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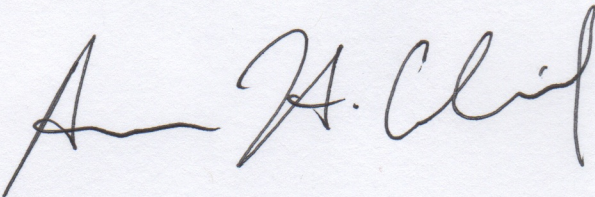
To whom it may concern:

My name is Ammon Ho'oululahui Cabrinha. I am a resident of Hau'ula and I oppose Senate Bill 1. I feel that the proposed bill does not adequately protect religious clergymen when it comes to gay marriage ceremonies. It also does not protect a parent's right to what their children are taught in schools. We do not need to redefine marriage to give those who support this bill the rights they feel are not being afforded to them. I should be able to disagree with homosexual behavior and not accommodate the will of those who choose to live that way if I believe that this lifestyle is ungodly and do not agree with it.

This country was built on religious freedom. Officials use the holy bible to swear by. In God we trust! I preach love and try my best to live by that fact, but I cannot stand idly while the practices of some threaten that same freedom the founding fathers of this country fought for in the beginnings of this great nation. I do not promote hate. I only do what I feel to be right. We are told that we live in a society where the people decide what the people want. Why then are we forced to live by the decision of a few people who clearly don't care about the people's decision?

Like the forefathers of this nation, I choose to trust in God. He is unchanging and ever present. I look forward to a future where I can decide what my children are taught and where I can decide what I want to support and not be penalized and marked as a bigot if I disagree with the choices of others. I believe in equal rights for all, but this bill and special legislation is not the way to handle this situation. It seems as though our government officials here in Hawaii just want this to be rushed and done away with to appease the minority, when the majority have shown, in full force, that they want to be the deciders of a law that will affect the life of the people. As a Native Hawaiian, I feel as though my vote does not count in my own land. As a citizen of the United States of America, I am saddened at the fact that my government is failing me.

Let the people decide! This special legislative session is not the way to handle a situation as delicate as this. There is no rush. There is no urgency. Let the people decide!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ammon H. Cabrinha". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ammon" written in a large, sweeping style.

Ammon H. Cabrinha

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Although society is changing, the bible has not changed, and many people still uphold the principles in the bible. It is their religious right to do so. To require any religious leader, organization, small business or individual to provide goods or services that assist or promote the solemnization or celebration of any marriage, or provide counseling or other services that directly facilitate the perpetuation of any marriage that is against their religious beliefs would be infringing on their religious rights.

For these reasons, I humbly request that you Vote "NO" to Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

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Citizen & Registered Voter

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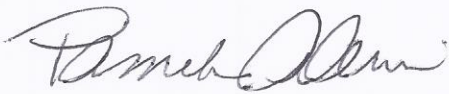
Please vote against the SB1 Bill that is going through the legislative process as this letter is written!!

I am totally against it for the following reasons:

1. The people should be able to vote on such an important issue. That is our constitutional right. This loophole is being used against us to allow this bill to be made into law without the majority of the people vote.
2. The bill will begin the certain disintegration of the family here in Hawaii. Hawaii is all about Ohana. The Hawaiian people deserve to keep their cultural center intact, the marriage between a man and woman.
3. The keiki will suffer!!! We don't even know yet the total ramifications of widespread practice of lesbian and homosexual partners raising and rearing children.
4. Our state motto says "*Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono*" - The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness. The way this bill is being sneaked into law is definitely not the right way. And to use the verbage of our state motto, it is Unrighteous. We will suffer as a population in this state if we do not do our best to conduct ourselves righteously. You as a congressman will be held accountable for your actions. Our state will suffer.

Thank you for reading my testimonial. I plead with you to cast your vote on what is best for the people of Hawaii. Let the people decide.

Mahalo,



Pamela Akina

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Kahului, HI 96731

OPPOSITION to S.B.#1
Testimony

I oppose this bill and this special session. This bill is not about same sex marriage, ^{ONLY-} it is also about education, and the 1st Amendment rights. It's about teaching immoral acts to our children. It's an attack on The Church. It helps our enemies to weaken our military, undermined the way we think about the American way of life. It is a terroriorists attack on America!

The First Amendment:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution
Religion

The First Amendment prohibits government from establishing a religion and protects each person's right to practice (or not practice) any faith without government interference.

The Freedom Forum's First Amendment Center operates several Religious Freedom Programs advancing the

understanding of freedom of religion in public schools and other venues.

Free speech

The First Amendment says that people have the right to speak freely without government interference.

#1 this bill is in violation of our first amendment rights. Religion: The First Amendment prohibits government from establishing a religion and protects each person's right to practice (or not practice) any faith without government interference.

#2. The Special Session is illegal. There is no imminent threat of emergency, no threat of loss of life and these bill only effects less than 5% of Hawaii's population.

#3. Religious organizations and charities and other institutions are registered as 503c tax exempt nonprofit organizations therefore S.B. #1 dated Oct. 28, 2013, section (3) and all of its subparagraphs must be deleted.

#4. I want the Homosexual and Lesbian community to stop using the Hawaii State Colors as their colors. I want them to stop using the term GAY to describe themselves.

#5. This is not the same as when the slaves wanted equality. The slaves wanted to become part of the American society and be respected for it. They were being discriminated because they were born black. A condition that they could not change. Homosexuality Sexual Orientation is a choice (with a few medical exceptions). A choice made by the individual. Note under Federal Law it is not a protected category to discriminate due to sexual orientation.

#6. Our laws are reflections of our morality. We send criminals to jail. Our morals and laws presently reflect Homosexuality and sodomy, and Prostitution as immoral and illegal acts. So we already discriminate on the basis of Sexual Orientation.

#7. The Homosexual community has testified here today, at least 3 times, that the state cannot recognize religion. If S.B. # 1 is passed; what happens to the statue of Saint Damien in front of the Capitol Building and other religious displays i.e., Christmas and Halloween?

#8. We do not teach heterosexual life style in school!
Why do we want to allow the Homosexual life style to be taught?

#9. The Homosexuals says that marriage will only affect the couple that is married. They are wrong. It will affect everyone involved in the marriage and the family. It will affect the business community and the religious community too.

#10 Homosexuals' say the sky is not falling. They are wrong again first they wanted RBs, then civil Unions and now marriage and the education of their life style in schools. When and where will it stop?

#11. You and I know the only way that same sex marriage will pass it to do in an illegal special session. It has already been voted on by the people and the answer was no to same sex marriages.

#12. Who wrote this bill? What's the real ^{reason} for the rush?
Why are you denying protection to individuals under the 1st Amendment, it applies to individuals too.

#13. The ^DBOH said they would accept the word of Homosexuals about their status when applying for a marriage license. But you call people who do not want to support the Homosexual liars if they claim religious beliefs as why they will not support them.

#14. This legislative special session is illegal and a kangaroo sham. You won't make changes to S.B. #1 and you will pass it on your own whim. You are abusing your powers. 25 members of the Senate and 45 members of the House and the Governor a total of 77 people deciding the fate of the entire state. You and I know the only way that same sex marriage will pass ~~is~~ to do^r in an illegal special session. Let the people vote. The people, who have already spoken and said NO to same sex marriage.

#15. All of you in the legislature prepare your hose for the battle that is yet to come, term limits, no special interest groups, and no super pacts, no union influence. Those of you who vote for this bill will be out of a job next election. The people will not forget this time,

Summary: I oppose S.B. #1 and this illegal special session and any and all things Homosexual: education, marriage, adoption, parenting, and artificial insemination.

Let the people decide!

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*Although I agree what what key says
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children you let testify, valid!
you've wasted time!*



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SB1

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Testimony; requesting written and oral testimonies Daniel De Luz Jr.
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Aloha Elected Legislator,

We strongly support traditional marriage and believe the current movement to allow same sex marriage is not good for Hawaii and our country. The issue is **not** about equal rights. Many supporters of civil union last year, said approval of civil union did not mean same sex marriage; how much has changed in the past year.

Linking same sex marriage with equal rights will have an adverse impact on traditional values and our churches. Gay activists will continue to push to change our value system to accommodate their life style; this will have a very negative impact on our schools and our children and grandchildren.

We do not support "gay bashing" or other hateful things done to the gay community, but we need to ensure rights of traditional families and our religious institutions are properly protected. We need to love everyone, like Jesus did, but must also stand up for righteousness. We are quickly forgetting that our country was founded on Judeo-Christian principles and that "In God We Trust" has been the basic foundation of this country, but that concept is quickly eroding.

We prayerfully ask that you vote NO to same sex marriage.

