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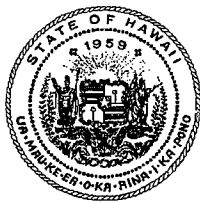
Stanley Koki, Hawaii Civil Rights Commission

Chair Taniguchi, members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, thank you for the opportunity to present my background for your consideration of my confirmation to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

I was born and raised on Windward Oahu. I graduated high school from Midpacific Institute in 1964 and the University of Hawaii in 1969. I worked my way through college by selling carpets. Although I earned a BS in Civil Engineering, I decided to make selling carpets my career. After building a successful business, I took the plunge into politics in 1988 and was elected to the Hawaii State Senate, where I served from 1989 to 1994.

More recently I have been traveling to third world countries like India, Nepal, Indonesia, Thailand, and Burma for humanitarian aid purposes. Observing the political and social conditions in these countries makes me appreciate what we have here all the more. Individual dignity is not a treasured commodity in many of these countries and civil rights is at the foundation of our society.

My experience as a businessman, Senator, and humanitarian aid worker, gives me a good background to be on the board of the Hawaii State Civil Rights Commission. I would appreciate your support for my nomination. Thank you.



**HAWAI`I CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION**

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March 17, 2009  
Rm. 016, 9:30 a.m.

TO: The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
The Honorable Dwight Takamine, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

FROM: Coral Wong Pietsch, Chair,  
and Commissioners of the Hawai`i Civil Rights Commission

RE: Governor's Message 349

Nomination of Stanley T. Koki  
to the Hawai`i Civil Rights Commission

The Hawai`i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) has enforcement jurisdiction over Hawai`i's laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and access to State and State-funded services. The HCRC carries out the Hawai`i constitutional mandate that no person shall be discriminated against in the exercise of their civil rights. Art. I, Sect. 5.

The HCRC supports the confirmation of the nomination of Stanley T. Koki to the Commission. Mr. Koki is cognizant of the HRS § 368-3 requirement that Commissioners be selected on the basis of their "knowledge and experience in civil rights matters" and "a demonstrated commitment to the preservation of the civil rights of all individuals." While he has not worked directly in civil rights advocacy, his commitment to the preservation of the civil rights of all persons has been developed through his personal experience and history of community service. Born out of this experience is a sensitivity to discrimination and a recognition of the importance of civil rights protections for all people.

Mr. Koki is a Nisei, second generation American of Okinawan ancestry, with strong community roots. He is a retired businessman and public servant.

Mr. Koki has a record of community service. He served for six years as a state senator, from 1988 – 1994. Prior to that time served for eight years, from 1980-1988, as a volunteer bible counselor in the state prison system, visiting the prisons 3-5 times per week. He developed a strong interest in prisoner reentry to society, which led him to start a halfway house. For many years, he served on the boards of the Good News Prison Ministry, the Kaneohe Church of Nazarene Board, and the Kahikolu Ohana Hale O Waianae (KOHOW) homeless shelter in Waianae. His humanitarian aid work has also taken him on extensive international travel in Asia, leading him to a realization of the absence of important civil rights in those countries that we take for granted here in Hawai`i and the United States.

Mr. Koki has attended and participated in two Commission meetings, in February and March 2009. Commissioner Koki has contributed to Commission discussions and deliberations that have been collegial and serious. He has been conscientious and engaged, attending meetings and actively participating in Commission business.

Stanley T. Koki's experience and expertise will make him a valued member of the Hawai`i Civil Rights Commission. He will serve the public interest and the people of Hawai`i well. We support confirmation of his nomination.



WOMEN'S CAUCUS

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII

March 17, 2009

To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Takamine, Vice Chair and  
Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Legislative Chair

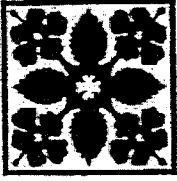
Re: GM 349 Confirmation of Stanley T. Koki to the Civil Rights Commission  
Hearing: Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 016

Position: COMMENTS

The Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus writes to express concern on the lack of gender parity on the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. Of the five-member commission, only one, Coral Wong Pietsch is a woman. She is on leave, her appointment expired in 2007. Under consideration today are two male nominees.

