

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

From: Masima Aiolupotea

City, State: Honolulu, HI

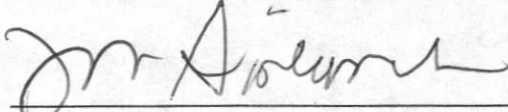
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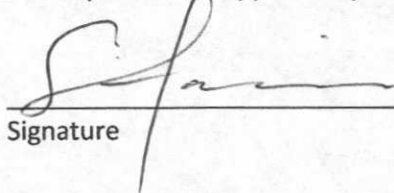
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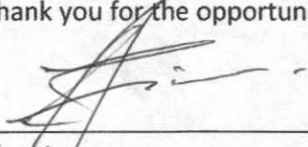
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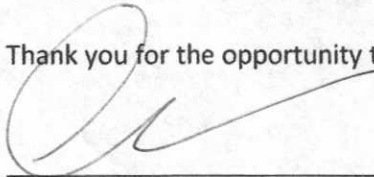
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To whom it may concern,

My name is Samuel Faumui of Honolulu, Hawaii and I'm strongly against this SB1 form and all who stand for it. First of all I would like to give our heavenly Father all the honor and the praises for this opportunity to stand against this bill. Our wonderful country was built on God and that is what makes us a great country, this bill will go entirely against the word of God.

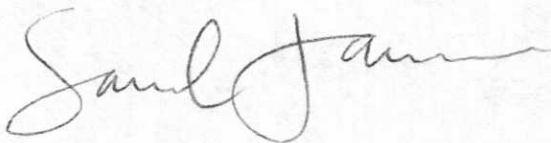
The bill that is trying to be passed violates the natural moral order established by God. Same-sex marriage is a great sin and this will offend God. In the bible God made the first humans, a man a woman, named Adam and Eve. In Genesis 1:28-29 it says God created them in His image, in the Divine image he created him; male and female he created them. He then tells them "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it."

This was also remarked by our Savior Jesus Christ. In the bible in the book of Mark 10:6-7 Jesus says that "From the beginning of creation, God made them; male and female. For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother; and shall cleave to his wife." God made man and woman to bring forth more children and fill the earth and to subdue it. It isn't possible for two people of the same sex to bring forth a child, God made it that way for a reason.

If this bill is passed for same-sex marriage then God will punish us as he has already done so in the bible. In Genesis 19:24-25 God punished Sodom and Gomorrah for the sin of homosexuality, and many other sins. The bible says that "the Lord rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah from the Lord out of the heavens. Thus He overthrew those cities and the entire plain, including all those living in the cities and also the vegetation in the land."

With that being said I tell you this, we cannot stand by and let this bill be passed because we know that we will face grave consequences such as the ones that are stated in the bible. Make your decision based on the word of God, we must all understand that we are so small compared to Him and He will always have the last say. Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Faumui". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Samuel Faumui

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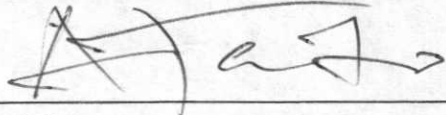
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From: Joannalynn Fuli-Hubbard TAGAWA
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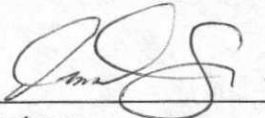
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(808) 699-0619
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To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee
Hearing Date & Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10 am
Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol
Re: Strong **Opposition to SB1**, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Joseph H. Kekahuna IV

City, State: Honolulu HI

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Hearing Date & Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10 am
Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Jaemarlene Ketahuna
City, State: Honolulu, HI

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Jaemarlene Ketahuna
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Re: Strong Opposition to SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

From: JOSEPH H. KEKATHERAWA III

City, State: Honolulu, HI

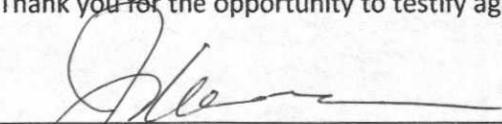
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To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

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

Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol

Re: Strong **Opposition to SB1**, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Julie Galeng

City, State: Kaneohe, Hawaii

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Date 10/29/2013

Email jhgaleng@gmail.com

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Hearing Date & Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10 am
Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol
Re: Strong **Opposition to SB1**, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Chanel Olanda

City, State: Honolulu, HI

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

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

Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol

Re: Strong **Opposition to SB1**, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Tavale Masalosalo

City, State: Hon, HI

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Tavale Masalosalo 10/29/13
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favale25@hawaii.edu (808) 782-0875
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To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

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

Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol

Re: Strong **Opposition to SB1**, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Diena Peterson

City, State: Honolulu, HI

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

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Re: Strong **Opposition to SB1**, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Tepora Soyapolutea

City, State: Kalihi Hawaii

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Tepora Soyapolutea
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808-382-0697
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Hearing Date & Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10 am
Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol
Re: Strong **Opposition to SB1**, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Sa Aiolumpotea
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Re: Strong **Opposition to SB1**, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Malotuiatasi Fa'apale

City, State: Honolulu, HI

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Signature

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Date

Email

(808)364-6100

Phone number

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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45-779 Hilina'i
Kaneoke

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45-729 Hilihihi St.