Warmest regards,
John & Jeanetta Ma
Concerned Citizens

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

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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

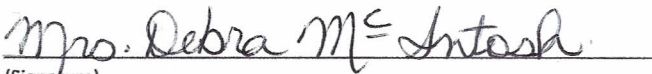
As a concerned citizen, I am submitting testimony against this special session and the bill that would legalize same sex marriage. I oppose the special session because it rushes the legislative process and does not give we, the people, sufficient input into the process.

I am particularly concerned that the religious exemption clauses are so sparse. Priest, pastors and churches are exempted under only very limited circumstances. There is no exemption for religious organizations, charities or fraternal societies, nor are there any exemptions for individuals. I am concerned that my First Amendment rights be protected in the process.

Finally, since we voted a constitutional amendment in 1998 giving the legislature the power to limit marriage between opposite sex couples, the only legitimate way to change this is to let we, the people, decide.

Please do not circumvent the democratic process!

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


(Signature)

Debra McIntosh

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To the State House of Representatives,

I am opposed to this same sex marriage bill (SB1). I believe this bill is lopsided and does not protect small business operators, parents of school-aged children, and the church at large. I agree that same sex couples should have the same right to benefits currently available to married couples. They are entitled to choose how they want to live in their pursuit of happiness without others determining for them how they should do it.

On the other hand, small business owners should also be entitled to live their lives according to their faith without fear of reprisal. This includes refusing service when it goes against their faith. Since same sex marriage became legal in other states, I have heard of businesses that after refusing to provide services, were taken to court for discrimination and were now having to looking at large attorney's fees or even closing their business. No one should be forced to go against their faith.

The LGBT community in same sex marriage states are using the GLSEN curriculum which pushes for same-sex education for children as young as five. By age 8 the material becomes more explicit. Parents are not allowed the option to opt out because teachers by policy cannot tell parents what is being taught.

In both camps – the LGBT community and the faith communities, there have unfortunately been those who were overly zealous and have wreaked havoc. As lawmakers, it is not right to service just one small group of people but it should be your objective and obligation to enact laws that provide protection for all citizens.

This bill should either amended for the protection of all or it should be voted down.

Thank you very much for hearing my testimony.

Sincerely,

Eric Kawamata
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808-381-4922

My name is Jarrell Mahusay, a resident of Waipahu, #3950, and I strongly oppose Senate Bill 1.

I strongly oppose SB1 because in accordance with testimony given on Monday 10/28/13 as well as Thursday 10/31/13, there are many uncertainties of SB1. I am a Christian; the negative impacts on my religious freedoms will be enormous because of the lack of a protective structure in SB1. I further believe that SB1 defends a morally reprehensible notion. The fact that as of Monday 3,459 testimonies and 60% opposed SB1 while only 40% supported, should indicate that the people must decide through a general election. The litigation concerning the misrepresentation of the definition of the law which indicates the "Marriage as defined by the legislature as between a man and woman only," also indicates that SB1 should be struck down. In regards to the estimated economic impact of \$217 million dollars on the local economy, this is a falsehood because it does not take into account the desires of the Hawaiian people and also the possible costs of future litigation which maybe consequential to SB1. The fact that if marriage is redefined to include same-sex marriage, how can we ensure that the parents can opt out of same-sex education if it would be considered discrimination by the overarching law of the land if SB1 is passed. How can we protect the other precious ceremonies of religious organizations from litigation by the same-sex community? If this is truly a civil rights issue why has the Supreme Court not ruled to make a federal mandate to the United States forcing same-sex marriage? What about churches who also provide education? How can we protect their values when they are non-compliant with SB1? Will they be penalized? This law is wrong, I believe it should be struck down and traditional marriage made law permanently, without question. Thank you for your time.

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I oppose SB1. Why are we here, why are we in special session Governor. Gov Abercrombie is a skilled politician, and he is treating Hawaii as if he were in Washington. What needs to be driven home and what Hawaii residents must not lose sight of in this entire process is the original **intent** of the 1998 amendment, marriage between a man and women.

What the governor and attorney general have done is wrong. This dog and pony show he has put on is just that – a charade.

Gov Abercrombie and his political apparatus in the senate cunningly made the 1st draft of the legislation really bad...it stinks. He backed those of us 'opposed' into a corner so we would complain about how the original draft of SB1 would affect churches, the schools, families, etc and then, naturally, begin a quasi behind the scenes negotiating process...They then offered to take the public accommodations law out of SB1 to appease the churches, religious objectors, etc...and now with modification as the attorney general addressed you yesterday, they are presenting us a final offer, and forcing us to accept SSM

or be labeled uncompromising, bigots, homophobes or as the Governor calls us...the drama. This is Washington politics, bait and switch, as with Obamacare authoritarian leadership. It wasn't long ago that the governor attempted to tax state pensions and only when the hue and cry became overwhelmingly negative, did he back off.

SB1 counters the intent of the 1998 amendment and this governor and legislature has taken it upon themselves to dictate policy to the people of Hawaii who overwhelmingly oppose it. To the People of Hawaii, how much longer will you accept this form of leadership? You voted them in, VOTE THEM OUT. I ask all people of Hawaii to petition their legislators to enact legislation ---Now--- to recall and impeach Governor Abercrombie and enact legislation to do the same of all legislators that do not abide by the will of the people of Hawaii.

KATSUHIRO KAJIYAMA
BYUH #1970, 55-220 Kulanui St., Laie, HI 96762

October 29, 2013

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

The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
The Honorable Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00 AM

Location: Auditorium, State Capitol

Bill: Senate Bill 1

I WILL BE PRESENT TO PERSONALLY DELIVER MY TESTIMONY.

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

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

My name is Katsuhiko Kajiyama, and I am a 50-year resident from Laie, Hawaii. I am strongly opposed to S.B.1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to you and your colleagues. I have spent a great deal of time researching the issue, as well as speaking with religious liberty scholars and attorneys. Further as an educator at BYU-Hawaii, father, grandfather, and concerned citizen I find that this bill severely endangers religious freedom and the democratic process for the following reasons. First, the legislature does not have to pass the law at this time. Secondly, there is not a great enough demand for same-sex marriage to fundamentally change the Constitution and society. Thirdly, the Senate Bill does not protect religious institutions.

1. The Legislature Does Not Have to Pass This Law At This Time

First, the legislature does not have to pass this piece of legislation through a special session. We are two months from the start of the regular legislative session starting. The Hawaii State Legislature could hold off voting on this issue until this time. This would allow committee hearings to be held on the neighbor islands. This would allow ample time for discussion and public input. A regular session is also 120 days long versus a special session which is scheduled to be finished within the week. In addition, this law

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will go into effect barely two weeks later on November 18. There is not enough time for the State of Hawaii to change all of its policies, procedures, and practices to abide by these new laws. There is not enough time to discuss the effects of these changes on society, education, housing, adoptions, universities, etc. Finally, this the first unilateral special session in 20 years, and none of the other 35 states that do not have same-sex marriage laws are not planning special sessions.

2. There is Not Enough Demand for Same-sex Marriage to Require Fundamental Changes in Society

Secondly, there is not enough demand for same-sex marriage to require fundamentally changing the Constitution and society. Since the Civil Union law went into effect on January 1, 2013, only 916 couples or 1,832 individuals entered into civil unions in Hawaii. With a population of 1.392 million people (2012), persons in civil unions account for less than 1/5 of 1% of our state population. Yet this law would affect everyone in Hawaii, and specifically negatively impinge on religious groups and individuals. The Senate bill would force individuals and family businesses to participate in or support same-sex wedding ceremonies against their religious beliefs.

The Senate bill does not protect photographers and others (whether as individuals or small family businesses) from being forced to directly assist in celebrating same-sex marriages against their religious beliefs. In fact, the bill has no protections for individuals or small family businesses, even if the business is operated according to religious principles.

The Senate bill does not protect county clerks and other government employees from having to perform same-sex marriages against their religious beliefs, even when other government employees are available to do so at no inconvenience to the same-sex couple. Government employees who cannot perform such marriages because of their religious beliefs will likely be fired.

3. The Senate Bill Does Not Protect Religious Institutions

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

The Senate bill protects churches from having to host same-sex marriage ceremonies on their religious properties or in their places of worship, such as an LDS meetinghouse. That is important, but not good enough. Unlike protections in other states, the Senate bill does not protect churches from also having to host same-sex wedding receptions and

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other related celebrations, or from having to provide other goods and services in connection with same-sex marriages, like marriage counseling.

