage should be reserved between a man and a woman. I love all people of all races, and all sexual orientation – but my religion does not believe in same sex marriage. To force this law upon us, without letting the people decide is quite ridiculous. Our county was built on the foundation of freedom of religion, and to pass this law would take away this right.

The time frame to make this historic decision is quite absurd (one week), and we need to make sure that every aspect of the law is looked into. We also need to make sure that the law that is passed is what the people want. Once this law passes, it will be impossible to reverse and it may change the way our children are raised.

We the people, elected you to serve as our voices – yet it seems like you are disregarding what the majority of people want. Let democracy plays it part, and let the State of Hawaii decide. I plead with you to not vote based off of how this will affect your political career, for this issue is far bigger than you.

I appreciate all of your time in listening to my testimony, and I plead with you one last time to please let the people decide.

Thank you,

Philip Ma  
Pearl City, HI

## Matthew Hanabusa

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Adelia Yahn)  
(Honolulu, Hawaii)

**Matthew Hanabusa**

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**From:** Ross Miyasato on behalf of Judiciary Special Session  
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**To:** House Special Session  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Alice Tsai [mailto:atsai1126@gmail.com]  
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To: Judiciary Special Session  
Subject: Opposition of Same Sex Marriage

I oppose SB1.

Sent from my iPhone

Aloha kakahiaka,

I am writing in Support of SB1. This is Hawai'i ladies and gentlemen. We are known as being tolerant and supporting equal rights for all. We started this movement for equal marriage rights in this country, many years ago. Now we are just trying not to fall further behind the times. The time for equal rights (and make NO mistake, this IS about equal rights for all) is now.

We do not have "sharia" in this country. We don't pass laws based on religious beliefs nor do we pass laws curtailing people's religious beliefs. SB1 does neither. It forces NO religious organizations to perform same-sex weddings but it gives equal rights to same-sex partners wishing to marry.

The statement I keep hearing is that "the public is against this." Well, I would like to point out that the public WAS against this. So was the Legislature. But yesterday the State Senate voted by a HUGE majority to pass SB1. I would respectfully submit to you that clearly public opinion has likewise changed. Same-sex marriage has CONSISTENTLY gained support in every poll ever conducted. Please make us all proud of the work you do. We voted for you to LEAD us. Please do so. Pass SB1 today!

Mahalo nui loa,

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October 25, 2013

Aloha Representative Clayton Hee,

As a member of your constituency, I request your consideration for my concerns with the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 to be discussed in special session this month.

My personal beliefs are that marriage is ordained of God and the family unit is part of that designation, with a husband and wife providing a nurturing environment for their children. This has been the convention of the human race for thousands of years. Having said that I recognize there are many who do not agree with my religious beliefs.

We live in a Democratic Republic where the rights of the minority are not to be trampled by those of the majority. In our modern times, we have alternative lifestyles with people choosing not to have traditional marriages. As fellow citizens, we all have unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. However, it is important that we do not trample on other people's freedom and the pursuit of their happiness. Public law is instituted to protect such freedoms, whether they are regarding religious beliefs or sexual orientation. It is incumbent on lawmakers to provide equal protection for all citizens.

**Definition of Marriage:**

The convention of marriage is so fundamental to our society that we have great difficulty separating civil liberties and the marriage itself. The ruling of United States vs. Windsor against Section 3 of DOMA is that the Federal Government must recognize same-sex marriages approved by the states under the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment's Due Process Clause. The case revolved around probate proceedings and the due process for a Canadian same-sex marriage recognized in New York. The Supreme Court ruling does not require the State of Hawaii to recognize or allow same-sex marriage.

I had hoped that Civil Unions could be federally recognized and Due Process protection provided to all citizens without the redefinition of marriage. The legislature should consider seeking equal protection and Federal recognition of state recognized Civil Unions as an alternative. Yes, the draft bill states: *"It is the intent of the legislature that there be no legal distinction between same-sex married couples and opposite-sex married couples with respect to marriage under the laws of this State."* It could also be worded that the intent of the legislature is that **"there be no legal distinction between same-sex civil union couples and opposite-sex married couples with respect to marriage protections under the laws of this State."** Equal protections, Federal recognition and due process can be provided without redefining marriage.

In the event you disagree with the above arguments, let's consider a second option. Over the centuries, both religious and common law marriage became a civil institution. The Christian viewpoint of marriage included raising children, promoting mutual fidelity and chastity, and be united man and wife in a bond of love derived from God. As this institution became widespread, Civil marriage has become, in the secular view, a public commitment to maintain a stable relationship in which they will support one another and their dependents.

Not to trample upon the religious protections of the First Amendment, the Supreme Court has ruled that "the clause against establishment of religion by law was

intended to erect 'a wall of separation between Church and State.'" The cause of religious organizations should revolve around the separation between Religious Marriage and Civil Marriage. There should be an option for licensing to perform opposite-sex, same-sex or both types of marriage.

If, on the basis of religious beliefs, an individual or religious institution refuses to perform same-sex marriage, they should be able to request a license limited to solemnization of opposite-sex marriages only. There may be clergy who refuse to perform opposite-sex marriages. It would be equally unfair to force them to perform against their religious beliefs. Allowing them the option to be licensed to solemnize marriages according to their beliefs would ensure that neither would be licensed to perform beyond their religious beliefs. If the legislature would prefer, specific definitions may be added to define Religious Marriage separately from Civil Marriage.

#### **Specific Concerns:**

§572-C Right of parents.

*"These rights shall include, but are not limited to, paternity, maternity, and parentage presumptions based on marriage. "*

Consider the ramifications if an opposite-sex married couple divorces and the party with primary custody enters into same-sex marriage. Are the parental rights of biological parents protected against "parentage presumptions based on marriage?" Although custody proceedings are normally dictated by Family Court, this wording also introduces parentage rights of same-sex married couples into future custody proceedings.

#### **§572-F Refusal to solemnize a marriage.**

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

If given the option to choose to be authorized for opposite-sex, same-sex or both marriages, may alleviate this problem. The wording is overly complicated and leaves room for misinterpretation. Other states have better protection statements.

New York's Marriage Equality Bill states it as: **"A refusal by a benevolent organization or a religious corporation, incorporated under the education law or the religious corporations law, to provide accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges in connection with section ten-a of this article shall not create a civil claim or cause of action."**

Vermont states it as: **"This section does not require a member of the clergy authorized to solemnize a marriage as set forth in subsection (a) of this section, nor societies of Friends or Quakers, the Christadelphian Ecclesia, or the Baha'i Faith to solemnize any marriage, and any refusal to do so shall not create any civil claim or cause of action."**



The current wording only protects individuals and not religious organizations from refusal to solemnize marriage. As subtle as this may seem, it does not prevent lawsuits against religious organizations or societies for failure to perform same-sex marriages.

**§572-G Religious organizations and facilities;** liability exemption under certain circumstances.

*(a) A religious organization shall not be required to make a religious facility owned or leased by the religious organization available for solemnization of a particular marriage; provided that:"*

Section (a) should stop at the first line. NO religious organization should be required to make a religious facility owned or leased by that religious organization available for solemnization of a particular marriage. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) should be removed.

Vermont's 2010 Bill S-115 states: "The civil marriage laws shall not be construed to affect the ability of a society to determine the admission of its members as provided in section 4464 of this title, or to determine the scope of beneficiaries in accordance with section 4477 of this title, and **shall not require a society that has been established and is operating for charitable and educational purposes and which is operated, supervised, or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization to provide insurance benefits to any person if to do so would violate the society's free exercise of religion, as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution of United States** or by Chapter I, Article 3 or the Constitution of the State of Vermont."

New York's Marriage Equality Bill states: "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, pursuant to subdivision nine of section two hundred ninety-two of the executive law, a corporation incorporated under the benevolent orders law or described in the benevolent orders law but formed under any other law of this state or **a religious corporation incorporated under the education law or the religious corporations laws shall be deemed to be in its nature distinctly private and therefore, shall not be required to provide accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges related to the solemnization or celebration of a marriage.**"

There should be no restriction to the exemption of religious organizations for providing facilities for a solemnization of a particular marriage. The State should not force religious organizations to perform or make available facilities if the performance of those marriages is contrary to their religious beliefs. Consider the wording of other states and the protections offered to their religious organizations.

*"(a)(1) The religious facility is regularly used by the religious organization for its religious purposes;"*

o Please consider how this will affect religious schools and educational institutions. If a school teaches certain religious values, does that constitute regular use for its religious purposes? How will this apply to a school gym that is requested to host a marriage they oppose?

*"(a)(2) For solemnization of marriages pursuant to this chapter, the religious*

*organization restricts use of the religious facility to its members; and”*

o This item specifically discriminates against interfaith marriages. Couples with varying religious ideals will be forced to become members of one congregation in order to have this religious exemption. The State will be impairing the religious freedoms of interfaith couples.

*“(a)(3) The religious organization does not operate the religious facility as a for-profit business.”*

The State should not force religious organizations operating for-profit businesses to act against their religious beliefs. This will have impact statewide to many small churches that rely on for-profit ventures for sustainment. They already have to abide by Excise Tax Law for their for-profit ventures. They should be allowed exemption to perform their business without the state imposition on their religious beliefs.

*“(b) A religious organization that refuses to make a religious facility available for solemnization of a marriage under subsection (a) shall not be subject to any fine, penalty, injunction, administrative proceeding, or civil liability for the refusal.”*

Consider revising with subsection (a) as follows: **“A religious organization shall not be required to make a religious facility owned or leased by the religious organization available for solemnization of a particular marriage; A religious organization that refuses to make a religious facility available for solemnization of a marriage shall not be subject to any fine, penalty, injunction, administrative proceeding, or civil liability for the refusal.”**

*“(c) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to exempt the owner or operator of any religious facility from the requirements of chapter 489 if the religious facility is a place of public accommodation as defined in section 489-2.”*

The definition of “place of public accommodations” is defined as *“a business, accommodation, refreshment, entertainment, recreation, or transportation facility of any kind whose goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations are extended, offered, sold, or otherwise made available to the general public as customers, clients, or visitors.”*

This essentially provides no protection to religious institutions. If a visitor walks into to a church opposed to same-sex marriage and asks to use the bathroom, does this classify the religious facility as a “place of public accommodation?” If a church allows community basketball games but is opposed to same-sex marriage, they will face civil liability for refusal to allow such marriages at their facility. If the intent of the legislature is to have all churches opposed to same-sex marriage close their doors and take down “public welcome” signs, the end result is religious oppression by the law or threat of legal action. The State needs to separate itself from the regulation of religious organizations.

The legislature should consider striking the requirement for public accommodations if contrary to religious belief. The State of New York states: **“a religious corporation incorporated under the education law or the religious corporations laws shall be deemed to be in its nature distinctly private and therefore, shall not be required to provide accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges related to the solemnization or celebration of a marriage.”** The State of Hawaii can make the same declaration to provide religious exemption for these

organizations.

§572C-2 Findings.

Do not agree with the deletion of *“The legislature finds that the people of Hawaii choose to preserve the tradition of marriage as a unique social institution based upon the committed union of one man and one woman.*

o Hawaii, as a State, voted on the definition of marriage. This should not be struck from the public record. Additional discussion on the Supreme Court ruling and subsequent legislation should also be added.

Do not agree with the deletion of *“marriage should be subject to restrictions such as prohibiting respective parties to a valid marriage contract from standing in relation to each other, i.e., brother and sister of the half as well as to the whole blood, uncle and niece, aunt and nephew.”*

o The remaining wording only provides cursory mention of prohibited legal restrictions without definition. The example of the widowed mother and unmarried son leads one to believe that this marriage would be acceptable under the Marriage Equality Act. This would allow brothers, sisters, and other close relatives to intermarry leading one to question applicability of incest laws.

As a member of my faith, I am opposed to the redefinition of marriage. As a citizen, I understand that the civil liberties of the same-sex community require addressing. Please consider the above revisions and concerns. I am gravely concerned that, in trying to provide equal protection for same-sex couples, the pendulum will swing too far and impinge on the “separation of church and state.” Many in the community are concerned with what this means for sex education in schools, activists testing public tolerance of same-sex behavior and enticing individuals/organizations into civil lawsuits.

When you look at the atmosphere in Massachusetts, there is increasing intolerance of any viewpoint for traditional marriage. Churches and religious organizations are being targeted for their beliefs that homosexuality is immoral. If this bill is not handled properly, it may unknowingly provide opportunities for special rights groups to target religious groups.

Thank you for your consideration,

Anthony Clah

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Amy Wight  
Hauula, Hawaii

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(Andrew Cantero)  
(Ewa Beach, HI)

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From: Antonio Gimbernat  
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Thursday, October 31, 2013

To: Hawaii State Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol  
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Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813

Aloha State Representatives,

**Re: Public Testimony in Opposition to SB1 (Same Sex Marriage)**

As you know, my name is Antonio Gimbernat.

If you recall, I was a Candidate for Congressional District 2 during the 2010 Election, & I was a Candidate for the US Senate Seat Vacated by Senator Akaka in 2012.

This past June, the United States Supreme Court Ruled that the Defense of Marriage Act (aka: doma) is Unconstitutional.

If you believe this Ruling was Unsound & Insane, don't worry..., your not alone..., because so did I.

I believe the United States Supreme Court Justices have gone too far this time, & I consider them to now be the Equivalent of... the Insane Perverted Roman Dictator Caligula. Caligula was assassinated by his own Soldiers who came to realize he was Mentally Ill.

As a Heterosexual Male, I have grown tired of the Constant Sexual Harassment by the LGBT Community, every time I turn on the Radio, Television or Surf the Internet.

To think that America's Youth is subjected to this Deranged & Demented Content is horrifying; it's no wonder Young Adults are resorting to Random Acts of Terroristic Violence out of Frustration.

I realize that some people are Born with Birth Defects, such as a Hermaphrodite or Hormone Imbalance.

I also realize many Men & Women are Mentally Ill, being in Denial of their Gender's Role in Life.

This is why we have Physical Disability & Mental Health Services.

I am concerned, because I do not want my Children being taught in School to think Homosexuality & Lesbianism is Normal, when it clearly is a Physical & or Mental Defect.

As a Blue Collar Democrat, I work too hard, & I will not tolerate Innocent Hard Working People being subjected to these Deranged & Demented Unorthodox Lifestyles.

Many argue that Legalizing Same Sex Marriages in Hawaii will Generate Revenue from Tourism (Airfare, Hotel, & Restaurant Sales). What they Fail to Realize is this will Simultaneously Scare away Heterosexual Tourism Revenue.

Many Heterosexual Couples do not want their Children Subjected to a Gay Couple Wearing "Banana Thongs/G-Strings" at the Hotel Swimming Pool!

Furthermore, the LGBT Community's use of the Rainbow as a Symbol of their Organization is not only inappropriate (as the Rainbow is the Symbol of God's Covenant with the Earth), but could Detrimentally affect the University of Hawaii's Athletic Programs; Especially the Football Program. Some would Mistaken or Tease the "Rainbow Warriors" as being affiliated with the LGBT Community. This Stigma would Compel Heterosexual Athletes & Football Players to attend College elsewhere.

It would be sound & founded to direct these LGBT Individuals to New York City where the LGBT Community is better established.

On Christmas Day 2011, The Maui News headline read "Hotels expect boost from Civil Unions Law".

As a Heterosexual, this concerned me, fearful that Civil Union Couples will engage in inappropriate & boisterous behavior in front of Heterosexual Hotel Guests; many of which will be Minors.

The Heterosexual Hotel Guests will interpret this "inappropriate & boisterous behavior" as a form of Sexual Harassment & or Harassment, if subjected to it. The Hotels will then lose Heterosexual Guests & Revenue.

Therefore, if the Current Same Sex Bill Passes, I will recommend that the Hotels invoke a Discretionary Policy, banning inappropriate & boisterous behavior by Civil Union/Same Sex Couples. (i.e. No Public French/Tongue Kissing, No Boisterous Behavior etc.) Perhaps a Brochure on what qualifies as inappropriate & boisterous would work.

Civil Union/Same Sex Marriage Hotel Guests who do not comply, will be removed from the Property & or Arrested.

This is not Discrimination. It is Discretion, looking out for the Welfare of Heterosexual Hotel Guests.

Furthermore, Hotels will need to install Restrooms for Homosexuals & Lesbians, in addition to Heterosexual Male & Female Restrooms. (Perhaps a fifth Restroom for Hermaphrodites).

Argument: The Reason Society created Male & Female Restrooms is to separate the Sexes to avoid Sexual Harassment & or Assault. So here, it would be inappropriate to allow a Homosexual or Lesbian to use a Male or Female Heterosexual Restroom, out of concern the Heterosexuals would be subject to possibly being Sexually Harassed & or Assaulted. Therefore, Homosexual, Lesbian & Hermaphrodite Restrooms will need to be Mandated by Law to avoid Sexual Harassment & or Sexual Assault Legal Liabilities. This will cost Billions of Dollars.

It is clear to me that Governor Abercrombie recklessly signed the Civil Unions Bill into Law without consideration for the Welfare of the Heterosexual Community.

**Please consider my foregoing testimony in opposition to Same Sex Marriage when you go to cast your votes on the House Floor.**

God save us all...

Sincerely with Aloha,

Antonio Gimbernat

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Mr. Antonio Gimbernat  
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Dear Mr. Gimbernat:

Thank you for contacting me to express your opposition to a civil unions bill that is awaiting the governor's decision.

It is my longstanding general policy not to intervene in matters under state or county jurisdiction. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to contact the governor and let her know of your concerns. Mahalo again for contacting me.

Aloha pumehana,



DANIEL K. AKAKA  
U.S. Senator

October 30, 2013

Aloha,

My name June Ke'alahimakamae Cravens and I am a indigenous Hawaiian resident of La'ie. I am writing testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill 1 in regards to Marriage Equality. I am deeply concerned that the actions of passing SB1 would result in a domino effect that we are not prepare for in the state of Hawai'i. I am also concerned that the voice of the (majority of the) people are being ignored to appease the wants of a small special interest homosexual group. And I am also concerned for the well being of not only religious institutions, but any and all institutions both public and private.

I have read research papers and documents, and also heard countless testimony that Homosexuality is not by choice and that it's natural. Whether or not homosexuals feel they had choice in the matter of sexual preference, I do know that a Man and Man, and Woman and a Woman cannot create life (without help from the opposite sex). The homosexual community cannot exist without help of the government. Laws are put into place to protect all, not just a small group people. I am not happy when I hear testimony stating that heterosexual relationships do not have love. Statements are being made saying that there are decades of research on homosexuality, which is an unfair statement when compared to the centuries and millenniums of data of heterosexual relationships. All relationships are imperfect. It saddens me to hear comparison of heterosexual divorce with homosexual divorce as if that solidifies the case of homosexual marriages. Researchers agree that the ideal family situation is one Mother and one Father.

I feels as though the voice of people are being heard, but ignored in order to appease the constant voices of special interest groups. I feel like the state of Hawai'i (our elected officials) are being pressured into making a hasty decision about an issue that was already decided on in the 90's. The people made their voices clear on the matter and voted on the issue, we decided that marriage between a Man and a Woman is what we want.

Hawai'i is such a unique place to live, grow up and raise your kids. There are so many other issues that are affecting our State, why is this issue being pushed? I am an Indigenous Hawaiian. My ancestry spreads from Hawai'i to Ni'ihau. And I am deeply hurt to hear and see my culture being plastered everywhere for the greedy wants of special interest homosexual groups. Our Governor loosely uses the word aloha to his advantage in the issue. Aloha is not only about loving or tolerance. You cannot speak of aloha without speaking of the Na'au. Your na'au literally translates to guts, but also has a deeper spiritual meaning. Our kupuna would often turn to their na'au when they needed answers. It will always tell you the pono thing to do. This is what our kupuna practiced long before the haole came to Hawai'i, long before any missionary taught them Christianity. When making decisions our kupuna would often look at what they were doing and think of how their choices would affect the next generations to come. My na'au is 'eha hearing my culture and language being disrespected in order to push the mana'o of non-indigenous Hawaiians. Hawai'i has welcomed visitors to our islands for generations, with the mana'o that you come and you assimilate to the culture. When did we change our minds and

decide that the people of Hawai'i are the ones that should assimilate to accommodate the foreign homosexual lifestyle?

I am a Mother of 3 beautiful impressionable little girls. We (my husband and I) try to balance our responsibilities as loving parent, nurturer, provider, and protector. We think about our children futures and hope that we are doing enough to lead them down the path of responsible adulthood. We made the choice several years ago to cancel our cable subscriptions because of blatantly immoral shows and useless profanity used on major cable networks. This was our way of having more control over what our children are subjected to on the television. Research shows that children can't decipher the difference between a commercial/movie/show and real life. When we go to support our Kahuku Red Raiders at the Aloha Stadium the commercial shown on the big screen by Hawaii Meth Project, although very informative for a mature audience, is very inappropriate for young children. Which leads me to the public school system, I will not tolerate a bill that would jeopardize the education of my children just to make a child or parent of homosexual background feel normal. It is anyone's choice to practice homosexuality, but not everyone made that particular choice, so keep me and my children out of it.

I am concerned for the rights of religious institutions that clergymen and houses of worship will be forced to scrutinize its' members and non-members in order to protect themselves from lawsuits. Which leads me to ask the question if public and private groups will be protected as well? Will grocery stores privately owned homes be sued if they do not allow homosexuals in? Reading SB1 leads me to think that they are not protected. SB1 is so broad that if challenged by special interest homosexual groups, the rights of religious institutions could be overturned and that the law (if passed) will have no choice but to side with the homosexual groups because of separation of church and state. Another concern is the fact that non-profit and for-profit organizations are not considered one in the same in SB1, which could also be challenged by special interest homosexual groups. If a religious institution makes its' money on weddings and wedding receptions or parties, SB1 is so vague that persons denied to pay to use its' facilities could sue because they are making a profit. This leads me to think that the same could happen to homeowners, business owners and private citizens alike. There is no saying where this bill will stop.

We the people of Hawai'i voted on this issue in 1998, I plead with you to uphold the voice of your constituents. And in the words of Mary Kawena Puku'i, *Ho'okahi leo ua lawa*, One time is enough. I plead with you to use your na'au as our kupuna did.

Aloha,

June Ke'alohimakamae Cravens

## Matthew Hanabusa

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**From:** Judiciary Special Session  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:44 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Subject:** Written Only  
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From: Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]  
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:42 PM  
To: Judiciary Special Session  
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Arden  
Last Name: Torcuato  
Your Email: arden808@gmail.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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

Please Email Your Representatives Below:

I am writing to voice my absolute and strong  
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  
Hawaii's history being decided virtually in one week  
and ask that you uphold the principles of democracy

and the democratic process that you were called to when elected.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Arden J. Torcuato  
Pearl City, Hawaii

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**To:** House Special Session  
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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:11 PM  
To: Judiciary Special Session  
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

Your Email:

bettyhino@hotmail.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Betty Hino  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Oct 31, 10:00a  
House Judiciary and Finance Committee  
Re: Bill #SB1  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Testimony in Opposition of Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013  
[Not able to testify in person]

I oppose Senate Bill #1 for several reasons:

- The people have not been given the choice to vote on this issue. The right to vote is one of the greatest things we have in our country and I am grateful for it. I am deeply disappointed at the Governor's decision to push this bill through without giving the people a chance to decide.
- In the name of equality for same-sex couples, this bill will undermine the freedoms of the church. If the bill is passed, the church will be challenged to fulfill its mission, which is to win souls for Jesus Christ. The church will not be able to reach out to the community as it has in the past. If terms in this bill are not followed, the church is at risk for legal action or be required to allow the facility to be used for purposes that go against its core values.
- At first appearance, this bill seems to be harmless in nature. What is not apparent is that this bill, if passed, will set a precedent. Like a little crack in the windshield, at first harmless, but over time and with repeated wind pressure, the crack gets larger and larger, and the window is eventually destroyed. Future bills expanding the rights of same-sex couples will be allowed, further tying the hands of heterosexual people, the church, our workplaces, our schools.
- Same-sex behavior is wrong – it is not natural. It goes against God and his word in the Bible. It goes against nature. Human beings were designed to pro-create – one man and one woman. Same-sex relationships are not able to produce life. A child can be raised in a same-sex household, but cannot be created through one. This basic design of man and woman should be followed and honored in our society and state and country.
- By allowing this bill to pass, the Hawaii Legislature is sending a clear message of tolerance. The lines between right and wrong are getting very blurry. The rights and freedoms that this country was built on are in danger of being lost.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to voice my opinions and concerns on this matter and hope that the Legislature will choose wisely to allow the people to vote, kill this bill or find another way to resolution. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Christopher A. Quitevis  
94-1020 Halepili Street  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

## Matthew Hanabusa

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:19 PM  
To: Judiciary Special Session  
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

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Last Name: Cabrol  
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To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

C. Cabrol  
Kailua, HI

To whom it may concern,

I hope that with the pending decision for marriage equality here in Hawaii that we the people of Hawaii are given the opportunity to vote on the matter. This is a very sensitive topic which I know both sides of the party can be easily offended by the outcome. It is my hope that as a citizen of the United States, and a Native Hawaiian I along with everyone else here in Hawaii have the opportunity to not only share our thoughts on the matter but to make our opinions count by letting us vote on the upcoming decision. There are many things that have happened in the history of Hawaii where we as Hawaiians have not always felt we have had a say in the outcome of our islands. Please do not let this be one of them.

If we are not allowed to vote it is my hope that traditional marriage is upheld. Marriage between man and a women completes and makes a family. It is the way God intended it to be. I am in no way saying that those with different beliefs should be discriminated or are not great or wonderful people. However, I do believe that we as a people need to uphold the principles that will make families in Hawaii strong. Our communities are only as strong as our families. By legalizing same sex marriage we take away from the distinctive power marriage between and man and a wife brings to the family and community. It is my hope that we as a people uphold the values of the traditional family and do whats best for Hawaii and seek to do whats right in the eyes of God in whom our country trusts.

Sincerley,

Cameron Hee

To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

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

Place: Capitol Auditorium

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Carrie Lum

Honolulu, HI 96816

**Matthew Hanabusa**

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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: 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!!!



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User Submitted Values:

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To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Christie Valentine  
Kailua, Hawaii

**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." \*

*“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”

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User Submitted Values:

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Last Name: Cantero  
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To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mrs. Cynthia L Cantero  
Ewa Beach HI 96706

**Matthew Hanabusa**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:47 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** danford\_22@yahoo.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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Danford Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My name is Danford Chang and I would like to urge you to consider allowing the people to vote on the Same Sex Marriage Bill. I am one who is conflicted on this issue as I feel one way but have many friends on the other side of the issue as well who I respect and feel that they deserve to be married too! I just think it would be in the best interest of everyone to take some time weed through the issues and so people like myself have time to feel my way through this as well.

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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Dear Hawaii Lawmakers,

My name is Danny Han, and I am a 42 year old husband, and father of two young children. I was not born in Hawaii, but was naturalized here, and I call Hawaii my home.

I want to share my concern and express my opposing of measure SB 1 relating to Equal Rights. I do not believe this is the right course of action for our state, nor is it the right course of action for a government that protects the right to religious freedom. I have three main points to bring up:

1. The religious exemptions brought forth in the measure are much too narrow. There are many churches and communities of faith that offer their facilities to their surrounding community. The measure outlines religious exemption for those that do not offer their facilities, but will force those that do to accommodate same-sex marriage, or to face discrimination charges. Our first amendment protects people of faith from government intrusion, and gives us the right to advocate what we want to advocate, but also PROTECTS us from being forced into advocating what we don't want to advocate. This also extends to private businesses, and not just churches. As such, this measure will allow those who support this lifestyle to trump that first amendment right.

2. The educational curriculum in our state will surely be altered to accommodate this lifestyle, and parents will be vilified if they do not agree with it. We have seen this in Massachusetts. In 2007 a federal judge ruled that because of "gay marriage" in Massachusetts, parents have no rights regarding the teaching of homosexual relationships in schools. Will I have the right to opt my child out of such curriculum? My wife and I teach our children to respect all people, and to show love, kindness, and compassion. But I am afraid that if we disagree with this lifestyle in our public schools, then we will be labeled as hateful and bigots.

3. Marriage will continue to be redefined to accommodate more and more lifestyles. Many proponents of same-sex marriage argue on the basis of love and happiness, but the logical conclusion of that argument is that as long as they're "in love" and it "makes them happy", they should be able to define marriage to however it suits them. What stops us from redefining marriage to allow brother to brother, sister to sister, or polygamy?

I just want to ask -- why do we need to rush into this, and can we let the people ultimately decide? If our government is truly FOR the people and BY the people, then this should be put to a VOTE by the people.

Thank you for listening.

Danny Han

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

I'm in oppose of the SB1 same-sex marriage Bill for the element of religious reasons and rights. Also, the method of how it's being pushed through the legislation by the "Special Session" without giving it to the people to decide. The way Abercrombie is using "Halloween" as a seemingly diabolical way of deterring people oppose of the bill away from testifying and rallying at the State Capital because their kids wants to go trick-or-treating like mines, and as a father it's important that I see my kids happy. If the gay community isn't worried about the bill passing through the special session than I don't see why it can't be decided by the people. Marriage is a religious concept therefore violates the First Amendment religious clause in term of a "wall of separation between church and state.". On July 4<sup>th</sup> 1775, the United States of America became a democracy where the people govern the nation. If there's an issue with equality than it should be done without the "Special Session" or "Marriage". When women wanted equal rights, they didn't have to marry each other to get it, or African-American's wanted equal rights they didn't have to marry each other or go through a special session to get. Our government has always been chosen by the people, laws decided by the people, and protected by the people in "One nation under God" as a reminder who's in charge of our direction, I mean, why else would we stamp our federal note bill\$ with "In God We Trust"?. Let the people decide, don't let Hawaii become a victim to bad karma because of the rush to decide without waiting.