Kaunohāohe HI. 96744

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45-721 Holman St
Kamehameha, HI 96744

To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

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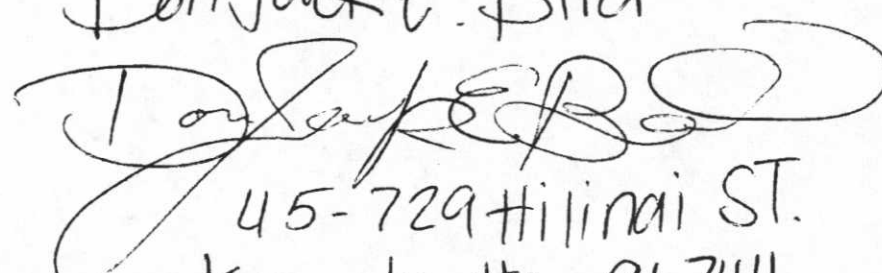
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45-729 Hiliwai St
Kauaie, HI 96744

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

Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol

Re: Strong Opposition to SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Silva Faumu

City, State: Honolulu, HI

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Date

Email

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Hearing Date & Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10 am
Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol
Re: Strong **Opposition to SB1**, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Pearl Faumui

City, State: Honolulu, Hawaii

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Signature

10/30/2013
Date

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Hearing Date & Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10 am
Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol
Re: Strong **Opposition to SB1**, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Isaac Roe Jr.

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Isaac Roe Jr.
Signature

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

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

Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol

Re: Strong Opposition to SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

From: AFULIO TRAVEIA

City, State: Honolulu, HI


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Re: Strong Opposition to SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

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

Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol

Re: Strong Opposition to SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Sapati La'asia

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Signature

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Date

Email

312-9110
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Re: Strong **Opposition to SB1**, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Tina Sevedo

City, State: Honolulu, HI

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

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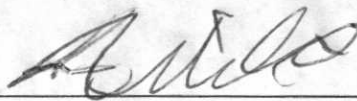
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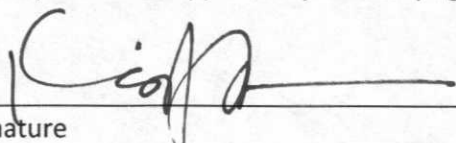
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I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

My name is Leilani Antone, and I am testifying against same sex marriages in Hawaii. I am a native Hawaiian, and I feel that it goes against the culture of native Hawaiians. I believe that Hawaiian's values and culture is being compromised by the legalizations of gay marriage in Hawaii.

I am daughter of a mother who is gay. I love my mother very much, and there is no part of me that would want my mother not to have equal rights. With that being said, I still strongly believe that gay marriage will bring about a downward spiral of events that will not only compromise the culture of Hawaii, but also the education system. One thing that my mother has always felt strongly about, and till this day encouraged me to do is further my education. She has pushed me academically, intellectually, and gave me the motivation to continue to learn and expand my mind. She instilled the value of education and the importance it is to the well-being of each person's life. We believe that with the back lash of what has happened in other countries and what is beginning to happen in other states in regards to the legalization of gay marriage and the affect it has on our education system, that it will be detrimental to the future generations of Hawaii. Our education system, students, and faculty will be subjected to teach and learn about things that we as Hawaiians culturally feel inappropriate for certain age groups.

In closing, I am asking my peers, you the senate, to hear my voice as a child brought up around a gay parent, who has no bias against gays at all, and only love for all people. But has genuine concern for the repercussions that will arise from the legalization of gay marriage that on the surface seems to be a rights issue, but when looked at with a microscope presents many more negative issues than positive. Give the people of Hawaii a chance to vote on this issue, and to make the decision for our youth of Hawaii. Let's do what is pono.

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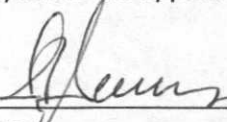
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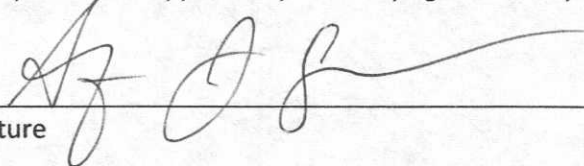
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From: Kiisitina Seva-Aiese

City, State: Honolulu, Hawaii

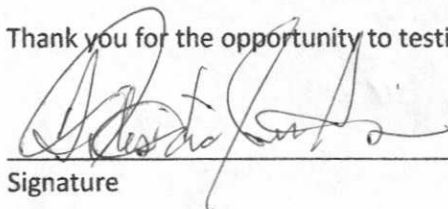
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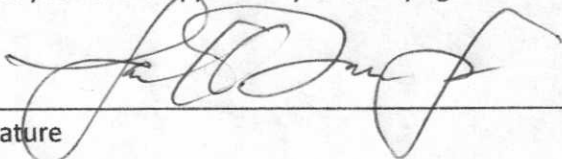
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From: Vai'ilili Se'vao
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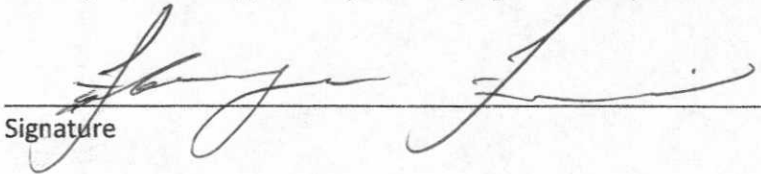
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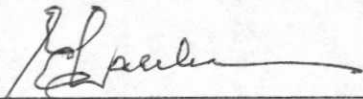
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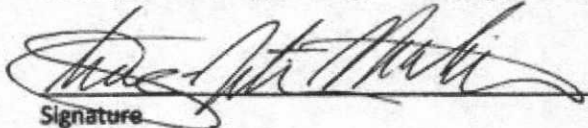
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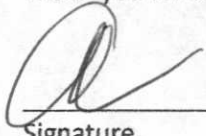
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Dear Honorable Chair Representative Rhoads and Honorable Chair Representative Luke and Judiciary/Finance Committee,