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

Finally, there is no religious exemption in Hawaii's public accommodations law. Many religious groups and entities will fall under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission that serves to prevent discrimination on sexual orientation. The Hawaii Civil Rights Commission could view churches as public accommodations as most facilities will be considered as public accommodations, thus disqualifying them from any protections offered by this bill against lawsuits and litigation. A religious entity may be forced to choose between following their faith, or facing lawsuits, fines, or penalties. Since there is no protection for religious groups from the public accommodations laws it makes the immunity provisions ineffective and illusory.

I am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 1 and urge you to vote NO on this measure. First, the legislature does not have to pass the law at this time. Secondly, there is not a great enough demand for same-sex marriage to require fundamentally change the Constitution and society. Thirdly, the Senate Bill does not protect religious institutions.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

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I strongly Oppose SB1

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10:00AM
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I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

(Your Name Here)

Emilia Vallejo

(Your City, State)

Mililani Hawaii

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Karl Rhoads, Chair
House Judiciary Committee

Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Finance Committee

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 302
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Oct. 30, 2013

Please Email Your Representatives Below:

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:

Allowing the passage of this bill usurps the will of the people. In 1998 the people of Hawaii granted our Legislature the power to reserve marriage expressly to opposite-sex couples. If this bill is allowed to stand the government of Hawaii will undercut its credibility in the eyes of its constituency. Every Legislator who was

part of the 1998 Amendment knows that the common understanding of the Constitutional change was to establish the reservation of marriage to opposite-sex couples. However the language left enough ambiguity to create the situation we find ourselves in today. The legislature is now attempting to blatantly reverse the intent of the law. The people NEVER granted the legislature the power to reserve marriage to ANYONE except same-sex couples. Allowing this bill to pass will be a clear violation of the will of the people.

Allowing the passage of this bill will also increase the financial burden on Hawaii Public Schools. Today, many churches and faith-based organizations rent public facilities. A single meeting in a facility just once a week can add \$200,000.00+ per facility per year to the schools coffers. This situation is repeated all over Hawaii every week. If this bill is allowed to pass, it will in effect elevate married homosexuals to protected class status and many religious beliefs that stand in disagreement will become "hate speech". The school districts will have no other recourse but to discontinue their longstanding relationships with faith based organizations and abandon this lucrative stream of funding. Who then will make up the difference once the inevitable takes place? According to a 2012 Hawaii News Now story, a single organization meeting in a public school has had the following impact, "In Farrington High School's case the church says it pays \$200,000 a year in rent and \$50,000 a month in utilities. They make a \$24,000 donation every year for the school to use as it chooses. They have also changed the once condemned auditorium to be state of the art and will add \$300,000 of upgrades to the sound and lighting system, replace the house curtain and refurbish all the seats." This bill will destroy that valuable relationship and ultimately rob Hawaii's children of precious resources.

This bill is unnecessary and bad for our economy. HB2569 HD2 (2012) states "Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, gave civil union partners all the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities under law as given to those who contract, obtain a license, and are solemnized pursuant to chapter 572, Hawaii Revised Statutes." The bill endorsing same-sex marriage brings no additional benefits to the couples affected with the exception of Federal taxes but does pose serious religious freedom restrictions on others. Even though Clergy are provided limited protections against prosecution, ordinary citizens and business

owners are not. Recent history provides a perfect example; just last month an Oregon bakery closed its doors after denying a same sex couple service for their wedding. The couple had opened a law suit based on discrimination and the looming financial and public relations pressure were enough for the bakery to close shop rather than fight. Our state services a diverse clientele through tourism and migration and part of the beauty of this culture is its diversity. This law threatens Hawaii's diversity. The Judiciary must also look to precedent with regards to protecting religious freedoms. Our Federal Supreme Court has heard many cases in its history where religious freedoms were at stake. That Judicial body has always ruled on the side of protecting religious liberty. This law will create an environment where religious liberty is jeopardized. If a future case elevates to the High Court, they will rule in favor of religious liberty and all of the resources being expended to establish and defend this redundant law will have been wasted.

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Juanna Wong
Honolulu, HI 96817

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To: House Special Session
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Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Deborah Maddela	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Marriage has always been for a man and woman! I oppose the same sex marriage and believe the people of Hawaii voted previously and the majority was also against it! Thank you Deborah Maddela

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Chantelle Luke	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I once lived that lifestyle, just 3 years ago I made a choice to step back on the path my God chose for me. I was looking for someone to understand me and love me like no one ever has. I heard from my friends that they were gay/lesbian because their partner "understood" them. I've had a few relationships with another girl and its was great for the first few year til I realized I was no longer seeing my family. While living that lifestyle I've noticed that my fellow friends who lived the same lifestyle were constantly physically and verbally fighting. I knew that this was not the life for me. I oppose SB1 because it is a CHOICE. Marriage is defined as a unity between one man and one woman and should not be redefined. I strongly oppose this bill ESPECIALLY because I once was on this path. I now have a boyfriend of 3 years, whom I plan to marry and have a family with. Since this bill was introduced, there are so many things that concern me. I find myself asking how I will bring my children into this world and explain to them why their friends have 2 mommys or 2 daddies. I wonder if something will happen to them in the bathroom if this bill should pass being that if a male sees himself as a female that he is allowed to use that same bathroom. Please hear the cries of the peoples hearts. Let the people vote! This is such a big topic that needs more then a weeks time!

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Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Rhonda Kamei	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I greatly appreciate you taking the time to read my testimony. I am a 23 year old who has lived in Hawaii my whole life, and I plan to live here for many many more years. I believe that Hawaii was founded by the word of God, and I don't believe that we should change that. I don't want to just come from a religious point of view, but Hawaii is not like the rest of the states... Hawaii was founded differently. I couldn't imagine growing up in a place where religious freedoms could be jeopardized, where schools would teach about homosexual life styles and where I'd be unable to protect my nephews from learning about things, that honestly are "right". Id be very disappointed if this decision that would affect Hawaii forever wouldn't be in the hands of the people of the state. Its unfair and I strongly oppose this.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Vanessa Orpilla	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sharon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Marriage is defined as a union between a man and a woman. "The legislature has already extended to same sex couples the right to enter into civil unions that provide the same rights, benefits, etc." Same sex does not meet the definition of marriage. Such a controversial issue should not be determined by just a "select group of politicians" who see this as a money-making venture, but it should be decided upon by the people of Hawaii. Better yet--STOP SB1. Passing SB1 is wrong and contrary to the will of God. If this bill is passed, Hawaii, its people and the next generation will suffer its affects, and you, the governing body will be held accountable to a much higher power and an eternal consequence. Do what is right! STOP SB1. Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Aina i ka Pono. Aloha and mahalo for your time.

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This is not "equality". Giving rights to same-sex marriage is taking rights away from the First Amendment.

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Lu Fiatoa
Kapolei, Hawaii

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From: Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:12 PM
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Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

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First Name: Rhoda
Last Name: Lee
Your Email: rhodalee@hawaiiantel.net
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From: Jane Kwan [mailto:janexkwan@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:07 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Testimony in support of SB1

Rep Rhoads:

I am writing in support of SB 1. Equal rights apply to people of all sexual orientations. To exclude certain groups by their sexual orientation is discrimination. I urge the Hawaii legislature to extend equal rights to all citizens regardless of their sexual orientations.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for this bill and for equal rights.

Regards,
Jane Kwan
888 Mililani Street, Suite 300
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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From: lrf.2@juno.com [mailto:lrf.2@juno.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:05 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Written Testimony

YOUR NAME: Lee Fellows

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

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

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

Aloha,

The so-called "marriage equality" bill is not a civil rights issue. No one's civil rights are being denied by anyone in defining marriage as solely between a man and a woman. Marriage is not a civil right and does not fall within the preview of government to define. God instituted it and in the same act declared precisely what constitutes marriage. It is not given to man to define or change. As to the so-called "privileges" granted to married couples, should the citizens of Hawaii decide that it is good public policy to extend certain benefits to any other group of people as are currently enjoyed by married couples, that could be legitimately accomplished through various laws.

The homosexual agenda is about far more than whether the government should extend certain benefits to previously excluded groups. The homosexual agenda is about forcing everyone to accept and celebrate homosexuality as if it is as natural and normal as being born male or female. The truth is it is not. Never has any study produced any evidence that homosexuality is anything other than by choice and the claim that no one would chose such a lifestyle is false on its face: every day people freely choose to engage in unacceptable and harmful behavior. If we are to accept the homosexual movement's argument, then on precisely the same foundation we must stop all criminal proceedings because every single perpetrator could legitimately claim they could not help it, they were born that way.

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How is it loving to allow sinners to do whatever they want when you know that God is going to hold them accountable and if they do not repent they will spend eternity separated from God? I cannot imagine a more hateful act then commending and encouraging people to engage in behavior for which they will be condemned to eternal damnation if they do not repent.