Women have a distinct point-of-view and perspective that deserve representation on the Civil Rights Commission; especially at this time as still open on the agenda of the commission is a proposal that would make major changes to 25-year old administrative rules on sexual harassment. The rules under consideration would substantially weaken protections of employees.

HSDWC urges the committee to ensure that women are equally represented on this important commission.



## Hawai'i Women's Political Caucus

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March 16, 2009

TO: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

FROM: Faye Kennedy, President, Hawai'i Women's Political Caucus

RE: GM349 Gubernatorial Nominee Stanley T. Koki  
Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, term to expire June 30, 2011  
(Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 9:30am in Room 016)

POSITION: STRONG OPPOSITION

Good morning, Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations. I am Faye Kennedy representing the Hawai'i Women's Political Caucus and submitting testimony in strong opposition of GM349, Stanley T. Koki's nomination as a Commissioner of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.

Stanley Koki does not meet the statutory requirements (HRS 368-2) for the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission: "Members appointed to the Commission shall be selected on the basis of their knowledge and expertise in civil rights matters and on the basis of a demonstrated commitment to the preservation of the civil rights of all individuals." His positions on civil unions, comprehensive sexuality education, emergency contraception in the hospital emergency rooms, and reproductive rights and freedom shows he does not believe in equality and justice for all. In fact, his beliefs condone discrimination which is completely counter to the mission of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.

I'm sure that Mr. Koki can be an asset to the community in many ways. However, as a former 8-year member of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, I am personally disturbed and disappointed that he has even been considered for a position on a commission with such specific statutory requirements for its members.

The Hawai'i Women's Political Caucus was established in 1981 and is a multi-partisan organization committed to increasing women's participation in the political process and increasing their representation in elected and appointed office. HWPC also supports male candidates committed to its goals. HWPC is dedicated to equality in employment, stopping all violence against women, and improving the health and well-being of women and families.

On behalf of the Hawai'i Women's Political Caucus, I urge your Committee to oppose Mr. Koki's nomination. He simply is not qualified for this position. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in strong opposition of GM349.

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**From:** Alan R. Spector [alan@familyequalitycoalition.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 10:42 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** REVISED TESTIMONY, GM 349, Tues 3/17/09 at 9:30 a.m., OPPOSED

Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

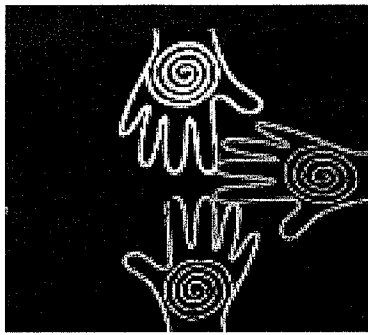
I am **resubmitting** my testimony on behalf of **Family Equality Coalition** to express our **strong opposition** to GM 349. Please accept this as the official testimony of Family Equality Coalition and replace it with the testimony previously emailed on 3/15/09. Stanley Koki should not be serving on the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. His views and track record put him at odds with the very mission of this commission which is to protect civil rights, including enforcement of Hawaii's civil rights laws that protect people based on sexual orientation.

Mr. Koki abstained from the HCRC vote to endorse HB 444, Civil Unions. Additionally, Mr. Koki, also opposed Hawaii House Resolution No. 7, requesting the US Congress to establish a non-discrimination policy based upon sexual orientation for members of the US armed forces.

According to HRS 368-2, "The members appointed to this commission shall be selected on the basis of their knowledge and experience in civil rights matters and on the basis of a demonstrated commitment to the preservation of the civil rights of all individuals." We fail to see how someone who does not believe in supporting civil rights for all of Hawaii's residents can be allowed to serve on such an important commission.