Thank for allowing me to share. My name is Dona Yoshida and I am testifying today as a mother and ^{licensed by} professional social worker in opposition to Senate Bill 1, which will legalize Same Sex Marriage in Hawai'i. I believe marriage is a precious and sacred covenant between a man and a woman and should be protected as such. I also believe that trying to pass this legislation in a special 5-day session is not the right thing to do. None of the other states have passed same sex marriage in this rushed manner and doing so is not upholding the democratic process, which truly is a privilege that we who live in the United States of America have. This issue should be discussed and debated in a regular legislative session. Passing such legislation will have a tremendous societal impact, especially upon our educational system and parental rights. There has already been a precedence set in Canada and Massachusetts, and other states within our country that

have passed such legislation, resulting in drastic changes in educational curriculum and parents are not allowed to be informed about the content of the curriculum, much less have a say in what their children are taught and not taught. As our legislators, you have a responsibility, in a manner that engaging all sides and perspectives of this issue, to research and thoroughly consider the all implications and potential impact that will be thrust upon our community here in Hawai'i, particularly upon our families and educational system before passing this bill. Yours is not an easy task and I know that as a legislator, you and your family have made many sacrifices. However, when you were elected by the people of Hawai'i, we entrusted this great responsibility to you. Five days is not enough time to make a responsible decision. The regular session is only a few months away, so why are we rushing through this? I believe by waiting until the regular session, we show honor and respect to the democratic process that all of you as elected official have vowed to uphold. Again, this is such a controversial and complicated issue that will affect every aspect of our society, our

community, our families, and our entire state. It definitely merits more time and effort in working through it. Special sessions have been called to deal with emergency situations. This is not an emergency. I am asking that you will deal with this in a responsible and pono way and wait until the 2014 legislative session to deal with this issue.

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify,

Respectfully submitted,
Dona Yoshida, LSW
Dona Yoshida

October 31, 2013

10/30/13

TO: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, Rep. Karl Rhodes, Chair and Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair and Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

RE: SB 1

DATE/TIME: October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Testimony

My name is Louise Kaneshiro and I live in the 24th district, a registered voter since 1980. This has been my first experience of giving my testimony, so please forgive me if my outline is incorrect. I was born and raised in our beautiful island of Oahu and have resided in Makiki since 2007 and previously have lived in the Punchbowl/Pauoa district. I was born (Kapiolani Hospital) and raised in Manoa Valley. I have two grown boys and I am glad that I didn't have to worry about what kind of education my children received from the public school system. I do have concerns about our keiki now that have to grow up in an environment that is very liberal and so sue conscious that our legislators are making decisions that affect what may happen if the same sex marriage bill gets approved during this special session. I also need to let you know that I have friends and family that were of the same sex and my boys were exposed to their lifestyle. They love their uncles and understand that they were different. So my boys knew that people have a choice of how they want to live their lives.

I feel that the people should have a say in this issue and the legislature should give the people the right to vote on this very important decision. Even though that back in 1998 the legislature was granted by us, the voters the right to make the decision of matrimony either man and woman or people of the same sex. I also know that there are only 11 legislatures that were there back than in 1998. Times have changed and it may not be for the better(even though some people think so). We need to protect our children.

Why do we have to rush and make a decision right now in 5 – 20 days? This would be a good time make use of consultants (like most state agencies) do, when the effect of this decision may have on the quality of life and for our children's future. How will it affect what is taught to our children in the

public education system. Has the state legislatures looked at the education system in Canada, because they have had same sex marriage in place for 10 years. You may want to consider looking into this before changing the laws and the way we live in Hawaii nei. Why does Hawaii need to be the 16th state to enact this law when we were the 50th State? Why do we have to be in history as being maybe the only state to enact this law in 5 – 20 days? Will Hawaii be known for this action? What about the legal issues, on churches, businesses that will stand for what they believe in? What will happen to them?

As you may have guessed I am not in favor of this bill and would like for the House of Representatives to vote NO on this bill For our keiki's sake.

Thank you for reading my testimony and please take into consideration what I have written, as I am unable to attend this very important hearing.

Sincerely,



Louise A. Kaneshiro

Registered Voter/Concerned Citizen

1644 Piikioi St # 2

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Ethan K. Hottendorp
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10/29/13
Date

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

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

Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol

Re: Strong **Opposition to SB1**, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Sharon Vogt

City, State: Kaneohe, HI


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Date 10/29/13

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

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: Apisabona Maiava Jr.

City, State: Honolulu, Hawaii

Subject:

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From: MANA T. LAULU

City, State: Kalihi, HI

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Email laulumano@gmail.com Phone number (808) 229-1818

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Hearing Date & Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10 am
Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol
Re: Strong **Opposition to SB1**, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Alex Olomua

City, State: Honolulu, Hawaii

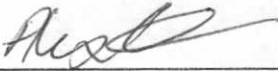
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Re: Strong **Opposition to SB1**, Relating to Equal Rights

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City, State: Honolulu, HI


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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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Sii Maiava

City, State:

Honolulu, Hawaii

Subject:

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From: Tuileva Faumuili

City, State: Honolulu, Hawaii

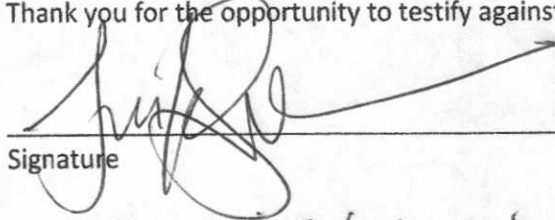
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Hearing Date & Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10 am

Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol

Re: Strong Opposition to SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Dofia Aikua

City, State: Honolulu

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From: Manuel Aoba

City, State: Hon Hawaii

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From: Francis Silva

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Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol

Re: Strong **Opposition to SB1**, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Windward Nazarene Academy / Elsa Britton

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Elsa Britton

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From: BJ Amosa

City, State: HNL, Hi

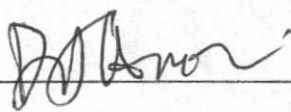
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From: Mavis Kamanu

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Signature: Jay Lum Kee Date: 10/29/13

Email: jumkee@windwardhazards.com Phone number: 255-6032

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I believe in traditional ohana and traditional marriage. I do not believe that the government has gone about this bill in the correct democratic way. I, as a concerned citizen, believe that this bill will violate my rights and freedoms that the Founding Fathers instituted when our country was established.