Lee Fellows
254 Aneo Lane

Kahului, HI 96732

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Jane I Nakasato
Honolulu, HI 96819

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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
Romie Wright	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to SB1 as it is now written. While I am opposed to the bill for religious reasons, I am not opposed to the rights of other to choose their own path. However, I am especially concerned with the three conditions (ALL of which must be met) in order to protect religious "freedom", as well as the lack of protection of freedom for religious affiliates, such as Catholic Charities and the Polynesian Cultural Center. PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS BILL AS IT STANDS. IT IS MUCH TOO COMPLEX AN ISSUE TO BE DECIDED IN HASTE. Mahalo for your thoughtful consideration in this matter. Romie Wright

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Desiree Evans
Pearl City, Hawaii

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From: Lawrence A. Levenson [mailto:LAL@hallstromgroup.com]
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Subject: SB1: Written Testimony - No on SB1

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House Judiciary Committee
Sylvia Luke, Chair
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SB1: Written *and Oral* Testimony

Aloha Representative Luke,

I am testifying against SB1. The unintended consequences of passing same sex legislation and the impact of "normalizing" this behavior need a much closer look than we have been able to give it to date. For example:

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- married homosexual males were 50% MORE LIKELY TO DIVORCE than heterosexuals!
- Married lesbians were 167% MORE LIKELY TO DIVORCE than heterosexuals!
- NO DATA EXISTS TO TELL US WHAT THE IMPACT OF GAY DIVORCE WILL BE ON THE CHILDREN RAISED UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES.
- It is a risky social experiment the legislators are playing with, NOT simply a question of "fairness".

Please defeat the Marriage Equity Amendment to the State Constitution. Allow enough time for the issue to be thoroughly examined.

Mahalo,

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As a recent college graduate and a full time skills trainer for kids with special needs, I have the utmost concern for my future and the future of the generations behind me. So I plead with you to not read this and listen to the testimonies of the multitudes just as "part of the job" or because it is mandated by law, but as a concerned fellow citizen in a community that could face many messy situations due to a lack of careful consideration to the ramifications of SB1.

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the traditional way in the land of Aloha.

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THIS BILL PASSES.....WE WILL NO LONGER
HOLD MARRIAGE CEREMONIES IN OUR
CHURCH. WE CANNOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE
VIOLATE GOD'S INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE
WHICH WE BELIEVE IS ONE MAN AND ONE
WOMAN. We know that if we take this dastardly
step....it will be a Pandoras Box which will lead to
greater and greater violations and perversions. What
will you say when two men want to marry their dogs?

What will you say when a woman wants to marry her goldfish? Once people leave God's given (biologically proven) plan you walk on thin ice from that point on. Forget any tourism monies. Strong Ohanas' is what we want. Save our keiki from this!! My brother died before the age of 50 from AIDS. When he turned 40 ... he saw 40 of his "lovers" die of AIDS and other std's.

Please listen. I loved my brother. He turned from homosexuality before his death. He wanted his coffin left open for everyone to see what this risky behavior and lifestyle had done to his body.

Please listen all of you...do you want this on your conscience? dO YOU HAVE A CONSCIENCE ANYMORE? Only 3% of the nation are gay.....why should the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few who yell and throw money? We do not want to see our churches lose their rights!!!! Please LISTEN!! The people are speaking and have spoken. Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono!!!

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why? As I understand it, most parents prefer their
children to be straight, because they sense that the gay
lifestyle is not The best way to live. And don't all
parents want the best for their children?

Please Email Your Representatives Below:

Why is the community opposing SB1? Is it a
discrimination against the gay group? Or is it simply
because it really is better for everyone around not to
legalize SSM. The children will be better because they
will not be led astray, the gay people will be better
because they will have more chances to be healed and
loved into a wholeness, and in turn will choose a
lifestyle that'd bring happiness to their parents' hearts,
one that's more healthy, one that works better...

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David S Santos
Kaneohe, HI

Kai Lau

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:22 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

From: Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:35 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Karen
Last Name: Santos
Your Email: ubdazzled2@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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Last Name: Kajiyama
Your Email: kajiyamh@byuh.edu
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(Your Name Here)

(Your City, State)

Kai Lau

From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:26 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only FW: "NO" to same sex marriage

From: Jackie Tamayo [mailto:jacquis504@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:59 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: "NO" to same sex marriage

I oppose to SB1 bill. Vote "NO"!

Kai Lau

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:26 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: jnicolas74@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
Jerome	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thirteen years ago the eyes of the world were upon us and we faltered. Now, we must rise and recommit ourselves to the ideals of our forefathers. Let us be like a city upon a hill, teeming with people of all kinds living in liberty, fellowship and equality. Let all couples, that desire, marry and be joined in the bond of love.

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From: Jackie Tamayo [mailto:jacquis504@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:57 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1

Pls. Vote "NO" to same sex marriage.

Kai Lau

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:25 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: jjma@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

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Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
John & Jeanetta Ma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose SB 1. I believe traditional marriage should be preserved of one man and one woman. Let the people decide and vote. I humbly ask for your consideration.

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Karen Shishido	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hon. Members of the Judiciary and Finance Committees: I am testifying in strong support of marriage equality and full protection of same sex marriages under Hawaii's laws. Religious doctrine has no place in civil society. Although the Christian community has numbered highest in those present at the capitol, many of us who support SB1 are not there. The Hawaii United for Marriage poll in August, however, showed that 54% of a sampling of Hawaii residents, support marriage equality, with 31% opposing. Times have changed considerably since our legislators last substantively visited this issue; history will show that legalization of the commitment of marriage among our LGBT friends and family is the righteous thing to do. Please vote to support this measure. Thank you for your consideration.

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:51 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Michelle
Last Name: Akiona
Your Email: mikia@hawaiiantel.net
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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Michelle Akiona
Ka'a'awa, HI 96730

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Last Name: Akiona
Your Email: mikia@hawaiiantel.net
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Michelle Akiona
Ka'a'awa, Hi 96739

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:25 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only

From: Bridget Butler [mailto:kaleki7@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:49 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Keep It Pono

Bridget K. Butler
House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee
The Honorable Chairs Karl Rhoads and Sylvia Luke
Hearing on 31 October, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Senate Bill 1
I Oppose SB1. Please vote "NO." Let's let the ke kanaka o ka 'aina choose what's best for Hawai'i.

Mahalo Nui a me Malama Pono

Kai Lau

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To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only
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From: Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:48 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

Your Email:

wnmead@yahoo.com

To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,
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Last Name: Evans
Your Email: nevens3198@gmail.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
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Nathan Evans
Pearl City, Hawaii

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To: House Special Session
Subject: Written Only

From: Jo [mailto:jahkaius7@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:48 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Opposition to SB 1: LET THE PEOPLE VOTE

The less vocal majority of this State does NOT want a change in State laws to allow same-sex marriage. This was evident in 1998 when the issue was put to a vote of the People and voters overwhelmingly supported traditional marriage with Amendment 2 to the State Constitution.

This issue is too important to leave to a representative vote. The Citizens of the State want our voices to be heard through the voting booth. I urge you to not let the governor rush this issue. Please vote NO on SB 1 and press for a vote of the People on this. Think deeply the effects this will have on our children, our already over populated state and the future of our beautiful islands. We have already been pushed to evolve let's keep some traditions of old sacred.

Sincerely,

Jo-Shane Yamauchi
jahkaius7@yahoo.com

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First Name: Ryan
Last Name: Tanaka
Your Email: Revolutionofhope@yahoo.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee
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Kailua, HI 96734

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From: Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:18 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

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User Submitted Values:

Your Email:

stacey279@gmail.com

To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

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Mililani, Hawaii

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Last Name: Gentry
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Last Name: Wagner
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Sean
Last Name: Watanabe
Your Email: truevine808@gmail.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Shyia
Last Name: castillo
Your Email: shy2005@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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Shyia Castillo

Honolulu Hawaii

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To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: Chuck Arnett [mailto:chuckarnett2008@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:16 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1: Written Testimony

Aloha Representative Luke,

I am testifying against SB1. There is no state interest in licensing love relationships. The state does have an interest in identifying the mother and father of each and every child. It is the mother and father who bring each child into the world, and are therefore responsible for its upbringing and for making sure it does not become a burden on the state. Marriage licenses aid in the identification process. Homosexual marriages do not bring children into the world, so the state has no interest in issuing licenses to them.

It is also not proper to disenfranchise the people of the neighbor islands by holding hearings only on Oahu on such an important issue.

Please kill SB1.

Mahalo,

Charles M. Arnett
Kona
House District 6

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Last Name: Wagner
Your Email: sirius_06@hotmail.com
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Collin Wagner
Pearl City, HI

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From: Nancy Levenson [mailto:nancy@kalo.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:12 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1: Written Testimony - No on SB1

10/31/13

House Judiciary Committee
Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Finance Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 302
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SB1: Written Testimony

Aloha Representative Luke,

I am testifying against SB1. This issue should be decided by the people of Hawaii.