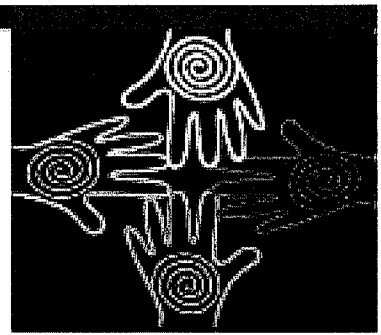
Sincerely,

Alan R. Spector, LCSW  
Co-Chair  
Family Equality Coalition  
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Honolulu, HI 96828  
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March 17, 2009  
Hawaii State Senate  
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Chair, Sen. Taniguchi  
Vice Chair, Sen. Takamine

Testimony in opposition to the confirmation of Stan Koki to the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (GM349)

Pride At Work Hawai'i, an affiliate of the Hawai'i State AFL-CIO whose mission is to advocate for full equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) workers and to build mutual support between the labor movement and the LGBT community, strongly opposes the confirmation of Stan Koki as a commissioner for the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.

Commissioners are supposed to be committed to protect the civil rights of *all* individuals. By opposing Hawai'i House Resolution 7, which requests that the US Congress establish a non-discrimination policy based upon sexual orientation for members of the US armed forces, and by refusing to support HB444, which would create civil unions for same-sex partners, Mr. Koki has demonstrated his unwillingness to protect the civil rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Both of these issues - supporting economic justice and equality for LGBT couples and their families, and opposing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the US armed forces - are clear indicators of anti-gay bias, making Mr. Koki an inappropriate choice to serve on the HCRC.

Every day, LGBT people in Hawai'i face discrimination in their workplaces and in their communities. They rely on the HCRC to protect and defend them from such discrimination. This is not an issue which is open for debate. If Mr. Koki is confirmed to serve on the HCRC, LGBT citizens can no longer count on the Commission to uphold their legal rights, as his recent actions on the Commission have shown. Surely there are other community leaders who support the civil rights of all Hawai'i's people and who would be better candidates for the HCRC. Please vote against confirming Mr. Koki to the HCRC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Dinion, President, Pride At Work Hawai'i

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February 13, 2009

Senator Brian Taniguchi  
Chairman of Judiciary and Government Operations  
Hawaii State Government

Re: Recommendation of Stan Koki for the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission

Dear Senator Taniguchi,

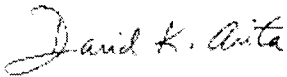
I have known Stan for over 40 years as my employer, a business partner and a friend. I met Stan at the University of Hawaii and he hired and trained me to sell cutlery and carpet. We became business partners in 1974 and in 1990 I purchased his interest. We went our separate ways but we remained friends.

Stan is very intelligent, honest and fair in his dealings. He has a wealth of experience in business, politics and has a heart of helping others less fortunate.

There is no one better I could recommend for this position.

If you have any questions about Stan, please feel free to call me at 832-2007.

Sincerely yours,



David K. Arita  
President



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Feb. 09, 2009

Brian Taniguchi chairman  
the Judiciary and Government Operations committee

RE: Letter of recommendation for Mr. Stanley Koki for the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission

Dear Senator Taniguchi:

I have known Mr. Stanley Koki (Stan) intimately for over forty years. I know Stan, his wife, children and business dealings. Stan has a tremendous record serving the community in many regards in business, as a church member, and in other regards and any commission would be fortunate to have his involvement. More importantly, Stan has a heart for people.

As such, I would wholeheartedly recommend Stan for the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, and know he would do an excellent job in this regards. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Respectfully yours,



Myles Kawakami  
President

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*Alvin A. Tanaka*  
President



**Pacific Transfer**

February 11, 2009

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Brian Taniguchi, Chair

**Re: Support for Stan Koki**

Dear Senator Taniguchi:

I would like to lend my support of Stan Koki for confirmation to the Hawaii State Civil Rights Commission.

Stan has had a variety of experiences and successes in business and state government. He served in the State Senate from 1989 to 1994 and served as the Boards and Commissions manager in 2003.

I have served as his campaign manager for a number of his elections and can attest that he would be a good and capable addition to the Civil Rights commission.

If you have any questions please call me at 836-3871.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alvin A. Tanaka". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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**From:** NJHawaiiWalter@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 3:19 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** GM 349 (Koki)

Reference:  
Measure Number: GM 349  
Date: Tuesday, 3/17/09  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Location: Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu

Gentlemen:

I am in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the confirmation of Stan Koki. He has put his own personal religious views to harm others by contradicting existing state laws and decisions to protect people based upon their sexual orientation. His proven record of bias makes him unfit to fulfill the duty to uphold the very important mission of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

For example, he has opposed Hawaii House Resolution No. 7 requesting the US Congress to establish a non-discrimination policy based upon sexual orientation for member of the US armed forces.