Dear Legislator,

I am a sixteen year old who would like to show that I am concerned about the bill involving same-sex marriage. After looking at multiple things that have taken place in other states that have legalized same-sex marriage I am aware that this bill has a much greater consequence than freedom and equality. After reading about many events that have taken place in Massachusetts that have obstructed the rights of people who do not agree with same-sex marriage, I do not by any means support it. As it has in many other states I do not wish for Hawaii to start the same path that influences same-sex marriage onto the lives of each of its citizens. I do not have anything against people who chose to be homosexual, but just that the rights that this bill gives infringes upon the rights of those who still believe in traditional marriage. There are many families who do not want their children and younger family members to be influenced with the idea that homosexuality is just as normal as marriage between a man and a woman. For that reason, I believe that it is not right for this to go through. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dear Representatives of the People of the STATE OF HAWAII:

I am writing this letter to you asking you to please **DO NOT PASS SENATE BILL 1** allowing same sex marriage in the state of Hawaii. This bill is poorly written and leaves too many loopholes in regards to our basic right of FREEDOM OF RELIGION and endangers those rights as identified by the UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION. In my view, there are several reasons why this bill should not be passed. They are as follows:

1. I personally believe that same sex marriage is morally wrong and an affront against God. Opposite gender marriage and the traditional family is the foundation for a civilized society. A look at past histories of civilizations who condoned same sex unions such as ancient Greece illustrates the destruction that this lifestyle inevitably leads to. With that being said, there are other additional reasons that this bill should not be passed.
2. The way this bill is written, it does not guarantee that our church leaders and facilities will not be fined or penalized for not performing civil unions or allowing church property to be used to facilitate that union or any other event that involves same gender promotion. Our church offers the use of our buildings to the community for such causes as the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA and THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. Neither of these are “for profit” but the interpretation of that term and the way it is written can be misconstrued and should be stricken from the bill.
3. There is no protection for small businesses such as caterers who choose not to provide their services because of their religious and moral beliefs. Refusal to provide service to same sex unions will open them up to lawsuits and the possibility of being sued because they choose to stand for their religious rights and freedom and NOT promote such unions. In such a case, the term “discrimination” can be used in the context of the business owner who is discriminated against because he stands for his religious freedoms.

**With the demonstration of the thousands of people who showed up to rally against this bill, I would hope that you plainly see that it is NOT the will of the MAJORITY of the people to pass this bill. To do so would be totally unethical. This issue should undoubtedly be put before the people for POPULAR VOTE as the intended process of passage initially instituted by our Founding Fathers. What has already happened in the Senate is the beginning of the demise of our freedom of religion and our democratic system. Taking the right to vote on this important issue out of the hands of the people is just WRONG.**

As quoted from our church leaders in THE PROCLAMATION TO THE FAMILY:

*“WE, THE FIRST PRESIDENCY and the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, solemnly proclaim that marriage between a man and a woman*

is ordained of God and that the family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children.

ALL HUMAN BEINGS—male and female—are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and, as such, each has a divine nature and destiny. Gender is an essential characteristic of individual premortal, mortal, and eternal identity and purpose.

WE CALL UPON responsible citizens and officers of government everywhere to promote those measures designed to maintain and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society”.

**I PLEAD WITH YOU TO STAND FOR THAT WHICH IS RIGHT AND DO NOT PASS THIS BILL! PROTECT THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS OF ALL HAWAIIANS.**

I have confidence that you will do the right thing for your state and the people whom you represent. Protect our basic freedoms as previously stated in the Constitution of Hawaii and in our National Constitution.

Thank you,

Kelly Myers  
46-217 Ahui Nani Pl.  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

## Matthew Hanabusa

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Your Email: Kkaarrtt001@yahoo.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Deborah Elkington  
Laie, HI

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Desirae Carnahan

Kaysville, UT

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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

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



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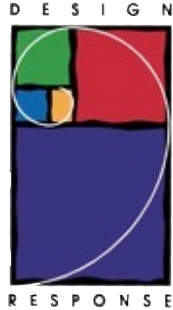
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Emily Sam Yiou  
Hauula, Oahu, Hawaii



We at Design Response, fully endorse Marriage Equality.

In the world of vast population diversity, there is a commonality among us, we are human and entitled to basic rights. Looking at the world, we see human nature pairing people together for companionship, assistance and love. Pairing is a human core element, and as such a human right. Pairing benefits human society.

Marriage Equality is a human rights issue. Human rights are more important to a civil society, than any of the multitude of social belief systems that we hear loudly criticizing this human right.

Changing Hawaii's law, to include a segment of people who have lovingly paired together, but are denied their human right to marry, is the correct action for Hawaii. This change in the law will benefit the State of Hawaii in numerous ways.

Design Response supports changing Hawaii law to provide equality in marriage.

Aloha,

My name is Ryan and I attend the University of Hawaii. I am writing to you to ask that you take into consideration and stand firm against the passage of the Marriage Equality bill (Same-sex marriage) next Monday (October 28, 2013) when the Hawaii State Legislature is set to meet.

The institution of marriage has traditionally been defined as between a man and a woman, and in the Oct. 15, 1971 decision *Baker v. Nelson*, the Supreme Court of Minnesota found that "The institution of marriage as a union of man and woman, uniquely involving the procreation and rearing of children within a family." I will like to point out the key term "procreation" (which is not possible with a same-sex couple) and furthermore emphasize that allowing same-sex couples to marry will further weaken the institution of marriage.

Same-sex marriage could potentially lead down a "slippery slope" giving people in polygamous, incestuous, bestial, and other nontraditional relationships the right to marry. Glen Lavy, JD, senior counsel with the Alliance Defense Fund, argued in a May 21, 2008 *Los Angeles Times* Op-Ed, "The movement for polygamy and polyamory is poised to use the successes of same-sex couples as a springboard for further de-institutionalizing marriage."

Gay marriage may lead to more children being raised in same-sex households which are not an optimum environment because children need both a mother and father. An Apr. 2001 study published in *American Sociological Review* suggested that children with lesbian or gay parents are more likely to engage in homosexual behavior. In the 1997 book *Growing up in a Lesbian Family: Effects on Child Development*, Fiona Tasker, PhD, and Susan Golombok, PhD, observed that 25% of sampled young adults raised by lesbian mothers had engaged in a homoerotic relationship, compared to 0% of sampled young adults raised by heterosexual mothers.

I kindly ask you take into consideration the pros and cons of same-sex marriage, and make the best decision to benefit our future generations of families and children. This decision will deeply affect our future, and I hope it will be understood that marriage is a privilege, not a right, and marriage was created to allow society to support heterosexual couples in procreation, and society can choose not to give the same benefits to same-sex couples.

Sincerely,

Ryan Pena

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Ewa Jachimczyk  
Kaneohe HI, 96744

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

(Your Name Here)

(Your City, State)



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**From:** Judiciary Special Session  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:40 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
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From: Fayemariemos [mailto:fayemariemos@gmail.com]  
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:33 PM  
To: Judiciary Special Session  
Subject: Fwd: I oppose SB1

Sent from my iPhone

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**Date:** October 31, 2013 at 1:32:05 PM HST  
**To:** JUDSStestimony <JUDSStestimony>  
**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

Testimoy Concerning Bill Sb1

Oct 31, 10:00a

House Judiciary and Finance Committee

Re: Bill #SB1

Hawaii State Capitol

415 S. Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Subject:** Testimony in **Opposition** of Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

My name is Francine Wintersteen, Born and raised here in Hawaii. I have a strong testimony to share concerning Bill Sb1. As a married mother, yet a sister, cousin and aunty to gay an lesbian ancestors. I have my agreed and disagreement to this matter.

My testimony will be on behalf of political state reasons and on the matter of religion.

For the political state reasons, I agree that marriage for same sex equality is reasonable. Not every human being is going to be perfect and therefore, there is the openness of today for gay and lesbians for freedom of choice and life. With that freedom to vow for each other is something I agree should be a chance every couple should pursue with responsibility. especially since I have witnessed gay couples with children, with being with one sex and then the other opposite sex after a bad break up then end up going back to the same sex, this should hopefully give more responsibilities to the same sex couples as their is for all married couples. As for benefits of marriage to love, support and protect. That is important to equality. So no need to fret when it comes to equality in the matter of political state reasons. So by all means welcome all jugdes to marry same sex, allow the state to marry same sex for the benefits of what marriage comes with, life insurance, health insurance, property taxes, yearly state and federal joint taxes, car insurances, etc.....equality for law of the land.

However, considering the religious side of this matter. I do not agree to take away all rights to the belivers of God that same sex marriage must be lawfully carried into any church or religion to marry them. Having come thus far with being strong disciplined deciples. Freedom of religion should not be tampered with, for other sole freedom for material benefits. Spiritually speaking. I know the truth of this matter is torn, is complicated and sure don't seem like there is an equal.

So, grandfathering the churches and religions that do not practice this same sex marriage and has been a religion or church for at least the past ten years, should have the right to be grandfathered into this law, to be EXEMPT to be forced to go against or lose there freedom of religion for the freedom of gay marriages. By allowing these churches or religions to puruse what has been to live by the law of God which America was established by in the begginings. Then I feel there will be no hard pressed Hawaii people or Americans and we can continue to live peacefully with equality. All other churches or religions that believe in or support to marry equality same sex marriages wont have to fret to be on the exempt of this bill. In order to prove religion or church ten year establishments, take a look at taxes, or other

ways you may come up with to help the people of religion to not lose their freedom as the freedom of same sex marriages occur. So as to not stir up the rival gay ones, even calling this bill equality brings up war with religion and church. From witnessing the gay people already opposing religion rights for protection of same sex marriage, is STILL NOT EQUAL. Where is the equal in that? They want it all. Rather than being happy with what can be done for them, the complications of equal in the average society mind and eyes....Isn't, unless stated above, to here on after all other new found religion or new church organizations must be EQUAL to the EQUALITY. Leaving the grandfathered churches and religions safer in the manner of this matter.

So there, plain and simple. Everyone can have love and equality. So as to have same sex marriages be equal benefits to man & woman marriages for the law of the lands that the courts (judges) can marry for which is beneficial for the estate (house, car, insurance, banks, taxes, etc..).And as long as the existing religions & churches know that they have an exempt to be grandfathered into the new bill as to not break their foundations for religion or take that freedom them. Same sex marriages will be accepted from all other religions or churches hereafter deemed to support the marriage of same sex equality of love, to marry the same sexes by the divine spiritual leader they will have to vow the couples.

Many blessings and best wishes to the decision to a peaceful and long loving life!

Thank you for your time,

Francine T. Wintersteen  
P.o. box 1275  
Kurtistown, HI 96760

Dear Legislators,

I strongly oppose Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 1. I disagree with the reason for rushing it through – for obtaining federal benefits? This doesn't make sense. Did any of you get married for the purpose of getting federal benefits? I surely didn't. This thought never crossed my mind.

Portions of S.B. No. 1 are particularly disturbing. Page 13 states, "The legislature acknowledges that there are many individuals who have significant personal, emotional, and economic relationships with another individual yet are prohibited by legal restrictions from marrying. For example, two individuals who are related to one another, such as a widowed mother and her unmarried son. Therefore, the legislature believes that certain rights and benefits presently available only to married couples should be made available to couples comprised of two individuals who are legally prohibited from marrying one another." The proposed Bill appears to introduce very unnatural circumstances and relationships.

Please preserve traditional marriage between one man and one woman in the State of Hawaii. It is the right thing to do. As you are well aware of, couples travel to the 9<sup>th</sup> Island (Las Vegas) to tie the knot. On the same token, same sex couples could get married in one of the other 14 states that allow it. Why uproot the entire marriage system in Hawai'i for a very small percentage of the population especially when they could catch a short plane ride to the west coast (California or Washington) to get married? Please preserve traditional marriage in Hawai'i.

Thank you.

Glenn Oshiro  
Registered voter  
Mililani

To: State House Committee on Judiciary and Finance  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:30 a.m.  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: In Strong Opposition of SB1

Aloha Chairs and Committee members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees:

I am submitting my written testimony in strong opposition to Bill SB1.

I believe in traditional marriage where a man and a woman are united together. I also support equality for all mankind and religious freedom where we are allowed to express ourselves and make choices according to our values and beliefs. The citizens of the State of Hawaii have faced this issue in the past, and have expressed their choice through the democratic process which is what keeps our nation free, where the votes and choices of the majority of the people are recognized.

I believe the State Legislature and Governor Abercrombie are going against the will of the people by holding this special session. It's amazing how he used this loop hole to jump through and call this session.

I am opposed to the way this important social issue is being decided, virtually in one week and I ask that you please uphold the principles of 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 examined as all other bills through committee hearings which have been the recognized process in the past. These hearings allow the people to voice their opinions in that venue which gives us as your constituents further opportunities in the process that we have known and recognized for years.

We, the people have elected our government officials to serve as our voices. We have a right to express our opinions, especially one that may affect and change the customs and traditions that we have known for hundreds of years as native Hawaiians and citizens of the United States of America.

A "YES" vote in this special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony.

Gordon K.K. Furtado  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
District VIII, Hawaii (Guam & American Samoa) Section**

Lori Kamemoto, MD, MPH, FACOG, Chair  
1319 Punahou Street, Suite 990  
Honolulu, HI 96826



**October 31, 2013 - Thursday  
10:00 AM  
State Capitol Auditorium**

**To: Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Representative Sharon Har, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary**

**Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representatives Scott Nishimoto &  
Aaron Johanson, Vice Chairs  
House Committee on Finance**

**From: Lori Kamemoto, MD, MPH, Chair  
Greigh Hirata, MD, Vice Chair  
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawaii Section**

**Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights**

**Position: Strongly Support**

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, Vice Chairs Har, Nishimoto and Johansen, and Committee on Judiciary and Committee on Finance Members:

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), Hawaii Section strongly supports SB1, which recognizes marriage between individuals of the same sex and ensures that there be no legal distinction between same-sex and opposite-sex married couples with respect to marriage.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists advocates for the health and well being of all individuals, and believes that no individual should experience discrimination, including those in same-sex relationships.

Lack of marriage equality has a negative effect on the health and well being of women in same-sex relationships and their families (ACOG Committee Opinion #574). ACOG therefore joins numerous other health organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Association, in endorsing marriage equality for same-sex couples and equal treatment for these couples and their families.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this important bill.

**see ATTACHMENT submitted with this testimony:  
ACOG Committee Opinion #574 Marriage Equality, September 2013**

Aloha,

My name is Hepuamahiluikaleiohelo Spalding and I oppose SB1. I oppose SB 1 because I believe marriage should be between a man and a woman and God. I believe government should not try to dictate something sacred as marriage.

Why do I believe marriage is sacred? The fundamental unit of society is the family. In this core nucleus, we learn and grow, becoming adults that will continue in this cycle. In today's world, family is defined differently depending on circumstance. This does not change the fact that *everyone deserves a loving mother and loving father*. I believe if we are to succeed as a society, we need to protect this special family unit.

Because I oppose SB 1 does not mean I am opposed to the happiness people of the same-sex find in one another. I firmly believe they have a right to be happy as well but not at the expense of changing thousands of years-old tradition that is vital to the well being of our state, our nation.

Same-sex marriage is an emotionally charged debate: On one hand you have those who are fighting for their beliefs in God and marriage; and on the other hand you have those fighting for their happiness. It is a fine line. God's principles will remain unchanged even if the law disagrees.

In good conscience I cannot let the definition of marriage be destroyed without voicing my beliefs. I plead with you to protect marriage between one man and one woman. Government does not belong in sacred proceedings.

Sincerely,

Hepua Spalding

## History

The Goddess Hi'iaka traveled with her  
female companion Wahine'oma'o,  
who expressed her desire for the goddess.  
This was not erased through centuries of retelling  
was not erased even after Christianity and translation.

Further down lies the memory  
of the High Chief Liloa embraced  
by his male lover,  
the imprint of lauhala mats  
deep in their skin.

More recently, Kamehameha the Third  
forced to cast aside his lover Kaomi  
in favor of missionary influence.

We are still here,  
We have always been here.

We are in your mo'olelo.  
We are in your mo'o kū'auhau  
Now let it speak.



October 26<sup>th</sup> 2013

Aloha Members of the Judiciary Committee and Members of the House,

My Name is Polly K. Reid, I am a local Hawaiian who has family who are gay/lesbian and we all strongly oppose Senate Bill 1. They along with myself are OPPOSED to Senate Bill 1 as it is written. They understand what is at stake with this bill, and the way that it will affect small businesses, families, religious organizations and individuals. We share a difference of opinion in that I chose to oppose ANY bill that would change the definition of marriage between a man and a woman especially at the expense of an individual whether they are a child or a family or a business or a religious group etc. Though they would like the opportunity of "marriage" they do not agree with the idea that it forces others to participate in activities contrary to what they believe. CLEARLY, SB1 is an agenda with roots from mainland entities imposing their beliefs upon citizens in this State of Hawaii, even those who are FROM here; gay or lesbian disagree with the intent of this bill. It is not their desire to force their ohana to not be pono. They respect their families, and extended families. Those who drafted this bill, may claim to be Hawaiian, but are they really? Or do they seek money? Are they afraid to stand up and protect their constituents? Did they forget the State motto? UA MAU KE EA O KA AINA I KA PONO. It hangs near you now. I urge you not to perpetuate this sham of a bill. Don't be fooled or blinded into thinking that this is an equal rights issue. IT IS NOT. Whether the "individual" is a child, a parent, a business, a religious organization, or a private institution they are provided with certain protections under the law because they are the most vulnerable. One doesn't commit to do business for another group without a contract that protects both itself and the receiver. This bill is an inadequate contract. This bill is about intolerance of religion and one's ability to disrespect religion as an institution, a place and a belief. This bill is about money, by laying the groundwork for "individuals" to be sued for standing up for their values and beliefs. This caters to one group in society compromising every other citizen's rights to speak freely, to worship freely, to be religious, TO SAY NO to something that will compromise their being.

Look outside at the people, look at where they came from have you noticed the local people out there? When was the last time you saw that? We are trying to be apart of the process, let us participate and vote. We are shouting to you all! We don't want this. It is not good.

The intent of this bill is not merely for equality in marriage. We all know it. It is to FORCE an agenda on every citizen in the State of Hawaii including children. It is a bill that FORCES EVERYONE TO ACCEPT THE BELIEFS AND PRACTICES OF ONE GROUP or risk being THREATENED in the name of discrimination and/or ACCUSED of discrimination. This bill HIDES the agenda of Gay and Lesbian organizations, it threatens to destroy and void other basic rights and privileges found in our country's Constitution, and this bill lacks the protections necessary for individuals, small businesses, churches and other organizations. This bill COWERS behind equality and FORGETS religious freedom. It is different than the civil rights movement in the 60's, that was necessary to protect all people. THIS BILL ONLY PROTECTS A FEW.

How can this bill be an "equal right" when it automatically threatens the existence of inalienable rights of all people? It is not a right for any one group to have such domination. The laws protect and set boundaries for the safety and betterment of all people. Religious organizations and officials,

individuals and small businesses SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT, PERFORM, HOST or ASSIST in promoting or celebrating same-sex marriages.

True--There is no equality in marriage today. If it were so then marriage could occur between cousins or siblings or even in polygamous relationships and all those people could take advantage or utilize the benefits of "marriage". They all could be consenting adults. However, that is not the case because of the law and the effects that occur in those relationships. It is not the case because it is not PONO. The institution of marriage needs to stand in place as it is, between a man and a woman, so as to protect all. It's fine to adjust and accommodate for those who wish to do as they wish BUT DO NOT FORCE IT UPON EVERYONE ELSE. Let us vote! Vote NO to SB 1.

There are a number of reasons that this bill should be voted down:

1. It is being done against the people's will.
2. God ordained marriage as the union of one man and one woman, this definition that will be taken out of current Hawaiian law is not a legislative decision.
3. There are still ambiguities in Senate Bill #1 as to what public accommodations are exempt from the bill.
4. No government bill should enforce restriction on religious liberties and Senate Bill #1 is a shadow of that happening to the people of Hawaii.
5. Churches, businesses and schools should not be forced to teach same sex equality.
6. "Individuals" should not have to be fearful to JUST SAY NO I CAN NOT IT IS AGAINST MY RELIGION MY BEING.
7. We are equally human and free, but distinctly different, male, female. Everything after that is a choice or the result of someone's choice.

I hope you will seriously consider the aforementioned concerns. These matters are of great concern to the families and communities of Hawaii. Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

**Please vote NO on Senate Bill 1**

Gratefully,

Polly K. Reid

56-427 Leleuli St

Kahuku, Hi. 96731

I am opposed to SB1. This is a matter for the people to decide.

I object to the way this session has been run. I'm offended by the arrogance and disregard with which our so-called representatives treated those testifying in behalf of their genuine concerns and religious conviction. If this bill goes through without addressing the rights of people of faith there will be consequences in voting booth next fall.

I oppose this Senate Bill and see it as a continuous problem rather than a resolution of "equality". The First Amendment states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

If this bill gets passed, how will people exercise their religious belief? For instance, there is a high chance that a gay couple that asks to be wed in a Christian or Catholic Church will be denied because it is against the church's religious practice. That opens the opportunity for that gay couple to bring legal action upon the church for refusing their marriage. There should be no lawsuit or legal action taken upon the church for it is their right as granted by the First Amendment that there is no law to prohibit the exercise of religion. How will passing this Senate Bill solve any problems? Rather it creates an array of ongoing problems. Those of religious backgrounds won't be able to exercise their religious beliefs without being seen as the "bad guys" who are prejudice to these gay couples.

Same sex marriage will not necessarily give these gay couples their equal rights. Why can't these gay couples receive their federal rights through civil union? Instead of trying to pass this law of same sex marriage, why not fight to extend the rights granted through a civil union? This bill is supposed to open the opportunity of equality for gay couples, so find a resolution to give them the federal rights they ask for! Marriage is not the answer.

There are already 14 other states that allow same sex marriages, and that hasn't stopped gay couples from getting married in another state. Hawaii does not need to become part of this same sex marriage deal... There are so many other options available! If Hawaii becomes the 15<sup>th</sup> state to allow gay marriages, that opens the door to more tourism, which isn't necessarily a good thing. There are already enough bodies on the island as is, and we do not need to create an even larger, overpopulated area... Yes, Hawaii is the "melting pot" and full of aloha, but Hawaii shouldn't be known to promote gay marriages for a crowded area. Hawaii should be known for its landscapes, not for this homosexual lifestyle that may come arise from passing this bill.

This same sex marriage should NOT be compared to interracial marriages and affairs either; this is a totally different concept. People cannot change their ethnicity or culture, which is based on an individual's genetics. However, choosing to be homosexual is a social concept that is based on an individual's emotional desire and behavior. No one was thrown into a homosexual lifestyle; rather they choose it and fell into that behavior on their own.

If this law gets passed in the state of Hawaii, how do you expect parents to teach and explain to their young children about this situation? It creates an uncomfortable and awkward situation for families that must submit their children to this homosexual lifestyle... Children will be more susceptible to this behavior and it's not something commonly accepted or even natural.

By all means, there is nothing wrong with gay couples being together. However, there is too much conflict that will arise from this bill. Marriage is not the key to providing these couples their rights; there must be another option that they can receive their federal rights without having to be married.

I urge you to vote no on the same sex marriage bill and to let the people vote on this issue. You work for the people and we want to decide this issue.

Aloha Kakou, Honorable Representatives of the Hawaii State Legislature.

I write to you today in **staunch OPPOSITION** to **Special Session Measure SB 1** which will allow same-sex marriages in the State of Hawaii.

### **20 Senators Got it Wrong**

And we're relying upon you to stop this misguided bill in its tracks right now. They didn't have the courage to say "No - we already decided in 1998 and we're not going to re-visit this issue, especially without a vote." So we look to you as our Representatives to stand firm and say "No" to this ill-conceived bill. Cynthia Thielen is a nice lady, and my Representative - but she is mistaken in her support for marriage between those who like to have sex with same-sex individuals. That is NOT a reason to change the very fabric of our society - I don't care how many crocodile tears are cried.

### **Abuse of Power**

We gave you the power, via Constitutional Amendment, to uphold the right to reserve marriage between one man and one woman. We did not give you the power to change it at your will. I am protesting your decision to change the definition of marriage to include those of the same sex. Civilly, any couple of legal age & status can legally join in union. That is the extent of the law, and that is how it should remain. You should not use the citizens of Hawaii as guinea pigs in the experiment of social engineering by allowing those who prefer sex with the same-sex individuals to marry just so they can receive Federal benefits. As a reminder:

**Constitutional Amendment 2** of 1998 amended the [Constitution of Hawaii](#), granting the state legislature the power to prevent [same-sex marriage](#) from being conducted or recognized in [Hawaii](#). Amendment 2 was the first constitutional amendment adopted in the [United States](#) that specifically targeted same-sex partnerships.[1]

In 1993, the [Hawaii State Supreme Court](#) ruled in *Baehr v. Lewin*, 852 P.2d 44 (Haw. 1993), that refusing to grant marriage licenses to same-sex couples was discriminatory under that state's constitution.[2] However, the court did not immediately order the state to begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples; rather, it stayed its ruling and ordered the state to justify its position. This ruling galvanized opposition to same-sex marriage in the state and around the country and led to the adoption of Amendment 2.<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

Amendment 2 differed from amendments that followed in other states in that it did not write a ban on same-sex marriage into the state's constitution; rather, it allowed the state legislature to enact such a ban.[3] On November 3, 1998, Hawaii voters approved the amendment by a vote of 69.2–28.6%,[4] and the

state legislature exercised its power to ban same-sex marriage.[3]

The amendment reads:[5]

***The legislature shall have the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples.***

### **Desire vs. Race - Mutable vs. Immutable**

Sexual preference comes the mind, which is stimulated by the senses, and the mind and its desires can - and does - change. It can also be controlled and redirected, whereas race comes from the genes and has nothing to do with the mind; it cannot be controlled or redirected. You can change your mindset; you cannot change your genes. For example, a man may think himself to be Native Hawaiian, but genetically, he's Euro-Asian. No amount of thinking can change that fact. But the same person has choices on how he has sex. He may have very strong desires to have sex with his brother, male best friend, or even his Rottweiler - and is thoroughly convinced that he is a homosexual or otherwise. But in fact, these are desires; they didn't spring from genetics - they spring from the mind: he wants to enjoy sex in a particular way - and those desires are mutable. Your treating sexual preference as the same as being Native Hawaiian is disingenuous, at best. Sexual preference is not a Civil Right, nor is marriage between any consenting adult - and that is the way it should stay.

### **Same-sex "Marriage" is not a Civi Right**

Please read the article on the link below, which, given the time-frame, you may not have the time to read - but if you get around to it, it may help you understand a different aspect in this all-important decision. Here is the link:  
[http://www.cpjustice.org/stories/storyReader\\$1178](http://www.cpjustice.org/stories/storyReader$1178)

### **Protecting Our Keiki**

I don't want my children taught that someone's sexual proclivities are 'who they are' and I don't want them taught these sexual practices in school. Desiring sex in a particular way should not be the defining issue on whether people should be allowed to be married or not. Allowing people who like having same-sex sex to 'marry' basically assures that these practices will be taught in schools. Representatives, you're meant to be the protectors of our keiki, not their worst nightmare.

### **Doing What is Pono**

Changing laws to include, and basing laws upon, a small group of people who have sex with the same sex is unintelligent and is unworthy of your position as our elected State leaders. We elected you; we can un-elect you if you misuse our trust. (See: Mufi Hannemann, Linda Lingle) You need to see the big picture here and not get caught up in the fervent emotion surrounding this issue. Doing what is Pono for all, including those who wish to have sex with the same sex, means you stay out of the "marriage" business, stop the forced social engineering and vote NO on so-called "marriage equality/equal rights/same-sex 'marriage'."



Mahalo Nui Loa,

J. Mitchell  
Kailua, HI 96734

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I strongly Oppose SB1

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The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jackie Wu  
Waianae,hi

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Jaymie Wu  
Waianae, HI

Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Oct. 27, 2013

**Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY**

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

I thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition the Marriage Equality bill (S.B. No 1). I am opposed to this bill because I believe it is dishonest and unethical. I am very upset with the use of tax-payer money of \$25,000/week to call a special session when this is *not* in any way shape or form an emergency. It is violation of the trust of those who voted for you. In 1998, the majority of Hawaiians voted to reserve marriage between people of opposite sex couples—and I quote: **Section 23**. The legislature shall have the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples. [Add HB 117 (1997) and election Nov 3, 1998]. Now the Governor of Hawaii along with key members of Congress is doing exactly the opposite in order to force legislation on the public which is greatly opposed. This is decidedly undemocratic. If we must proceed on this issue, same sex marriage should be put to a regular vote during the normally scheduled session beginning in January.

In addition to the dishonesty of this legislative action, our children will be impacted and their innocence shattered. This cannot be undone. All one has to do is look at Canada or Massachusetts, places where SSM has been enacted for 10 years or more and it is evident this is not in the best interest of our keiki. Indoctrinating them against their parent's wishes to accept and applaud a lifestyle that many of us find objectionable is not satisfactory. It is wrong to force teachers who do not agree with SSM to teach it to their students as a perfectly noble way of life. It is irrational to let children use bathrooms based on what gender they feel like on any given day and thus allow our children to be preyed upon.

Those who do not agree with SSM are not guilty of hate crimes because we disagree with a vocal minority nor are we enacting prejudice or fear the way we are unjustly portrayed to be. In fact it seems that people who oppose SSM are in danger of losing their rights and their voice in this country. This is a violation of basic constitutional rights. While I believe all citizens should be treated with kindness and respect, that does include everyone, not just those who agree



with the issue at hand. Tax benefits to newly married SSM couples does not allow for rushing through a special session to enact legislation which will greatly impact our state without thoroughly researching both the intended and unintended consequences. This is a very great and reckless act on the government's part. They will answer for it.

I implore all who hear this bill to open their eyes and ears and realize the magnitude of what is about to happen in Hawaii. When we decide passage of bills based on a perceived "economic advantage" in the name of "equality for all", we are treading on dangerous ground. This is not about marriage at all; this is about pushing a radical agenda. Please do the responsible thing, and delay this bill until regular session convenes. At this point, please respect our opinion. This is our state and we elected you. You work for us. We deserve to be heard. Let the people vote!

Mahalo nui loa,

Jennifer Swearingen

Mililani, Hawaii

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Jodie Yamaguchi  
Kailua, Hawaii

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I urge you to look to the future ramifications of the bill. How will the DOE handle the passing of this bill? How will it affect the curriculum being taught in schools? Teachers have enough stress of teaching their students, especially with the implementation of the fairly new Common Core State Standards. Please take the time to work with the teachers in preparing them for potential additional curriculum. They need support just as much as the same sex couples are wanting with marriage. I plead with you that you prepare now for the future consequences before this bill is passed, rather than passing the bill and then dealing with the inevitable flood of even more confusion amongst the people, businesses, churches, courts, insurance companies, and other organizations statewide.