There will be many consequences if this bill is passed many of them may be unintended but all will affect the people of Hawaii. Please allow more time for this to be taken to the people to decide. This is not just an issue of fairness.

Please defeat the Marriage Equity Amendment to the State Constitution.

Mahalo,

Nancy Levenson
Kamuela, Hawaii
House District 7

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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From: littleguylc@juno.com [mailto:littleguylc@juno.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:02 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: House Judiciary Committee and House Finance Committee

LETA CARPENTER
HAIKU, MAUI

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

I am writing to let you know that I am opposed to the same-sex marriage Senate Bill 1. The people decided in 1998 to keep marriage for 1 man and 1 woman. I would urge you to vote no. However, if you still are willing to vote yes, I urge you to put the vote before the people of this state. If the majority vote for same sex marriage or against the same sex marriage, then it's the people's vote and a vote of a few legislators and the governor. Please protect the religious rights of the clergy, personal convictions, and personal stands against any business performing business to do with the marriage of same sex partners. Let the people vote.
Leta Carpenter

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From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:26 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY FW: SB 1-Strong Support

From: Amy Baum [mailto:amy@redskiesatnight.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:03 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB 1-Strong Support

Please pass SB 1. It is very important to show the world Hawaii's aloha!

Amy Baum

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From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:26 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY FW: SB1: Written and Oral Testimony

From: Pablo Penaloza [mailto:ppenaloza@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 9:59 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: SB1: Written and Oral Testimony

Aloha Representative Luke,

I am testifying against SB1.

I know you don't care about the voice of the people. The people have voiced repeatedly and unequivocally on this issue in several occasions. The people of Hawaii DO NOT WANT GAY MARRIAGE. You are supposed to represent that voice. Instead you continued to forcefully impose your liberal agenda over the will of the people. Your duty to God and Country is to defeat the Marriage Equity Amendment to the State Constitution. Please do not go against the will of the people. It is morally wrong, it is an abuse of power and authority. You don't rule this State. You are just to represent the will of the people who elected you. You know what the people's voice is. Please hear the people. Do not approve SB1.

Mahalo,

Pablo Penaloza
Kailua Kona, Hawaii Island

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voices can be heard,. Laws are in effect to protect our
freedom for every woman, man and child. Why should
anyone's lifestyle infringe upon another's? We have the
Freedom to make our own choice within standards
written by laws we live by.in this great Country, the
USA. So, why aren't our voices heard by you or, are

you listening to the people of Hawaii?
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Paalani
Your City, State

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:40 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: pangr002@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 23:59PM (Written Only)

SB1

Submitted on: 10/31/2013

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Renfred Pang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please let the people decide. Do not rush this bill! It affects all us here not just a few. Please represent the majority of the people who voted you in. Thank you!

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Jason Huffman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I would like my voice to be heard on this most important issue! I believe that marriage is the foundation for a strong society. I believe in the traditional definition of one man, one woman. For many reasons: That is how nature intended for procreation. It is a slippery slope... if this Bill is passed, then what next polygamy, incestual relationships and the list goes on? Respectfully

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Tyler makaokalani-satot	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hello, members of the house of representatives and respective groups. I would like to testify in strong support for SB1. I would like to marry my boyfriend, I would like to be recognized as an equal by my state and government. i also want to enjoy the benefits heterosexual couples already have. I pay the same taxes yet Im being discriminated against because I am a homosexual that would simply like to demonstrate my commitment in the form of marriage with my partner. All people benefit from my taxes so why then cant i marry my male partner and be treated as an equal? Some say cannot because of god.... My god said can, who are these people that say no can. I dont want anyone controlling my life and preferences. This is about equality, this is exactly why there is a separation between church and state. its discrimination to say god said no homosexuals cannot marry. but indeed my god said I can. Obviously different gods; different philosiphy and rules. As lawmakers guardians of freedom you have the power to do what is right and honest. Support SB1 as is. let equality reign, and abolish hate and discrimination from our mighty state.

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Ann Napela T. Gaspang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: LET THE PEOPLE VOTE ON THE SAME SEX MARRIAGE ISSUE!

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Jenelle Huffman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gabriella Mireles	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kim Makekau
La'ie, Hawaii

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To: House Special Session
Cc: hollyhino@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
Holly Hino-Agustin	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: To: The Members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Finance Fr: Holly Hino-Agustin Re: SB1 Position: Oppose SB1 October 31, 2013 Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Finance My name is Holly Hino-Agustin and I am a Keiki O Ka Aina and I Oppose SB1. Hawaii has been my home for the past 31 years and I love these islands. As a young adult I am very concerned with SB1 and the process of this Session. When I first heard of the Special Session, I was in shock!!! I couldn't believe the Governor would bypass the will of the people on a bill of this magnitude. I immediately felt there was a hidden agenda which caused me to not want to even testify. I felt like my voice wouldn't have mattered. I felt the legislature had already made up its mind. However, as I listened in on testimonies I became more encouraged especially by the lack of respect towards the people at the Senate Hearing. I felt compelled to stand before you today. In fact I wrote my testimony and submitted an hour before the deadline. I'm here to let my voice be heard that I oppose SB1. I am requesting that you give this bill the time and attention it deserves. There are too many unanswered questions that cannot be ignored. We all need to have a better understanding of the bill and the effects on Hawaii if passing same sex marriage. One day I hope to be a mother and I hope to look back with my children and know that this bill received the time and attention it deserves. Please consider the voice of the people. Holly Hino-Agustin

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From: William Georgi [mailto:santa.william.georgi@gmail.com]
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To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELTING TO EQUALITY

We strongly oppose the bill, which would have the effect of blocking Bible-believing churches from the many outreaches which they perform... Food banks, Easter, Christmas, Halloween, Fourth of July and similar programs currently made available to the public would force the churches under the aegis of the public accommodations law. This unconstitutional attempt at abridgement of freedom of religion (guaranteed by the first amendment to the US Constitution) will result in numerous court challenges, which will cost the taxpayers of the state of Hawaii millions of dollars.

The instant divorce provision for gays married here, but living in other states, which no other state has, would cost tens of millions of dollars over the next decade.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

William & JoAnne Georgi
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santa.william.georgi@gmail.com

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Delphia Paalani
Honolulu, Hawaii

Kai Lau

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From: Hawaii Defending Marriage [mailto:info@letthepeopledecideonmarriage.org]
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To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Merlita
Last Name: Menor
Your Email: mmmj38@gmail.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Leyte
Last Name: Aguada
Your Email: leyte_aguada@notes.k12.hi.us
To: The House Judiciary Committee
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Leyte C. Aguada
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To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Edie
Last Name: Pasion
Your Email: epasion@hawaii.rr.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
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Eddie Pasion
Kalaheo, HI

Kai Lau

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:53 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: japoreangrl@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
Samantha Kida	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Being an American comes with a lot of freedom, which includes being homosexual. I think that same sex genders should be allowed to get married; however, this should not be forced in churches. With this freedom, comes freedom of religion. It is injustice to force a church to marry a same sex couple if it goes against their beliefs. Where is the freedom in this? And also, a same sex couple does not have to be married in a church. A label of marriage is one thing, but to push a church to do something that goes against everything is another story.

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To: Judiciary Special Session
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Ernie
Last Name: Pasion
Your Email: epasion@hawaii.rr.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,
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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 10:47 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

Your Email:

CarolinHonolulu@aol.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,
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Registered Voter

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To: House Special Session
Cc: naomig921@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
Naomi	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:02 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

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User Submitted Values:

Your Email:

Aloha2u2@rocketmail.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee
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Deborah Ann Cabebe Braceros
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

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Last Name: Navea
Your Email: rpnavea713@yahoo.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
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Last Name: Jorgenson
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(Your City, State)

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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Vanessa
Last Name: Puducay
Your Email: Luvliness22@yahoo.com
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Waipahu, Hawaii

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To: Judiciary Special Session
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Laurice
Last Name: Pasion
Your Email: kealaka@hotmail.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Ernest
Last Name: Pasion
Your Email: dookiemd1@yahoo.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee
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To: Judiciary Special Session
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: David
Last Name: Balint
Your Email: mspeed_rx_8@yahoo.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee
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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:24 PM
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User Submitted Values:

First Name: Stephanie
Last Name: Balint
Your Email: thebalints1@yahoo.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee
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I am writing on behalf of my family to voice my
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woman to my husband of 12 years and a mother of 5
amazing little boys.