No one should put their own personal religious views before the rights of all Hawaii citizens. It's wrong and Mr. Koki has no place on the Civil Rights Commission.

PLEASE KEEP STAN KOKI OFF THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION. Mahalo.

Walter Mahr  
95-1020 Paemoku Place  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789

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**From:** Nathan Braulick [braulick@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 3:36 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** I OPPOSE the CONFIRMATION of Stan Koki to the HCRC

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

I'm writing this testimony to strongly oppose the confirmation of San Koki to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission (GM 349 Tuesday 3/17/09, 9:30 am).

Koki opposed HCRC submitting testimony in favor of the civil unions bill, HB 444. He also opposed Hawaii House Resolution No. 7 requesting the US Congress to establish a non-discrimination policy based upon sexual orientation for members of the US armed forces.

Koki is a religious right conservative who has put his religious views ahead of civil rights. In doing so, he is contradicting existing State laws and decisions to protect people based upon sexual orientation.

His proven bias makes him unable to fulfill his duties to uphold the very important mission of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

I oppose Stan Koki's confirmation to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

very sincerely,

Nathan Leo Braulick  
917 16th Avenue  
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**From:** Beth and Lee Garrow [b.andl.garrow@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 4:12 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Measure Number: GM 349 (Koki)

**My name is Lee Garrow. I live on Maui (110 Kaanapali Shores Pl), and I am writing to STRONGLY oppose the confirmation of Stan Koki for another term. Koki is a religious right conservative that has put his religious views ahead of civil rights! In doing so, Koki is contradicting existing State laws and decisions to protect people based upon sexual orientation. His proven bias makes him unable to fulfill his duties to uphold the very important mission of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.**

**I strongly urge you to END Koki's term!**

**Lee Garrow**

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**From:** Richard Barton [richardshunyabarton@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 5:03 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** GM 349

This is to strongly oppose the confirmation of Stan Koki as a member of the Civil Rights Commission. Mr. Koki's actions in this area have shown that he is either unwilling or unable to work to ensure that the civil rights of Hawaii citizens are not abrogated based on sexual orientation as directed by Hawaii state law. For this reason confirmation of Mr. Koki would bring into question the validity of the Commission as the enforcer and advocate of such protections.

Most sincerely,  
Richard Barton  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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**From:** Jose Bulatao, Jr. [mrb@hawaiiink.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 5:26 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** opposition to religious perspectives in civil rights bill pending

It has been called to my attention that religious right conservatives in the persons of Stan Koki and Mark Valencia oppose the passage of the Civil Union bill that is before the Hawaii State Legislature.

As a Christian conservative myself, I feel that it is inappropriate to impose religious perspectives on the civil rights of any individual in a democratic society.

If Mr. Koki and Mr. Valencia are expressing the viewpoint that civil unions must reflect a religious perspective, I feel that they are in error.

Sincerely,

Jose Bulatao, Jr.  
Member, West Kauai United Methodist Church  
Registered Republican

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**From:** Doran J. Porter [Porter@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 5:27 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Opposition

Measure Number: GM 349 (Koki)  
Date: Tuesday, 3/17/09  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Location: Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol, 415 S.  
Beretania, Honolulu

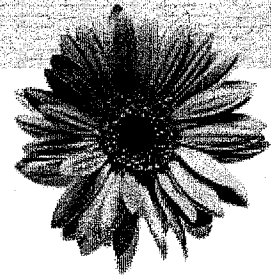
I wish to express my **STRONG** Opposition to the confirmation of Stan Koki to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. Mr. Koki has **NOT** demonstrated an understand of nor a commitment to the civil rights of many in our community and I believe it would be a travesty to appoint him to represent the state in this office.