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Johanna Akina  
Kahuku, Hawaii

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Juanita Wolfgramm  
Kailua, Hawaii

Aloha Lawmakers,

I oppose this measure for a few reasons. I don't see how a special session was created specifically for this one issue, with reported small price tag. I would like to know what the end result is for the cost of the special session. This is not an issue to be rammed down the throats of people whom voted you in to represent and protect.

Secondly, I do understand the Bill "protects" the interest of deniability without penalty to clergy and churches. I don't think the wording is specific enough to protect church properties. I am sure this will be an issue and cost churches money to fight off such potential civil cases. I would stipulate for all lawmakers making this vote under a short time line, should be included in such cases or be held personally liable.

Thirdly, as it stands right now, in 14 other states, SSM can happen and the Treasury dept. (IRS) recognizes the married couple, therefore tax benefits are realized. The sticking point is the Social Security Admin., where it is not recognizes only if the state where they are domiciled does not recognize the marriage. Therefore, what is the rush to push Hawaii in this direction under a "Special Session" This is a very touchy subject and should be written properly for all rights to be protected, not just giving out marriage rights.

In closing, Haste makes waste, I strongly oppose this Bill. Get it right and protect the rights for all involved not just a special interest. You, ELECTED OFFICIAL, should be held liable personally if this is not done correctly.

Respectfully submitted,

Sterling Nakano



## Matthew Hanabusa

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From: Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]  
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:21 PM  
To: Judiciary Special Session  
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Kamakani  
Last Name: Kahaialii  
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To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and Members of both  
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Kamakani Kahaialii  
Kahuku, Hi.96731

October 30, 2013

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 unclear as to why an issue such as redefining traditional marriage would not be brought to the polls for the people of Hawaii to vote on. I am ashamed to say that it has taken me almost 40 years to understand the workings of our government. I am disappointed to see how some of our politicians don't believe that the people of Hawaii are indeed capable of deciding what is right.

If the legislators who are in favor of this bill feel that they are truly looking out for the minority, will they also defend future minority groups who may come forward to say that marriage between blood relatives deserves equality? If you can redefine traditional marriage, I fear that incest may also be seen as acceptable. Who should define what is acceptable...a group of politicians or the people at large?

PLEASE do not turn our beautiful State of Hawaii into a state that will require our educators to teach our children (or even encourage them) that they can have a homosexual relationship. It is bad enough that they are taught to use contraceptive (when many parents are trying to teach them abstinence...which also has not prevented teen pregnancy), but now will be taught that the homosexual lifestyle is acceptable (when many parents believe otherwise). Are you encouraging working moms who are totally against having their children to be subjected to such teachings to quit their jobs and take their children out of the public schools to homeschool them?

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE let the people vote. And if the majority of the people see that marriage needs to be redefined, then so be it. But let it be the people who decide.

Thank you for the opportunity to give my testimony in writing.

Karen Hockett  
Kapolei, HI

## Matthew Hanabusa

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Kari Taylor  
Honolulu, HI 96816

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Kawika Kiesling  
Lahaina, Hi

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Last Name: Meinken  
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The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
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Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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

Subject : Senate Bill 1 - Same Sex Marriage Bill -  
OPPOSED!

I respectfully request that you kill SB 1 to legalize  
Same Sex Marriage for the following reasons.

- 1) Since the Civil Unions Bill passed two years ago, less than 1/5th of one percent of Hawaii's citizens have taken vows. That equals about 900 couples. Most legal issues are already settled in this bill. And if there are additional Federal benefits that State legislators wish to provide SSM couples, then, why not simply amend the State law to include those .
- 2) If this issue were really about rights, then the legislature would find a way to legalize Federal

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benefits.

3) However, it's very clear that the real reason for attempting to ram this Bill through is to legitimize homosexual behavior in our society. This is against the majority of the wishes of Hawaii's people.

4) Homosexuality is a preference. There is no science that claims Homosexuality is genetic. While I understand and am even sympathetic to the claims of those who believe they were "born" that way, accepting the behavior is against my faith.

5) Notice I did not say that I hate people who practice homosexuality. No, on the contrary, I love them as I love all my brothers and sisters.

6) But, by legitimizing Same Sex Marriage, the Government forces all people of faith to entertain, no.. to accept... no..... to embrace homosexuality as though it were not a sin. That's reason enough to kill SB 1.

7) However, let's take a look at what marriage is. Marriage as an institution has always been. Marriage existed before government. And now government wants to REDEFINE it.

8) Marriage is the cornerstone of our civilization. Contrary to many in our State, the government is NOT the cornerstone of civilization. No, marriage is rooted in nature and is a fixed feature of the natural order.

9) Marriage is simply the natural long-term pairing between a man and a woman that is protected, privileged, and celebrated by culture. Why is this?

10) Because Marriage is a unique and vital role in our society.

11) Redefining marriage is a horrible idea.

12) Same Sex Couples ask a great question? Why can't I marry my partner because I love him? Show me where on the marriage license or civil union license it says that "Love" is a criterion for marriage!

13) While recognizing that some churches have elected to honor SSM, my church does not agree with that.

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.

16) How can two men pretend to marry before God when they are by definition behaving in a way that God does not condone.

17) The issue of SSM hasn't been properly debated since 1998, at which time only a handful of our current legislators were even in office. No amount of media spin will convince the public that SSM is the same as Civil Unions. Therefore, this issue MUST be debated in regular session when there is adequate time.

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,

Kenneth C. "Putter" Meinken  
43 Pueohala Place, Kailua, Hawaii 96734 808 261  
6833

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Testifier: Keoni Sales

Bill Number and Title: SB 1 Relating to Equal Rights

Committee: House (Joint) Judiciary & Finance Committees

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013

Hearing Time: 10:00 a.m.

Hearing Location: Auditorium

I will be submitting a written testimony only

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

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I also want to share with you that I am a Christian who has lived a homosexual lifestyle and I know where the feelings of pressure lie. I know that this is probably the most difficult time for you to make such a big decision that will affect the outcome of our state and possibly our country. But all I ask is that you give the people a chance to choose. I told you I understood the feelings of pressure because I have been pressured all my life on who I was. There were people in my life who pressured me that just because I didn't like to do what other boys did that made me girly. Because I had a lot of friends that were girls, I was one of them. I was pressured thinking that, that was my life and I gave into it. The people who said this to me have been heterosexual and homosexual. They were people I didn't know, but some were also my peers. I am 24 now and I have been told this since I was a child in elementary school. I became a Christian in my teen years and I have never felt discriminated against or hated. I'm not writing to tell you how I became a Christian and why but to tell you that through my church I was given a chance

to choose. To choose what I believe, and what I stand for. Where would I be if I let everyone else decide my fate on who I should be or what I should do? I know that through writing this a lot of people would call me a hypocrite or some other harsh names but hey, this was my choice.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Keoni Sales  
Kaneohe, Hawaii

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**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.

**For the House Joint Hearing:** Hearing on 10/31

Karl Rhoads, Chair  
House Judiciary Committee

Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Finance Committee

**Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY**

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

I am here to voice my opposition to Bill SB 1.

If same sex marriage is truly considered civil right issue, people should be given adequate time of notice and be involved in the decision making! Traditional one man and one woman marriage has been there for thousands of years. Marriage and Family have been the fundamental structures of the society no matter in old days or now days, no matter in developed or in developing countries, no matter in East or in West! They are the backbone of every prosper society! Redefine marriage in such a short special session without considering peoples' voices is not a democratic way to solve important social issues.

Hawaii is the melting place where East meet West! It is an important window for the East to look into the West civilization and democracy process. Rush same sex marriage bill in such as a short special session is a poor example of democracy. A SIX day special session is not enough time to discuss the most controversial issue of our time. The SIX day special session does not allow the House of Representatives to make amendments to the legislation. As a result, true democracy is made a mockery of. A 'yes' vote during special session is a 'no' vote to democracy because the voice of the people is NOT heard in a SIX-day special session-

Therefore, I plead to you to Let the People vote on such a critically important issue. Thank you for your hardwork for the people of Hawaii

Lenny Chen M.D.

Resident Physician

University of Hawaii

Honolulu, 96813

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leshino@hotmail.com

To: The House Judiciary Committee

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Les Hino  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.  
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Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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

I am opposed to Bill SB1 but not for the reasons that most would think. I think that we are focused on the wrong thing. If we are concerned about equality for all (and we should be) we should not be focused on same sex marriage or traditional marriage at all. Marriage is the purview of religion and should be left in the religious arena to debate. If you want to have your marriage formally recognized by a church, then find one that will do that for you. You don't need government recognition of your marriage unless your concern is about the benefits that legally recognized married couples receive.

What I am hearing is that same-sex couples want the same legal benefits that married couples receive and I believe that they should receive them as I believe all people, married or not should receive them as well. How do you accomplish this equally and fairly? Take marriage out of the legal lexicon and arena. It doesn't belong there anyway. A legal acknowledgement of a marriage is about the benefits that married couples receive *because* they are married and that is an exclusionary law that is not equal and needs to be changed. In order to have equality for all, governments need to provide the same benefits that legally married couples receive to all people regardless of their marital status, gender, gender preference, age, ethnicity or religion. Every person should be allowed to designate a "significant other" or a "plus one," for lack of a better term, to receive and reciprocate benefits formerly allowed only to married persons. In other words, if I wanted to designate my partner or my mother or best friend or the homeless guy on the street to be my "plus one" then they are entitled to receive and to give all benefits previously reserved for only governmentally recognized married individuals. That means that marriages and all partnerships should legally be referred to as unions and unions will now encompass all people, not just heterosexual or homosexual unions. Governments should never have the power to tell us how to live, whom to love or provide for, but they should be fair in providing benefits for all of their citizens no matter what their status is. Change the law to reflect equality for all. Remove "marriage" from the legal realm and leave it in the religious one where it belongs. Then make sure that all people have access to legal benefits and rights and not just a chosen few.

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Sincerely,

Pauline Piliialoha Yap, DVM  
Kāne'ōhe, Hawai'i  
chunkie1@gmail.com

To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee Hearing  
Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Capitol Auditorium Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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I feel that this Bill SB1 and method that it is being put through this special session does not have the best interest of the people of Hawaii and the democratic system. Our country was built by honest and trustworthy individuals who were the voice of the people. I feel that at this time you need to listen to the voice of the people who are strongly opposing this bill because it infringes on our religious freedoms.

The implications if the bill were passed would greatly affect the beautiful lifestyle and Island that we live in. For our posterity, I strongly encourage you to not pass the bill we want to preserve traditional family and safe place where people have their religious freedom protected.

Sincerely,

Enoch Casey

47-356 Hui Iwa St. B

Kaneohe, HI. 96744



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Last Name: Tokushima  
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The House Finance Committee  
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Liana and Brian Tokushima  
Mililani, HI.

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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

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

## Matthew Hanabusa

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:40 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Subject:** Written Only  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

From: Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]  
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:32 PM  
To: Judiciary Special Session  
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

Your Email:

lopatka@hawaiiantel.net  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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(Your City, State)

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Last Name: Santos  
Your Email: louisksantos@gmail.com  
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Louis Santos  
Aiea, Hawaii

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:08 PM  
To: Judiciary Special Session  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Malachi  
Last Name: Maglaya  
Your Email: Malachi.maglaya@gmail.com  
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Malachi Maglaya  
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

**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

"Aloha. To the representatives of our blessed state of Hawaii,

With great concern, I write regarding the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

As a citizen of this great country of America I pray that as a nation we continue to do that which is right in the sight of God, who I know lives. That we seek with earnest prayer for the strength to do what God's Spirit prompts us to do always and that we as a nation can uphold the truths taught to us by the Spirit of God, that same Spirit that burns within my heart as I write this letter.

I solemnly know that marriage is ordained of God, and is and always will be between a man and a women, as the foundation of the family which is the most important unit in society. We cannot change that truth and surely God doth not change his word. I testify that God lives and He is the creator of all people, male and female, old and young, bond and free.

I know that God has given us agency, to choose liberty and life through the great mediator, even Jesus Christ, the very Son of God and Savior of all mankind or to choose captivity and death which cometh by failing to keep the laws and commandments of God Almighty. I thank the founding fathers of this nation for fighting for our ability to choose liberty through faith in God.

I rejoice in that religious freedom and declare my opposition to recognize same-sex marriages as a legal union in the state of Hawaii. I pray that you too also seek answer from God and do as He bids you do above all other things. As the patriarch and leader of my own house, I act each day in faith that God will teach me what is best for my family. I ask that you act likewise in representing our people.

I do understand that our state, being blessed with democracy, will act upon the majority voice of its leaders regarding the passing of the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013. I ask that regardless of the outcome of votes that our rights to freedom of religion are protected with the same conviction as our founding fathers, with fear in God, and through struggle in prayer...

...May God continue to grant unto our nation the ability to act for ourselves, to choose liberty through keeping His laws and commandments, and to live by faith.

Sincerely,

Rosalind Chin

While I am a proponent of justice for all, as an African-American female who loves all of humanity it is an affront to me to equate ethnicity to "same gender marriage." I grew up in a loving home whereby "equal protection" of my parents' love and care were afforded to all of my siblings and me. While no parent can treat all of their children the same, my siblings and I experienced excellent child rearing and were treated well and fairly. In fact, when my brother eulogized my mother he stated that she had the ability to make each of us (14 offspring born to my parent's union) feel like an only child at some point in time. Upon my father's death, he was exalted in similar fashion. Yet, despite the equal protection of love and support that they gave us, they certainly responded to similar scenarios differently. For example, when my oldest nephew was born, my parents drove in celebratory joy over 300 miles to spend one week with the new parents, my brother and his wife. On the other hand, when another brother impregnated a young lady to whom he was not married, my father chided and lectured him on the importance of creating a stable home environment in which a man can have direct daily influence over the rearing of his child(ren). Had both scenarios been handled similarly, it would have sent the wrong message to my other siblings and my father's legacy would have been diminished. Hence, equal protection under the law does mean everyone receives the same treatment.

I share this out of deep and abiding concern for my fellow citizens who may be forced to violate their consciences, like the owners of Aloha Bed and Breakfast. People should have the right to utilize their homes to generate income in accord with honorable principles without fear of retaliation. Likewise, photographers should be able to operate out of the same principle without fear of a lawsuit like the couple in New Mexico. People should not be forced to abandon godly principles to endorse the lifestyle of another. Is this not discriminatory? While some say white slave masters used the Bible to validate slavery, a student of the Bible understands God's abhorrence of chattel slavery. My appeal has nothing to do with a disdain for any subgroup of society. I have personal friends whose lifestyle principles are not aligned with mine (i.e. intentionally bringing a child into a single parent home); however, I treat them lovingly and with decency and respect without feeling obliged to endorse their choices. Hence, I appeal to you to allow the citizens of this state to voice their opinion through a vote in 2014.

Lillian M. Jones



## MARRIAGE

Marriage is not about a union between a man and a woman, or between a man and a man or between a woman and a woman.

Marriage is an outcome of a RELIGIOUS ritual, called a wedding. The government can not stop this practice.

BUT the government can stop the establishment of religion to discriminate between a single person and a couple. The government should not recognize the existence of a couple since marriage is derived from a religious ritual. An example of discrimination would be tax structure; a couple versus a single person.

This would be an application of the "separation of church and state".

## Matthew Hanabusa

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:57 PM  
To: Judiciary Special Session  
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

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User Submitted Values:

Your Email:

marsh010@hotmail.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sara Perriton  
Laie, HI

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Re: SB1

To Whom it May Concern:

Thank you for reading my email and for your public service. As a concerned citizen and resident of Hawaii I want to state that I oppose the Governor's proposed legislation on same gender marriage for two main reasons. I believe that marriage should be defined as between a man and a woman. A referendum on this issue was brought before people in November 1998 and an overwhelming majority voted against same gender marriage. Regardless of one's religious beliefs, I believe traditional marriage and its concept should not be redefined when its impact and influence towards a morally healthy society has been evident. Maintaining it as such is not taking away from those same gender couples who want the same rights as married couples as I am aware under current civil union laws they essentially have the same rights already.

Secondly, I believe this proposed legislation needs more protection for religious freedom. Similar legislation has passed in other states and evidence of serious infringement on religious liberties has taken place as individuals and businesses have been sued and subject to state and civil penalties for holding to their deeply held religious beliefs. This bill if passed will lead to similar infringement on our religious liberties as the draft appears to provide exemptions but on conditions for religious institutions and private service providers that leave them too vulnerable to state and civil penalties and litigation.

I am glad that a clear exemption appears in the Governor's draft for clergy but as I and other legal experts understand, religious institutions such as church buildings will have not have this exemption if at any point they allow the use of the facility for any one person that is not a member of their religion and that does not just mean those individuals being married but also those who attend the ceremony or even take any part in the event. These institutions will either have to discontinue providing such services or face litigation and/or state penalties if they choose to continue to provide marriage or related services to member and non-member alike but for deeply held religious belief choose not to for same gender couples under the proposed legislation. I do not agree with this apparent lack of protection in the bill for these institutions and even for private service organizations.

Whether we as a people agree or disagree on the definition of marriage, I know we can agree that the conflict between same gender marriage and religious liberty can be avoided if adequate religious conscience exceptions exist in the law for both religious institutions and private service organizations. I do not believe such exceptions exist or at least exist in a clear enough and meaningful way in the Governor's proposed legislation and I am deeply concerned with the way this legislation is being rushed through a special session and not being given adequate due diligence to ensure it is representative of the wishes of the majority of our people.

Thank you again for reading and for the work you do. I hope that we as a majority of the

people are given a fair voice in this matter.

Mahalo,

Matthew Casabar

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:34 AM  
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Subject: Vote no SB1

I oppose SB1

Sent from my iPhone

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Matthew  
Last Name: Valentine  
Your Email: mvalentine7@yahoo.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
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Maui Wolfgramm  
Kailua, Hawaii

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:46 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** smlsaimin@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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Melvin Partido Sr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is a "fact:" Homosexuals and Lesbians were "NOT" created by God. Who is God? The God who formed you in your "mother's womb." This God calcs homosexuals and lesbians "not normal with a debased mine." What is the truth about marriage? In marriage the man and the woman are united in what the Bible calls a "covenant." This covenant is God's design, and He has nowhere designed such a covenant for members of the same-sex. Again, Marriage is a covenant designed by God and, as such, God has set His "forever terms" of this institution that He has designed. God has set "No Provision" for "Equality in Marriage" except for one man and one woman. Equality in marriage is an attempt to redefine God's covenant of marriage. Whether you believe in God, the same God who formed you in your mother's womb, you, me, and everyone else is accountable to God.

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Last Name: Cruz  
Your Email: kuaicruz@hawaii.rr.com  
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Michael Cruz  
Kapaa, Hi

To the House Judiciary and Financial Committees:

I am writing in regards to Senate Bill 1. My name is Michelle Morimoto, and I was born and raised here in Hawaii for the 23 years that I have been living. I am writing to express a few of my concerns, to address some of the innate problems I see with passing this bill so quickly.

There are simply too many unanswered questions and ramifications that have yet to be discussed and explored. As someone who believes that marriage is between a man and a woman, I will be told with even more certainty that I am wrong, even though my religious and personal beliefs tell me otherwise. I have already been pressured because of my humble belief that marriage is between a man and a woman. If this bill passes, I will be forced to acknowledge and conform to the opinion that marriage should be between anyone, regardless of the natural parts with which we are born. I don't wish to mediate the beliefs and lives of others living an adverse lifestyle. I simply wish to retain my own beliefs and the right to do so.

Please carefully consider that such a drastic and controversial bill will affect everyone, not only those wishing to be married. It will affect many areas of society, several of which are big parts of life. These including: education, parenting, and religious establishments that will face many changes in the months and years following a marriage overhaul so to speak. We need to know what will happen to the rights of people who have a differing viewpoint of marriage.

Considering the far reach of these effects, how can we possibly put forward this bill so quickly? The bill does *not* take away restrictive and oppressive laws that dehumanize others—rather, it is *giving* a minority a privilege that has been granted to opposite-sex couples for years. Moving so quickly could be construed as disregarding the people who have a different view on marriage. Something so important needs more time and more deliberation before passing so quickly.

Please do not ignore these concerns, and the other voices of the many people who are faithfully giving testimony against passing the bill as it is. A measure so passionately debated cannot be rushed through in favor of a small portion of the population without deeper exploration and a more complete explanation and assurance of protection. Looking to you as our leaders, I implore you to fulfill the trust we have in you as our representatives. I ask that our voices will be heard amidst the loud sound of special interest groups. We are looking to you to be the mediator.

Thank you for your time.

**Matthew Hanabusa**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:48 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** mzramos@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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Michelle Ramos	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: Hawaii Defending Marriage [<mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org>]  
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:37 PM  
To: Judiciary Special Session  
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Parker  
Last Name: English Sr  
Your Email: [parkerenglishsr@yahoo.com](mailto:parkerenglishsr@yahoo.com)  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
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Parker English Sr  
Hoolehua Hawaii

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**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
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User Submitted Values:

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Last Name: Nitta  
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Last Name: Stanley  
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First Name: Vivian  
Last Name: Wong  
Your Email: Vivianwong113@hotmail.com  
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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:30 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** angela.tierra@yahoo.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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Angela Tierra	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Love is love. Please vote in favor of equal rights for everyone in our community. Hearing testimony today from those that oppose made me sick to my stomach from their lack of tolerance and acceptance. I am one of "the people" and I vote YES for equal marriage. Thank you.

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**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** mapu.abraham@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
Leonette Abraham	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, Let the people decide on SSM! How could you listen to people that don't even live here in Hawaii. They don't know what is best for the people who live here. We don't want it, our schools don't want it, and tourists don't want it. What about our children and mo'opuna's? How will that affect their lives? It's against God's morals. We all were bought up knowing the difference between right and wrong. Well, this is wrong!!! How can a man and man produce a child? or women and women? God created man and women to multiply and be fruitful in the land!! Don't make the mistake and go against GOD!!!! Shame! Shame! Shame on YOU! Please take head! Mapu Abraham

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Jack Thompson	Individual	Oppose	No

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**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** gracethompson78@gmail.com  
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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:14 PM  
**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Soo Whan  
Last Name: Cullen  
Your Email: a.pume@yahoo.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: David  
Last Name: Worthen  
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To: The House Judiciary Committee  
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User Submitted Values:

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Last Name: Thompson  
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Last Name: Luna  
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The House Finance Committee  
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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
elisha	Individual	Oppose	No

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

My husband and I have submitted a testimony together  
but I would like to submit one on my own on behalf of  
my children.

Please Email Your Representatives Below:

I am Christian mother trying very hard to instill a  
strong foundation for my children. Like other  
Christians we stand and believe on God's words.  
However what most of you probably dont know is that  
we DO NOT have any ill feelings to anyone in the Gay  
community. Infact we are taught to respect and love  
them. Each and every one of us are God's children  
whether we like it or not. Our beliefs as Christians are  
not to JUDGE anyone. Thats not our job, its God's.  
Instead we are to love on everyone. You see being a  
Christian is establishing a relationship with Jesus.

Talking to him as if he were our friend. Im sure most of you heard stories about how Jesus sat with sinners, fellowshiped with sinners, and loved on them. You see we were created in his image. Therefore we should do what he did. Lead by example. How can anyone wake up everyday when they see a beautiful sunrise and blue skies and think there is no God. Tell me then who created it all. Who allowed us time on this earth to wake up with another breath of life. Where did it all come from? To me its simple. Someone had to do it and its God. Why I fight so hard against this bill is because it clearly states in God's law not mine or ours, that men shall not lay with men. Yes we are all sinners and continue to sin. But this is when the grace of God comes in. That he sent his one and only son to die for us so that we can be forgiven. Do you know anyone who has loved you this much without you knowing them that they gave you their life so you may experience Eternal life in Heaven? Probably not. I know I dont. This is what I want to teach my kids. God's love and how much he loves everyone. That he is our Father and I was only put on this earth to steward them properly with his guidance.

On another note, why are we trying so hard to seperate state and religion? If you ask me the kids need a positive role model in their lives. Look at all the shootings that are happening in schools around America. If they had an outlet or even if they knew someone is always listening dont you think they might have tried that first? Why cant we teach that someone will never leave or forsake them and thats God? I understand not everyone believes in My God but I will tell you this. My God loves everyone and patiently waits for all of us to return to him. No matter what we have done we will be forgiven if we mean it. Im uspet that we cant talk about God in our schools but we can force our children who do believe in God and his laws to sit through a class that teaches a normal family is also a man and a man or a woman and a woman. That its okay. My children have already stated to me that they will be uncomfortable and they will stand up for God if this is taught in schools. Now think about that. Will this cause ruckus in schools?

This has never been about straights vs gays. Its about us being able to choose. Its about what already was, marriage between a man and a woman. We are so quick to get with the times and do what everyone else is doing that we just go with it. Why cant we vote? Why not let us decide? I dont get it. We were given the

opportunity to vote for you and place you in office. What if there was a panel of people who selected who they wanted in office instead of letting us decide. What if our congress was selected by the way they dress, or the way they look, or their "popularity". What if there was a candidate who worked extremely hard on a community and turned it around and did amazing things for them, was not elected into office because the "panel" liked his opponent better. Not because he was the right candidate but because he was their friend. If this happened to you, how would you feel? Thats kind of how we feel. We are not going to be given the chance to "win" or "lose" fairly because you are making the decision for us. You've become "the panel".

Lastly I am also a mother of daughter who is in a relationship with another girl. I love her more than anything. Do I agree with this choice? Of course not. I didnt raise her like that. But would I ever shun her, NEVER. Instead I pray for her. She lives in my house but knows and respects that her relationship cannot be brought into my house because I do not condone it. So she listens. I even talk to her girlfriend and Im very nice to her. They're both adults and I can only hope that my influence will help them come back to God. There's a mutual respect between us, but more than that a lot of love. I experience the two sides of the fences daily but I still stand my ground on the OPPOSITION of the same sex marriage law. More so NOT letting us decide is just plain violating the freedom of religion and the right to a fair trial. Freedom period. People say that they love America because of its freedom. FYI were about to be a country who's slowly taking that away too.

Thank you for allowing me testify. I am hoping that my voice will be heard.

Liana Tokushima  
Mililani, HI.

## Kai Lau

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Millani, Hawaii

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Sacramento, CA, 95826

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(Your Name Here)

(Your City, State)

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**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Candace Bull	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Ewa Beach, Hawaii

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

(Your Name Here)

(Your City, State)

## Kai Lau

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**From:** Judiciary Special Session  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:02 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Subject:** Written Only  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

**From:** Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:57 PM  
**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
**Subject:** I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

First Name: John  
Last Name: Mannering  
Your Email: johnman808@hotmail.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

Please Email Your Representatives Below:

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.

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John Mannering Jr.,  
Honolulu, Hawaii

## Kai Lau

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**From:** Judiciary Special Session  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:06 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Subject:** Written Only  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

**From:** Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:05 PM  
**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
**Subject:** I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Alison  
Last Name: Faleolo  
Your Email: kupunaalison@yahoo.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

Please Email Your Representatives Below:

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.  
Please do not let this pass.

Alison K. Faleolo  
Hau'ula, Hawaii

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## Kai Lau

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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 TESTIMONYV

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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

## Kai Lau

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**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

**Kai Lau**

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**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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
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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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:06 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Subject:** WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONYV

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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  
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OPPOSED

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Respectfully yours,  
Stella Saludez

## Kai Lau

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:05 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Subject:** WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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**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

## Kai Lau

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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:jdsum@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

## Kai Lau

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**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

## Kai Lau

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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:** 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](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))
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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



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House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee

The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

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Lahaina, HI 96761

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:09 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Subject:** WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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**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](http://www.pastorjerrysharesjuiceplus.com)

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

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

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Stella Saludez

**Kai Lau**

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 12:08 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Subject:** WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

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**From:** JERRY-STELLA SALUDEZ [mailto:jerstelsaludez@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:16 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  
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**Kai Lau**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:30 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** angela.tierra@yahoo.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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Angela Tierra	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Love is love. Please vote in favor of equal rights for everyone in our community. Hearing testimony today from those that oppose made me sick to my stomach from their lack of tolerance and acceptance. I am one of "the people" and I vote YES for equal marriage. Thank you.

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**Kai Lau**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:28 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** mapu.abraham@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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Leonette Abraham	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, Let the people decide on SSM! How could you listen to people that don't even live here in Hawaii. They don't know what is best for the people who live here. We don't want it, our schools don't want it, and tourists don't want it. What about our children and mo'opuna's? How will that affect their lives? It's against God's morals. We all were bought up knowing the difference between right and wrong. Well, this is wrong!!! How can a man and man produce a child? or women and women? God created man and women to multiply and be fruitful in the land!! Don't make the mistake and go against GOD!!!! Shame! Shame! Shame on YOU! Please take head! Mapu Abraham

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:28 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** jtwhitehorse2@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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Jack Thompson	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. Jack Thompson Honolulu, HI

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**Kai Lau**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:15 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** gracethompson78@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

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Grace Thompson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Juvy Luna  
Kaneohe Hi 96744

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

My husband and I have submitted a testimony together but I would like to submit one on my own on behalf of my children.

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I am Christian mother trying very hard to instill a strong foundation for my children. Like other Christians we stand and believe on God's words. However what most of you probably dont know is that we DO NOT have any ill feelings to anyone in the Gay community. Infact we are taught to respect and love them. Each and every one of us are God's children whether we like it or not. Our beliefs as Christians are not to JUDGE anyone. Thats not our job, its God's. Instead we are to love on everyone. You see being a Christian is establishing a relationship with Jesus.



Talking to him as if he were our friend. Im sure most of you heard stories about how Jesus sat with sinners, fellowshiped with sinners, and loved on them. You see we were created in his image. Therefore we should do what he did. Lead by example. How can anyone wake up everyday when they see a beautiful sunrise and blue skies and think there is no God. Tell me then who created it all. Who allowed us time on this earth to wake up with another breath of life. Where did it all come from? To me its simple. Someone had to do it and its God. Why I fight so hard against this bill is because it clearly states in God's law not mine or ours, that men shall not lay with men. Yes we are all sinners and continue to sin. But this is when the grace of God comes in. That he sent his one and only son to die for us so that we can be forgiven. Do you know anyone who has loved you this much without you knowing them that they gave you their life so you may experience Eternal life in Heaven? Probably not. I know I dont. This is what I want to teach my kids. God's love and how much he loves everyone. That he is our Father and I was only put on this earth to steward them properly with his guidance.