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This nation was founded upon Godly values, as part of
the pledge states, One Nation under God. Approving
this Bill is clearly opposing Godly values. I am not
attacking any one particular person or saying that my
values or my faith makes me better then them. But I do

not and will not agree with same sex marriage. " Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord and the people whom He hath chosen for his own inheritance." Pslam 33:12 Changing marriage between and man and a woman, and allowing same sex marriage is just like rewriting God's command " for this reason a Man will leave his parents to be united with his Wife, and the two are united in one."- Ephesians 5:31 Even in the very beginning of all man kind, when Adam was created, God saw that he was lonely and needed a partner, and God created a Woman, Eve, for his partner, and from them came the birth of all man kind. No natural life can come from a same sex couple. There's nothing natural about it. Thank you for your time.

Stephanie Balint
Honolulu, HI

Kai Lau

From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:32 PM
To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY
Attachments: Traditional Marriage Family.jpg

From: Derek Kauanoë [mailto:dkauanoë@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:20 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Marriage Equality

Aloha Mr. Chairman Rhoads and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My family and I urge you to support marriage equality, civil rights, and human decency.

Thank you for allowing the public the opportunity to express themselves on this important civil rights issue. Fortunately, this is a very simple decision to make.

My family and I trust that you will do the right thing and support marriage equality.

--
Derek H Kauanoë

Kai Lau

From: Judiciary Special Session
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:31 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 11:21 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: I am Strongly Opposed to SB1

I strongly Oppose SB1

User Submitted Values:

First Name: Ernest
Last Name: Pasion
Your Email: Dookiemd1@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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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:17 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: My Testimony Opposing SB1

Dear Leaders of our blessed state,

Thank you first of all for allowing me to share my thoughts and feelings concerning Senate Bill 1. My name is Talei Vakalalabure and I strongly oppose SB1. First of all, let me say this. I oppose this bill but not because I hate homosexuals or have any ill feelings toward them. That is far from the truth. I had many friends who were gay growing up and even today, I minister to people who struggle with these feelings. So no, I don't hate them. I feel like these LGBT radicals are portraying people such as myself as haters when we in fact aren't. If standing up for my rights is considered a hate crime, then cuff me. If standing up for what I believe in is wrong, then I'm sorry. But I do not apologize for standing up against this bill. It's a one sided bill favoring a small group of people and that's wrong. By passing this bill, you take away the rights of every other citizen in this state. Leaders, please listen. This bill is not for Hawaii. It's only for a special interest group. This bill is not for families, it's against families. I shudder to think that my children will have to go to school and be exposed to the very things I as a mum, would want to protect them from. We cannot promote such a lifestyle as normal when it isn't normal. I won't judge them for how they want to live their lives but trying to make this normal even for children? That's disturbing to the highest degree. This is not just about equal rights so they need to stop pushing that point. Equal rights for them means unequal rights for everyone. How is that fair? How is that democratic? How is that politically correct? How is that even right? So I plead with you as our leaders, don't let this happen. We are making history right. And I don't know about you but I'd like my kids to look back and be proud of me for standing up for them and for what's right. We are looking to you representatives, please decide wisely. Don't allow something like this bill to pass for political or financial reasons. Do what's right for the people and the state. All you have to do is come together and Kill This Bill. I leave you with this. There are many people that have testified about the effects of same sex marriage in other states and Canada. I learnt this some time ago. Those who are hard headed have to learn their lesson by making their own mistakes. It's the smart ones that learn from others mistakes. I know 100% that we are smarter than most. I know you will make the right decisions. Once again, thank you and God Bless

Yours Sincerely,
Talei Vakalalabure

Sent from Talei's iPad

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To: House Special Session
Subject: WRITTEN ONLY

From: jmattos2003@gmail.com [mailto:jmattos2003@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:40 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Please vote no

I asked that our leaders please vote no for the gay marriage bill. Thank you.
Jeff Mattos

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Smartphone

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From: Ken Smith [mailto:aloha@hawaii-inns.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:35 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE:

BAD NEWS FOR HAWAII IN ANY FORM LIKE GAMBLING.
IN MY EXPERIENCE MOST ALL HOMOSEXUALS HAVE BEEN UNRELENTING PREDATORS.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT A MESS THIS WILL CREATE IN HAWAII.
BETTER DO AN HONEST STUDY FIRST.
20 - 1 HIGHER ADS RATE WITH HOMOSEXUAL MALES. HAWAII WILL GET THE BILL.

Rev. Dr. N. K. Smith, Kona, Hawaii 96740

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Deborah Sonoda
Honolulu

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:36 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: fillers77@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
Shelley Hong	Individual	Oppose	No

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Daniel Yamamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to SB1 because of my religious belief that marriage is ordained of God and is between a man and a woman. I also believe that a bill of this magnitude that will have far reaching affects to everyone now and to generations to come should not be voted on during a special session but should be done during the regular session that will enable all sides to prepare to testify and become educated on the bill and that this be decided by the people of Hawaii by popular vote. Thank you.

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gail m. thomas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose of same sex marriage . I will not vote for any one who votes yes to this issue.

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Aloha,

I Am a 25 year old nearing my husbands and I one-year wedding anniversary and am very excited about our future. This past year we launched a new business for my husband making surfboards and things have been going great. We both keep up full time jobs while trying to get things going smoothly with the new business and also I plan on officially starting my own wedding photography business in 2014. I have been doing lots for both of the businesses and all while watching the new bills being proposed and past in various states and possibly our own regarding same sex marriage.

I understand and feel for the people that say they want to just live happily together and have equal rights but I just truly believe it shouldn't inter-fear with anyone else's beliefs and rights. For example, I believe that marriage was created and defined by God. To go and change the definition of marriage is to take something holy by God and blasphemy it. I see the argument people want equal rights and to not be judged and treated different. But if its at the cost of someone else. I don't stand for it.

I have heard of cases of people getting sued for not providing business services regarding same sex marriage weddings. For example in wedding photography where people have sued for not taking a job because it was against their moral and beliefs they got sued for discrimination. I worry about this because it will directly affect me in the future as a wedding photographer if I choose for my religious beliefs not to shoot a same sex couple's wedding. I don't discriminate the actual person. My husband and I have many gay and lesbian friends and teach them how to surf and make boards for people no matter who or what they are. But marriage to us is holy and between the Lord and the man and women. Therefore to us is morally wrong to support. So basically in all I am apposed to the same sex marriage bill because of all the legality attached to how people can end up harming others due to their beliefs. Also, I fear for the grand overall effect this could have on our children's schools curriculum and small businesses.

I now it is hard as a legislature to be bullied and pushed and pulled in all directions but please listen to the hearts and see the root of what's happening here. Marriage was created by a holy God and people want to take what is His and redefine it to fit in to something they don't even believe in. Why even participate in it at all?

Thank you so much for taking the time to hear my small voice on this huge matter.

Much Aloha and love,

Meredith Sunnanonta

Gail Iseri

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Vanessa Fowler
Honolulu, 96817

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Last Name: Cross
Your Email: lorainelani@gmail.com
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The House Finance Committee
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31st, 2013,
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I have a better idea for you that would work for all
parties. Since we already have civil unions why not
allow them to have the same benefits as a married

couple (Man and Woman). You won't have to affect everyone in the world by doing it this way.

Two males or two women can not create a family on their own. How does that give them the right to have the same benefits of a married couple if they can not perform the same functions as a man and a woman joined in marriage?

Remember it was God that created Marriage not man. If you change the meaning of marriage you are acting as God. Not a good idea. We know from history that when people act like God things go awry. If you don't want things to go awry I plea with you to leave the meaning of marriage alone as it is.

Protect everyone's rights, freedoms and liberties. Protect the bill of rights and those that wrote them. They did it for a reason. They knew if we changed them for our own selfish reasons things would go awry. It isn't too late to make a difference for all man kind.

I am an active voter and will bring in more voters to vote for those that stick up for Everyone's rights, liberties and freedoms. Not the few.

(Scott A. Ferguson)
(Waipahu, HI. 96797)

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Keaau, HI

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From: Mandy L. Chang [mailto:youngestyazz@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:04 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Cc: pkkchang@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony via email

To the Committee,

My husband, Peter Chang and I are strongly opposed to this bill for same sex marriage.