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Hearing Date & Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10 am
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Oct. 30, 2013
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Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol

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From: Dwayne Ancheta

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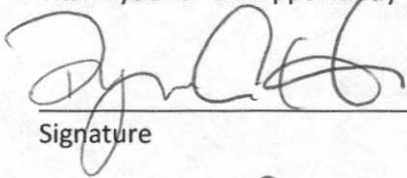
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Phone number

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

From: ELISE HISHINUMA

City, State: KANEHOHE, HI

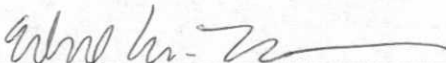
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From: Lopaka Olanda

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From: Falegafalu Salanoa

City, State: 45-1029 Kamau place Apt #11B
KANEOTEHE, HI 96744

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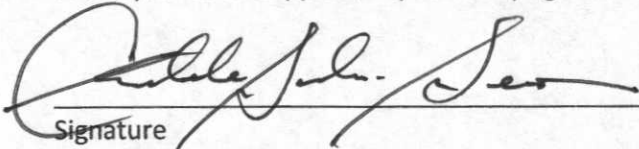
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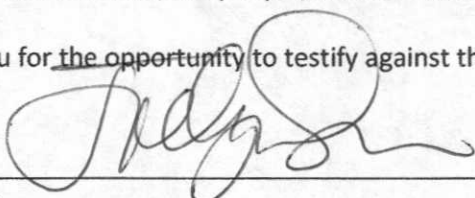
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Date

mana-jo.seva@yahoo.com
Email 808-312-4751
Phone number

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.

Kai Lau

From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 5:26 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 5:20 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: GLORIA
Last Name: CHEELEY
Your Email: lilikoi@psmail.net
To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,
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(Your Name Here)

(Your City, State)

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 5:23 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: sakai3357@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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
carol sakai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As the saying goes: Civil law cannot make moral what God has deemed immoral. Please vote no on legalizing same sex marriage for the sake of Hawaii's people. Keep traditional marriage sacred. Ken & Carol

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

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

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

I oppose same sex marriage

Lydia Hooser

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jonni Cheek [mailto:jjdjcheek@gmail.com]
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Subject: Oppose sb1

I oppose SB1

Thank you
Jonni Cheek

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your time,
Karen Harris

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

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

Mahalo,

Faith Y. Sato
Honolulu Resident

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

Aloha,

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

Mahalo,

Nicole Enos 96789

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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.
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“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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Joy Aito
Hilo, HI 96720

Kai Lau

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Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

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Last Name: Hung
Your Email: bcphung@juno.com
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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
Eron Goo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Last Name: Camacho
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To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee
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Place: Capitol Auditorium
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And very simply, NO, and don't know what part of NO
our elected officials understand.'

Do what is Right!

Ella Camacho
emcamacho@hawaiiantel.net

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Mililani, HI

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Last Name: Rabanal
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Kathy Rabanal
Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

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Uluakimata Tonga
Laie, Hawaii

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Richard & Barbara Long
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Last Name: Reasoner
Your Email: pkreasoner@hawaiiantel.net
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Mr. and Mrs. T. Reasoner
Honolulu, HI

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(Your City, State)

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. Karl Rhoads, Chair
House Judiciary Committee

Ms. Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Finance Committee

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

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

As a registered voter in the State of Hawaii I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to SB-1 at the upcoming Joint House Hearing scheduled for October 31, 2013. The following is an outline of what I will be testifying to:

1. The Same-sex marriage should not be addressed in a special session for the following reasons:
 - A five-day special session is not enough time to discuss the most controversial issues of our time, the amount of time to debate and discuss the issue is far too limited.
 - No amendments to the bill are permitted which circumvents the democratic process.
 - A yes vote during a special session will reflect the will of the governor, the legislators and special interest groups but not necessarily the will of the people of the State of Hawaii.
 - The proposed religious exemption language is rendered invalid because of the public accommodations.
 - The proposed religious exemption does nothing to protect individual business owners, teachers or other citizens right to practice their religious freedom.
 - In 1998 the people of Hawaii voted on this issue and a 70% majority specified that Marriage was defined as
2. Legislators are elected to respect the fundamental Democratic principles provided for in the State of Hawaii and the United States constitutions.
 - The people of the State of Hawaii believe that they addressed the issue of same sex marriage in 1998, if there is concern that the will of the people has change in the past 15 years they should be given the opportunity to vote on the issue again.
 - Marriage is not a civil right and no court, including the Supreme Court, has ever said that it is.

- The governor and legislators are elected to represent the people and as a result should respect the process that allows their voices and opinion the greatest opportunity to be heard.

It is my belief that the current bill and the pursuit of it's passing in a special session called by the Governor circumvents my rights as a citizen, violates my right to religious freedom guaranteed by the first amendment of the US Constitution and jeopardizes social fabric of the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Mauricio Barrientos
858 6th Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96816

55-439 Iosepa Street
Laie, Hawaii 96762

October 31, 2013

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:

I am writing as a concerned citizen to oppose the Senate Bill 1 (proposed Marriage Equality Act). I am a 19 years old Laie resident and have lived here for 18 years. I love my life and living here in Paradise.