On another note, why are we trying so hard to seperate state and religion? If you ask me the kids need a positive role model in their lives. Look at all the shootings that are happening in schools around America. If they had an outlet or even if they knew someone is always listening dont you think they might have tried that first? Why cant we teach that someone will never leave or forsake them and thats God? I understand not everyone believes in My God but I will tell you this. My God loves everyone and patiently waits for all of us to return to him. No matter what we have done we will be forgiven if we mean it. Im uspet that we cant talk about God in our schools but we can force our children who do believe in God and his laws to sit through a class that teaches a normal family is also a man and a man or a woman and a woman. That its okay. My children have already stated to me that they will be uncomfortable and they will stand up for God if this is taught in schools. Now think about that. Will this cause ruckus in schools?

This has never been about straights vs gays. Its about us being able to choose. Its about what already was, marriage between a man and a woman. We are so quick to get with the times and do what everyone else is doing that we just go with it. Why cant we vote? Why not let us decide? I dont get it. We were given the

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Lastly I am also a mother of daughter who is in a relationship with another girl. I love her more than anything. Do I agree with this choice? Of course not. I didnt raise her like that. But would I ever shun her, NEVER. Instead I pray for her. She lives in my house but knows and respects that her relationship cannot be brought into my house because I do not condone it. So she listens. I even talk to her girlfriend and Im very nice to her. They're both adults and I can only hope that my influence will help them come back to God. There's a mutual respect between us, but more than that a lot of love. I experience the two sides of the fences daily but I still stand my ground on the OPPOSITION of the same sex marriage law. More so NOT letting us decide is just plain violating the freedom of religion and the right to a fair trial. Freedom period. People say that they love America because of its freedom. FYI were about to be a country who's slowly taking that away too.

Thank you for allowing me testify. I am hoping that my voice will be heard.

Liana Tokushima  
Mililani, HI.

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If this bill does pass, we ask that you please respect our religious freedom and allow for exemptions in the bill that will excuse clergy of respective faiths from performing ceremonies that go against our beliefs.

I know that if the exemptions are not clearly written than certain members of the opposing side will spitefully take advantage of the opportunity to offend our members, our leaders and ultimately our god.

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I plead and ask you to reconsider your vote. Your vote will affect a multitude of people. Yes, I understand that there are others in favor to this bill and it seems that those in favor are in the lead but your vote still matters. Even if it is still passed you can honestly say that you did what you could do to stop something like this from happening and did not sign your name to something that could possible change our country forever. I hope that you find it in your heart to vote against something that is so unbiblical. Thank you so much for your consideration in this serious matter.

"For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error." **Romans 1:26-27**

My name is Chad Nakamura and I am in opposition of Senate Bill 1.

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Let us vote this bill down now. And should it be brought up again, let it be rewritten and reviewed time after time until we have a bill that is more black and white than it is now. Let us at least understand exactly what is being voted on.

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Kali Carvalho  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Milton  
Last Name: Chu  
Your Email: kchu55@ymail.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
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First Name: Bryan  
Last Name: Canencia  
Your Email: Bryancan10@yahoo.com  
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First Name: Bobbie  
Last Name: Quiocho  
Your Email: bobbi\_636@yahoo.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
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First Name: Kathy  
Last Name: Hansberry  
Your Email: khansberry@hotmail.com  
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Kathy Hansberry  
Honolulu, HI

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Rowena  
Last Name: Austria  
Your Email: rowenaLoo@yahoo.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
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Rowena Y.W. Austria  
1512 Kuleana Pl  
Hilo, HI 96720

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**From:** Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:41 PM  
**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
**Subject:** I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Ryan  
Your Email: Macappleg14@yahoo.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
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Last Name: Canencia  
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Desiree Canencia  
Ewa Beach, HI

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**To:** House Special Session  
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**From:** Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:55 PM  
**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
**Subject:** I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Sharese  
Last Name: Thomas  
Your Email: hoku.thomas@yahoo.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
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Sharese Thomas  
Hilo, Hawaii

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First Name: Michael  
Last Name: Shane  
Your Email: m\_shane22@yahoo.com  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Yuekai  
Last Name: Gong  
Your Email: gong1234@go.byuh.edu  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
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Yuekai Gong  
Laie, HI 96762

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First Name: Whitney  
Last Name: Acoba  
Your Email: wacoba@hawaii.edu  
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Whitney Acoba  
Kahului, Hawaii 96732

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: stephanie  
Last Name: rapozo  
Your Email: stephanierapozo@hotmail.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: aizaeyah  
Last Name: caldwell  
Your Email: caldwell72@yahoo.com  
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Aizaeyah Caldwell  
53-904 Kamehameha Hwy  
Hauula HI 96717

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Ofa  
Last Name: Peloso  
Your Email: moanaaulii@gmail.com  
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Please allow the people to choose! I fully oppose SB-1!

Ofa Peloso

Honolulu, HI 96817

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Last Name: carvalho  
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Shyla Fuimaono  
Laie, HI

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Saxon  
Last Name: Sawai  
Your Email: saxon.hwd@gmail.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
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First Name: Marity  
Last Name: Amick  
Your Email: Marity02@aol.com  
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First Name: Valerie  
Last Name: Louis  
Your Email: ewahonu@yahoo.com  
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Your Email: Javanladines@yahoo.com  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Passionae  
Last Name: Amick  
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**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.

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Your Email:

David.hudginsjr@gmail.com  
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(Makakilo, HI)

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**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Mildred  
Last Name: Ricks  
Your Email: mhils\_fernandez@yahoo.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
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First Name: Ross  
Last Name: Kuge  
Your Email: boy\_bands\_rock@msn.com  
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What next? Polygamous "marriages?" Please offer parents an opt out for kids in public schools so that parents may pull their kids out of school when teachers display and discuss homosexual sex practices. A federal judge deemed it discrimination to do so in Massachusetts.

Ross Kuge  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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User Submitted Values:

Your Email:

suweiqi@hawaii.edu

To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

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(Your Name Here)Qi, suwei  
(Your City, State)Honolulu, HI

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**Kai Lau**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:56 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** cloudia.charters@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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
(Rev.) Cloudia Charters	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is time for simple fairness. churches may believe as they wish - but not obstruct civic rights. Thank You!

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**Cc:** 808slopez@gmail.com  
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Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM in Conference Room Auditorium

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Stephen Lopez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill has nothing to do with civil rights but is another tearing of the social fabric handed from centuries and recognized as a God given sacrament. Instead, its just another way to increase the social program drain on our economy. To consider the value to the economy is no less than selling our souls for 30 pieces of silver. The citizens have spoken loudly since 1998 and don't want this or at the very least we should be given the right to decide for ourselves in another vote by the public. You elected DO NOT know what is best for everyone but only yourselves and those that have your ear and self-serving interests. LET ME AND OTHERS VOTE to be involved in our own destiny.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Michelle Ang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the SB 1 Bill. It does not protect businesses and individuals who are opposed to SSM. Under the law, if businesses/individuals refuse to work with/for a same-sex couple, because they do not support SSM, they can be sued. It does not protect institutions owned by churches, like adoption agencies, who place children only with married couples; a man and a woman, a husband and wife, a father and mother. I hope that as our representatives you respect and ensure the first amendment's religious freedoms. Please protect MY values and beliefs, as well as the THOUSANDS OF OTHERS who oppose SSM. Protect future generations. Keep marriage between a man and a woman.

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User Submitted Values:

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Last Name: Keahi  
Your Email: skeahi@yahoo.com  
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Hilo,Hi 96720

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kccdirector@hotmail.com

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Laie, Hawaii 96762

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Demetria Sahagun  
Ewa Beach

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The House Finance Committee  
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I also think about my future children and grandchildren, please, allow me, my family, future family, and fellow members of our religion, and of other religions that practice traditional mariiages to please CONTINUE to practice our religous freedom and beliefs. At least allow us these rights. Since we are becoming the NEW minority.

Joshua Manuma  
Waipahu,HI

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Honolulu, HI

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Equality for all. John Fiskio 96815

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Brooks Infante  
Mililani, HI

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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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
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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Last Name: Barton  
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Susan Barton  
Laie, Hawaii 96762

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Last Name: Hanna  
Your Email: khanna@gemini.edu  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
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Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
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Any significant change in social policy should not be  
handled in special session. This avenue is intended for  
handling State of Hawaii "emergencies" in a timely  
manner.

in 2012 the State of Hawaii's population was 1.4  
million, in that same year 730 couples executed civil  
unions. This is approximately 0.1% of the population.



Whether a small group of same sex couples who "may" become married in the last month of 2012 to take advantage of some federal tax benefits for the year 2012, does not qualify as a State of Hawaii "emergency". Do we really want to rush this measure through so that 700 couples might save 15% of the standard deduction difference of \$6800.00 which is \$1,020 each couple for the tax year of 2012? If this passes in regular session, then these couples will have their benefits in the 2013 tax year. So once again, we are going to pass this in an "emergency" special session so that up to 730 couples can get a 1,010 benefit for a total of \$745,000? This is the justification for subverting due process?

Passing this measure under these circumstances would amount to a breach of trust between you and those who you govern. A Yes vote in this special session is a virtual NO to the concept of democracy.

I have voted in every election since I came of age, and the next election will be no exception. I would like to support you in the future, knowing that you retained the public trust by voting in favor of vetting this legislation properly in a regular session.

Please do not betray the trust that we have placed in you, our Government.  
Please allow us all to participate.

Respectfully,  
Kevin Hanna  
Keaau

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Gods word never changes please do not let this happen ! Yes gay people have the right to me gay because that's what they choose but it is not Gods way and the people way ! We already have them same union rights ! Please I beg for the sake of the children do not pass this law !!!! It's just like saying or letting "angry " people ok to kill just because that's how they feel so why don't they have the right to kill people ?! Please think about this and so not pass this law !!!

Robin SEBALA

Ewa beach . Hi

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**From Eugene Ramirez:**

### **THE RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY OF HETEROSEXUAL MARRIAGE EQUALITY OPPONENTS**

**HETEROSEXUALS** have a 50% divorce rate (I thought marriage was "sacred"?), **STRAIGHT** women commit murder through abortion at a rate of 1 out 3, **HETEROSEXUALS** DEFY God's "Ten Commandment" to not "commit adultery," 1 out 5 Women are raped/sexually assaulted by **STRAIGHT MEN** in their life, **HETEROSEXUALS** have **MULTIPLE** marriages (even though they took a vow in front of God 'until death do us part' ...that is, not 1st married, 2nd married, 3rd married, etc.), they marry for wealth/opportunity and for other **UN-Christian** reasons, 50% of **STRAIGHT** teens have engaged in oral sex by age 18 (**PRE-MARTIAL** sex is **AGAINST** many religions!), and 40% of kids are born "out of wedlock" to **UNMARRIED** heterosexual parents! But, I won't judge "straight people" because I don't believe in judging **ANYONE**. Also, thankfully, in the USA we live in a **DEMOCRACY**, not a theocracy...so I am free to believe in certain people's narrow minded outdated religious doctrines, or **MY OWN**, or none of them at all! We live in a free country where we have freedom **OF** religion and freedom **FROM** religion.

The opponents sure like to detract from all of **THEIR** "sins," as a heterosexual group and try to point their finger at me, a gay dude, but before pointing the finger at me, they clearly have **LOT** to fix within their own heterosexual group! Their hypocrisy is as clear as the light of day. Further, religious persecutionists essentially claim that they worship a God which hates, divides, and is against equality. Thank goodness I don't support "their God." **MY GOD**, supports **ALL** Americans (and all persons around the world) no matter who they love, the color of their skin, their faith, or gender, and I celebrate equality and love not religious hate and persecution.

### **A HISTORY OF RELIGIOUS DEATH, PERSECUTION, AND HATE**

Moreover, the bible has lead to the slaughter of more people than any and all was combined "in the name of God," the bible has lead to the persecution of Jews for the last **ONE THOUSAND** years, the bible has been used to prove that Whites can **OWN** Blacks as slaves, and now ignorant individuals want to get involved in my sex & love life and use the bible to say I can't marry who I want. All of the aforementioned has been sanctioned and is currently being instigated (anti-gay animus) by Christianity by way of using their own religious interpretation (and passed down interpretation) to oppress based on gender, sexual orientation, religion, and ethnicity.

In his book, "Holy Horrors: An Illustrated History of Religious Murder and Madness," James A. Haught chronicles a thousand years of religious hate ranging from the witch hunts, to the numerous crusades, to the Holy Inquisition, to the religious anti-Semitic influence, which lead to the persecution of Jews for the last 1,000 years. Also, theologian Richard Rubenstein wrote in his book, "After Auschwitz: Religion and the Origins of the Death Camps," that the Nazis "did not invent a new villain...they took over the 2,000-year-old Christian tradition of the Jew as a villain. The roots of the death camps must be sought in the mythic structure of Christianity."

Here is just one biblical passage that fueled Jewish hatred: "You suffered from your own countrymen the same things those churches suffered from the Jews, "WHO KILLED THE LORD JESUS" and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to all men in their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last." (1 Thessalonians 2:14-16).

Throughout history, numerous individuals have pointed to specific passages in the Bible that have been used to validate slavery. One insightful book, "Noah's Curse: The Biblical Justification of American Slavery," by Stephen R. Haynes, further shows how just "one" biblical passage fueled anti-Black sentiment over the course of hundreds of years. The biblical passage, "A servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren," reads Noah's curse on Ham.

Ham is later identified as the ancestor of black Africans, and this particular biblical passage is just one that has been used historically to justify African-American slavery. Also many Christian clergymen throughout history were pro-slavery. Historian Larry Hise says in his book, "Pro Slavery," that ministers "wrote almost half of all defenses of slavery published in America." He also lists more than 250 religious men who used the Bible to prove white people were entitled to own black people.

James A. Haught says, "Millions of innocent men, women and children, since the introduction of Christianity, have been burned, tortured, fined, and imprisoned, yet we have not advanced one inch towards uniformity. What has been the effect of the coercion? To make one half of the world fools and the other half hypocrites." The eloquent quote that comes to mind is: "Do as I say, NOT as I do." Indeed, the finest delusion of all is the hypocrisy of individuals who are always quick to point the finger at others, first.

## FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND FREEDOM "FROM" RELIGION

The opponents are more than welcome to spew their archaic nonsense, religious hate, and bigoted venom all they want. However, thankfully, as an American citizen who lives in the most free country in the world, I have a right to believe what they believe, AND I have a right to not believe what they believe. It's quite dangerous when I hear frivolous blather by some individuals who seem to indicate that a religious book "trumps" our United States Constitution.

I would certainly welcome a challenge from the opponents to try to show me where in the United States Constitution that it says Blacks and Whites couldn't marry AND where it says same-sex couples cannot marry. They cannot show me because it doesn't exist. As such, all of their "bible" arguments are worthless, baseless, and unfounded. Our country's bible is the United States Constitution and not some Christian "holy" book that promotes, incest, rape,

slavery, and polygamy.

The "holy wars," on this planet have been going on for centuries! Many religious people think THEIR religion, THEIR God, or THEIR holy book is superior to ALL the others. So, who is right and who is wrong? Is there a right or wrong? Is one superior to another? There are 2.1 billion followers of Christianity and 1.5 billion followers of Islam on this planet. Is one religion better or superior to the other? Is the holy book for Christianity more superior or "right" versus the holy book for those who follow the Islam religion?

Some individuals are hellbent on forcing their religious beliefs on the masses, but they fail to understand that we have freedom of religion, AND freedom from religion in the United States. I can choose to be a Christian, Mormon, Hindu, Muslim, agnostic, atheist, Buddhist, or I can choose to have NO affiliation or label whatsoever. I cherish that right as an American citizen. I'd be willing to bet opponents would never want to live in the Middle East where many people are forced under a theocratic rule to live by certain religious dictated dress codes and forced "roles" for women. They should be VERY glad we live in a free country where, we as individuals, can decide to have a religious affiliation or NO religious affiliation at all. CHERRY PICKING THE BIBLICAL PASSAGES THAT ARE "CONVENIENT" FOR THEM

While the above mentioned religious persecution experienced in the Middle East is quite extreme, I still experience religious persecution on a smaller scale whenever I have a discussion with these individuals. They almost always point to biblical passages to assert their right to deny me the right to marry the person I want. They archaically use out-of-context and literal interpretations of their bible, and they conveniently cherry-pick and use the bible incorrectly in such a judgmental and hateful manner.

It's quite interesting that they are always able to pull out a passage to condemn me, but they seem to have "forgotten" about some passages that I will mention below. Clearly, CHERRY PICKING "LITERAL" BIBLICAL PASSAGES to condemn people is what the hate mongers "under the guise of saving someone" do best. These "so-called" Christians hide their homophobia, bigotry, and hatred "couched" under a veil of supposed religious beliefs. WE know VERY WELL, that they PICK AND CHOOSE the passages that they WANT to pick, to fuel their religious dogma. According to "Christian extremists," who believe in "literal interpretations of the bible," the following IS ALSO BANNED AND FORBIDDEN ACCORDING TO THE CHRISTIAN BIBLE!!>>

Getting Tattoos On Your Body (Leviticus 19:28)

Shaving (Leviticus 19:27)

Cursing (Ephesians 5:4)

Gossip (Leviticus 19:16)

Football On Saturdays (Exodus 20:8)

Eating Lobster, Pork, Bacon Ham, Shrimp And Clams (Leviticus 11:10-12)

Divorcing Someone (spouse Immorality Being The Only "exception") (Matthew 9:19)

Wearing Cotton/Polyester Blends (Leviticus 19:19)

Associating With Women Who Are On Their Periods (Leviticus 15:19-20) .....AND.....

(A) If You Work On The Sabbath (SUNDAY), You Are Supposed To Be Put To Death (EXODUS 35:2)

(B) Do You Have Any Disobedient Children? ....YOU Can Go Ahead And Kill Them According To (Leviticus 20:9, 21:9, Deuteronomy 21: 20-1, Zechariah 13:3)

## **THE INDOCTRINATION AND USE OF RELIGION AS A CONTROL MECHANISM**

Clearly, throughout history, religion has "scared" hundreds of millions of people into behaving, living, and acting a certain way in order to be "saved" or to be one of the persons who will avoid hell, and so much so, that it's caused people (in turn) to be hypocritical, hateful, and prejudice against "others" in the name of God. The truth is, there is no such thing as "hell." We are here in this life to learn the lessons we set out to learn before we entered this life. In all our previous lives, we have all been gay, Black, straight, White, Hispanic, Jew, disabled, rich, poor, Asian and so on and so forth.

After this life, we will go to what people call "heaven," and see what we did well in this life, what we didn't do so well, and what we need to learn in the "next life" when we reincarnate into another soul. It's all about learning lessons. Organized religion is not God, and God is not organized religion. They can be and ARE separate. However, some believe that they "have" to be together when that is simply not the case.

Karma is completely real. For every positive thought, word, sentence, gesture, and act we put out, it will come back to us in this life or the next life. Conversely, for every negative thought, word, sentence, gesture, and act we put out, it will come back to us in this life or the next life. At the end of the day, our ultimate lesson is love of our fellow man in all circumstances possible.

## **MARRIAGE HAS BEEN REDEFINED AND HAS EVOLVED OVER TIME**

In 1967, when the Supreme Court ruled that interracial marriage bans were unconstitutional, 72% of Americans were against "interracial marriage." Most Americans did NOT want Whites to marry Blacks, Whites to marry Latinos and Whites to marry Asians. Many Americans believed that interracial marriage was immoral, unnatural, and contrary to God's will. Additionally, before the case even reached the Supreme Court, Leon M. Bazile, a trial judge who upheld the ban on interracial marriage (ruled against allowing interracial marriage) quoted Johann Friedrich Blumenbach's interpretation of race in his ruling:

"Almighty God created the races white, black, yellow, malay and red, and he placed them on separate continents. And but for the interference with his arrangement there would be no cause for such marriages. The fact that he separated the races shows that he did not intend for the races to mix."

Further, marriage has NEVER been between one man and one woman, for polygamy has been practiced on this planet for centuries. In the "Old Testament," Abraham, Jacob, David, Solomon, and others all had multiple wives. King Solomon, had 700 wives and 300 concubines (1 Kings 11:3). King David had 6 wives and many concubines (2 Samuel 5:13; 1 Chronicles 3:1-9, 14:3). Rehoboam had 18 wives and 60 concubines (2 Chronicles 11:21). In Exodus 21:10, it even says this: "a man can marry an infinite amount of women without any limits to how many he can marry." So, yes, the institution of marriage DID change and has evolved over time.

## **MARRIAGE EQUALITY IS INEVITABLE; EVEN OPPONENTS KNOW THIS**

Among 18-35 year olds, support for marriage equality is at 80% and the population in general

supports it at 60%! At this rate, marriage equality will be supported by the general population at 70-75% in the next 10 years, so it's not a question of "if" but "when?" The social dinosaurs who are still living in the 1950s, will continue to want to get involved in my sex and love life and dictate who I can and cannot marry, but fortunately, their opinion is now the "minority" in this country. We especially saw that last year, in November 2012, when voters in four states approved marriage equality at the ballot box for the first time ever in the United States.

### **WASTED HUMAN LIFE SPREADING MORE HATE INSTEAD OF LOVE**

While millions of children go hungry everyday, millions are in poor health, and millions struggle to get by living in poverty, opponents would rather concern themselves with who I can and can't marry. Perhaps opponents will look back remorsefully on their life (when they pass over) and realize that they spent their time and energy in this precious life demagoguing other human beings who are different based on skin color, sexual orientation, or some "other" characteristic. I'm certain that they will regret wasting their life on things that are NONE of their business, yet they chose to get involved in people's love affairs because they felt it was so important to them.

### **I SURELY DON'T CARE ABOUT "YOUR" LOVE AFFAIRS, SO STAY OUT OF "MINE" AS WELL, OKAY?!**

Opponents, if you do not support same sex marriage, I have a very simple solution: don't get married to someone of the same sex! Meanwhile, let other people live THEIR lives and marry the person they want. No one tells YOU who you should marry, right? NO. So, respectfully, leave (me and) others the heck alone! I should be able to control my own love life; I'm not involved in your marriage or sex life, so why do you feel the need to butt into my sex and love life? You WON'T be able to stop me from marrying who I want, and if I don't tell you who you should marry, then don't try to tell me either. Whatever the heck you want to do with your life is your choice, and conversely, it's MY choice to do what I desire for MY LIFE (this includes the ability to marry the person I want), so please mind your own business!

As we know, every single year, support for marriage equality continues to rise, so those who oppose marriage equality are not only on the wrong side of history, but their beliefs will, fortunately, be a part of history as well! Yes, it may sound cliché, but what the world needs now is more love, not more hate. If more people would live a more open and loving life, we all would be better as a country, as a people, and as a global community. No hate or fear monger will ever tarnish my spirit. They are more than welcome to live a closeminded life; however, the majority of the country (who now support marriage equality) will be spreading more love and light and not hate. Love is the strongest and most powerful vibration in the universe and that's what I will be focused on. WE, are on the right side of history of love, tolerance, and acceptance. The other side is on the wrong side of history and their beliefs will be a part of history very soon.

Sincerely  
Mr. Eugene Ramirez



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I strongly Oppose SB1

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Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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

Please Email Your Representatives Below:

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  
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This bill should be given due process during the  
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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.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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This is to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. Please ALLOW the people to decide on the issue of marriage. 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, as our elected leaders, to respect.

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Makaila Bergeson  
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I also think about my future children and grandchildren, please, allow me, my family, future family, and fellow members of our religion, and of other religions that practice traditional mariiages to please CONTINUE to practice our religous freedom and beliefs. At least allow us these rights. Since we are becoming the NEW minority.

Joshua Manuma  
Waipahu,HI

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Revelyn Cimbaluk  
Honolulu, HI, 96825



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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:59 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Subject:** Written Only  
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**From:** Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:58 PM  
**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
**Subject:** I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Steven  
Last Name: Cimbaluk  
Your Email: stevecimbaluk@gmail.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
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Your Email:

elanamn@go.byuh.edu  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Carolyn  
Last Name: Lopes Shane  
Your Email: cllss225@gmail.com  
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First Name: ligia  
Last Name: Buckingham  
Your Email: ligia\_buckingham@yahoo.com  
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(Your Name Here)Ligia Buckingham  
(Your City, State)Laie, Hawaii 96762



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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:08 PM  
**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Bradley  
Last Name: Duncan  
Your Email: kypedunk@msn.com  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Ye  
Last Name: Jin  
Your Email: yejinhawaii@gmail.com  
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The House Finance Committee  
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(Ye Jin)  
(Honolulu, Hawaii)

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:10 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** didi6443@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)  
**Attachments:** Law.pdf

### **SB1**

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Dione Vera Cruz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: VOTE NO ON THE SAME SEX MARRIAGE BILL FOR HAWAII'S FUTURE!!!

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:06 PM  
**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Earl  
Last Name: Overman  
Your Email: overmane001@hawaii.rr.com  
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First Name: Victoria  
Last Name: Fitch  
Your Email: Mermaidlocks@verizon.net  
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First Name: James  
Last Name: Mueller  
Your Email: jimmueller1@yahoo.com  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: rene  
Last Name: kimura  
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User Submitted Values:

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Last Name: MATAIA  
Your Email: denbuang@hotmail.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
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First Name: Lisa  
Last Name: S  
Your Email: Likagirl44@gmail.com  
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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:59 PM  
**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
**Subject:** I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Teneia  
Last Name: Alik  
Your Email: teneia.aliki@gmail.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
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Last Name: shattuck  
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hokulani shattuck  
kapolei, HI

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:12 PM  
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**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.  
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Your Email: naniaa@iglide.net  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
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Last Name: Okano  
Your Email: karynok@gmail.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
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Last Name: Ito  
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(Wayne Chi)  
(Honolulu, HI)

**Kai Lau**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 5:03 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** jonathan.aki@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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Jonathan Aki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill because I don't believe in same- sex marriage.

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Shirley Ginoza  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Leaders of Hawaii,

Marriage between a man and woman is the bedrock of society. Anything we do to weaken the institution of marriage will have a direct impact on the strength of our families and the strength of our society. **Senate Bill 1** goes against thousands of years of proof that the best environment for nurturing children is in a home with a traditional marriage between a man and a woman.

SB 1 goes against and weakens our foremost right as an American, the right to worship as we choose. President Barack Obama stated:

"Foremost among the rights Americans hold sacred is the freedom to worship as we choose...we also remember that religious liberty is not just an American right; it is a universal human right to be protected here at home and across the globe. This freedom is an essential part of human dignity, and without it our world cannot know lasting peace."

A number of people on both sides of the gay marriage debate say the current **Senate Bill 1**, which would legalize same-sex ceremonies, infringes on religious liberty. Protection in this bill is unconstitutional and forces religious people to violate their own faith.

I remain irrevocably committed to strengthening traditional marriage between a man and a woman and will do everything in my power to make sure we elect leaders who understand that the family is the core of our society and must be protected. Please vote to protect our families and our religious rights.

Respectfully,

Dan Burnett

Honolulu, Hawaii

While I am a proponent of justice for all, as an African-American female who loves all of humanity it is an affront to me to equate ethnicity to "same gender marriage." I grew up in a loving home whereby "equal protection" of my parents' love and care were afforded to all of my siblings and me. While no parent can treat all of their children the same, my siblings and I experienced excellent child rearing and were treated well and fairly. In fact, when my brother eulogized my mother he stated that she had the ability to make each of us (14 offspring born to my parent's union) feel like an only child at some point in time. Upon my father's death, he was exalted in similar fashion. Yet, despite the equal protection of love and support that they gave us, they certainly responded to similar scenarios differently. For example, when my oldest nephew was born, drove in celebratory joy drove over 300 miles to spend one week with the new parents, my brother and his wife. On the other hand, when another brother impregnated a young lady to whom he was not married, my father chided and lectured him on the importance of creating a stable home environment in which a man can have direct daily influence over the rearing of his child(ren). Had both scenarios been handled similarly, it would have sent the wrong message to my other siblings and my father's legacy would have been diminished. Hence, equal protection under the law does mean everyone receives the same treatment.

I share this out of deep and abiding concern for my fellow citizens who may be forced to violate their consciences, like the owners of Aloha Bed and Breakfast. People should have the right to utilize their homes to generate income in accord with honorable principles without fear of retaliation. Likewise, photographers should be able to operate out of the same principle without fear of a lawsuit like the couple in New Mexico. People should not be forced to abandon godly principles to endorse the lifestyle of another. Is this not discriminatory? While some say white slave masters used the Bible to validate slavery, a student of the Bible understands God's abhorrence of chattel slavery. My appeal has nothing to do with a disdain for any subgroup of society. I have personal friends whose lifestyle principles are not aligned with mine (i.e. intentionally bringing a child into a single parent home); however, I treat them lovingly and with decency and respect without feeling obliged to endorse their choices. Hence, I appeal to you to allow the citizens of this state to voice their opinion through a vote in 2014.

Lillian M. Jones



My name is Tineill Dudoit and I oppose same sex marriages. This philosophy goes against my cultural and moral beliefs and unlike most of our political representatives I am not able to separate myself from my entire belief system when it comes time to making any decision. My opinion on this matter differs greatly from the majority of those in the Senate and I am saddened that my family and I have been silenced on this matter because I was not given the opportunity to voice my opinion with a vote. This is a democratic government in which the proposal and creation of laws should reflect what is in the best interest of the majority of the population. As we have seen this past week there is a significant opposition to same sex marriage within the majority of citizens in Hawaii. Your views do not reflect my views and by not letting people vote on this controversial issue only makes it seem like our elected officials can do whatever they want whenever they want with complete disregard of my vote. The reason you are fighting a vote on this is because you know the majority of people in Hawaii do not support same sex marriage and if it is sent out for a vote it will be shot down. Give the people of Hawaii the opportunity to have their say and let us decide on the matter. I heard yesterday some of the fears of putting this issue out for a vote but they are the same fears that happen anytime the voting process occurs. Do the right thing and let the people of Hawaii vote either for or against it and then you will see if your views truly reflect what the people want.