Blessings & ALOHA,

Mandy L. Y. Chang

- If we are unfortunate enough 2 have been treated little better than slaves, the victims of negative messages, or worse, because of our womanhood, we need 2 let God treat us as daughters of the King, lovers of Jesus, and servants of the Most High God. - *Jill Briscoe, Heartstrings*
- His love for me does not in any way depend on my worthiness of it. - *Phillip Keller*
- [1 John 4:18](#) → There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.
- The soul hardly ever realizes it, but whether he is a believer or not, his loneliness is really a homesickness for God. - *Hubert Van Zeller*
- "There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled with any created thing, but only by God, the Creator made known through Jesus." - *Blaise Pascal*
- Don't contaminate today by corrupting it with tomorrow's troubles. - *Charles R. Swindoll*
- "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear." [Psalm 46:1,2](#).
- Anxiety is not only a pain which we must ask God to assuage but also a weakness we must ask Him to pardon. --C.S. Lewis
- Fear is faith in the wrong person - you! Quit trusting yourself and put the entire weight of your trust in the God of strength. - *Unknown*

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Last Name: Puducay
Your Email: puducay808@yahoo.com
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The House Finance Committee
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(Harold Puduca)
(Waipahu, Hawaii)

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To: House Special Session
Cc: kbonk@hawaii.rr.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
Keiko Bonk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Legislators: Please support equal rights for all people and pass this marriage equality legislation now. Mahalo nui loa, Keiko Bonk

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
suzanne mexia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a voting member of Hawaii, I am opposed to SB1. The language is too ambiguous and will not exempt people of faith who are not clergy nor does it protect religious organizations from liability if they decline requests to use their property for same sex celebrations. SB1 is too important to be hastily voted upon by a few, especially as it is written now. Please let the people of Hawaii have a say and a vote. Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony at this late hour.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
gayle goodman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i am in favor because equality is important to our society. it is the right thing to do. those who love someone should ALL have the basic human right to marry without discrimination

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To: Representative Rhoads and Luke

From: Karen Howard

95-1026 Aliana Street

Mililani, HI 96789

(808) 626-8009

Subject: Testimony in Opposition to Special Session and SB 1

Aloha Honorable Chair Rhoads & Luke and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

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

In 1998, I voted for what I understood was defining marriage to be between one man and one woman. In fact, 70% of Hawaii's voters agreed with me. Here we stand 15 years later and this is still an issue. If you want to redefine marriage, please let the people you represent decide by a constitutional amendment. One that means what it says, not a legal loophole. It seems that our elected officials are taking upon themselves to undo what the Hawaii voters have already decided.

I am married to a wonderful man and we have a young child. I do not want to lose my parental rights like that of the State of Massachusetts. I want to be able to teach my child the way that I think is right, not what the Homosexual society wants us to believe is "normal". I also want to be the voice of the future generation.

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

I ask you to please do one of two things:

A. Leave the institution of marriage the way it has been for thousands of years and the way we thought we defined it in 1998

B. Take the issue back to the citizens of the State and allow us to vote for a clearly worded constitutional amendment

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

Sincerely,

Karen Howard

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:57 PM
To: House Special Session
Cc: jdomingo122@yahoo.com
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Jacqueline Domingo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Representative, I hope this letter finds you in good spirits. I am writing in regards to the "Special Session on Same-Sex-Marriage" and I OPPOSE Senate Bill 1. 2013. This topic has many people worried on how this could ruin our nation. Hawaii became part of the United States of America for a reason. I believe that reason came from a higher authority. Authority is being bestowed onto the people without our voices being heard, in a decision that will affect generations to come. I am speaking on behalf of my daughters and their future in this country. Give the people the right to vote on a bill that will affect generations to come. I have raised my children to know the difference between right and wrong according to God. It is very difficult for me to have my children walk into a world, without worrying that the worldly view will affect the good people they have become, despite the trials and tribulations we have experienced. I have educated my children on how to respect others and not judge. However, my concern is in regards to how people we vote into office easily forget marriage is a religious ceremony sacred under God. Yet we allow the law to be easily manipulated to favor a small group of people. Our nation is allowing evil to sway the people we vote into office. These are the people who are meant to uphold our nation with God's will as our foundation. I am humbly requesting that you hear my voice before you make a decision on this topic. We need to bring back our laws based on God's laws. If we change the heart of people, it will impact their way of living. We all make choices, and whether it be right or wrong, there is always a consequence. To be a great leader, we are to base decisions on wisdom and morality. This nation can only move forward if we focus our efforts on healing hearts that have turned towards violence, anger and hatred in their time of despair. It is time to take a stand to help these people heal instead of simply putting a band aid on the wounds that have been inflicted upon them. The greatest leader of our nation, George Washington, stated, "It is impossible to rightly govern a nation aside from God and the Bible." We need God back in our nation because He is what this nation was built on. I thank you with all the love in my heart for your time and allowing me to be a voice of reason. Sincerely, Jacqueline R. Domingo

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Last Name: Wu
Your Email: Mikezpwu@gmail.com
To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
bryee naone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hi! My name is Bryee Naone, I am 12 years old, and I am opposed to same sex marriage. I hope that you put this to vote and let the people talk. Though I'm young I understand that we're supposed to be the USA the land for the people, by not placing this to vie you are silencing the voice of the people please don't do that Thank you

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From: Wynter Galway-Severtson [mailto:myqadira@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:59 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: Strong support for SB1

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

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

I am writing in strong support of SB 1.

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

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

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

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

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.
Mahalo,
Wynter Galway-Severtson

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Aislyn Matias	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: There is a significant portion of adults in Hawaii and many other states who aren't allowed to share the same institutional rights and privileges as married couples, although they share the same fundamental values that are typical of a married couple: happiness, frustration, personal growth, commitment, and above all, love. We have created an institution for the act of love and love is a fundamental part of human nature. Yet the current institution of marriage in this state only protects the rights and responsibilities for part and not all of a population of adults who love and are in committed relationships. Similar logic would argue that only a certain portion of the US adult population is allowed to vote, or own property, or be allowed to eat in restaurants or to speak a certain language. We've learned from our own history of suffrage, slavery, Jim Crow laws, and though the loss of indigenous rights, that institutions are designed to maintain the status quo and more importantly, that institutions are designed to evolve. As we redesign policies so that they better encompass our human rights, we have an obligation to restructure marriage to meet the needs of the whole population to the greatest extent possible. That means that we need to act in concert to create a more equal definition of marriage that respects the will of same-sex couples and protects the love that all couples have for one another. SB 1 reflects the most humane of rights, and it is our duty pass SB 1 in order to help protect the greatest human emotion: love.

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From: highpriority@hawaiiantel.net [mailto:highpriority@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 11:52 PM
To: Judiciary Special Session
Subject: TESTIMONY IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

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

I am unable to testify in person, and hereby submit my written testimony to express my strong opposition to SB1. Many years back, I had the opportunity to work with a young boy in one of our local public schools. This young boy was placed in special education because he was constantly disruptive and often lashed out at other students. This young boy was being raised by two very supportive moms. As he progressed on to middle school, and then onto high school, I would periodically see one of his mothers and asked how he was doing. The response was always the same, they were still medicating him, as he was still having behavioral problems. At the onset of the boy's senior year of high school, I saw the boy's biological mom and inquired how the young man was doing. Much to my surprise, his mother began to tell me how well he was doing. She then proceeded to tell me that she was no longer in a homosexual lifestyle, and that once that relationship ended, so did her son's behavioral problems. She shared how they had started going to church and the family was beginning to heal, and her son was totally off all medication. If we think these confusing lifestyles don't affect families, think again! Despite having two loving and very supportive moms, this young boy's life was shattered and turned upside down, and right side out. If this is what it does to children of homosexual couples, what will it do to the rest of Hawaii's children if a same sex marriage bill is passed, and homosexual lifestyles are forced to be taught in our schools? Will we be having to submit testimony in another couple years when bi-sexual individuals who want the same equality, and are "being discriminated against" because the law does not allow him or her to marry both a wife and a husband?

Please vote NO on SB1.

Sincerely,
Valerie Torikawa
PO Box 60465
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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Taylor	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hi my name is Taylor Robinson. I grew up in the church as a kid. I came from a Christian home, but I have my own beliefs. I personally am not a Christian and I am for gay marriage. However, I am not for SB1 bill because it takes away religious rights. Thank you for your time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Eileen Joy Ramos Cacal	Individual	Oppose	No

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marisa naone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hello, My name is Marisa Naone, I am 19 years old and am of Hawaiian decent. I want to thank you for all your hard work, I know it's not an easy job to have. I'll keep this brief and to the point I am opposed to same sex marriage . There is alot of different factors to this bill and I truly don't believe that you can decide in just a few days and by only a few people. I pray that you hear the voice of the people and put this to vote, that you see that if the ratio of people testifying against a bill to those for a bill greatly out weigh it in numbers; that obviously it's not something that is wanted and is probably the wrong choice. Thank you, Marisa Naone

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Nola DeVincent	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I've tried submitting 2 testimonies & did not get a preview page nor did I get a number via email! If this submission goes through, I am strongly opposed to the passage of SB1. You do not have the right to dismantle what the people of Hawaii voted for: man + woman = marriage. You are being duped because when I voted for the constitutional amendment, I did not vote to give you permission to tear it down via advice from the gov or AG! You are supposed to uphold the constitution & you are not above the people of Hawaii. The children will suffer - aren't children entitled to have their paternity established biologically & not manipulated? We are talking about a child's basic human right! You are penalizing future generations. Please think before you act. You are causing more division in your own state, amongst your own voters. I'm also a God-fearing Christian & proud of it. Thank you.