I value traditional marriage as a union between a man and a woman as well as our 1st Amendment which guarantees religious freedom, belief and choices. I believe that a marriage between a man and a woman is essential to the well-being of children, families and society. Protecting traditional marriage and our religious freedom are fundamental to successful families and a strong society.

I strongly oppose this bill for the following reasons: This bill fails to protect my religious freedom. This bill does not fully protect religious institutions, properties and churches when it comes to same-sex celebrations, goods and services. This bill does not protect individual rights, it forces individuals and small businesses to participate in or support same-sex wedding ceremonies against their religious beliefs. This bill does not protect religious parents to remove their children from classes that support or promote same-sex marriage or minimize the importance of traditional marriage. If we do not comply with these requests, we will be fined, arrested or ostracized for our religious beliefs. If this bill is passed, we are forced to accept the moral rights and beliefs of homosexuals as being normal in society.

I strongly urge you to **please vote NO to the proposed Marriage Equality Act**. Thank you for all your service.

Sincerely,

Spencer Tainui Nagy

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

Kai Lau

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Jiangyan zhu
Honolulu hi

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My name is Amie Yee, and I live in the Pauoa area. I am writing to voice my **STRONG** opposition to Bill SB1. I am a mother of 2 young children as well as a public school elementary teacher. I am opposed to this special session, and am also frustrated at the fact that we are trying to RUSH, and decide on a very contentious social issue in our history, in virtually just one week! Why? What's the rush? This special session is not only costing us more money, but has also stirred up a lot of arguments, dissension, and disunity in the community.

This is not an issue of marriage equality, it is a discussion about benefits! Same gender couples here in America (versus those in foreign countries)

ALREADY have the freedom to marry, just as opposite-sex couples. In speaking about benefits, the claim is that same gender couples are only entitled to three of the federal benefits, well...what about OTHER groups in the community, such as the autism children in Hawaii, who are not entitled to the same medical treatment benefits as children in other States? Hawaii is one of those states that have NOT passed the autism bill. (On February 14, 2012, S.B. 2631 was voted out of two Senate committees with amendments. No further action was taken on the bills). This continues to affect our family since I have a son afflicted with autism.

Going back to SB1, since so many emotions and chaos have erupted these past few days, I humbly ask you to please give this SB1 bill more thoughts and move it to the regular session. In this way, it can be properly vetted and examined as all other bills. According to a recent KITV Poll, 79% of the people in the community so far, are requesting to have a voice in this bill. Therefore, please do not RUSH this. Instead, please hear our cries...and I trust that you will represent us well---by allowing us to vote!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

(Amie Yee)
(Honolulu, HI)

Kai Lau

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Aaron Delos Reyes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I vote NO

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Susan Otaguro	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I oppose bill SB1. Susan Otaguro PO Box 492979 Keaau, HI. 96749 8083750320

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

From: Shannon Wood [mailto:swood@hoku.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 5:44 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1 - RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS

Please vote YES on SB1. We have been actively involved with this issue since 1991.

James and Shannon Wood
House District 51
PO Box 1013
Kailua, HI 96734

jwood@hoku.com; 808/223-4481
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respect as our elected leaders.
I am opposed to allowing the most contentious social
issue of the past 20 years to be decided in only six
days, especially without a popular referendum. I ask
that you please rethink your decision and uphold the
principles of democracy by allowing the people of this
great State to vote on the matter. A six day session will
not allow the State Legislature to consider and debate
any amendments to the bill, and the voice of the people

cannot be heard in a six day session. The proposed special action is not democracy.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be examined as have many important, and yes, controversial 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 Hawai'ian culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! The people whom you represent believed that they voted and were heard in 1998 on this issue. Please be responsive to the voice of the people, rather than the pressure put on you by special interests groups and party politics. Let the people decide this issue.

Sincerely,

Meredith Miller
Honolulu, Hawaii

Kai Lau

From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 5:45 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

From: Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 5:39 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

Your Email:

miketike@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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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Kalae
Last Name: Kukahiko
Your Email: kukazhiro@yahoo.com
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First Name: Krystal
Last Name: Yasukawa
Your Email: krystalmax@katewwdb.com
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The House Finance Committee
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I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. Personally, I believe that the definition of "marriage" is between a MAN and a WOMAN. To legalize this bill will not have any changes of law or benefits toward homosexual couples. They receive the same laws and benefits when acknowledged as a "civil union". This bill actually just imposes on the churches view more than anything else.

Secondly from a logical stand, to acknowledge and pass this bill will open up doors to people wanting "equality" such as those who practice polygamy or incest. These individuals would later fight for their equal rights, and being if same-sex marriage had been

passed, there would be no argument NOT to acknowledge their equal rights.

Going back to my first point, government should not be involved in regulating church affairs. It should be up to the church whether they acknowledge and approve of the practice of same-sex marriage. Churches that don't believe or acknowledge same sex marriage should not be forced to acknowledge this law if it goes against their belief.

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Krystal Yasukawa
Honolulu, Hawaii

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 5:41 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: Rboteilho@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Lena Sims	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please vote no to same sex marriage.