To:

Chair Karl Rhoads, House Committee on Judiciary

Chair Sylvia Luke, House Committee on Finance

RE: STRONG SUPPORT for Senate Bill 1 – Relating to Equal Rights

Aloha Chairpersons Rhoads and Luke, Vice Chairs Har, Nishimoto and Johanson and fellow committee members,

I am writing to you in strong support of SB1. I cannot see how a state such as Hawaii which prides itself on aloha, love, and openness could possibly vote against an equal rights bill. We all need to throw out all preconceived ideologies and thought processes and understand that this is simply an issue of personal freedoms and civil rights. This is not different than the civil rights movement nor the movement for women's suffrage – there should be doubt about this, not allowing same sex marriage is mocking the battles that have been waged over civil liberties in the past and would only serve to illustrate our lack of progress and expose our inability to learn from past injustices. People have the right to believe what they want, but when they start imposing those beliefs and judging others in a way that not only restricts freedoms, but condemns love, we have come to sad place.

Those who believe that allowing two people who love each other to get married would undermine their own heterosexual marriage are coming from a place of hate, fear, and complete lack of regard for others. It is quite sad to have that little self-worth to feel the need to dictate the actions of others. Live and let live. For those with fears of what will happen to children of same sex marriage – there is ample evidence that shows that children of these marriages grow up with great support and love; meanwhile heterosexual couples around the world are guilty of being awful parents without love – is this true for all on either side, of course not, but it delegitimizes the argument that one is better than the other at raising children.

In the end you have a vote to make to support civil rights and love vs. fear and close-mindedness. I strongly encourage you to pass SB-1 and let us as a society move forward in time and not backwards towards our repressive past.

Aloha.

Rafael Bergstrom  
3377 Keahi St.  
Honolulu, HI 96822

Date: Oct. 29, 2013

Karl Rhoads  
Chair

Judiciary Committee

Subject: For In Person Testimony in Opposition to SB1 Relating to Equality

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees;

As a concerned citizen of the state of Hawaii, I am submitting my testimony against SB1, which would legalize same sex marriage.

Studies have shown that homosexuals have on the average over 500 different sex partners in their lifetime. If this lifestyle is sanctioned in the garb of matrimony and taught in our public schools to minors, where does it stop? Would public obscenity laws be challenged? Polygamy? Public sex acts?

This is going to drain our economy. Any benefits to our state from gay travel would be offset by the burden on our health care system and imposing perverted moral values upon people of many faiths, especially myself, who chose to come out of that lifestyle. I thank God that I didn't get aids.

This is going to open up a moral Pandora's box. You (legislators and governor) cannot impose your religious moral viewpoints (congress shall not establish a religion), especially when you are sworn to protect my rights and represent me. If gay marriage is going to be legal in your eyes, why do you have to force your opinion on me? Marriage came from the Jewish bible or Torah and the witness of Jesus (Y'shua) ha Mashiach that say that marriage is between a man and a woman. Why are you trying to change the definition which came from my holy book which I believe are the words of God. To me whether you sanction abortion through a law or homosexual marriage, it will never be acceptable to me and it would be hypocritical of me to want this change in sexual moral fabric of our society.

I oppose this bill because on page 6 starting on line 4, the definitions of church exemptions are too weak and too poorly written to guarantee our first amendment rights to the free exercise of religion. Many churches serve the community by allowing the usage of facilities for AA groups, parenting and/or marriage classes and sports and exercise classes that are open to the public. The language in SB1 is not strong enough to protect the churches that offer these services for free to the public, many of whom don't attend church, from lawsuits or other challenges

I oppose this bill because I have serious concerns and questions regarding page 15 beginning at line 1 – 9. This section allows couples that do not live in Hawaii and are not taxpayers to pursue an action for annulment, divorce or separation in our state. I have serious and valid concerns about the impact this will have on our already weak economy. The additional cases would increase the burden in our family court system, which is already overtaxed and often unable to meet the needs of our families. As it is now families often have to wait several months for their cases to be addressed. Allowing out of state non-taxpayers can only cause more burden to our family court system.

On page 12 beginning at line 15 572C-2 states that 'the legislature finds that the people of Hawaii choose to preserve the tradition of marriage.....as one man and one woman. This was only two years ago. We have not voted nor had town hall meetings to find out if this has changed. In 1998, the people only voted to allow the 'legislature to have the power to reserve marriage to opposite sex couples'

because we had no other choice. To not have accepted the poorly worded measure would have left the decision to our state judiciary, which had the Baehr v, Miike case pending. Voting to grant the power into the legislatures hands in 1998 was the lesser of two evils. A 'yes' vote in the special session is a 'no'vote to democracy because you are clearly not listening to the voices of the people of Hawaii, whom you have been elected to represent.

These are just a few of the concerns I have about you voting into law possibly the most controversial issue of our time. The short time allowed for the special session and the extra issues that the governor has added prevents you the representatives of this great state from justly and adequately addressing the concerns to the people of the state of Hawaii. I request that you vote no or table this issue and bring it to a vote of the people

Sincerely,

Terry Daun

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Rebecca McGuire  
Hawaii Kai, Honolulu, Hawai'i

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Last Name: Bennett  
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M. Bennett  
Kailua Kona, HI

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:56 PM  
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**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
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Joy Lu-Chen  
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**Kai Lau**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** jonathan.aki@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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Jonathan Aki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill because I don't believe in same-sex marriage.

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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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Laie, Hawaii

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 5:05 PM  
To: Judiciary Special Session  
Subject: To whom it may concern

Jacob Lienau,

Dear whom it may concern,

Including Honorable Chairs, Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke.

Please vote no on senate bill 1 coming October 31st 2013 at 10:00am I oppose SB1

Thank you for your time and listening to the people of Big Island. :) Humbly, Jacob

## **10 Valid Reason why “Same-sex Marriage” is Harmful and Must be Opposed**

### **1. It Is Not Marriage**

Calling something marriage does not make it marriage. Marriage has always been a covenant between a man and a woman which is by its nature ordered toward the procreation and education of children and the unity and wellbeing of the spouses.

The promoters of same-sex “marriage” propose something entirely different. They propose the union between two men or two women. This denies the self-evident biological, physiological, and psychological differences between men and women which find their complementarity in marriage. It also denies the specific primary purpose of marriage: the perpetuation of the human race and the raising of children.

Two entirely different things cannot be considered the same thing.

### **2. It Violates Natural Law**

Marriage is not just any relationship between human beings. It is a relationship rooted in human nature and thus governed by natural law.

Natural law’s most elementary precept is that “good is to be done and pursued, and evil is to be avoided.” By his natural reason, man can perceive what is morally good or bad for him. Thus, he can know the end or purpose of each of his acts and how it is morally wrong to transform the means that help him accomplish an act into the act’s purpose.

Any situation which institutionalizes the circumvention of the purpose of the sexual act violates natural law and the objective norm of morality.

Being rooted in human nature, natural law is universal and immutable. It applies to the entire human race, equally. It commands and forbids consistently, everywhere and always. Saint Paul taught in the Epistle to the Romans that the natural law is inscribed on the heart of every man. (Rom. 2:14-15)

### **3. It Always Denies a Child Either a Father or a Mother**

It is in the child’s best interests that he be raised under the influence of his natural father and mother. This rule is confirmed by the evident difficulties faced by the many children who are orphans or are raised by a single parent, a relative, or a foster parent.

The unfortunate situation of these children will be the norm for all children of a

same-sex “marriage.” A child of a same-sex “marriage” will always be deprived of either his natural mother or father. He will necessarily be raised by one party who has no blood relationship with him. He will always be deprived of either a mother or a father role model.

Same-sex “marriage” ignores a child’s best interests.

#### **4. It Validates and Promotes the Homosexual Lifestyle**

In the name of the “family,” same-sex “marriage” serves to validate not only such unions but the whole homosexual lifestyle in all its bisexual and transgender variants.

Civil laws are structuring principles of man's life in society. As such, they play a very important and sometimes decisive role in influencing patterns of thought and behavior. They externally shape the life of society, but also profoundly modify everyone’s perception and evaluation of forms of behavior.

Legal recognition of same-sex “marriage” would necessarily obscure certain basic moral values, devalue traditional marriage, and weaken public morality.

#### **5. It Turns a Moral Wrong into a Civil Right**

Homosexual activists argue that same-sex “marriage” is a civil rights issue similar to the struggle for racial equality in the 1960s.

This is false.

First of all, sexual behavior and race are essentially different realities. A man and a woman wanting to marry may be different in their characteristics: one may be black, the other white; one rich, the other poor; or one tall, the other short. None of these differences are insurmountable obstacles to marriage. The two individuals are still man and woman, and thus the requirements of nature are respected.

Same-sex “marriage” opposes nature. Two individuals of the same sex, regardless of their race, wealth, stature, erudition or fame, will never be able to marry because of an insurmountable biological impossibility.

Secondly, inherited and unchangeable racial traits cannot be compared with non-genetic and changeable behavior. There is simply no analogy between the interracial marriage of a man and a woman and the “marriage” between two individuals of the same sex.

#### **6. It Does Not Create a Family but a Naturally Sterile Union**

Traditional marriage is usually so fecund that those who would frustrate its end

must do violence to nature to prevent the birth of children by using contraception. It naturally tends to create families.

On the contrary, same-sex “marriage” is intrinsically sterile. If the “spouses” want a child, they must circumvent nature by costly and artificial means or employ surrogates. The natural tendency of such a union is not to create families. Therefore, we cannot call a same-sex union marriage and give it the benefits of true marriage.

### **7. It Defeats the State’s Purpose of Benefiting Marriage**

One of the main reasons why the State bestows numerous benefits on marriage is that by its very nature and design, marriage provides the normal conditions for a stable, affectionate, and moral atmosphere that is beneficial to the upbringing of children—all fruit of the mutual affection of the parents. This aids in perpetuating the nation and strengthening society, an evident interest of the State.

Homosexual “marriage” does not provide such conditions. Its primary purpose, objectively speaking, is the personal gratification of two individuals whose union is sterile by nature. It is not entitled, therefore, to the protection the State extends to true marriage.

### **8. It Imposes Its Acceptance on All Society**

By legalizing same-sex “marriage,” the State becomes its official and active promoter. The State calls on public officials to officiate at the new civil ceremony, orders public schools to teach its acceptability to children, and punishes any state employee who expresses disapproval.

In the private sphere, objecting parents will see their children exposed more than ever to this new “morality,” businesses offering wedding services will be forced to provide them for same-sex unions, and rental property owners will have to agree to accept same-sex couples as tenants.

In every situation where marriage affects society, the State will expect Christians and all people of good will to betray their consciences by condoning, through silence or act, an attack on the natural order and Christian morality.

### **9. It Is the Cutting Edge of the Sexual Revolution**

In the 1960s, society was pressured to accept all kinds of immoral sexual relationships between men and women. Today we are seeing a new sexual revolution where society is being asked to accept sodomy and same-sex “marriage.”

If homosexual “marriage” is universally accepted as the present step in sexual “freedom,” what logical arguments can be used to stop the next steps of incest,

pedophilia, bestiality, and other forms of unnatural behavior? Indeed, radical elements of certain “avant garde” subcultures are already advocating such aberrations.

The railroading of same-sex “marriage” on the American people makes increasingly clear what homosexual activist Paul Varnell wrote in the Chicago Free Press:

“The gay movement, whether we acknowledge it or not, is not a civil rights movement, not even a sexual liberation movement, but a moral revolution aimed at changing people's view of homosexuality.”

### **10. It Offends God**

This is the most important reason. Whenever one violates the natural moral order established by God, one sins and offends God. Same-sex “marriage” does just this. Accordingly, anyone who professes to love God must be opposed to it.

Marriage is not the creature of any State. Rather, it was established by God in Paradise for our first parents, Adam and Eve. As we read in the Book of Genesis: “God created man in His image; in the Divine image he created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them, saying: ‘Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.’” (Gen. 1:28-29)

The same was taught by Our Savior Jesus Christ: “From the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female. For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother; and shall cleave to his wife.” (Mark 10:6-7).

Genesis also teaches how God punished Sodom and Gomorrah for the sin of homosexuality: “The Lord rained down sulphurous fire upon Sodom and Gomorrah. He overthrew those cities and the whole Plain, together with the inhabitants of the cities and the produce of the soil.” (Gen. 19:24-25)

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Regarding 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 oppose SB 1 for the following reasons:

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The religious protection clauses in the current bill do not protect the freedom of speech or freedom of religion as guaranteed in the First Amendment. The bill should reaffirm individual's rights to speak freely and practice their religious beliefs even if these beliefs do not endorse a homosexual lifestyle.

Similar laws have already been passed elsewhere resulting in people being sued fined and jailed for speaking out against, or refusing to service homosexual marriages. This violates First Amendment rights.

There is no reason this bill cannot be heard during a regular session under which full consideration is given to guarantee protection of our constitutional rights and privileges. We, the people deserve no less.

Mahalo for your time and consideration. I pray God speaks to your heart and guides you in this important decision.

Jeremie Horton

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**Subject:** I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Geralyn  
Last Name: Nihipali  
Your Email: ben@nihipali.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
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Geralyn Nihipali(Your Name Here)  
Laie, Hawaii(Your City, State)

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:47 PM  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Lose J'nelle Luseane  
Last Name: Uluave  
Your Email: jnelle.uluave@gmail.com  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Jeremy  
Last Name: Fu  
Your Email: jeremy.d.fu@gmail.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
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Pearl Cith, HI

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Irene  
Last Name: Lesuma  
Your Email: lesumai@byuh.edu  
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Irene Lesuma  
55-476 Kamehameha Highway  
Laie, HI 96762  
808-293-7205

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First Name: Margaret  
Last Name: Souza  
Your Email: msouza@ymail.com  
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First Name: Patty Ann  
Last Name: Burgo  
Your Email: pburgo@yahoo.com  
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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:50 PM  
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**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



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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:49 PM  
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**Subject:** WRITTEN ONLY

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**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

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**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: April  
Last Name: Figueroa  
Your Email: Waipiopastorswife@gmail.com  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Frank  
Last Name: Robello  
Your Email: frobello007@hawaii.rr.com  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Lila  
Last Name: Magalei  
Your Email: magaleil@byuh.edu  
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Kahuku, HI

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: TIARE  
Last Name: GONZALES  
Your Email: kamalei95@aol.com  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: puanani  
Last Name: resurrection  
Your Email: nani.rezz@yahoo.com  
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**Kai Lau**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 5:13 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** john.tilton@me.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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
John Tilton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the SB1 bill. Let the people decide. I am very concerned about the religious exemption and educational ramifications, that the rights of the faith-based are not protected and that our children will be subjected to explicit sex education at too young an age. In Canada, I believe it is 2nd and 3rd grade. I further understand that parents cannot opt out their children from these classes even if it is against their religion.

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 5:08 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** violinmom2@gmail.com  
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**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Sonia Walker-Aki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill because I don't believe in same-sex marriage

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First Name: darrell  
Last Name: siu  
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Lonnell Horton  
91-1070 Hokuwela St.  
Kapolei, HI 96707

Testifier position: oppose SB 1

Regarding 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 oppose SB 1 for the following reasons:

This special session does not allow adequate time to address the concerns that accompany this bill. No other state has passed such a bill within a week's time. Our constitutional rights and privileges are being trampled on as we hastily rush through this process.

Marriage is NOT a civil right as defined by any court, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Therefore, the democratic process should allow the people to decide. The legislative process during this special session has denied the people's right to vote, and the democratic process. Therefore, a "yes" vote to SB 1, is a "no" vote to democracy.

The religious protection clauses in the current bill do not protect the freedom of speech or freedom of religion as guaranteed in the First Amendment. The bill should reaffirm individual's rights to speak freely and practice their religious beliefs even if these beliefs do not endorse a homosexual lifestyle.

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There is no reason this bill cannot be heard during a regular session under which full consideration is given to guarantee protection of our constitutional rights and privileges. We, the people deserve no less.

Mahalo for your time and consideration. I pray God speaks to your heart and guides you in this important decision.

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**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 your time and consideration into this matter and May God bless each one of you and your families!

Mahalo,

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**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
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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**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Mibi  
Last Name: Harp  
Your Email: mibiharp@msn.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
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First Name: Bulla  
Last Name: Eastman  
Your Email: 808bulla@gmail.com  
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Last Name: Maiwiriwiri  
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Last Name: Robello  
Your Email: robellof007@hawaii.rr.com  
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Last Name: Malloy  
Your Email: Pacifical@aol.com  
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Last Name: Kagawa  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Valerie  
Last Name: Keohohou  
Your Email: vkeohohou@yahoi.com  
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Honolulu, Hawaii

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**From:** Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Micah  
Last Name: Magalei  
Your Email: magaleil@byuh.edu  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:26 PM  
**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Stephen  
Last Name: Rogers  
Your Email: Steverog56@gmail.com  
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**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



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Last Name: Long  
Your Email: wwjd.danielle@gmail.com  
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Last Name: Higa  
Your Email: Calvarych157earlh@hawaii.rr.com  
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Last Name: Tsui  
Your Email: spencer.tsui@yahoo.com  
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First Name: David  
Last Name: Long  
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Your Email: nicolekajiyama@gmail.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
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First Name: Andrew  
Last Name: Yamamoto  
Your Email: yama96782@gmail.com  
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Last Name: Reed  
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Dan Reed, Kapolei, HI

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**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

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User Submitted Values:

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Last Name: Kahaialii  
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Laie,Hi.96762

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Last Name: Puaa  
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First Name: Michiko  
Last Name: Char  
Your Email: michiko.char@live.jp  
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Last Name: Amuro  
Your Email: jasonamuro@gmail.com  
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**From:** Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:22 PM  
**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
**Subject:** I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Kimberly  
Last Name: Long  
Your Email: rkdl@hawaiiantel.net  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Kimberly Long  
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

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## Kai Lau

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**From:** Judiciary Special Session  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:43 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
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**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Chris  
Last Name: Annastas  
Your Email: magaleil@byuh.edu  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Chris Annastas  
Laie, HI

## Kai Lau

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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

-----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



## Kai Lau

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**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](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

## Kai Lau

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**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

## Kai Lau

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**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

## Kai Lau

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**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

## Kai Lau

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**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

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**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

## Kai Lau

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**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

## Kai Lau

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**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

## Kai Lau

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**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

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**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.



## Kai Lau

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**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

## Kai Lau

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**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

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**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

## Kai Lau

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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

## Kai Lau

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 8:51 AM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Cc:** pearl.got.rice@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM (Written Only)  
**Attachments:** image.jpg

### **SB1**

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Stephanie Matsuwaki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a registered voter and resident of Kailua-Kona, HI and I humbly ask that you vote no on SB 1. It would violate my freedoms of conscience and threaten my freedom of religion and freedom of speech. Please be a voice for me at a time when I am not allowed to vote and have a say in this, and be a voice for my children whom I want to raise in the ways of God, and vote no on SB 1.

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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MARRIAGE

Marriage is not about a union between a man and a woman, or between a man and a man or between a woman and a woman.

Marriage is an outcome of a RELIGIOUS ritual, called a wedding. The government can not stop this practice.

BUT the government can stop the establishment of religion to discriminate between a single person and a couple. The government should not recognize the existence of a couple since marriage is derived from a religious ritual. An example of discrimination would be tax structure; a couple versus a single person.

This would be an application of the ?separation of church and state?.

## Kai Lau

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**From:** Judiciary Special Session  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:02 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Subject:** Written Only  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

**From:** Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:58 PM  
**To:** Judiciary Special Session  
**Subject:** I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Richard  
Last Name: Alboroto  
Your Email: rickalbster@gmail.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

(Your Name Here)

(Your City, State)

My name is Misti Collinsworth. I am a woman who shares my life, my finances, my love, my successes, my failures, my joy, my sadness, and most of all my Christian faith with another woman. Together, we are raising our beautiful twin daughters. They are now almost 16 years old. Legally and biologically, these wonderful children are my partner's. I've never felt slighted and the girls accept me as their other parent. I am not "Auntie". I am the other MOM. Together we are one family unit. I do not need a piece of paper to prove this. It is what is in my heart. If you want to see the effects of two people of the same sex raising children, please come to my house. Meet my partner, my children. Look at their trophies, their awards, their report cards. I could not ask for two more loving, compassionate, confident, supportive, and just darn near perfect daughters. For me and my family, marriage equality is much more than a piece of paper or a contract between me and my better half. It is protection for my family unit.

Six years ago, I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. There is nothing like that to shake up your world and make you consider the future and the "worst case scenario". We have a medical directive and power of attorney that authorizes my partner as the only person to make medical decisions on my behalf if I am unable. Because she is not my legal spouse, my biological family could fight this and they may even win because legally, there is no relationship between my partner and me. It would not be the first time a case has swung the wrong way in the dealings of a same sex partnership.

Primary Progressive MS eventually leads to death. If I were to die tomorrow, my family would not be financially protected. My partner and children would not receive social security benefits as they would if I was a man and we were legally married. When the disease progresses to the point where I am totally disabled, my partner will not be eligible for FMLA to care for me. I've also been told by a financial advisor that my partner may even have to pay inheritance or estate taxes on property, monies, and other investments that she would not normally pay if we were married.

As a family, we watched the hearings on television on October 29. I was heartbroken as I watched my girls try to understand why anyone would deny their parents the rights that so many others enjoy. I watched their eyes tear with the hateful rhetoric of people who find our family to be "against God" or "abnormal". I listened when they became angry with people who claimed that it's for the good of the ohana and the keiki of Hawaii to ban marriage equality. THEY are keiki. WE are ohana. When you are considering SB-1, please consider the protections and rights that would be rightly afforded to families like mine. Mahalo for your time and generous consideration.

God Bless,

Misti Collinsworth



## Matthew Hanabusa

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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

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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](http://www.kapolei.gov)

[\(808\) 672-4584](tel:8086724584)

[Mjkfaux@aol.com](mailto: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

To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sharon Beaver  
Hauula, Hawaii

My entire family and I are pleading that you would vote **NO** to the same sex marriage bill that is being introduced. I cannot begin to even imagine the horrible and disastrous effects that this will have on our society. Our state motto is "Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Āina i ka Pono", but we have come so far from righteousness. The passing of the same sex marriage bill is NOT for Hawaii and its people! I believe that passing this will only destroy the purity and beauty of what marriage is supposed to be about: joining of one man and one woman. If same sex marriage is permitted, other types of non-traditional marriage such as polygamous and polyamorous marriages will also soon be permitted. It is not my desire to teach my grandchildren that this is acceptable nor would I want schools to teach our keiki about sex between two men or two women. I want my future generations of keiki to grow up in a society that respects marriage between one man and one woman!

PLEASE! Vote **NO** to same sex marriage and let my voice be heard!

I am writing to plead that you would vote **NO** to the same sex marriage bill that is being introduced. I am strongly opposed to same sex marriage because I value traditional marriage between a man and a woman. There are many negative effects that same sex marriage has on society and I hope that you would do what is RIGHT for the people and state. There are a number of states and countries that are already seeing the detrimental effects that same sex marriage has on society. My children have grown to be successful adults in society and I strongly believe that growing up in a loving family with a father AND mother has much to do with grooming them into being physically and emotionally strong adults.

I am concerned for our keiki of Hawaii and I know you are too. Our keiki need a father AND mother that will love them and teach them. Studies show that children growing up in homes of only mothers or only fathers tend to have more behavioral and psychological problems. Recent medical research has confirmed that there are genetically determined differences between men and women and those fundamental differences help explain why mothers and fathers bring unique characteristics to parenting that can't be replicated by the other sex. I DO NOT want my grandchildren and future generations to grow up in a society that doesn't uphold marriage as a holy matrimony between ONE MAN and ONE WOMAN.

Please let my voice be heard!

Thank you,  
Kevin Guan

October 30, 2013

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:

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I am unclear as to why an issue such as redefining traditional marriage would not be brought to the polls for the people of Hawaii to vote on. I am ashamed to say that it has taken me almost 40 years to understand the workings of our government. I am disappointed to see how some of our politicians don't believe that the people of Hawaii are indeed capable of deciding what is right.

If the legislators who are in favor of this bill feel that they are truly looking out for the minority, will they also defend future minority groups who may come forward to say that marriage between blood relatives deserves equality? If you can redefine traditional marriage, I fear that incest may also be seen as acceptable. Who should define what is acceptable...a group of politicians or the people at large?

PLEASE do not turn our beautiful State of Hawaii into a state that will require our educators to teach our children (or even encourage them) that they can have a homosexual relationship. It is bad enough that they are taught to use contraceptive (when many parents are trying to teach them abstinence...which also has not prevented teen pregnancy), but now will be taught that the homosexual lifestyle is acceptable (when many parents believe otherwise). Are you encouraging working moms who are totally against having their children to be subjected to such teachings to quit their jobs and take their children out of the public schools to homeschool them?

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE let the people vote. And if the majority of the people see that marriage needs to be redefined, then so be it. But let it be the people who decide.

Thank you for the opportunity to give my testimony in writing.

Karen Hockett  
Kapolei, HI

## Matthew Hanabusa

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:06 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Subject:** Written Only  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

From: Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]  
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:03 PM  
To: Judiciary Special Session  
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

Your Email:

OnlyJESUS.wtr@gmail.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Walter Rickard, Jr.  
Kaneohe, HI



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 feel that this Bill SB1 and method that it is being put through this special session does not have the best interest of the people of Hawaii and the democratic system. Our country was built by honest and trustworthy individuals who were the voice of the people. I feel that at this time you need to listen to the voice of the people who are strongly opposing this bill because it infringes on our religious freedoms.

The implications if the bill were passed would greatly affect the beautiful lifestyle and Island that we live in. For our posterity, I strongly encourage you to not pass the bill we want to preserve traditional family and safe place where people have their religious freedom protected.

Sincerely,

Kiarra Casey

47-356 Hui Iwa St. B

Kaneohe, HI. 96744

## **1. The Religious Exemptions for Church Facilities and Pastors do not work.**

- We don't just solemnize marriages it is way too narrow:
- We counsel, We do outreach to children, youth, camps, marriage classes, retreats, baby showers, marriage showers, birthday parties
- Will we be able to preach that homosexual behavior is sin?
- What does it mean when it says that a church building can be considered "for profit"?
- o The courts will have to decide what that means.
- What about hiring practices for church personnel such as staff, Pre Schools, Counseling Centers, interns, Summer Fun . . . ?

## **2. Educational Slant**

- Is there a violation of religious freedom for teachers and children?
- Who will determine the Curriculum?
- Utilize the quote from Governor's FAQ on his website regarding his views on what will happen in education.
- What will happen for School Counselors if there is a different skill set for homosexual children?
- What will happen to educators and/or educators who don't agree with masturbation, or oral or anal sex or a homosexual lifestyle? Will they be fired?
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- Are you prepared to force children to learn this?
- Just speaking as a educator against this bill brings the threat that I may be reprimanded or punished in some fashion just because I spoke against this bill.

## **3. "Why the Rush?"**

- It is obvious that this is still very contentious for Hawaii.
- No State or Country has ever passed SSM in a special session or such a short period of time.
- Many of the ramifications of SSM are unknown as far as its impact upon society, upon education, upon government, upon the church, upon Hawaii!
- SSM itself is so new with Canada and Massachusetts being the

oldest but also the scariest.

- Hundreds of people were turned away at the Senate hearing because of not enough time.
- Even then, people giving their testimonies were limited to only one minute. Is that fair?
- Today, we have been given only two minutes to share what will be the greatest social experimentation on our Hawaii to date because it affects the very bedrock of society, the family.
- Religious leaders were not consulted in the crafting of the bill.
- State legislators are being pressured to make this huge decision in just a few days.
- The Senate President was opposed to a Special Session.
- The Speaker of the House was opposed to a Special Session.
- The Governor did not have the necessary 2/3 majority to pass a Special Session.
- The Governor unilaterally called for a Special Session in a move that has never happened in Hawaii.
- Are we living in Hawaii or Communist China?

Sincerely,  
Donna Mae Katsura

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Danny Luu  
Honolulu, HI

I am writing to express my concern relating to the proposed legislation on same sex marriage that I feel would redefine the relationship and nature of marriage in Hawaii. While I am not opposed to equal rights for all members of society, I am very concerned about the redefinition of marriage as a means to accomplish this goal. This issue has been voted on and decided in the past. The majority of the voters chose to keep the traditional definition of marriage as one man and one woman. Taking away people's right to have a voice on this issue now is wrong. I believe that the redefinition of marriage, as currently proposed, will shift the discrimination felt by one group of society to another, in particular those people and organizations of faith. As you consider the proposed changes, and their ramifications, I ask that you also consider including strong legislation that will exempt and protect those that will now face a newly created discrimination. Such an exemption should:

1. Protect religious organizations and officials from being forced to support or perform same-sex marriages or from being forced to host same-sex marriages celebrations in their facilities.
2. Protect individuals and small businesses from being forced to assist in promoting or celebrating same sex marriages.

Thank you for your consideration, and

for your service to our community. Dawna Moody  
Honolulu Resident

From: Antonio Gimbernat  
6 Nena Street,  
Makawao, Hawaii, 96768

Thursday, October 31, 2013

To: Hawaii State Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813

Aloha State Representatives,

**Re: Public Testimony in Opposition to SB1 (Same Sex Marriage)**

As you know, my name is Antonio Gimbernat.

If you recall, I was a Candidate for Congressional District 2 during the 2010 Election, & I was a Candidate for the US Senate Seat Vacated by Senator Akaka in 2012.

This past June, the United States Supreme Court Ruled that the Defense of Marriage Act (aka: doma) is Unconstitutional.

If you believe this Ruling was Unsound & Insane, don't worry..., your not alone..., because so did I.

I believe the United States Supreme Court Justices have gone too far this time, & I consider them to now be the Equivalent of... the Insane Perverted Roman Dictator Caligula. Caligula was assassinated by his own Soldiers who came to realize he was Mentally Ill.

As a Heterosexual Male, I have grown tired of the Constant Sexual Harassment by the LGBT Community, every time I turn on the Radio, Television or Surf the Internet.

To think that America's Youth is subjected to this Deranged & Demented Content is horrifying; it's no wonder Young Adults are resorting to Random Acts of Terroristic Violence out of Frustration.

I realize that some people are Born with Birth Defects, such as a Hermaphrodite or Hormone Imbalance.

I also realize many Men & Women are Mentally Ill, being in Denial of their Gender's Role in Life.

This is why we have Physical Disability & Mental Health Services.



I am concerned, because I do not want my Children being taught in School to think Homosexuality & Lesbianism is Normal, when it clearly is a Physical & or Mental Defect.