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Makana Gionet	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Makana Gionet - and I'm here to express my support of marriage equality in Hawaii. - This testimony is very personal to me - I'm a gay high school student in Hawaii - I also personally know Vice Chair Har, as I interned for her this summer. - As you all probably know Rep Har is a very outspoken member against marriage equality. - Having worked for her I know that she is a brilliant representative, and I have a lot of respect for her. - However, I would like to persuade her - the state legislature - and the people of Hawaii that we must protect the rights of 10s of thousands of residents of this state, including me. - I hope you can find it in your heart to vote for marriage equality - and be on side of history that protects rights. My Family is very religious - and I know how opponents of marriage equality feel. - Don't let a majority bully a minority out of their civil right - this is not how American constitutional democracy is and was intended to work. - We must do what is right to protect the rights of the all, the majority and minority. Thank you for your time

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Damien Kaaihue
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Taylor	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hi my name is Taylor Robinson. I grew up in the church as a kid. I came from a Christian home, but I have my own beliefs. I personally am not a Christian and I am for gay marriage. However, I am not for SB1 bill because it takes away religious rights. Thank you for your time.

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I would state my testimony towards the support of this hearing. A long time ago, I've had the opportunity to do a research paper on a topic that could change society. This topic that I presented would be about the ruling of having same-sex marriages be allowed in all states of America. Due to the idea that many couples would reveal themselves as gay, these individuals would be more civilized, and optimistic, than those that contradicts against them. I had even watched a video that pertains to a lesbian couple being able to raise a magnificent boy, and he has become unaffected by the sexual orientation. This boy would create a remarkable speech that provides an insight of how the federal government would be unjustifiable towards it people if they don't accept the homosexuals.

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From: Francisco M Domingo Jr.

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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. That said, I recognize that 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 or moral beliefs. It is incumbent on law makers to provide equal protections 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. The Governor has a conflict of interest in resolving this issue as a party in *Abercrombie vs. Jackson*. As recent testimony shows, this issue is deeply divided. Neighbor island residents do not have the same due process for Public Hearings without significant cost. For us to testify in person is similar to a same-sex couple getting married in California. SB 1 should be deferred to a normal session with all the due process required so both sides have enough time to form and vocalize their opinions. The bill has gone through multiple changes through this process, making it equally hard to track and respond with appropriate comments.

This issue might be quickly resolved by providing Civil Union couples the same legal protections as married couples. Due Process protection can be provided to all citizens without the redefinition of marriage. The challenge

for the legislature is in providing equal protection and Federal recognition of state recognized Civil Unions as equal in rights to marriage. Yes, the IRS has stated that it must be denominated as marriage but if the Supreme Court is going to recognize legal marriages recognized by individual states, the states should also be able to assert that Civil Unions have all the equal protection and due process as married couples. It could be worded 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. We are in the midst of a great social experiment. Do we fully understand how same-sex marriages will affect society? Many social programs, like Social Security, rely on future generations to support it. We

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.

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 **Religious organizations and facilities;** liability exemption under certain circumstances.

- 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.**"

o 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.**"

o 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.

o Please consider how this will affect religious schools and educational institutions that may be considered "for a profit."

o 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.

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. 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. The definition of marriage is a deeply held religious belief. Let us find a way to provide equal protection and due process without having to redefine marriage.

When you look at the atmosphere in Massachusetts and Canada, there is increasing intolerance of any viewpoint in favor of traditional marriage. Churches and religious organizations are being targeted for their beliefs that homosexuality is immoral. Give the people adequate time to review the issues and properly respond. Do not try to rush this through a special session. Watching the proceedings, it is apparent that not everyone has the updated version of the bill.

Abraham K. Nihipali

Hanapepe, HI

Queinitra T. Toilolo
91-1096 Yorktown
Kapolei, HI. 96707
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State Capitol
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To: Committee on Finance or Committee on Judiciary:

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair
Speaker Joseph M. Souki

Re: SB 1 Relating To Equal Rights

Aloha my name is Queinitra Toilolo and I wanted to testify in support of SB 1. Let me start off by saying that I respect all people and their religious beliefs even if it does not coincide with my lifestyle or my beliefs.

When I was a young girl, around the first grade I knew there was something very different about me. I started having secret crushes on my female teacher. And at the time I didn't think anything of it. But as I grew older and listen to people around me saying how wrong it was and how people living in that kind of lifestyle would go and burn in hell, I became very afraid and would never let anyone know of my feelings and attractions towards women.

As I grew older I found the attraction towards women growing stronger and I began to hate myself. I thought there was something wrong with me. I began going to church and becoming very involved. I literally threw myself into church, praying every day that God would remove these feelings away from my being. But no matter how hard I prayed and how much I fasted, the feelings and attractions towards women were still there.

I became so stressed out that at one point in my teenaged life I tried to take my life because I was ashamed of myself and the way I felt. I continued throughout high school to go to church hoping that these feeling would one day go away, but that day never came.

I finally left the ministry I grew up in and went on my own and moved to the outskirts of San Francisco. It was there where I began to find my voice. It was there I also learn to love me for me. I finally felt free to love and to be myself. I felt comfortable being in my own skin and didn't feel like a prisoner in a closet that was not meant for me to be in.

Time has passed and life has brought me back to the birth place of my life, to Hawaii. It took me years to get to this point where I am finally comfortable being who I am and

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being in love with the love of my life, Jen. And after everything that happened I never strayed away from the teaching of Christianity.

See some Christians will think it's their God given duty to point people in the right path and how to live and what is right and what is wrong, but in reality their wrong. As a Christian it's our duty to love one another UNCONDITIONALLY, not to dictate what path to go on or to judge us for our lifestyle. That's God's job not ours. If we were meant to go down a certain path we'll eventually get there nobody needs to force us down a path he/she feels is right or because the bible says so. And the word of God was not meant to be used as a tool for debate but to uplift and to encourage one another.

We're all grown adults and in the end come judgment day when I stand before my creator no one will be accountable for my actions but me. I don't need anyone to force me down a path that I don't want to go on.

By opposing SB 1 you make it hard for GLBT couples to protect one another and their families. We pay taxes just like any other heterosexual couple and we should be afforded the same rights and benefits as any other couple.

This is a civil rights issue and nobody should be voting whether or not I can marry and protect the one I choose to spend my life with. I should not have to jump through hoops trying to protect my partner and myself in case something was to happen to either one of us.

I urge you all to make this right and support SB 1. We could have been the first state to have passed this a long time ago but here's your chance to right a wrong. Now we may not be the first state to pass it, but let's not be the last state to do what is right.

Mahalo for your support.

Sincerely,

Queinitra Toilolo

To Our State Representatives:

I respectfully submit my objections to the Same Sex Marriage Bill as follows:

(1) This bill was drafted to "ensure same sex couples are able to take full advantage of federal rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities granted to married opposite-sex couples" Any legal and/or financial inequities remaining since the passing of the Civil Unions bill can easily be addressed by amendments to that law WITHOUT redefining marriage.

(2) This is such a divisive issue and should be decided by the people and not just rushed through in such a short time. I don't believe this is being given enough time to look at the long-term impact this societal change would have in our state. I think this issue is equally or more than important as Rail. Yet Rail went before the people. So should this.

(3) In trying to provide protecton for religious groups who have objections, the bill states, "unless a religious organization allows use of its facilites or grounds by the general public for weddings for a profit, such organization shall not be required to make its facilities or grounds available for solemnizaiton of any marriage celebration." My concern is the wording implies the State is looking at a traditional church structure and does not take into account other active church models. Although the bill attempts to provide protection for the churches and clergy, what about individuals? Church is made up of individuals and families who live their faith out on a daily basis, not just when they assemble weekly. The bill should also include First amendment protection for individuals such as those who work in wedding related industries (photographers, wedding planners, cake decorators, etc.) so there is no fear of reprisal should they choose to refuse service because it goes against their moral and theological beliefs.

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TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

RE: SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB1, RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS

Will not be present at hearing

I strongly support passage of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights.

The arguments in support of this legislation have been clearly and eloquently stated by others. I consider SB1 to be an important step forward for justice and equality in our state, and urge you to vote in its support and work towards its passage into law.

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