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 6:20 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: lydiaaki@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Lydia Aki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose wholeheartedly

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Cc: charlieahtoon@yahoo.com
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Charles Ah Toong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My name is Charles AhToong. I reside in Ewa Beach. I am opposed to the same sex marriage bill. My feeling is that the people should be allowed to vote on this issue. Please put this issue on the ballot for the people of Hawaii to vote. Thank you

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

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Jill Yoshicedo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Representatives, I was married in Hawaii, work as a small animal veterinarian, and attend Kaka'ako Christian Fellowship. I believe in God and know my salvation can only be through faith in Jesus Christ. I support the passing of bill SB-1 to recognize marriage and grant the same rights and responsibilities of marriage to same-sex couples. I believe same-sex couples deserve the equal right to make the same commitment to each other and to enjoy the same commitment benefits as opposite-sex couples. I believe society will only benefit from supporting marriage commitment between individuals and creation of stable family units. I believe supporting same-sex marriage is not in opposition to my desire to live according to God's principles. Jesus loved and served all sinners equally and summed up the old testament laws into: 1) Loving God and 2) Loving others as we love ourselves. I am not afraid of gay people getting married or my children being gay. I am afraid of what is happening to God's Church when it puts more focus on judging others' sins and discriminating against others, rather than loving indiscriminately as Jesus did. I am also supportive of the bill's protection for ministers who refuse to solemnize marriage for any reason, and the newly-worded exemption for religious organizations and facilities. I find these sections to adequately protect a minister's or church's freedom of religion, while not infringing on the equal rights granted in our discriminatory practices prohibition (Hawaii Statutes - Section 489-3). Thank you for your hard work during this special session. I hope you will all support the passing of this important equal rights bill as well. Sincerely, Jill Yoshicedo Kailua, HI

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Cc: johnakijr@hotmail.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
John Aki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose wholeheartedly

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 6:00 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Julia
Last Name: Bergeson
Your Email: jmcberg@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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Julia Bergeson
Boise, ID

Kai Lau

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 6:06 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only

Importance: High

From: Hyo Arnold [mailto:hyo-arnold@live.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 5:58 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: No to SB1
Importance: High

I oppose and stand against a same sex marriage.

Hyo Arnold

Kai Lau

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To: House Special Session
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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 5:57 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
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First Name: Steven
Last Name: Kim
Your Email: stevekimlaw@gmail.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee
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Place: Capitol Auditorium
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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

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Please Email Your Representatives Below:

1. This is a hugely significant social issue. There is no urgency to decide this issue in special session, before there can be a full and complete public debate of the same sex marriage issue. Rushing a decision on this issue during special session gives the appearance of trying to avoid public debate, which is contrary to the democratic process. There has not been due or fair consideration given to the social and legal implications of SB 1. Please vote NO on SB 1 in order to allow adequate time not only for public debate, but for such to be digested and considered.

2. All indications are that the majority of your constituents OPPOSE SB 1 on its merits. While this ought not necessarily be decisive of your vote, it does indicate that due consideration should be given to this issue, instead of a rushed vote. Please vote NO on SB 1 so that you will have time to properly hear and consider the thoughts of your constituents.

There is no vote that can be made today, that cannot be made during a regular legislative session.

Please do not rush the vote on this issue. It disrespects the issue of public debate.

Thank you,
Steven Kim
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Kai Lau

From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 6:05 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only

From: GARLA SOUZA-ROY [mailto:kealii5962@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 5:56 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: same sex marriage

To whom it may concern;

I do not know why we have discussion about this every year. I do believe I voted on this or something related to same sex marriages or domestic partnerships.

It seems that there are other reasons why people want same sex marriages....today we have many couples avoiding the topic of marriage for they don't feel a paper is needed to show how much they love each other. So why do we have to keep on coming back to this topic. We have more important things to discuss like the ill planned obamacare, homelessness, the overburden welfare and health departments providing care for micronesians when it wasn't Hawaii that was responsible for the bombing, and lastly the wrong doing of the Hawaiian people when their government was overthrown.

Please submit this for my testimony against same sex marriages.

Garla Souza Roy

Kai Lau

From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 6:05 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only

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

From: rliljaime@gmail.com [mailto:rliljaime@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 6:02 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

I am in opposition to SB1. I find it disconcerting that it has been done thru a special session in order to deny us our due process. We are not able to sit and speak to our representative or our Senator to help us understand how this bill will or will not effect us and our futures. Some of our friends in outer islands have been unable to reach their representative or they have avoided them. This is not right. We are the people you serve. Help us as you promised when you told us you are here to serve and hear the people.

Who here can read this bill and reiterate it meaning in lay men's terms so that I can explain it to my eight year old friends? I have read it but I am so confused and befuddled by it language.

The DOE is reflective of the laws of the land. This leads me to understand that our children will be educated on this subject with questions as to what our parental rights will be as to if we will be able to opt out?

So many questions with very little or even worse no clear answers. Let us get this right.

Thank you,
R. Lilia Jaime

Sent from my iPad

Kai Lau

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Last Name: Alvarez
Your Email: emy.alvarez7@gmail.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee
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Emy A Alvarez 808-927-2386
Aiea, Hawaii

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Juanito, Jr.
Last Name: Moises
Your Email: juan.moisesjr@gmail.com
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Most of all, God made marriage between a man and a woman. Our Founding Fathers founded and created the United States of America under God, which means Hawaii must stand under God. As it says in The Pledge of Allegiance that our country stands as "one nation under God" and that "justice [is] for all." In other words, in relation with the Constitution, which is clearly entitled "We the People," that the people, not the government, decide. I believe that Hawaii needs to stand in the foundation that United States stood for because if not, a simple corruption in one state can corrupt the whole country. I, and I believe many people would agree, do not want any more corruption, not only in Hawaii but in the United States itself, than it has already been going through. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Juanito V. Moises, Jr.
Waipahu, Hawaii

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Last Name: Trickey
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Fortunato
Last Name: Rebugio
Your Email: lprebugio@hawaiiantel.net
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Fortunato Rebugio
Koloa, Kauai, Hawaii

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Last Name: Kim
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Please Email Your Representatives Below:

1. I urge and request to vote NO on SB1 in this special session. There is no justification for seeking passage of SB1 during a special session. This is an important social issue that deserves adequate public debate and reflection. Determination of this issue during special session suggests a rush to judgment.