As a Blue Collar Democrat, I work too hard, & I will not tolerate Innocent Hard Working People being subjected to these Deranged & Demented Unorthodox Lifestyles.

Many argue that Legalizing Same Sex Marriages in Hawaii will Generate Revenue from Tourism (Airfare, Hotel, & Restaurant Sales). What they Fail to Realize is this will Simultaneously Scare away Heterosexual Tourism Revenue.

Many Heterosexual Couples do not want their Children Subjected to a Gay Couple Wearing "Banana Thongs/G-Strings" at the Hotel Swimming Pool!

Furthermore, the LGBT Community's use of the Rainbow as a Symbol of their Organization is not only inappropriate (as the Rainbow is the Symbol of God's Covenant with the Earth), but could Detrimentally affect the University of Hawaii's Athletic Programs; Especially the Football Program. Some would Mistaken or Tease the "Rainbow Warriors" as being affiliated with the LGBT Community. This Stigma would Compel Heterosexual Athletes & Football Players to attend College elsewhere.

It would be sound & founded to direct these LGBT Individuals to New York City where the LGBT Community is better established.

On Christmas Day 2011, The Maui News headline read "Hotels expect boost from Civil Unions Law".

As a Heterosexual, this concerned me, fearful that Civil Union Couples will engage in inappropriate & boisterous behavior in front of Heterosexual Hotel Guests; many of which will be Minors.

The Heterosexual Hotel Guests will interpret this "inappropriate & boisterous behavior" as a form of Sexual Harassment & or Harassment, if subjected to it. The Hotels will then lose Heterosexual Guests & Revenue.

Therefore, if the Current Same Sex Bill Passes, I will recommend that the Hotels invoke a Discretionary Policy, banning inappropriate & boisterous behavior by Civil Union/Same Sex Couples. (i.e. No Public French/Tongue Kissing, No Boisterous Behavior etc.) Perhaps a Brochure on what qualifies as inappropriate & boisterous would work.

Civil Union/Same Sex Marriage Hotel Guests who do not comply, will be removed from the Property & or Arrested.

This is not Discrimination. It is Discretion, looking out for the Welfare of Heterosexual Hotel Guests.

Furthermore, Hotels will need to install Restrooms for Homosexuals & Lesbians, in addition to Heterosexual Male & Female Restrooms. (Perhaps a fifth Restroom for Hermaphrodites).

Argument: The Reason Society created Male & Female Restrooms is to separate the Sexes to avoid Sexual Harassment & or Assault. So here, it would be inappropriate to allow a Homosexual or Lesbian to use a Male or Female Heterosexual Restroom, out of concern the Heterosexuals would be subject to possibly being Sexually Harassed & or Assaulted. Therefore, Homosexual, Lesbian & Hermaphrodite Restrooms will need to be Mandated by Law to avoid Sexual Harassment & or Sexual Assault Legal Liabilities. This will cost Billions of Dollars.

It is clear to me that Governor Abercrombie recklessly signed the Civil Unions Bill into Law without consideration for the Welfare of the Heterosexual Community.

**Please consider my foregoing testimony in opposition to Same Sex Marriage when you go to cast your votes on the House Floor.**

God save us all...

Sincerely with Aloha,

Antonio Gimbernat

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Mr. Antonio Gimbernat  
835-A Puapana Place  
Makawao, HI 96768

Dear Mr. Gimbernat:

Thank you for contacting me to express your opposition to a civil unions bill that is awaiting the governor's decision.

It is my longstanding general policy not to intervene in matters under state or county jurisdiction. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to contact the governor and let her know of your concerns. Mahalo again for contacting me.

Aloha pumehana,



DANIEL K. AKAKA  
U.S. Senator

## Matthew Hanabusa

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Rachel Foster  
Honolulu, Hawai'i

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Honolulu

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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

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  
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Wahiawa, HI

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Samuel Kinikini  
Laie, HI 96762

Karl Rhoads, Chair  
House Judiciary Committee

Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Finance Committee

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

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

My name is Amanda Frazier, I'm 28 years old and have grown up here in Hawaii my entire life. I have recently become very interested in politics and what's going on in our world today.

Even though I'm a Christian, if the law was simply about the term "marriage" and allowing homosexual couples to be married (versus having a civil union), I may not be opposed – I don't judge others and don't wish to force my beliefs on anyone. However, I did read the bill, and I know that what it talks about is not just allowing homosexuals to be married, but it also restricts the church, any religious organization, along with individuals. It will basically force churches to marry homosexuals in their church or be faced with civil suits relating to discrimination. And what if I as an individual does not believe in homosexuality? Will I be forced to perform a marriage ceremony as a licensed minister or provide flowers from my business for that wedding? Yes – because if I don't, that couple can sue me, and they will win – driving me out of business, and therefore, I will not be free to practice what I believe.

As a Christian, I firmly believe in marriage between a man and a women. If I as a pastor was forced to marry a homosexual couple and go directly against my beliefs, honestly, I would no longer be in a free country.

Our constitution is there to protect our freedoms, most importantly our freedom of religion. That means, I should be able to practice my religion and without forcing it on someone else, be free to do what I believe.

This bill will force people to do what homosexuals believe... does that sound right to you? It doesn't sound okay to me.

I am in opposition of the bill how it is currently written.

PLEASE take the time to let the PEOPLE DECIDE.

Sincerely,

Amanda Frazier

Aloha,

I have been friends with gay people all my life. I love them. They have beautiful hearts and spirits. They are caring, funny, and great people. I am not against them, but for them. I am for them because I believe in the plans God has for their lives. I have learned that homosexuality is a sin that can be conquered through the power, love, and grace of Jesus Christ. I ask that you all vote NO to same-sex marriage and stand on biblical truth. Stand on the truth that our nation was founded on. I ask that this decision is not rushed. Carefully and thoughtfully go through this bill. Please protect our freedom of religion. Let the people vote.

Thank you,  
Shaila Toyama

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Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

Please Email Your Representatives Below:

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.

Let the people decide on marriage in Hawaii. It is our  
right.

D. Perriton  
Laie, HI

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**Matthew Hanabusa**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
sarah	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Committee on Judiciary

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Committee on Finance

Re: Bill #SB 1

Hearing: Thursday, October 31, 2013  
10:00 am  
Auditorium of the State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

My name is Earl Sumner. I was born in Hawaii and lived here all my life. I am a father of three children and a Pastor of Praise Chapel Christian Fellowship in Wahiawa.

I am opposed to SB #1, Relating to Equal Rights

I am against same sex marriage because it will negatively affect our culture and lower our moral standard. God instituted marriage between one man and one woman. By redefining it, it will open the flood gate of other immoral acts like child molestation, polygamy, child prostitution, incest, rape and sex with animals. There may also be an increase in violence, murder, suicide, and drugs. Aids and other sexually transmitted disease will rise. Is that what you want in the land of Aloha?

Please do not permit same sex marriage for the good of the land. United States was founded on the Bible and keeping its laws has prospered this nation. Lowering our moral standard will bring a curse on our land.

Thank you for serving in our legislature. Thank you for considering our concerns.

Earl Sumner  
94-804 Lumi Pl  
Waipahu, Hi. 96797  
Ph. 671-5258

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

FROM: Ku`umakana P.  
Aiea, Hawaii

RE: STRONG OPPOSITION TO BILL SB1

It has been made known to me this night of the hearing concerning SB1, which will take place on Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Capitol Auditorium.

Please accept this writing as my **voice of opposition** to Bill SB1.

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

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

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousands of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Chairs Luke and Rhoads, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Har, and members of the House Committees on Finance and Judiciary,

I am testifying in strong support of this measure giving same-sex couples the same rights and benefits enjoyed today by opposite sex couples in marriage. Civil unions never provided truly equal rights to anyone who took advantage of those provisions. Federal rights were left out – could not be included in state legislation. Now with the court decision on DOMA, once the state provides actual marriage benefits for gay couples, they will be able to receive the federal benefits they have worked for and paid for everyone else. Of perhaps equal or greater importance is the respect that our gay brothers and sisters will be given and will now be allowed to feel. Marriage is not just about financial benefits but includes societal recognition.

It is important to do this during this special session both to:

- Give same-sex couples full recognition and marriage benefits before year's end; and
- Prevent this issue from taking valuable time from the 2014 legislative session.

There are many other issues to work on during the upcoming regular session, so completing this discussion before session begins would benefit all of the other issues and their stakeholders, issues such as the budget, schools, consumer protection, the environment and so many others.

Thanks for hearing this bill and hopefully getting it through the process, making it law.

Mary James

[felinitous@yahoo.com](mailto:felinitous@yahoo.com)

SB1 is just like the annexation of Hawaii. A group other than the native and local people sought to gain control by using methods of force, whether by Social or Political means. I am a native Hawaiian and I believe and feel that this is Hewa and also very racist because of the lack of ear to the voice of the people of Hawaii and its religious communities. But we are quick to jump on the Bandwagon because we Need Votes. Just as the fireworks did, our religious freedom will be forfeited by a minority that has only made itself present suddenly. This is unfair because we as native people DO NOT have the privilege to make laws and conditions to our equality as they do. We continue to fight for the rights that were taken away over 120 years ago and continue to fight with no prevail or closure. So if you want to call it an Equal Rights Issue, then you are a hypocrite because we still stand unnoticed and pushed aside.

October 31, 2013

House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: SB 1 Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Esteemed Representatives:

I strongly support SB1 on same-sex marriage, and urge you to vote IN FAVOR of the bill.

Marriage-Equality is a necessary step for Hawai'i citizens in treating all with aloha, no matter differences in values and beliefs. Working in a law office, I have been astounded by the ability of our small, vital legal community to continually come together for the common cause of serving Hawai'i -- regardless of the adversarial nature of their work. It is one of our community's greatest assets, and one important reason for me to pursue a career in the islands. The people of Hawai'i are tolerant, patient, loving, and well-suited to be a national leader on treating all humans with respect, dignity, and equality.

This bill is consistent with not only our spirit of Aloha, but also the law. Federal law and decisions support marriage-equality. Hawai'i's discrimination law protects citizens from discrimination of sexual-orientation. The laws are clear that passing this bill is the right and just action to take.

SB1 is a bill to protect the rights of all of Hawaii's people. Please be on the right side of history for this evolving issue.

Mahalo,  
Sabrina Kawana  
Mililani Town  
House District 37

To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

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

Place: Capitol Auditorium

Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Michael Lum

Honolulu, HI 96816

October 30, 2013

**RE: SB1-RELATING TO EQUALITY of Same Sex Marriage**

Karl Rhoads, Chair  
House Judiciary Committee  
Committee

Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Finance

**Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO  
EQUALITY**

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

This is to inform you that I OPPOSE the Bill SB 1 relating to marriage equality.

I am apart of a small business and in this Bill I would have to abide by a law that mandates me to provide services to individuals and promote solemnization. That is something that I do not agree with.

In this Bill, it deletes every constitutional right of MY freedom. The freedom to live what I believe. The freedom to share my beliefs with others. This Bill breechs my first amendment constitutional right. That right does state: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

By passing this bill, it does not give me a choice to choose if I would like to service these people. I am mandated to do so. How is that fair? This bill although amended—you say, does not protect the rights of Pastors, Schools, Churches, Judges, Small Businesses and individuals who have the right to their own religious freedom.

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My only hope is that true justice will be served on behalf of our entire society.

Thank you for your time.

Kuulei Iranon  
K II K Services, Inc.  
Keaau, Hawaii

Aloha, Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Har, Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Johnson, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance.

My name is Ryan Ignacio, I am a registered voter from Kalihi.

I am opposed to Bill SB1 for the following reasons.

This special session is not enough time to democratically examine a bill that will affect the future of the state and her residents. I believe that the bill should not redefine what marriage is as it has

As a proud American voter that truly believes in the democratic process, I plead that this bill not to be passed at this time. Please re-introduce the bill in the next legislative session to be fully reviewed, heard and discussed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Ryan Ignacio  
Honolulu, HI

. not trample on the rights of those that oppose the bill. This short special session does not allow for the bill to be democratically reviewed.

and follow a truly democratic process where you hear both sides and create the bill to equally protect both sides.

do not resort to a quick five day special session to decide the future of Hawaii.

Democratic Sen. Clayton Hee said before voting for the bill that the moment is career-defining and lawmakers should embrace it.

Do not vote selfishly, what about our keiki? It's in the same situation as parents who chooses their career over raising their child or children. Their children will be affected.

What about business owners? Do they not get some protection? I fear that the LGBT Community will force business to

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

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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.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

(Enter your Name here)

(Enter your City and State here)



October 31, 2013

To Whom This May Concern,

I am a HIGHLY concerned citizen in regards to Senate Bill 1. I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to this bill on many levels and for various reasons. However, my point is not to argue my position on whether I agree or not. My point is not even to allow the people to vote on such a matter. My point in opposing this bill is due to the manner that it will possibly be passed and made law.

As a college graduate, I am deeply disturbed as to the possible outcome of this legislative process. Back in high school when I provided my speech for Leadership in the National Honor Society induction, I quoted Jesse Jackson who said, "Time is neutral and does not change things. With courage and initiative, leaders change things."

The issue of same sex marriage has been around for decades. I am no expert on the history it has endured in our state of Hawaii, but who honestly believes that the solution to this controversial matter would be solved in less than two weeks? The fact that this issue has been around for decades does not mean the time for change is in this miniscule time frame. The solution of this issue requires exactly what Jesse Jackson calls for, courage, initiative, and leaders who are willing to listen.

I appreciate the House leaders taking the time to listen to the 3,000+ testimonies, but listening to the many sides in such a short period is not efficient. Almost two hours has passed, and the only testimonies heard thus far are that of the governor's representative and the Attorney General. Sure, the House leaders will take their time to listen to everyone else and come to a conclusion, maybe even pass a few amendments, but what are they basing that decision on? Are they basing it on fact? On the hours of testimonies that have barely sunk in? They need the time to fully understand and verify what they heard, and not just listen and "think" they fully understand.

In nursing, each patient has a care plan, which guides their treatment process. My mom, who is a nurse, has recently been tasked with formulating the care plans for the patients in her working place. In order to do so, she must initiate meetings with various individuals who are involved in the patients' well-being, from their diet to their activities. Together they are able to provide the best care plan possible to assist in the patients' treatment; it is a collaborative effort, something lacking in this process of SB1.

This bill is no different. I may not be well informed as to who wrote this bill, but I am quite certain that it was not written knowing every possible input. It is clear by the number of questions asked today that there are still many questions left. The only way to answer those questions is to take the time to find the answers, and not jam them into a few hours of a day. The Attorney General is not all knowing, and does not have all the answers, especially on the spot. An informed decision cannot come from that. An informed decision can only come from utilizing all possible resources and taking the time to talk to the people of different views. From there, a proper bill can be drafted.

Many believe the people should vote. Many believe this bill should pass. Many believe this bill could change a billion things about society. My point? THE PEOPLE ARE DIVIDED. Regardless of the outcome of this bill, the people will not be at rest. I can only imagine the segregation that can come from it, and the thought terrifies me. Now, how do you remedy segregation? By passing this bill? No. By taking the courage and initiative to find the happy medium between everyone is how this is should be done. By reaching out to all the effected sides and find how to please everyone is how this should be done. I'm not saying you will be able to please everyone, but it is better than not trying at all. Showing the people of Hawaii effort is better than enforcing and practically blindsiding them, especially with the updated SB1 coming out within less than a week of the first public hearing.

I'm not trying to inform the leaders of Hawaii how to do their job, this is merely a suggestion. However, I do believe that passing this bill is in no form the type of leadership Hawaii's people voted for. I'm saying that they voted for people who would listen; listening with understanding and empathy for all people. I'm saying the people voted for leaders, not for people who intend to enforce what they believe the state is ready for, when clearly the people are not ready.

The Senate has already crossed the trust of the people by passing this bill to the House. Now I place my trust in the House that these leaders will have an epiphany that this process of rushing SB1 is not due process. On a topic that can have so many ramifications, I can only trust that the House will realize the amount of time that is truly necessary to serve this bill the justice it deserves, regardless if they approve or oppose, and kill this bill. SB1 deserves a full session and not a measly two weeks. SB1 deserves justice and respect. I deserve it. The people of Hawaii deserve it. The leaders of our State deserve it. Most importantly, the future generations of Hawaii deserve it.

Thank You

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:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jason Yamada

Concerned Aiea, Hawaii Resident

October 30, 2013

Thursday, October 31, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. House's Committee on Judiciary

House's Committee on Finance

Hawaii State Capitol

Capitol Auditorium

415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: STRONG SUPPORT for SB 1 – Relating to Equal Rights

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Aloha Chairpersons Rhoads and Luke, Vice Chairs Har, Nishimoto and Johanson and fellow committee members,

I strongly support this bill. My dad was a wedding photographer for 40+ years, and my step-mom has been a make-up artist, hairdresser, and now wedding planner for 30. It's how food was put on the table and clothes were put on my back. Because of this, I have seen countless weddings, and have worked a bunch of weddings now over the past couple years. As a result, I have the opportunity to see something everyday most people only see a few times in their lives: families and friends coming together to celebrate the love shared between two people. And you really see that connection being bonded, from the sharing of vows, to the placing of rings, to the sharing a first kiss between a newlywed husband and wife. And it's beautiful.

I see the same spark, the same bond between two people of the same sex, guys or girls. And it's just as beautiful. Their love is just as pure and bright and full of aloha as any other. It is with that said, I strongly support this bill.

However, there is one clause in this bill I feel should be reconsidered. On page 2 of the bill, specifically lines 17 through 22, where the bill describes the intent of the legislature in regards to religious freedom and liberty, it states that religious organizations along with its officers are not required by law to solemnize same-sex marriages *provided* they do not solemnize opposite-sex marriages for profit. I disagree with this clause, and feel that even if members of a religious organization solemnize marriages for profit, they are free to turn away same-sex couples. Just as a food service establishment reserves the right to refuse service to a potential customer, a church should reserve the right to refuse marrying a couple, opposite-sex or same-sex.

I, personally, wouldn't want to antagonize a clergyman into marrying a potential partner and myself, reminding him he has no choice in the matter, because that would be forcing my beliefs on him. I am all too familiar with how it feels to have one's beliefs forced upon me, and would not wish that upon someone else.

Otherwise, I support this bill along with the rest of its motivations, and I ask you, chairs and members of the committee, to please vote in support of this bill. I ask this with aloha. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kiefer Harrington  
(address)

October 30, 2013

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House's Committee on Finance

Hawaii State Capitol

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RE: STRONG SUPPORT for SB 1 – Relating to Equal Rights

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Aloha Chairpersons Rhoads and Luke, Vice Chairs Har, Nishimoto and Johanson and fellow committee members,

I strongly support this bill. Economically there is no downside to this bill. Imagine all the LGBT couples bringing hundreds of thousands of dollars into Hawaii so they can have their special day in paradise. We already have people flying in from the continent and even from other countries just so they can tie the knot here in Hawaii, imagine how much more we can profit as a state that relies on Tourism if we had marriage equality.

Religiously there shouldn't be a problem with it. I was raised in Nazareth and Baptist churches and never once did we learn that Jesus spoke out against the homosexuals. Jesus actually taught his disciples to accept the outcasts, prostitutes, lepers and homosexuals among them. Anyone who claims they are a Christian and opposes this bill is not following Christ's teachings. To be Christian is to be Christ-Like. What would Jesus do? Support equality for all of God's children.

Marriage is not a religious practice, it is a civil one. Civil rights should never be left up to the people to vote upon. If we did that in the past, the only people today who would have the right to vote on any issue would be a wealthy, white man. No people of any other race, nor would any women at all be able to have a say. The majority of us in our beloved, diverse island state would not have a say in any matters at all. I believe in a future where all people have equal rights under our government founded upon freedom.

Sincerely,

Jonathan I. Miller  
45-512 Alokahi Street.  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

October 30, 2013

Re:: SB 1

To the House of Representatives –

I am a registered voter and am **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to SB No 1

The process in which the bill is being forced on us through a special session goes against and around the democratic process. It does not allow enough time for dialog or amendments. This is not right and this bill is being railroaded to benefit a tiny fraction of the people at the expense of the majority.

This bill is an important issue that will have grave consequences on the traditional family unit as we now know it. Therefore, please vote **NO** on this bill and support the wishes of the majority . Remember Hawaii's state motto...."The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness."

Respectfully ,  
Beverly Mau

October 30, 2013

**RE: SB1-RELATING TO EQUALITY of Same Sex Marriage**

To Committee Chair Clayton Hee, Vice-Chair Maile Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

This is to inform you that I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** the Bill entitled SB1-Relating to Marriage Equality.

I am apart of a small business and in this Bill I would have to abide by a law that mandates me to provide services to individuals and promote solemnization. That is something that I do not agree with.

In this Bill, it deletes every constitutional right of MY freedom. The freedom to live what I believe. The freedom to share my beliefs with others. This Bill breechs my first amendment constitutional right. That right does state: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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You are asking that I put my personal religious beliefs aside to regard a population as "equal"—to what extent?

If you want equality—then let the people vote. Remember that from generation to generation, our children will have to live with the ramifications of what is put into place. YOU WILL NOT be the ones to explain this to my children.



My only hope is that true justice will be served on behalf of our entire society.

Thank you for your time.

Kuulei Iranon  
K I I K Services, Inc.  
Keaau, Hawaii

October 30, 2013

Karl Rhoads, Chair  
House Judiciary Committee  
Committee

Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Finance

Re: **TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO  
EQUALITY**

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

This is to inform you that I **OPPOSE** the Bill entitled SB1-Relating to  
Marriage Equality.

I own a small business in the State of Hawaii, and in this Bill I would have  
to abide by a law that mandates me to provide services to individuals and  
promote solemnization. That is something that I do not agree with.

In this Bill, it discriminates every constitutional right of MY freedom. The  
freedom to live what I believe. The freedom to share my beliefs with others.  
This Bill would breach my first amendment constitutional right. That right  
does state:

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religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the  
freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people  
peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress  
of grievances.”

This bill does not protect our churches, pastors, schools, judges and even  
our small business owners who have the right to have their religious  
freedom.

You are asking that WE put OUR personal religious beliefs aside to  
regard a population as “equal”-to what extent?

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Keone Iranon

K I I K Services, Inc.

Keaau, Hawaii

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. As a concerned citizen, I am submitting this testimony against this special session and in strong opposition of the bill that would legalize same sex marriage in Hawaii.

I oppose this bill because the religious protection clauses are inadequate for people of faith to exercise their First Amendment right of speech and religion.

As an educator, I am at risk of disciplinary actions for speaking out in support of my personal and religious beliefs which is in disagreement with same-sex marriage.

Additionally, as a parent with children in the public education system, I am at risk of losing my parental rights. My right as a parent to instill my religious views on marriage to my children will be taken away as my children are forced to learn new curricula which will include the new definition of marriage and all that will come with that new definition.

Additionally, I oppose this bill because the people of Hawaii, in 1998, already voted in favor of the constitutional amendment which defines marriage as one between one man and one woman. If you want to revisit this issue, then I ask that you allow the people to decide.

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

Melissa Bradley  
Waianae, Oahu  
[bradleyohana25@gmail.com](mailto:bradleyohana25@gmail.com)



THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2013

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Representative Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee

SENATE BILL SB1: RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS  
Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. State Capitol Auditorium

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)                            |
| 5. Senator Donovan Dela Cruz           | (209 + Cover Letter Testimony) |
| 6. Senator Brickwood Galuteria         | (1)                            |
| 7. Senator Clayton Hee                 | (209 + Cover Letter Testimony) |

8. Senator David Ige (213 + Cover Letter Testimony)
9. Senator Michelle Kidani (8)
10. Representative Sylvia Luke (212 + Cover Letter Testimony)
11. Senate President Donna Mercado Kim (45 + Cover Letter Testimony)
12. Representative Marcus Oshiro (206 + Cover Letter Testimony)
13. Representative Karl Rhoads (197 + Cover Letter Testimony)
14. House Speaker Joseph Souki (24 + Cover Letter Testimony)

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."*];
- We believe the Legislature is overreaching into church affairs and may be dangerously close to violating the separation of state and church;
- We believe that if SB1 becomes law, it may negatively impact the various social agencies and community organizations that currently utilize church facilities. We hope the State and the Legislature has taken this into account, and that you'll be prepared to support these organizations in their mission to service many of the communities you represent; and
- We believe this legislation is rooted in economics and money rather than in truth and love.

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.

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to submit 1,567 testimonies in opposition of SB1.

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."  
Abraham Lincoln  
16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America***

I am writing in **opposition** to the proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 that will be discussed in your Special Legislative Session.

It is estimated that 5% of Hawai'i residents identify themselves as Gay or Lesbian but there are only ½ % of Hawai'i residents who are currently in Civil Unions. Which we would assume means that only 1 in 10 Gay/Lesbians are even interested in getting married. Redefining marriage will not only affect this very minute percentage of our population, but will change society forever for all Hawai'i 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 our children should be taught that having a Gay or Lesbian marriage is an acceptable alternative to heterosexual marriage, then so be it.

If perhaps the majority of people in Hawai'i 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 laws 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.

For these reasons, I humbly request that you **VOTE IN OPPOSITION** to Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

Sincerely,  
*Jason Kadarusman*

*15-2795 Oopu St.  
Pahoa, HI 96778*

October 30, 2013

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chairman  
House Committee on Judiciary  
The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chairman  
House Committee on Finance  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

Dear Chairmans Rhoads and Luke,

I am writing this testimony strongly opposing the passage of S.B. 1, The Marriage Equality Act of 2013, because it redefines the most core institution of society, marriage. Marriage between a man and a woman has been and is interwoven into every fabric of our society, both legally and socially, throughout all generations of time. To redefine marriage by including same sex couples is to redefine the beliefs and values of individuals who firmly hold on to marriage as that between a man and a woman.

In addition, the most critical element that this bill does not properly address is our individual right to religious liberty. Not only does it deny individuals from exercising their First Amendment right of freedom of religion, but also the rights of religious institutions:

(1) Many churches have nonprofit organizations to help them carry out their religious missions, such as religious schools and colleges like BYU-Hawaii. The Senate bill covers only "religious organizations." Unlike protections in other states, it does not protect these other important institutions that are vital to churches.

(2) The Senate bill protects churches from having to host same-sex marriage ceremonies on their religious properties or in their places of worship, such as an LDS meetinghouse. That is important, but not good enough. Unlike protections in other states, the Senate bill does not protect churches from also having to host same-sex wedding receptions and other related celebrations, or from having to provide other goods and services in connection with same-sex marriages, like marriage counseling.

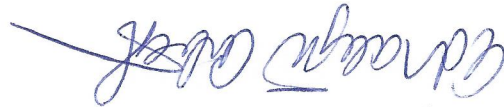
(3) Many churches charge fees for the use of their chapels for weddings so they can use the additional money to support important religious activities, such as their youth ministry or program to feed the hungry. The Senate bill excludes protections for churches that do so.



Address:

Email:

Edralyn Caberto  
98-234 Hale Momi Place  
Aiea, Hawaii, 96701



Sincerely,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Give this bill 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 a public policy that will forever obliterate thousands of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in this special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy.

1. Yet, the committee voted for this bill. Is that fair and just. heard and received over 1500 testimonies; more than 60% of whom oppose SB process is being disregarded during this special session. The Senate Committee and open democratic process that affords us citizens of this great nation. This issue in our history and it is being decided in a matter of days, far from the fair is going against the will of the people. This is one of the most contentious social Allow the people to decide on this issue of marriage as I believe the Legislature

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## Matthew Hanabusa

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**From:** Judiciary Special Session  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:55 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
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From: Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]  
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:50 PM  
To: Judiciary Special Session  
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Sean  
Last Name: Tong  
Your Email: Sean@SeanTong.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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

Please Email Your Representatives Below:

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.

Sean Tong  
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808-220-4330  
550 Halekauwila Street, Suite 105  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

October 27, 2013

Aloha,

I have read in several news articles that Gov. Abercrombie said that he wanted same-sex marriage legalized before the end of the year so gay and lesbian couples could take advantage of the federal tax benefits. I was shocked to read that these were the thoughts and decision-making process being displayed by our governor. A lot of what I have read and researched about this special session has been about fairness and redefining marriage, both very important, but why decide on it so quickly? It does not make any sense. Making a hasty decision on such a controversial issue just seems foolish to me. Is rushing into making big, important decisions that impact your life and/or others, the advice you show and teach your children? I think not! Then why are you, our government representatives, pushing so hard to make a 'quick' decision that will impact people for generations to come?

This is not something that should be rushed through just so that people can get a tax break for this year. This decision will affect every person of this State whether they think it will or not. Did everyone only vote for you and you alone to be their Representative? For most of you, the answer would be 'no'. Would it be 'fair' for those who did NOT vote for you to automatically be denied the opportunity to have their voice count, not 'considered', on this sensitive and personal issue? No. People on both sides of this issue don't want their voices to be considered, they want their voices to be heard and expect it to have value. Is it 'fair' for you to carry the responsibility of this decision on your shoulders for the rest of your lives? No. You can make that happen by giving every voting Hawaii resident the opportunity to vote on this in order to be heard and accounted for. Does it have to happen right now? No, it is something that needs more time. Any decision in haste, for or against, will not sit well with at least one side. More time is needed to work out all of the issues on this subject to really be fair to all parties involved.

I work at teaching my kids to be more solution-oriented. I'll tell them, "Anyone can complain or find fault with something, but not everyone can provide solutions to them. Strive to be part of the solution, not part of the problem." If the government truly cares about being 'fair' to all sides on this matter, then let the voting public have an input on resolving this issue. Please take the time, as District Representatives, to hear all sides presented from the constituents in your respective districts, initiating and conducting the process through open dialogue on the wording of the bill and what it may include and exclude.

I don't know if it will take one, five, or even ten years to finally get it done, but we'll be striving in the right direction and I'm sure that you'll build a stronger connection and relationship with the people whom you serve and represent. More importantly we, as individuals, will have more respect for one another and grow stronger as a people, just as a family grows stronger when they face and work through adversity 'together'. Isn't that what we all are, a family, 'ohana'. So I urge you to give the people of this great State of Hawaii, the opportunity to work out this issue, our issue, as a family and to share in this responsibility with you, and that by all of us, working together, participating in this process, we can find common ground in all fairness, growing in and truly displaying 'aloha' as individuals, as a community, as a people, and as a State, in 'unity'. Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono (The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness)

Mahalo,

Daniel Nakamura (Aiea)

Special Session

Aloha,

My name is Amy Rose Craig and I am a Special Ed teacher at Kailua High, I've been a registered voter since I was 18 and I am a Hawaii resident since 2006. I am writing to my concern that the voice of the people appears to be ignored in this situation and I am concerned that as representatives who are elected to represent the views of the people, so many of you appear to think that we have no right to vote on such a HUGE issue. I feel like I'm almost in a communist country where we beg and plead and demonstrate for the right to vote...THIS IS AMERICA people died to give us the right to self- govern.