Doran J. Porter  
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Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744



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**From:** Siobhán Ní Dhonacha [nidhonacha@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 6:31 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Commissioners to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) - Stan Koki - Please Do Not Reappoint!!!  
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Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations,

Stan Koki of the HCRC Commissioners opposed the HCRC submitting testimony in favor of Civil Unions bill, HB 444.

Stan Koki also opposed Hawaii House Resolution No. 7 requesting the US Congress to establish a non-discrimination policy based upon sexual orientation for members of the US armed forces.

It appears that Stan Koki is a religious right conservative that has put his personal religious views ahead of civil rights for all.

In doing so, Commissioner Stan Koki has contradicted existing State laws and decisions to protect people based upon sexual orientation. This proven bias makes Commissioner Stan Koki unable to fulfill the duty to uphold the very important mission of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

It is time to replace this Commissioner with a Commissioner who embodies and lives the ethics, concept and true mission of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission (HCRC).

The HCRC needs to do the job it was intended to do, which is to protect, support and help to create a just Hawai'i for all, and a society of equality. One not impeded by personal religious views.

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony. Please, **do not** reappoint Stan Koki.

Let real change and equality for all come to Hawai'i!

Sincerely,

Siobhán Ní Dhonacha  
171 Mott-Smith Drive, #1112  
Honolulu, HI 96822

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**From:** Bran-D Foster Heckman [brand808@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 7:01 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Don't Confirm Stan Koki

Measure Number: GM 349 Koki

Date: Tuesday, 3/17/09

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol, 415 S.Beretania, Honolulu

Please do not confirm Stan Koki. Mr. Koki opposed Hawaii House Resolution No. 7 requesting the US Congress establish a non-discrimination policy based upon sexual orientation for members of the US armed forces.

Stan Koki has put his religious views ahead of civil rights. In doing so, Mr. Koki and is contradicting existing State laws and decisions to protect people based upon sexual orientation. Mr. Koki's proven bias makes him unable to fulfill his duties to uphold the very important mission of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

Aloha,  
Bran-D Foster Heckman  
2507A Rainbow Dr  
Hon, Hi 96822

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**From:** Beth I [irikura@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 7:12 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** GM 349: Opposition to reappointment of Stan Koki

Measure Number: GM 349 (Koki)  
Date: Tuesday, 3/17/09  
Time: 9:30 a.m.

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly oppose the reappointment of Stan Koki to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. As Commissioner, Stan Koki refused to defend civil rights, specifically refusing to present the viewpoint that the civil rights of same-sex couples and their families matter. It is farcical to allow someone who failed in his commission as a public servant and defender of civil rights to be part of such a commission.

Sincerely,  
Beth Irikura

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**From:** E Foster Heckman [efoste@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 7:24 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Please do not confirm Stan Koki

Measure Number: GM 349 Koki  
Date: Tuesday, 3/17/09  
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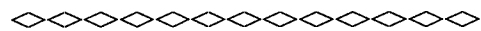
Please do not confirm Stan Koki. Mr. Koki opposed Hawaii House Resolution No. 7 requesting the US Congress establish a non-discrimination policy based upon sexual orientation for members of the US armed forces. Furthermore, he opposed HCRC submitting testimony in favor of the important civil unions bill, HB 444.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,  
E Foster Heckman  
2507A Rainbow Dr  
Honolulu, Hi 96822

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Elizabeth Foster Heckman, M.Ed.



Let the beauty of what you love be what you do ~Jalal ad-Din Rumi

Be the change you want to see in the world. ~Mahatma Gandhi

May all beings be safe and free from anger, fear, greed, dilution and all ill being. ~Buddhist Peace Delegation

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March 15, 2009

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Measure Number GM 349 – Stan Koki

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania,  
Honolulu, HI

Chairman Brian Taniguchi and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

As a resident of Hawaii and registered voter, I strongly urge you to **vote against** the confirmation of Stan Koki as a member of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

In his past service on the Commission, Mr. Koki has not defended the civil rights of all of the citizens of the State of Hawaii. Instead, he has been governed by his religious beliefs in matters coming before the Commission and has actively promoted an agenda to advance these beliefs. Among many issues, his votes have been in conflict with Hawaii laws and decisions that give protection to Hawaii citizens based on sexual orientation.