2. Public polling suggests that most of your constituents OPPOSES SB1. For this reason, consideration of this issue should be delayed so that you may hear and understand the reasons for this. Please respect the democratic process by allowing

adequate time for your constituents to communicate their thoughts on this issue to you.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Dania M. Kim
Honolulu, Hawaii

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User Submitted Values:

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Last Name: Rebugio
Your Email: lprebugio@hawaiiantel.net
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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
Dawn Clark	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to same sex marriage. As a Christian I believe that this behavior is not God's will for his people. Same sex marriage is wrong. We the people should decide not politicians. I will not vote for and will voice my views against any politician that supports same sex marriage. The people do not want same sex marriage. Listen to God and the people.

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Roshini Suehiro	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: NO TO SAME SEX MARRIAGE. PEOPLE MUST VOTE.

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It makes sense that gays want to be recognized. That's understandable, so under the law of man, that can happen. But, do not attempt to amend the word of god, in which it clearly states that marriage is sanctified between a man and a woman. Let the state recognize them under the law, but do not force the law on religion. Gays have every right to be gay, they also are not forced to be apart of religion, so it is unfair to force religion to appeal to the gays. The word of God should never be questioned, tampered or altered. It is a higher power above any human. We cannot forget that!

I am strongly against this bill and pray and hope the hearts of those who make these decisions realize the negative domino effect it could have on the people in Hawaii as well as the economy. Please take into consideration the impact BYU-H and the PCC have on the economy and development of our little islands. Let the people decide! You were elected to represent the majority! Please don't second guess the power of GOD and his words!

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Laie, HI 96762

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Waipahu, Hawaii

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Dear Honorable Judiciary/Finance Committee:

My name is Carl Higashi, Executive Pastor at New Hope Hawaii Kai. A Hawaii resident for 49 yrs., married 24 years, with two children in public school.

For or against same sex marriage? This is the question being asked. But is MARRIAGE the right question for legislation? May it not be legislated.

To look forward, it is always good to look back. Take a look back in history, this is how marriage was defined by Webster in 1828:

MARRIAGE, n. The act of uniting a man and woman for life; wedlock; the legal union of a man and woman for life. Marriage is a contract both civil and religious, by which the parties engage to live together in mutual affection and fidelity, till death shall separate them. Marriage was instituted by God himself for the purpose of preventing the promiscuous intercourse of the sexes, for promoting domestic felicity, and for securing the maintenance and education of children.

Why are we defining something that was originally defined nowhere else but the Bible?

Instead, the rights of these same sex couples should be addressed without changing the definition of marriage.

Why do we have to change a definition of that which was originally **only** defined by God? Shouldn't we instead find a solution that would not compromise a religious belief, but would also address the needs of all the people. There is a way to do this without infringing upon the rights of the religious community.

We do love God and We do love people. For sure!

Member's please keep marriage's original definition and address the needs of the people.

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Mahalo and God Bless!

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Hilo, Hawaii

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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 would like to quote Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in my testimony to help you in making your decision over the predicament of marriage equality. Dr. King once said "On some positions, cowardice asks the question, is it expedient? And then expedience comes along and asks the question, is it politic? Vanity asks the question, is it popular? Conscience asks the question, is it right?"

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Pomaikai Nathaniel Velasquez
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Adelia Yahn)
(Honolulu, Hawaii)

Matthew Hanabusa

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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,

Scott Rogers
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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 5th 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.

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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

Matthew Hanabusa

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kids that will be imposed on them at such a young age
when i believe in a traditional marriage.

(Andrew Cantero)
(Ewa Beach, HI)

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From: Antonio Gimbernat
6 Nena Street,
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Thursday, October 31, 2013

To: Hawaii State Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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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

From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:44 PM
To: House Special Session
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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:

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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

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Arden J. Torcuato
Pearl City, Hawaii

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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
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Betty Hino
Honolulu, Hawaii

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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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I strongly Oppose SB1

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The House Finance Committee
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,
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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.

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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

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: 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!!!

Matthew Hanabusa

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The House Finance Committee
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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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I strongly Oppose SB1

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The House Finance Committee
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mrs. Cynthia L Cantero
Ewa Beach HI 96706

Matthew Hanabusa

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
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.

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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 4th 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

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Your Email: Kkaarrtt001@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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Laie, HI

Matthew Hanabusa

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From: Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]
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Desirae Carnahan

Kaysville, UT

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Matthew Hanabusa

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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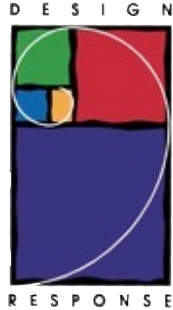
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Emily Sam Yiou
Hauula, Oahu, Hawaii



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

Matthew Hanabusa

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Ewa Jachimczyk
Kaneohe HI, 96744

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(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
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

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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From: Fayemariemos <fayemariemos@gmail.com>
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 judges 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 believers 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 disciples. 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 9th 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 26th 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 15th 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.

10/24/13

3970

To: Chairman Rhoads

My name is Glenn Shimabukuro, a 66
year old registered voter residing at
98.500.4 KANOH ST., Aiea, HI 96701.

I am opposed to any legislation
that allows same sex marriage.