That is my first issue, my second is that I love the gay community and have many friends in it, I don't understand why this isn't about giving civil unions full federal benefits? If those rights are what the gay community need for equality I think that they should have them! BUT the concept of marriage is exclusively from the religious community and cannot be legislated, controlled, or forced. If you want to separate our country's roots from the biblical foundations, fine, but you cannot begin to control those religions. Take the concept of marriage from the federal government entirely, make it so that the only money, benefits or breaks go to the unions that the government and city and county perform and leave marriage to the church. Separate it, but do not dare attempt to control what people believe, you will have another American revolution on your hands.

Mahalo and decide with wisdom,

Amy Rose Craig

Teacher

Joanne Ebesu  
94-1120 Nawele St.  
Waipahu, HI 96797

October 30, 2013

Dear Hawaii State Senators:

As a voting Hawaii resident, I would like to respectfully request that you vote "NO" on SB1, which would legalize same-sex marriage in Hawaii. This is such an important social issue that it should be presented to the voters of Hawaii to decide on, and not voted on during a special session that limits the opportunity of citizens to provide input into the legislative process. If the majority of Hawaii's population truly wants to legalize same-sex marriage as pollers and supporters of this bill claim, then they should not be afraid to let the people vote on this issue which will change Hawaii's society forever. If SB1 passes, it will be an important step in allowing the radical policy agenda of the LGBT movement to strengthen in Hawaii, and the will of the few will be imposed on that of the many, ignoring the rights of the majority to defend their beliefs and privacy.

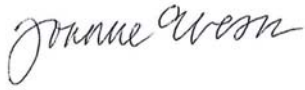
Although the draft bill contains provisions to protect the rights of churches and leaders who perform marriage ceremonies, if passed, this law will still infringe on the rights and religious beliefs of private citizens and private businesses, and more importantly, upon the rights of parents to choose to educate their children as they see fit. In many states that have passed similar laws legalizing same-sex, business people such as photographers who choose not to photograph same-sex weddings have been prosecuted for discrimination. Also in these states, public schools have begun teaching even elementary school children about same-sex marriage, and also same-sex education. A parent in MA who objected to homosexuality being taught to his kindergartner in school, was even arrested and told that he had no basis for his complaint since same sex marriage is now legal. Starting in Jan. 2014, parents and children in CA cannot even object to children/teenagers of the opposite sex using the same bathrooms and showers if they claim they are "transgender." What about the right to privacy for the non-LGBT citizens and children, who are the majority of the population? The passage of HB1109 in Hawaii will only lead to discrimination of people who do not believe in same-sex marriage and sexual issues.

The 1998 amendment that voters passed reads, "The legislature shall have the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples." This granted the legislature the power to ban same-sex marriage, which it subsequently did. The voters did NOT grant the legislature the power to DESTROY traditional marriage. By voting for SB1, you will willfully ignore the law and the voice of the majority of the people you have been elected to represent. We voters should have the right to vote on this critically important issue; the reason we did and could not in 1998 was because of the unfair wording of the amendment that was the only choice given to us.

Please consider the ramifications of the passage of HB1109 to our state and children. Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono.

Thank you for your attention and public service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joanne Ebesu".

Joanne Ebesu

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, a visually-impaired native of Oahu and a full-time servant of God from Calvary Chapel Honolulu, am writing to voice my strong opposition to the passing of Bill SB1.

I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage, because I believe that the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all, not just the LGB community, especially when it comes to the rights of conscience and religious freedom for opponents of this bill. I ask you to respect equality for ALL in this as our elected leaders and stop playing the game of political, emotional and civil favoritism towards the LGB community.

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 I strongly believe are being disregarded by each one of you in this special session.

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

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify. Have a good day.

Jolene Cardenas



Aiea, Hawaii

**Dear Board of Legislators and all concerned according to the proposed bill, SB-1,**

**The following are thoughts and responses I am submitting as a testimony against the SB-1 Bill its self regarding the proposed legalization of same-sex marriage. I am using the example of what has already happened in other states such as Massachusetts, which is undesirable to many Christian believers and parents of children affected by their state's passing of the bill.**

**First, I'd like to list the first, ninth and tenth amendments that I feel are being both challenged and threatened concerning my Christian faith and the freedoms that are currently attached to it, as well as my rights as a parent to raise my children as I choose according to the current law.**

- The 1st Amendment - Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.**
- The 9<sup>th</sup> Amendment - The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.**
- The 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment - The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.**

**In Massachusetts, same-sex marriage was legalized with the idea of maintaining marriage equality. But, in the effect of such a law, certain parental rights were circumvented in the protection of that same law in public schools and classrooms of teachers who had its support.**

**The points that are mostly important to me are that teachers are including same-sex relationship education as part of their curriculum, even in kindergarten classrooms, who had or have the legal power to do so regardless of what parents of their young students desire against it, as well as workers being fired from their work places for merely answering a same-sex marriage question in the way they genuinely believe in the work place.**

**My religion teaches you to stand up for what you believe in all times and in all places. I don't express any religious teachings in the work place or college campuses unless asked to do so by others. And, if I do, I keep my answers simple and directed to the specific question. But, even then, in this case, I may be fired or sued for doing so.**

**Many who support the SB-1 Bill continually skip over scenarios and situations like these which are very real, and I will have to face these things if the bill is passed without further amendment... I may lose my job over this bill, and subsequently future jobs if someone ever asks of me a question like that at the work place. My heart will break, and I may lose my mind, knowing that I have no power to be notified of any same-sex education to my children within the public school system where, in this case, public school education would directly oppose their church religious education as well as I would not have the opportunity to deny same-sex education to my children at their current young age due to a lack of regulation about the extent of it being taught. With that said, whenever a school includes sexual education to students who are minors they are required to receive permission from parents of those students before doing so with them.**

The SB-1 Bill does NOT include safe-guards against scenarios such as these. These reasons and reasons alike are at the core of why I believe that the SB-1 Bill is unconstitutional, because in these specific ways, it violates my first, ninth and tenth amendment rights and circumvents the religious teachings I want to instill in my children.

We were already denied the right to vote on this matter, despite our expressed desire to do so. Even more so, those whom we have elected have in actuality ignored the vast majority of Hawaii's citizens. Furthermore, there is no proof that the "majority" stands in support of the SB-1 Bill. We, as citizens have voted on major issues in the past, and reserve the right to petition our elected representatives and their decision, and who do not oblige the position of the "real majority" in this matter.

Mahalo for your time.

Sincerely,  
Adam I. Kapololu

## Matthew Hanabusa

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I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

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Last Name: arsiga  
Your Email: sarsiga@yahoo.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sunim Arsiga  
Hilo Hi

To: House Committees on Judiciary and Labor  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Capitol Auditorium

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

I would like to testify in support of SB1.

In the United States the government cannot dictate your religion to you.  
But we must also remember that means religion cannot dictate government.  
Freedom to worship equates freedom to marry.

Many have quoted Thomas Jefferson on the separation of church and state, but I wish to quote from a more recent historical figure. During his run for the presidency, many were concerned that John F. Kennedy would be influenced by the Catholic Church if he became president. Kennedy addressed these concerns in an Address to the Greater Houston Ministerial Association:

“I believe in an America that is officially neither Catholic, Protestant nor Jewish—where no public official either requests or accepts instructions on public policy from the Pope, the National Council of Churches or any other ecclesiastical source—where no religious body seeks to impose its will directly or indirectly upon the general populace or the public acts of its officials—and where religious liberty is so indivisible that an act against one church is treated as an act against all.”

Kennedy believed in the equal protection of both church and state. This bill will not affect religious liberty. However some churches are attempting impose their will upon our state and your committee. This is a state matter, a matter of legality and rights. The rights of these churches to worship are secure, but the rights of the people addressed in this bill to marry are not. Please secure these rights.

Sincerely,  
Ray Boland

**Matthew Hanabusa**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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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
Suzanne	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Terry Daun in opposition to SB1 Relating to Equality as an individual U.S. and state of Hawaii Citizen;  
The House Judiciary and Finance Committees;  
October 31, 2013 9:00 a.m.;  
The measure number; and  
I will not be testifying in person.

Date: Oct. 30, 2013

Karl Rhoads  
Chair

Judiciary Committee

Subject: For Web Testimony in Opposition to SB1 Relating to Equality

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees;

As a concerned citizen of the state of Hawaii, I am submitting my testimony against SB1, which would legalize same sex marriage.

I oppose this bill for the following reasons: because it violates my first amendment rights and my rights to express my religious beliefs. The definition of marriage in the bible is given as between one man and one woman. The passage of this bill would detrimentally affect the youth of the state of Hawaii by confusing them as to their sexual identity. I was involved in an homosexual lifestyle, so I am speaking from experience when I say that this lifestyle adversely affected my emotional wellbeing. Due to my raging hormones and sexual desire, I was repeatedly in situations that were physically degrading to me in bathrooms and beaches. As a result of my sexual forays, I lost a sense of self worth and I didn't feel I was able to be with a woman.

The sexual morays that are going to be forced upon our youth are degrading, unnatural and inconvenient, causing confusion and disorientation. I've been involved with gays, lesbians, transvestites, and transsexuals. I have personally witnessed the sad effects of this lifestyle, causing drug use, aids, and a burden on government and social services to deal with these. I know a few homosexuals that died from aids. I also know that this lifestyle involves multiple partners in various public locations engaging in sexual activities during the day and night. I do not believe in homosexual or heterosexual activities that are displayed in the public and for children to be exposed to this abhorrent behavior by witnessing anything like this.

I believe that teaching the children of our state that homosexuality is ok involves a form of molestation. I don't think you should be teaching kids about sex in the schools especially at a young age and especially a lifestyle that I feel would hurt them emotionally. I love people that have problems but I don't believe that the perverse lifestyle should be taught to our youth and I will spare you all the details. Please don't let this bill pass. It is against my constitutional rights of free speech and freedom of religion which will be hindered by having to accept a lifestyle that I am so intimately against. Mahalo and God Bless. I pray that you would consider my spiritual rights which have been given by God and my rights as a U.S. citizen.

Sincerely,

Terry Daun



I strongly support Marriage Equality.

I never thought I would have the opportunity to refer to Gerald (my love of 42 years) as my 'husband'. It is such a remarkable term. It speaks of longevity, trust, attraction and the social & intellectual pairing of human beings.

There have been so many times during the last 42 years, where being able to marry and use the term 'husband' to explicitly convey our relationship, would have been both appropriate and better for me and to whomever I was speaking. Those missed opportunities began early in our lives.

First, we grew up as teenagers in the Sixties, where the subject of homosexuality was never discussed. We never had any grownup icons to tell us our gay feelings were natural and okay. There was no internet. Any information about being gay was almost non-existent. It was only spoken about in the negative.

We met in the Seventies, where homosexuality had not progressed much from our adolescent years. Gerald and I clung together with the strength of our personal pairing commitment. We were "in the closet" socially.

In the Eighties, being gay became a national news story. We participated in the first Pride parade in West Hollywood. I will never forget the feelings Gerald and I had while holding hands (which we never had done in public) and beginning our walk toward the event while passing a mounted policeman with him greeting us and smiling welcomingly. We had never had such a better self-esteem building day. It still affects us today and still leaves us wanting that feeling again.

In the Nineties, we decided to improve our quality of life, so we came to Hawaii, specifically, Maui. We were pleased with overall community acceptance of our pairing, but I still could not call Gerald my 'husband'.

In the Two Thousands, we had a glimmer of hope for marriage equality in Hawaii. But that got sabotaged. We were very hurt by Hawaii's retreat on Marriage Equality. We had been waiting a long time.

In the Twenty Tens, We had a civil partnership ceremony on our 40 anniversary. We have never enjoyed the benefits of what a marriage brings. And still now, I cannot call Gerald my 'husband'.

I urge you to allow Marriage Equality. It's only fair. I want to say 'husband'.

John Ashton Westerberg  
264 Ea Street  
Wailuku HI 96793  
drijohn@me.com

In 42 years of life together, John and I have never been held as equal; never had legal security; never able to file joint taxes; are denied nearly 1,400 financial & social benefits of marriage. At the end of life, we have no guarantees we will be able to take care of the one we love, without the state or long-lost relatives taking everything we have built together.

We are the target of a religious ad in the Maui News saying that we are only second class citizens. "*YOU are not good enough...that YOU do not deserve the same rights as all other Hawaii residents.*" It is nothing new -- we see hate constantly. It hurts deeply -- especially to see it from fellow Mauians.

10 years ago, the Massachusetts legalized marriage in that state. None of the bigots' dire predictions turned out to be true. Now a whopping 85% of voters say *it's either had a positive or no any impact on their lives.* Even among Republicans 66% say it hasn't negatively affected them.

And remember how it was supposed to destroy straight marriages? *Massachusetts has the lowest divorce rate in the country.* "The family" hasn't fallen apart or been destroyed in the least. Incest and polygamy have not been legalized. Marriage equality is a resounding success.

Why is it acceptable to attack and deny your neighbors, members of your own congregations? Why deny equality to members of your family: your sisters & brothers, mothers & fathers, sons & daughters, grandchildren, nieces & nephews?

We are your friends, your coworkers, business owners, run resorts, are civic leaders, teachers, doctors, lawyers. You have known most of us for many years and we have prospered together to make Maui the #1 paradise it is. We are part of Maui's creative soul - the *aina* of Maui: artists, designers, architects, singers in your church choirs; we are actors, theater & filmmakers, writers, producers. We take care of you, your children, your aunties & uncles. We care for Maui & Hawaii -- the *aina* -- deeply as we strive together make our home truly the *Aloha State*.

To deny marriage equality now will continue to make us second-class. It is not fair. It is not just. *The Supreme Court has said at least 19 times that to treat any minority group as not equal, is **unconstitutional**.* This is a civil issue. The Court described the right to marriage as "*one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free men;*" a "*basic civil right;*" a "*component of the constitutional rights to liberty, privacy, association, and intimate choice;* an "*expression of emotional support and public commitment;* the "*exercise of spiritual unity;* and a "*fulfillment of one's self.*"

In short, in the words of the highest court in the land, *marriage is "the most important relation in life,"* and "*of fundamental importance for all individuals.*"

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.

Hawaii doesn't turn our backs on ohana. No member of anyone's ohana should face shame because of who they are and who they love. Marriage says ohana in a way that nothing else can. Only marriage provides families the protections they desperately need. There is nothing else like marriage: it is uniquely singular and special. Nothing else like compares: legally, financially, romantically, spiritually. Marriage defines ohana in a way that civil unions simply do not.

We seek marriage for these and for 42 years worth of reasons that make it the culmination of our lives.

Please pass Marriage Equality now. We proudly stand with those who are on the side of equal rights for all. We are counting on you and you can count on us.

Gerald Ashton Westerberg

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Wailuku HI 96793

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I am Victoria Kaopua and I am a Native Hawaiian from the Big Island. I am asking you to please vote NO on SB1! Let the people of Hawaii decide on a bill that will drastically change the history of Hawaii. We the people deserve a say in a bill as big as this one. Don't shut us up, let our voice be heard! You know what the majority wants, so please do your job and listen to us!  
Mahalo!

The world has always been plagued by small minds. As matter of fact, most of the human suffrage has come from people with small minds. Discrimination, the inability to open ones mind to see something beyond the blindfolds, is a result of having a small mind. History has proven over and over that small minds will only bring suffering and inhibit the advancement of humanity. People with small minds cannot see potential in change, they only know how to fear change. Change requires opening ones mind, to experience new things, and embrace new ideas. Unfortunately religion has always been the driving force behind all small minds. Religion cannot be accepted in its entirety if an individual has the capacity to question its teachings and motives. Somehow in the hands of small-minded men, religion has become an engine of hate and intolerance. The words and teachings of great people and minds have been reduced to misinterpreted quotes and derogatory statements. And thus by quoting something religious the authority of hate has been given and the blind followers have been saved.

Marriage is a choice. The fact is marriage did not even exist before the bible was written; yet humanity had already survived thousands of years. Marriage has evolved from "till death do us apart" to "shut gun in Vegas" yet somehow if you are heterosexual that is acceptable. After all marriage does not require any commitment if one can file a divorce within twenty-four hours. Yet, if two same-sex couple who love each other and want to commit to one another through marriage it is not acceptable. However, governments have become involved in marriage and it is not entirely a religious affair any longer, thus all citizens of a nation must be treat equally. How can a government that is dictated by a constitution written by the people, for the people discriminate against the people? Religious organizations have the right to discriminate all they may please; however the governing body of a state does not have the same privilege. Separation of church and state does not give any state the authority to act as a religious institution, therefore quotes from the bible or any other religious book cannot be a determining factor for marriage equality. Marriage equality must be given to all citizens, not just a selected few.

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Marriage is defined by God as between a man and a woman. Even if God is left out of the discussion, the institution of marriage is a societal decision that should be decided by society. Whatever the motivation for hastily changing the definition of marriage, your highest priority should be to represent the people.

I plead with you to not erode the family, the most critical and beneficial structure for a child to be created and/or raised in. Please vote "no" on this bill.

If you are going to vote yes regardless of the voice of the people you represent, I request you read these this study to understand what you will be accountable for before God:

<http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=IS04C02>

Jesus Christ said, "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." (Matthew 18:6). The greek translation of the word offend in this scripture is to "cause to stumble". I strongly believe allowing children to be raised by same-sex couples and/or taught same-sex propaganda will cause them to stumble.

Thank you!!  
Samiuela Tolutau  
55-164B Naupaka St  
Laie, HI 96762

Joshua Adams  
10-30-13

-I am a supporter of the request to “let the people vote” and the traditional definition of marriage.

-I cannot testify in person because I suffer from severe panic attacks resulting from PTSD, which is compounded by TBI. I hope that you will still consider this testimony.

**For the House joint hearing: Hearing on 10/31 time TBA**

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

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

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

My name is Joshua Adams and I am a resident of the state of Hawaii. My wife and I are supporters of the traditional definition of marriage. I am a two-time veteran of the war in Iraq, serving in 2004 and again in 2009. I have fought for and spilled my own blood in the streets of Iraq (literally) fighting for the freedoms and Constitutional rights that most of us, so nonchalantly enjoy everyday. I have known many good people who have paid the ultimate sacrifice doing the same. One of those freedoms that I feel we have earned is the opportunity to vote on matters that are so very important to us. I am not requesting for you to find in favor of traditional marriage because of this, I am asking for the opportunity to let, “we the people” vote on the matter. There is absolutely no need to rush on a bill that has such huge implications for the state, implications such as whom it protects and whom it makes more vulnerable. Other states are setting a precedent after passing similar laws and proving that faith-based businesses and organizations will suffer litigation and similar repercussions. Thus, trampling on our Constitutional rights to freely practice our religion, in order to appease the minority. I am asking you in all sincerity to, please, just let us vote. The majority is speaking loud and clear. Please take the time to listen to our words because they reflect our hearts. Thank you for your time, God bless you all, and Aloha.

Very Respectfully,

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Date: 10/31/13

To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

**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 believe the legislature is going against the will of the people in Hawaii. We the people should have the right to voice their opinion and decide directly on the issue of marriage.

The fact that this Bill wants to decide the most important social issue of human life in a week is against the principles of democracy and the democratic process. The bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills.

Please remember that the people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy. Please stand strong and vote "NO" to this bill and let the people vote.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Fenfang Li

Honolulu, Hawaii



## **Testimony submitted to the Capitol against Same Sex Marriage Issue**

To my fellow locals, my fellow Americans. It has now come down to this final hour. Whatever the results are, it will forever be engrained in Hawaii's history. This pivotal moment is **MUCH MORE MONUMENTAL** than "Equal Rights" for the gay community. It's **DEEPER** than the "right to choose" whomever we choose to love. These are some of the arguments that have been repeatedly used by the gay community as a means to justify their agenda for wanting to redefine marriage.

Question?, If the gay community is so intent on fighting for equal rights and benefits, why not pursue it with the same fuel and drive under the Civil Union Rights? Please explain. They stress equal rights, yet how is their partnership equal to a relationship between a man and a woman who are able to procreate? How does their partnership provide equality to a child who has and deserves the basic right to have both a father and a mother in their life?...

Let's keep it real...

There is no genuine pursuance of "Equality" here. There is a cynical goal behind this entire movement. We, the majority, are not fooled by any of it. Yes, I said **MAJORITY**. If the majority in Hawaii was not against it, there would have **NEVER** been a need for this farce of a special session. You know it, we all know it. You people in the legislation who are for this, beginning with the governor, are not only arrogant, but you have the audacity to hold these "sessions" knowing full well that not only is it **UNCONSTITUTIONAL**, but it goes against **THE MAJORITY**, which is the **PEOPLE'S WILL** in Hawaii nei. This move was motivated for political and selfish gains.

You **ARE NOT** for the people of Hawaii on this issue. You only care about yourselves, and your gains, whether it be political, whether it be personal,...**SHAME ON YOU** I say, **SHAME ON YOU**. Granted, I do believe that there are gay couples who genuinely want equal benefits, but there are other ways to achieve it without redefining marriage as it has always been known...traditional.

**Marriage "IS" an institution between a man and a woman that was ESTABLISHED BY GOD. Not by man, woman, or any government. To the gay men and women, politicians, media, and special interests groups who are behind this driving force for cynical, selfish, and political reasons (because it "IS NOT" the PEOPLE'S WILL).**

**In the end, we are all accountable for the good and bad that we took part in. By whom you ask? Whether you believe it or not, ONLY GOD can judge us, but mark my words... "THERE IS A GOD."**

**Zaneta Milovale  
Daughter of The Most High God  
October 29, 2013**

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Shawn and Letitia Reasoner  
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Letitia Reasoner  
Waialua, HI 96791

October 31, 2013

Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

House of Representatives:

I am submitting this written testimony in **support** of same-sex marriage. I support SB1 for the following reasons:

- As the Supreme Court has already ruled by striking down DOMA, “DOMA writes inequality into the entire United States Code” (Justice Anthony Kennedy). Indeed, SB1 is about equality, it is not about religion. It is not about children being turned into axe-murders because gay people can get married. Gay marriage is about equality. It’s the constitutionally “right” thing to do.
  - How has the separation of church and state become so blurred? Will Jewish people be forced to celebrate Christmas if gay marriage is passed? Will Christians have to forfeit Christmas trees for Hanukkah candles? **Why** is religion even mentioned in this arena? If your religion doesn’t believe in gay marriage, and you allow your religion to dictate life choices, then don’t marry someone of the same sex. See, it’s easy.
  - What is “traditional marriage”? Getting married before the woman gets pregnant? Marrying someone of the same religious background? Marrying someone who hates broccoli too? Marriage should be for whatever reasons the people involved want it to be. Straight couples marry for tax reasons alone, sometimes. And that is okay? Same-sex couples should be granted the same rights as straight people. Marriage is not about sexual orientation. Sometimes it’s about love. In any case, it should be an option for all people.
  - No one is going to force straight people to suddenly marry someone of the same sex. I have yet to hear a valid argument on how same sex marriage will affect, at all, the lives of those against it. I think cage-fighting is idiotic and horrible. So, I don’t do it. I don’t watch it. But, I don’t think it should be illegal. Same sex marriage will not hurt anyone, nor will it erode the fine state of Hawaii’s sense of Aloha. Don’t forget, it wasn’t long ago that women couldn’t vote and black people had to use separate facilities. It’s called discrimination, it is the withholding of rights to all people. Denying same-sex couples the ability to access the right of marriage and the associated federal and state benefits is denial of constitutional rights.
  - If my mother, the most hard-core, conservative Baptist that ever walked this Earth, can “come around” and accept that her daughter is gay, even send birthday cards to her daughter’s girlfriend and has changed her mind into believing gay people should be able to marry, then I think all these people testifying against gay marriage on religious grounds will come to see it’s really not such a big, bad, scary deal. It’s people living their lives, pursuing happiness. The more happy people in Hawaii=a win win for everyone. Please allow this bill to pass. I will invite you all to my wedding. But, you don’t have to come if you don’t “approve”. Doesn’t mean it has to be illegal.
- Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Baxter

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My name is Jade Solomon and I am 28 years old. I'm not a political activist, nor am I a hateful person. On the contrary, I'm a loving wife and a God-fearing woman, who believes that our Creator loves everyone. I have several family members and friends who choose a homosexual lifestyle. While I don't agree with same-sex relationships, which is a belief similar to not agreeing with them robbing a bank), I do love them. Please believe that not all people who believe in God are hateful and judgmental.

See, homosexuality is a *lifestyle*.

Examples of lifestyles are polygamy, alcoholism, pornography, promiscuity, addictions, violence, etc.

The argument I've heard many times in the media is, "People should be free to love whomever they love and should be free to marry them."

Well, then what about the lifestyle of polygamy? What if I love *many* people? What would happen if polygamists became the loud majority and wanted to pass a bill legalizing it? What would we say then? Would the government seriously consider allowing the people having multiple spouses? The decision has nothing to do with tax benefits or even equality.

For hundreds of years, marriage has been defined between a man and woman. Why? Because those who founded this country and the many legislatures thereafter, believed that this was a moral principle that should be upheld.

What confuses me is that now that the gay community is speaking up, *now* it even becomes an issue? An issue that the people might not even get a chance to vote on.

A lot of people in Hawaii smoke marijuana, but you don't see Hawaii passing that bill! Why do you think? No other reason than the fact that it's not safe and it has been proven to lead to other more harmful drugs. Simply, it is immoral.

Since the foundation of the laws is to protect and uphold the morals and values of this country, why does it feel like we are veering so far away from them? What I fear most are not the affects that it will have on this generation, but the generations after us- our children and our children's children.

Yes, everyone is about “rights for all” now, but what happens when it reaches your doorstep? Now, it becomes personal.

Are you ready to give an answer to your son or daughter if they come home with a person of the same sex? Will you be ready to fight for “equality” then? How will you feel once same-sex relationships have been so normalized in the schools, in the media, and in music, that your children and your children’s’ children will be subject to a *lifestyle* opposite of *your* family values.

After the passing of the bill in Massachusetts, children in schools received pamphlets on how same-sex marriages are accepted in society now. What makes you think that that wouldn’t happen in Hawaii? What makes you think pamphlets won’t circulate in the intermediate and high schools? What makes you think gay rights activists won’t go through great lengths to impose their beliefs on our children?

The implications of this bill being passed are wide, unknown, and completely unsafe for our children!

You see, this is NOT about tax right benefits or healthcare insurance...it’s about upholding our family values as a country.

Lastly, if you say, “I represent the people,” then let the people vote and let’s see where the values lay. Let the people show you what they value. Please represent us properly by letting the people vote on what’s moral.

Thank you listening and I pray that you would strongly consider voting against the same-sex marriage bill.

Sincerely,

Hawaii Resident,

Jade Solomon

[jadesolomon619@gmail.com](mailto:jadesolomon619@gmail.com)

Ala Moana District

To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

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

Place: Capitol Auditorium

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Sundee L. Farr

Kapolei, Hawaii

Testimony for House Hearing on SB1 - 10/31/2013 @ 10:00 a. m.

Karl Rhoads, Chair of Judiciary

Sylvia Luke, Chair of Finance

House Committees on Judiciary and Finance

Re: Testimony in opposition to SB1 Relating to Equality

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

In 1998 the people of the State of Hawaii voted for what I understood was defining marriage to be between one man and one woman. Hawaii's voters (285,384) by 71% voted against same-sex marriages. In 2009 the people of Hawaii voted against Civil Unions but during the 2011 Legislative session, the Legislature overruled the voters of Hawaii and passed Senate Bill 232 which was then signed by Governor Abercrombie on February 23, 2011. Why has the Governor called a Special Session and why is this being debated again? Obviously, we the people of Hawaii do NOT want this passed. I believe this bill is against the Constitution of the United States and violates my rights as a citizen.

Twice the voters have said NO to Same-Sex marriage and/or Civil Unions but the Governor and some members of the Legislature, being strong-armed by a very vocal minority of people, have now called a Special Session to pass a Same-Sex Marriage bill in Hawaii. What's the hurry?

**Please! Take this through the proper process and bring it to the voters!**

**Or, better yet, vote SB1 relating to equality down once and for all.**

Mahalo for your consideration to the wishes of your constituents who want this issue voted down.

Shirley Whitfield

Lihue, Hawaii

October 31, 2013

Testimony in Opposition to SB1 on Same Sex Marriage

To members of the House Judiciary Committee,

As a married couple of 43 years, we would like to express our strong opposition to SB 1 regarding same sex marriage. Our reasons for opposing this measure is as follows:

a. We believe that the term used and roles in marriage and family are very gender specific. It begins with marriage to be between a male and a female. After marriage vows of commitment are made, they become husband(male) and wife(female). When a child is born out of their union, the parents become father(male) and mother(female) and the child becomes a son or daughter. When another child is born, he or she becomes a brother or sister. We are concerned that when same sex marriage becomes a protected civil right, use of gender specific terms which are descriptive of different identities and roles would not be allowed. We fear the day when only gender neutral terms will be taught as acceptable for describing married couples, parents and families. We believe this will cause more gender and identity confusion individually as well as cause greater erosion of the family infrastructure.

b. We are Christians and believe in the Bible as the Word of God. Within the Bible there are references to unrighteous acts which affect our relationship with God such as lying, stealing, cheating and adultery. Homosexual acts are also mentioned as unrighteous. As a people of faith, we are concerned that this bill will discriminate against people who believe and hold onto the teachings of the Bible with claims that the Bible is hate literature and not relevant. For those of us who believe in the Bible and desire to please God, we fear that this law would prevent us from teaching our children from the Bible as well as sharing with our faith with others. We do not want our rights as parents to teach our children as well as our freedoms of speech and religion infringed upon.

c. Beverly has been a teacher for over 20 years, and have applied fundamental precepts contained in the Bible in teaching character education as well as modeling how to treat one another with love and respect. Over the years, her understanding of the truths from the Bible has enabled her to effectively counsel students and resolve issues in the classroom as well as help parents work with their children. She has been uncompromising in recognizing and correcting wrong behavior. She also recognizes and teaches the rule of law. Should SB1 be passed, and she is required to teach homosexual behavior as normal and acceptable, she would not be able to do it as a matter of conscience and faith.