Please vote NO to this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Shimabukuro

98.500.4 KANOH ST

AIEA, HI 96701

NAME: GLENN SHIMABUKURO

EMAIL: gshimn@aol.com

PASSWORD: VOTE NO

3980

House Testimony Form

Special Session 2013

(Please print clearly)

Name: Mary Lou Brogan

Email: Broganjoma@yahoo.com Phone: 373-1973

Testify on behalf of: Individual Organization: _____

Position: Support Oppose Comments Only

Will you be testifying in person at the hearing: YES NO

Are you submitting written testimony: YES NO

Please paperclip to testimony. Do not staple.

**Dear Honorary Chair Rhoads and Luke
& Members of the house Judiciary and
Finance Committee**

I am in opposition to SB 1.

**This is urgent!! Please take into consideration
your duty to the citizens of Hawaii. We put
you where you are today, here in the hallowed
halls of the State Capitol, because we think
you are leaders and legislators of good will
and common sense. It's time to have courage,
and to step up and be Statesmen.**

**It's very obvious that our citizens are upset.
and want to take a part in this decision of Bill
SB 1. It's a no brainer when you see
thousands of people here at the Capitol citing
the pros and cons of Bill SB 1. It is something
that legislators should be very concerned
about and notice with alarm.**

**This "hurried up" bill initiated by the
Governor is being rammed down your throats
- it will affect all of us for a long time- our**

communities, our churches, our families and each other. The governor is putting money over his citizens! Please don't be swept into this false thinking.

Put this bill squarely on the shoulders of us, the citizens of Hawaii and let us vote on it.

Then you can blame us and you won't have to accept such a burden on your consciences. Isn't that better than forever blaming you and remembering you for bringing this dark stain to our precious islands?

We are still trying to recover from the shame of another dark and bloody stain which covered our state in 1971 over 40 years ago when we were the first state that passed liberalized abortion! We will always remember those who passed it.

That stain will never go away. It is still so painful.

Thank you

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.^[citation needed]

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

Matthew Hanabusa

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The House Finance Committee
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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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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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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:38 PM
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From: Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:25 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

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First Name: Kari
Last Name: Taylor
Your Email: kltaylor@hawaii.rr.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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Kawika Kiesling
Lahaina, Hi

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Place: Capitol Auditorium
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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

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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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Your Email:

Klo400@hotmail.com

To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

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Place: Capitol Auditorium

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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

Matthew Hanabusa

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leshino@hotmail.com

To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,
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Honolulu, Hawaii

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The House Finance Committee
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Place: Capitol Auditorium
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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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 Pili'aloa 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

Matthew Hanabusa

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:38 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
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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.

Matthew Hanabusa

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

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From: Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 3:28 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: LoriAnn
Last Name: Cain
Your Email: Luanacreations@yahoo.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee
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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

I, Kathleen Thomas, fully support SB 1, the Marriage Equality Act of 2013. I believe in equal rights for all people and believe two people should be able to marry regardless of their sex.

I happen to be a Christian and member of a church on Oahu. There are many people of faith in Hawaii who support equal marriage.

Aloha
Kathleen Thomas

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?.

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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

Matthew Hanabusa

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

I oppose SB1

Sent from my iPhone

Matthew Hanabusa

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

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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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
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 calls homosexuals and lesbians "not normal with a debased mind." 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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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.

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SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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Hoolehua Hawaii

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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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
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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Cc: mapu.abraham@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

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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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Salote Mannering,
Honolulu, HI 96822

Kai Lau

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Cc: queen_edkvm@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

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

Comments: PROTECT THE CHURCH!!

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:39 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Liana
Last Name: Tokushima
Your Email: lugalios@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:

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.

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Last Name: Rhoades
Your Email: Lihingmui.shaveice@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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Millani, Hawaii

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Last Name: McCord
Your Email: tmoney4@go.byuh.edu
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Trevor McCord
Sacramento, CA, 95826

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Last Name: Serrao
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Jardine Serrao

Waipahu, Hawaii

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Last Name: Chu
Your Email: pikake56@ymail.com
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Candace Bull	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Allyn C. Bautista
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

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(Alex Mancilla)
(Lihue, Hawaii)

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John Mannering Jr.,
Honolulu, Hawaii

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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

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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

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

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

Stella Saludez

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

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

Respectfully yours,
Stella Saludez

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

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

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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

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

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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

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-----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

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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
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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.

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:20 AM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Fw: Opposed: Same- sex Marriage

Jerry & Stella Saludez
(808) 672-5687

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

Stella Saludez

House Judiciary Committee and House of Finance Committee
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Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00AM
Senate Bill 1
OPPOSED

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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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
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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Cc: mapu.abraham@gmail.com
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SB1

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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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To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

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Last Name: Cullen
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To: The House Judiciary Committee
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10:00AM
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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.

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Mililani, HI.

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(Your City, State)

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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
Candace Bull	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I believe marriage is ordained of God and that it should be between a man and a woman. No religious institution should be forced accommodate a same sex marriage, reception, etc if it goes against their beliefs. If you do pass this law and go against the majority of what Hawaiians want I think you need to look at adding more provisions to protect the religious freedom of those opposing the law. Thank you for your time.

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principles being disregarded but the rights as a citizen of the United States of America, a FREE COUNTRY that gives people choices. As well as giving people choices this country was founded and rooted in Christian values and morals. If the creator of heaven and earth want to end the human race and just leave Adam alone with the animals of the world he (GOD) would not have made EVE to be Adams wife and to have children to populate the world with.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Kenvee J. Daniel-Parker
concerned registered voter
(Your City, State)

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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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Ka'iwa Fermantez
Laie, Hawaii

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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.

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