We humbly ask that you not enact this bill into law until it is clearly recognized what impact it will have on people and families who have held onto traditional marriage values well as for those who seek to continue to freely maintain their religious beliefs. If this marriage issue needs to be acted upon, then at the very least allow the people make the decision which will affect their future.

Respectfully,

Dennis and Beverly Kawamura

## Testimony in Support of SB1 before the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance

October 31, 2013

Honorable Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and committee members:

My name is Kamaile Maldonado. I was born and raised in Halawa and currently live in Kapālama. I am a Native Hawaiian attorney, public policy advocate, coach, dancer, laughier, and lover. My 'ohana is just one of hundreds of local families who will be strengthened by the protection and affirmation afforded to us through the legally and socially meaningful recognition of our unions. Therefore, I write in **STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1.**

This is the moment where history will be made in Hawai'i. There will be many perspectives on this issue and the discourse, be it heartfelt, passionate, thoughtful, angry, and even fearful at times is an important one to be had. I hope that after hearing all the perspectives of your constituents and searching your own heart, you will take a firm stand with fourteen other states and the District of Columbia the right side of history, casting a vote in favor of meaningful equality and aloha for all.

This argument is, at first, one of legal philosophy: what the law is currently doing and what it should be doing. The State of Hawai'i is at a major turning point in our history where we are considering conferring or restricting fundamental rights to an entire group of our brothers, sisters, colleagues, friends, and fellow citizens. Our democracy cannot succeed if it does not respond directly to the demands of the people, but our legal structure also carries the very important burden of protecting the most vulnerable among us. Our voting system is a principal facet of our representative system, but we cannot let it be used to allow the rights of a minority to be stripped by the whims of the majority. We have an opportunity here to reaffirm that, in our country, separate is still inherently unequal. We have a chance to bring ourselves steps closer to a more perfect union.

The second critical argument made is one of culture posed as a diametric choice between preserving dearly held traditions and shifting the shape of our legal structure to accommodate the increasingly diverse members of our society and its increasingly progressive collective mores. Specifically, many members of my Native Hawaiian community will claim deep cultural roots in a faith-based rejection of homosexuality as a lifestyle. These "roots" are as shallow as the distance between today and the first missionary conversions in Hawai'i. Some Hawaiians have been so colonized as to internalize the Western theological tradition and conflate it with their blurry, distant, and now disjointed memory of what once was their true Hawaiian culture. Our pre-contact ancestors would have sneered at the way some are bastardizing our values of 'ohana, appropriating them to promote a Western paradigm of traditional marriage. In fact, as Hinalaimoana Wong-Kalu articulated in her Star-Advertiser Op-ed published yesterday, our kūpuna "embraced mahu (those who embody both kane and wahine ability, insight, feeling and spirit all rolled up into one body), aikane (those involved with intimate relations of the same sex), punalua (those men and women who had multiple partners of the opposite sex), and, of course, poolua children (a child with more than one father figure and the ability to claim more than one genealogy). Such people and relationships were not just 'tolerated,' as in the current neo-Christian dogma, they were an intrinsic part of the social fabric."<sup>1</sup> Discrimination and hatred were not Hawaiian values. Our kūpuna would be ashamed to watch us corrupt and exploit the sacred concept of 'ohana in the name of exclusion of some of the most valued members of our community; nothing could be more un-Hawaiian.

Lastly, this argument is one that is deeply personal. Imagine if you could not marry the person you love and the many ways your life would necessarily be different. Imagine being told (constantly) that the joy you shared in your love was a choice or worse, an abomination. It's a daily struggle for the members of our LGBT community to know this hatred exists all around us, and at times it can be scary to live in our world. But the scarier thought is that the thing that keeps most people going--the support of a loving spouse and a hope for a long, beautiful journey toward shared dreams--could not ever truly be ours in the eyes of society.

I will be honest with you all about the fact that the day of the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on this bill was one of the hardest days I've had. I thought I would be prepared for what I knew was to come. I was not. I went through a roller coaster of joy and pride and down to depths of despair I never knew before and eventually dried up to numbness. I slept that night in the solace of hope that in just a few short days, just as my family and friends have always done, my government will stand for me too.

For us, the argument happening on the national stage is one about our very own rights to pursue happiness. You, our legislators, have the sole capacity to ensure that the laws of our state never serve as walls of a social closet, supporting a system of oppression, or bars of a societal cage, bolstering an atmosphere of hatred and violence. For the LGBT community, the goal has never been to assault the relationships of others, tear down institutions, or offend anyone's morals. The goal is to accept others, to seek acceptance from others, and to celebrate love. In my humble opinion, the world could use a little more of that.

I respectfully ask that the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance **PASS SB1** because it's the right thing to do and it's long overdue. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this critical measure.

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<sup>1</sup> Hinalaimoana Wong-Kalu, *Hawaiian Values Differ from Western Traditions*, Honolulu Star Advertiser, Oct. 30, 2013.



### **Testimony of Johnathan Bolton**

I am testifying to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

I am asking you to allow the people of Hawaii to decide on the issue of whether marriage should be re-defined to be something other than as between one man and one woman. I think that the Governor and Legislature of Hawaii is simply moving too quickly, without taking the time to listen to the will of the citizens of the State, in considering this issue.

I support equality for all people, including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. There is no Constitutional "right" for same-sex couples to marry. I believe that same-sex couples should be allowed to enter into a legally-binding relationship through civil unions. The issue about re-defining marriage needs to be carefully decided and should not be quickly passed in a special session called by a Governor who wants to pursue his own personal agenda. We certainly do not want to set a precedent of allowing laws to be quickly passed without thoughtful consideration and deliberation.

At a minimum, SB1 should be considered during the regular legislative session where it can properly be vetted and examined. I believe that the issue of re-defining marriage is important enough that it should actually be placed on a ballot in order to let the citizens of the State of Hawaii decide for themselves. I believe that the voice of the people was spoken in 2008, but everyone seems to have forgotten the past.

Religious freedoms, which ARE protected by the Constitution, must not be trampled in the process of giving same-sex couples additional "rights" and "privileges" should the people of the State of Hawaii ultimately decide to give them.

We the people who elected you members of the Legislature to serve us as our representatives should have a say in this issue, which could forever change our culture, customs and traditions. The government should be "for the people," "by the people," and "of the people," not by a group of politicians that seek to impose their own personal views and beliefs on the majority.

Your "yes" vote on Bill SB1 is a NO vote to democracy. May God bless you in your decision and may God bless our great State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Johnathan C. Bolton



October 29, 2013

TO: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Representative Sharon Har, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto  
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair  
Members of the Committee

FR: SAG-AFTRA (Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television & Radio Artists)  
David C. Farmer, President Hawaii Local  
Brenda Ching, Executive Director Hawaii Local

RE: **SB 1 - Relating to Equal Rights**

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The attached letter serves as our testimony in support of Marriage Equality. Thank you.

Aloha.

Brenda Ching, Executive Director  
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Associated Actors & Artistes of America / AFL-CIO



October 22, 2013

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie  
Governor, State of Hawaii  
Executive Chambers, State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Governor Abercrombie,

As the Hawaii legislature reconvenes to address marriage equality, we are writing on behalf of the members of the SAG-AFTRA Hawaii Local to let you know we strongly support the rights of same-sex couples to wed in our state.

Being legally married means everyone is treated the same and allows same-sex couples access to benefits currently enjoyed only by opposite-sex couples. It also sends a strong message of support to young people in our state struggling to live open and authentic lives, but who face harassment and stigma largely because current law is written to discriminate against them.

The members of our Hawaii Local may fall on both sides of the political aisle, but the one thing our great union agrees on is marriage equality. As professional performers whose livings are made based on productions that come to the islands, we also know that marriage equality and non-discrimination policies simply make good business sense.

In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark ruling striking down the federal Defense of Marriage Act, members of the SAG-AFTRA Hawaii Local respectfully ask you to fulfill the true spirit of aloha and ensure that Hawaii stands on the right side of history by enacting in favor of marriage equality.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C. Farmer".

David C. Farmer  
President Hawaii Local

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda Ching".

Brenda Ching  
Executive Director Hawaii Local

cc: Hawaii State Legislature

Dear honorable people of the legislature,

I am testifying on the behalf of traditional marriage and am requesting the allowance of a statewide vote on SB 1, "Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013." It is a shame to hear that such a sensitive issue is being voted on by only a handful of individuals who should know better than to hold judgment themselves. This special session is a slap in the face to the people of Hawaii who have voted on the issue before. People are offended that the government holds its citizen's choices so lightly that they can easily overrule a majority vote. How can we have confidence in our legislature to represent our voice when we are ignored?

This is not a game. You cannot pass the ball back and forth when the issue has already been decided, much like your minds. Many of you go into this session already knowing how you will vote. How can these votes be unbiased if legislatures already support a party pre-testimonials? With that in mind, it feels like all of these public testimonies are being held to humor the citizens and never mind about the thousands of dollars being spent for this session about an issue that was concluded years ago. This is a power trip and all about ulterior motives, not about love or happiness. This in turn makes any legislature unfit to cast a vote concerning the Act at hand; therefore, give the vote to the people. The Senate passed the ball along to you because either they do not want the whole government to look bad and is trying to appease the minority, or they have their own agenda and are willing to overlook their morals to accomplish their goals. And so this image will be the same for you if you decide to pass this bill. The upsetting idea is not that you voted for same sex marriage, but that you voted impulsively unknowing of the real majority. I support no legislature who holds himself so high that he can ignore the voice of the people when it is the people that gave him his power.

I can tell you everything that you already heard in support of traditional marriage and in your hearts you know it to be true, but is it really your place to decide if everyone in this state will be affected by it? Only the loud are heard in these testimonies, but there are so many who are silent warriors that would like to be heard. Is that not the best part of being an American: the right to vote, to have a say, even the right to refuse. And yet it is all these things that are being taken away if you decide to make the choice yourselves. Please give the vote to the people and whichever way the issue goes we hold ourselves accountable.

Aloha.

October 31, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Cindi Rivera and I am a voting member in the Mililani Mauka district. I am a mother of 4 and also a teacher in the public schools for 20 years. I am writing to you today to express my concerns for the same sex marriage bill.

I stand for traditional marriage between a man and a woman. I believe that this bill should not be decided by the legislature. This is too big of an issue to let only the Senate and the House of Representatives vote. I feel that the people of Hawaii should vote on this controversial matter. Please do not let SB1 pass.

If this bill comes to pass, the ramifications that will follow will be enormous. As a parent, I can not begin to imagine that my children will learn about other family make ups, other than the traditional family, in public school. As a teacher, it will be very difficult to talk about something that I do not believe in.

Once again, I strongly urge you to vote NO on SB1 and let the people of Hawaii make this decision that will affect the entire Nation for years to come.

Thank you for your time and for all that you do!

Sincerely,

Cindi Rivera  
Mililani Mauka Resident

October 30, 2013

To the Hawaii lawmakers:

Bill SB1 is so important and crucial that's why it should not be decided through a special session. A special session does not allow the much needed time for dialogue and careful consideration.. This is a blatant disservice to the people of Hawaii who voted you in office trusting that you serve them with integrity..

Why are you rushing to do this through a special session? This bill has monumental consequences to all of us, esp, the next generation.

By respecting your constituents, we can truly say that you are our voice in government.

Please vote No!!!

October 28, 2013

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr.  
Senator Sam Slom  
Senator Mike Gabbard  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria  
Senator Malama Soloman

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, October 28, 2013  
TIME: 10:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Auditorium – Chamber Level  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**RE: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT of SB1**

Recognizes marriages between individuals of the same sex. Extends to same-sex couples the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of marriage that opposite-sex couples receive.

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Dear Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB1, which grants same-sex couples the same rights and benefits of marriage that heterosexual couples receive. I have been with my boyfriend now for six and a half years, and while we are in no rush to get married, unlike those in the LBGT community, we have the freedom to legally do so whenever we may so choose. I want this same opportunity to be extended to my LBGT friends and family. I stand in solidarity with them, in a system that has historically discriminated against marginalized groups. This bill is truly an opportunity to challenge these paradigms that have divided communities and perpetuated exclusionary and oppressive policies.

This special session is essential for fast tracking and granting same-sex couples the same rights that opposite-sex couples receive. There is no need for a vote regarding the basic **rights** that should undeniably be granted to everyone, no matter their race, class, gender, or sexual orientation.

This Special Bill does not infringe on any freedoms. The claims that same-sex marriage will affect religious practices or the “structure” of the American family are simply unfounded and hateful. I encourage you to resist the hatred and oppressive remarks of these opposing testimonies and to instead spark a new generation of acceptance and understanding by passing this monumental bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,  
Lauren Esaki  
Kapa'a, Kaua'i



Testimony.txt

Aloha, Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Har, Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Johnson, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance.

My name is Ryan Ignacio, I am a registered voter from Kalihi.

I am opposed to Bill SB1 for the following reasons.

This special session is not enough time to democratically examine a bill that will affect the future of the state and her residents. I believe that the bill should not redefine what marriage is as it has

As a proud American voter that truly believes in the democratic process, I plead that this bill not to be passed at this time. Please re-introduce the bill in the next legislative session to be fully reviewed, heard and discussed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Ryan Ignacio  
Honolulu, HI

. not trample on the rights of those that oppose the bill. This short special session does not allow for the bill to be democratically reviewed.

and follow a truly democratic process where you hear both sides and create the bill to equally protect both sides.

do not resort to a quick five day special session to decide the future of Hawaii.

Democratic Sen. Clayton Hee said before voting for the bill that the moment is career-defining and lawmakers should embrace it.

Do not vote selfishly, what about our keiki? It's in the same situation as parents who chooses their career over raising their child or children. Their children will be affected.

What about business owners? Do they not get some protection? I fear that the LGBT

Community will force business to

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(Enter your Name here)

(Enter your City and State here)

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 strongly against Bill SB1 and requesting the Committee to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage instead of going against the will of the people. I respect equality for all together with the rights of principles and religious choice, which, as elected leaders, you all respect.

This bill cannot be decided in one week and I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided so swiftly. I ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

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Edna Owan

Laie, Hawaii

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Margaret Brittain

424 West Kuiaha Road, Haiku, HI 96708

karratti70@gmail.com

The people of faith in this state have a right to be heard and actually listened to. There are serious and credible concerns about the consequences of "marriage equality." We care about the sanctity of our houses of worship, we fear discrimination law suits if we conduct business according to our conscience, and we want to protect the innocence and values of children in the face of educational agendas disguised as equal treatment.

## Matthew Hanabusa

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**From:** Judiciary Special Session  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:44 PM  
**To:** House Special Session  
**Subject:** Written Only  
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From: Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]  
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:41 PM  
To: Judiciary Special Session  
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Theresa  
Last Name: Beckley  
Your Email: theresabeckley@yahoo.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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## Matthew Hanabusa

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:58 PM  
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To: Judiciary Special Session  
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Thomasene  
Last Name: Kinikini  
Your Email: kinikins@gmail.com  
To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,  
10:00AM  
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Thomasene Kinikini  
Laie, HI 96762

To the House of Representatives...

I am writing to you with a heavy heart , because the future of Hawaii is in question. I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB1. In a short period of time, a very limited group of people will be able to decide the future of my children. You have a moral responsibility that will affect the outcome of real peoples lives. Please do not pass bill SB1 and be responsible for an unjust law being placed upon the future of Hawaii. Thank you .

Melvin K. Kwan Jr.

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Waipahu, HI

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From: Veryl Henderson [mailto:veryl@hpbaptist.net]  
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:51 PM  
To: Judiciary Special Session  
Subject: FW: Testimony opposing the senate bill

Date: October 31, 2013

From: Veryl Henderson

To: House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee

The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke

I am opposed to Senate Bill 1.

My opposition comes from my belief in the natural biological formations of male and female. Marriage is the natural bonding of two people with the ability to reproduce and perpetuate life. This natural process is not possible with a marriage between two people who cannot procreate. It is a fundamental principle of life for marriage to be between a man and woman. This is not a civil rights issue it is logical issue based on biology.

Passing a law allowing two same sex people to marry will not change the natural law by which we all function. The law will hinder future generations by given false information about the nature of creation. I am opposed to perpetuating a false perception.

The law that was passed in 1998 instructing the legislature to reserve marriage for opposite sex couples is very clear in my mind. To change that law requires an affirmative vote from the people who voted the law into existence. If the legislature wants to change the law than they should submit a bill that will go before the people and let the people decide.

Veryl Henderson  
Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention  
2042 Vancouver Drive  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96744

My name is Keoni, and I live on Kalaniiki St. in Honolulu. I am opposed to SB-1, and I would ask that you vote "No". Let the people decide.

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We should do rights in right and proper ways, not cutting the corner. Let us put politics aside and let people decide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Wei Chen  
City and County of Honolulu  
Makiki District

To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013, 10:00AM

Place: Capitol Auditorium

Re: Strong 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 strongly opposed to this bill as the language of the bill will not protect religious freedoms and will therefore discriminate against the faith based community and culture that is noted for love and compassion in our community. This bill will not give the gay community what they are hoping to obtain. If this bill passes, it will be the beginning of many serious social conflicts. The problems will include lawsuits, protests, and boycotts, just to name a few.

This bill must not be rushed in to law. I respectfully ask you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage. 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.

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Todd Okamura

October 31, 2013

Written Testimony Regarding SB 1  
Relating to Equal Rights

To: The House Judiciary and Finance Committees

My name is Stuart Shigemitsu. In 2009, I inquired of then Senator Russell Kokubun what his stance was regarding HB 444 relating to civil unions. I have copied our email correspondence below to demonstrate that my concerns voiced over four years ago have now been realized as the Hawaii Legislature stands on the cusp of legalizing same sex marriage in our State. Despite Senator Kokubun's confident assurance that the legalization of civil unions would not change "the definition or character of traditional marriage" the passage of time has invalidated Senator Kokubun's claim. Governor Abercrombie signed civil unions into law in 2011 and now with this special session of the State Legislature, the definition or character of traditional marriage is most definitely in jeopardy.

Email Correspondence:

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 2:06:01 PM

Subject: HB 444

Mahalo for taking the time to submit your comments regarding House Bill 444, the pending civil union bill that is now under consideration in the State Legislature. Hawai'i has a history of recognizing personal and cultural differences. This is not about gay rights; it is about civil rights, and our community's respect for the lives and beliefs of others. Civil unions convey those rights and duties without changing the definition or character of traditional marriage. It is my understanding that civil unions are not marriage. They will extend a basic social and legal right to a new group of individuals without altering or diminishing what we now think of as marriage. It has been a guiding principle of our community to respect individuals' differences. In matters of religion, culture and lifestyle, Hawai'i has stood as one of the most welcoming and tolerant places in our nation. I will keep an open mind with respect to any and all input. I truly appreciate your efforts to communicate your thoughts and opinions on this critical issue.

Mahalo,

Senator Russell Kokubun

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 11:32:41 PM

Subject: Re: HB 444

To Sen. Russell Kokubun

Feb 24, 2009

Dear Senator Kokubun,

I have not written any correspondence to a politician in over 15 years as I feel that politicians in general tend to disregard public input, especially pertaining to those issues on which they have already taken a firm stand. Nonetheless, I find it necessary to write to you due to my concern regarding HB 444. As you well know in 1998, by almost a 70% majority, the people of Hawaii (myself included) voted to amend the State's constitution allowing the legislature to ban same-sex marriages in Hawaii. I see this piece of legislation as an attempt to circumvent the will of the people & legislatively dictate what gay rights

proponents could not accomplish 10 years ago. It is disturbing to me that the legislature and in other instances the judiciary, have taken it upon themselves to usurp the expressed will of the people. I do not have any ill-will against gay people, but rather, with all due respect, I take issue with your statement that "civil unions convey those rights and duties without changing the definition or character of traditional marriage." I do not believe that you can separate the two, as the former will always impact the latter. Case in point, the bellwether State of California. Back in 1999, California enacted a domestic partnership registry which initially allowed only hospital visitation privileges to gay couples but was later expanded to allow many of the same rights as married couples. Later on in 2000, the residents of California voted in favor of Proposition 22 which by statute defined marriage as between a man & a woman. Despite this law, the mayor of San Francisco in 2004, began allowing same-sex marriages in his city which subsequently led to the California Supreme Court striking down Prop. 22. Just last year, the California voters again voiced their opinion on same-sex marriages by voting for Proposition 8 which constitutionally defines marriage as being only between a man & a woman. The subsequent backlash in the gay community was vociferous & widespread, resulting in multiple ongoing lawsuits to undo Prop. 8. My point in documenting the preceding is to simply state that the slippery slope of civil unions leading to marriage between gay couples in Hawaii is a sure one & will become inevitable should HB 444 be approved in the Senate. The history of this debate in California has made it evident that the plea for basic "civil rights" will not satisfy those in the gay community until gay couples are allowed to marry & then I am afraid that the "definition & character" of traditional marriage will be forever altered. I firmly believe in tolerance & respect for all, but not at the expense of traditional marriage. I therefore urge you to act accordingly.

Sincerely,  
Stuart Shigemitsu

To senkokubun@capitol.hawaii.gov

Mar 24, 2009

Dear Senator Kokubun:

Since this piece of legislation is still very much alive in the legislature, could you please take the time to respond to my response regarding your position of HB 444? Frankly, I don't know how one can absolutely claim that traditional marriage will in no way be affected as detailed in my response below. I would be interested in hearing your response.

Thank you kindly,  
Stuart Shigemitsu

Unfortunately, I received no further response from Senator Kokubun. Fast-forward only a few short years and the citizens of our State now find ourselves in the exact position that I predicted would happen if civil unions were made legal by our chosen political representatives.

Further Argument:

A few years ago, sexual orientation used to be referred to as sexual preference. This distinction in terms is significant because the two terms denote significant differences in the manner by which sexuality develops. A preference is something that is chosen, whereas orientation is merely something that defines us. The differences are potentially important regarding how the law applies to those who are gay. If homosexuality does not stem from personal choice but is a biologically-determined characteristic over which we have no choice, then laws should not treat gays and straights differently since homosexuality would be equivalent to one's race, over which we have no control. Conversely, if being

gay is indeed the result of choice and not biologically or genetically determined, then granting marriage rights based upon personal choice is inherently problematic. Pertinent questions arise such as who has the authority to define marriage – the citizens or the legislature? If the legal right to marry is granted to gays then should not the right to marry be given to those who practice polygamy as well? After all, we should not discriminate against polygamists should we? If gays are granted the right to marry others of the same sex, is it not logically consistent to also allow others to marry multiple partners, if they so choose? Where do we draw the line concerning defining marriage and who draws that line? Moral relativism is the real issue here. We are confronted by it and cannot evade the dilemma of the morally slippery slope.

Despite much research, there is no empirical evidence that homosexuality is genetically based. In fact this evidence points to the opposite. Outlined below is a partial summary by Dr. Neil Whitehead of more than 20 years of scientific research into homosexuality. It draws on more than 10,000 scientific papers and publications from all sides of the debate. His findings regarding same-sex attraction versus opposite-sex attraction reveal the following:

### Change

The huge amount of change in sexual orientation is one of the clearest evidences that homosexuality is not hard-wired by genes or anything in the biological environment.

Large studies now show that:

For adults:

About half of those with exclusive SSA move towards heterosexuality over a lifetime. Put another way, 3% of the practising heterosexual population (both men and women) claim to have once been either bisexual or homosexual.

These changes are not therapeutically induced, but happen “naturally” in life, some very quickly.

Most changes in sexual orientation are towards exclusive heterosexuality.

Numbers of people who have changed towards exclusive OSA are greater than current numbers of bisexuals and exclusive SSA people combined. In other words, “Ex-gays outnumber actual gays.”

Exclusive OSA is 17 times as stable as exclusive SSA for men, and 30 times as stable as exclusive SSA for women. (Women move about more in their sexual orientation than men.)

For adolescents:

Most teenagers will change from SSA. In fact, in the 16 to 17 year age group, 98% will move from homosexuality and bisexuality towards heterosexuality.

16 year olds saying they are SSA or Bi-attracted are 25 times more likely to say they are opposite sex attracted at the age of 17 than those with a heterosexual orientation are likely to identify themselves as bi-sexual or homosexual.

16-year olds who claim they are opposite sex attracted will overwhelmingly remain that way.

### Genes

Twin Studies:

These very complex comparisons of identical twins and non-identical twins definitively rule out genetic determinism. Identical twins with identical genes are about 11-14% concordant for SSA. If homosexuality were “genetic,” identical co-twins of homosexual men and women would also be

homosexual 100% of the time. In classic twin studies the genetic fraction is less than 23% for men and 37% for women, and may be as low as 10%. Twin studies continue to find steadily lower genetic input into homosexuality as methodology improves and samples become larger. Everyone has at least a 10% genetic influence in their behaviour— because without genes there can be no human behaviour of any kind. Twin studies show that individualistic reactions to chance events (in which one identical twin reacts differently from the other) are by far the strongest contributors to homosexuality. In other words personal individual reactions to random events are a strong factor.

#### Other

A scan of the whole genome has not found any homosexual genes, unlike the case for schizophrenia (which has still only identified 4 genes linked to 3% of schizophrenia.)

From an understanding of gene structure and function there are no plausible means by which genes could dictate SSA (or other behaviours) in a person.

So far, genetically dictated behaviours of the “one-gene-one-trait” variety have been found only in very simple organisms. Generally, geneticists agree that many genes (from at least five or six to many-hundreds) contribute to any particular human behaviour.

Any genetic influence is believed to be weak and indirect.

No genetically determined human behaviour has yet been found. The most closely genetically-related behaviour yet discovered (mono-amine oxidase deficiency leading to aggression) has shown itself remarkably re-sponsive to counselling.

A genetically dominated SSA caused by a cluster of genes could not suddenly appear and disappear in families, as it does. It would persist through every generation for many generations. It is genetically implausible that many “heterosexual” genes could switch off at the same time.

The human race shares most of its genes—something between 99.7% and 99.9%. That means all ethnic groups will have most of them. This has three implications.

If homosexuality is genetically dictated, homosexual practices will be identical or very similar in all cultures. But the enormous range and diversity of homosexual practice and customs in different cultures (and within cultures), argues against this.

There would be a similar percentage of homosexuality in all cultures. But homosexuality has been unknown in some cultures and mandatory in others.

Changes in homosexual practice and behaviour in different cultures would take place very slowly, over many centuries. But this is not what history shows. (The decline of whole models of homosexuality (the Greek, over a couple of centuries, and the Melanesian, within a century); the relatively sudden (in genetic terms) emergence of the present Western model over a couple of centuries; and abrupt changes of practice within an ethnic group, even over a single generation, are not consistent with anything genetic. Even less so the swiftly changing sexual practices within the current Western model.)

The occurrence of SSA in the population is too frequent to be caused by a faulty pre-natal developmental process, so it is not innate in that sense either. This includes epigenetic processes. If SSA were genetically determined, and led to same-sex contact only it would have bred itself out of the population in only several generations. It would not exist today. The age of first same-sex attraction could be about 10% genetically influenced and opposite sex attraction about 15%. (Remember, everyone has a 10% genetic input into anything they think or do.) First attractions (both SSA and OSA) occur on average at age 10 and are rarely “earliest memories,” meaning attraction is mostly socially induced.

According to Dr. Whitehead, “At best genetics is a minor factor.” Because identical twins are always genetically identical, homosexuality cannot be genetically dictated. “No-one is born gay,” he notes. “The predominant things that create homosexuality in one identical twin and not in the other have to be

post-birth factors.” Dr. Whitehead believes same-sex attraction (SSA) is caused by “non-shared factors,” things happening to one twin but not the other, or a personal response to an event by one of the twins and not the other. The complete summary and further details can be found at:

<http://www.mygenes.co.nz/summary.htm>

Based on the above I think it would be a grievous mistake to redefine the definition of marriage without any empirical evidence to support such an action.

Lastly, allow me to make the argument from the personal standpoint. As parents do you wish and hope that one day your own children will grow up and marry someone else of the same sex? Or, do you wish and hope that your child will marry someone of the opposite sex and perhaps have grandchildren in the future. I submit that most parents would prefer the later outcome for their children and only perhaps reluctantly accept the former. Redefining traditional marriage in our State would certainly affect that outcome as children would then be taught in the public arena that same sex relationships are quite acceptable since the politically correct view is that there is no difference between SSA and OSA. This has already happened in public schools across the country despite parental objection. The inculcation of the gay lifestyle as being acceptable among our children is also evidenced most recently in New York where the IFC Center announced that it will admit minors to see the NC-17 rated movie “Blue Is The Warmest Color” which is a sexually graphic story promoting lesbianism. There is a distinct difference between accommodation and acceptance and that line has been crossed. Whereas in times past, voices in the gay community asked that their choices be accommodated, the current tenor of voices now demands that their choices be accepted – even by those who would disagree for moral or religious reasons. Consequently, small businesses across the country have faced litigation since they chose not to service gay clientele. That is not right. Therefore, I urge you to do the right thing and reject SB 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Stuart Shigemitsu  
Mountain View, HI

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Kapaa, Hawaii 96746

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(Your Name Here)

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Karl Johnson  
Kailua, Hawaii

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-----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

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Last Name: Maiwiriwiri  
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Jeanette Maiwiriwiri  
Kahuku, HI

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:20 PM  
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warring, contention, strife and oppression.  
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land is perpetuated in righteousness."  
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Him). Unrighteousness will bring a curse on  
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do, he will forgive and bring healing and  
cleansing. We cannot pass this law. It is not

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

JoAnn Morimoto  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Last Name: Mathews  
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Last Name: Goodrich Maier  
Your Email: [goodrichl001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:goodrichl001@hawaii.rr.com)  
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First Name: Gabriel  
Last Name: Fuiava  
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Gabriel Fuiava  
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First Name: Sijia  
Last Name: Huang  
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Last Name: Matagi  
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Last Name: Nihipali, Jr.  
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kailua kona, Hawaii County  
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Last Name: Simon  
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Mary Ann Fritzie Simon  
Honolulu, HI

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**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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**From:** [tonmed8@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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