We need members on the Commission who respect the separation of Church and State. Mr. Koki has clearly demonstrated that he is unwilling to do so.

Again, please vote against the confirmation of Stan Koki.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Gary Okabayashi  
1551 Ala Wai Blvd. #2304  
Honolulu, HI 96815

March 15, 2009

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

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Again, please vote against the confirmation of Stan Koki.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Lenny Zimmerman  
1551 Ala Wai Blvd. #2304  
Honolulu, HI 96815

**Testimony in Opposition  
to the Appointment of Stanley T. Koki as Civil Rights Commissioner  
(Governor Message 349)**

To: Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee.  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Takamine, Vice-chair  
Members: Senator Robert Bunda, Senator Mike Gabbard, Senator Sam Slom

Fm: Jo-Ann M. Adams, Member, GLBT Caucus, Democratic Party of Hawaii

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to the Appointment of Stanley T. Koki as Civil Rights Commissioner.

In establishing the Civil Rights Commission, the Legislature declared that “the practice of discrimination because of race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, or disability in employment, housing, public accommodations, or access to services receiving state financial assistance is against public policy.” [Underlining added.]

Section 368-2 states in pertinent part: “The members appointed to the commission shall be selected on the basis of their knowledge and experience in civil rights matters and on the basis of a demonstrated commitment to the preservation of the civil rights of all individuals.” [Underlining added.]

Stanley T. Koki fails to meet the requirements set forth in Section 368-2. He lacks experience in civil rights matters, and he has not demonstrated a commitment to the preservation of civil rights of all individuals. To the contrary, he has a demonstrated commitment to limit or deny civil rights based on sex and sexual orientation.

He voted not to support House Resolution No. 7, “Requesting the United States Congress to Establish a Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation for Members of the United States Armed Forces.”

Further, when he campaigned as Lt. Governor, in part his platform was to deny marital rights to same-sex couples, which is denying civil rights on the basis of sex and/or sexual orientation.

When a person takes the oath of office, he places his hand on the Bible and swears to uphold the Constitution; he does not put his hand on the Constitution and swear to uphold the Bible. Stanley T. Koki has a track record which shows that he does the latter rather than the former. Consequently, he is not qualified to serve as a Civil Rights Commissioner.

I strongly oppose the appointment of Stanley T. Koki as Civil Rights Commissioner.

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**From:** kenplonsky@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 10:35 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** GM 349 (Koki) Hearing - Tuesday, 3/17/09 9:30 am testimony in strong opposition

Dear Chair and committee members,

I am testifying in strong opposition to the confirmation (GM 349 (Koki)).

This commissioner has put their religious views ahead of civil rights. In doing so, Koki is contradicting existing State laws and decisions to protect people based upon sexual orientation. Their proven bias makes them unable to fulfill their duties to uphold the very important mission of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

Thank for the opportunity for testifying.

Aloha,  
Ken Plonsky  
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Honolulu, Hi 96815

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**From:** Kate E Sample [katesample@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 11:16 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** GM 349 NO

Re: Measure Number: GM 349 (Koki)  
Date: Tuesday, 3/17/09  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Location: Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol, 415 S.  
Beretania, Honolulu

I am submitting testimony in opposition to this nomination.  
Mr. Koki is not supportive of equal civil rights and his appointment is purely a political  
ploy to undermine the work of the Civil Rights Commission.

Please do not confirm Koki for this position.

Rev. Kate Sample  
1334 Ihona Place  
Kapaa, HI 96746

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**From:** MICHAEL GOLOJUCH [mjgolo@email.phoenix.edu]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 11:23 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Confirmation Hearing - GM349 (Koki)

Senate Committee on Judiciary Government Operations: Chair Brian Taniguchi and all committee members

Tuesday, March 17, 2009 – 9:30 a.m.  
Hawaii State Capitol – Conference Room 016

RE: Measure Number: GM349 (Koki) – STRONG Opposition

Stan Koki should not be confirmed to another term on the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

He is following religious conviction instead of civil interpretation of the law concerning the following measures:

As a HCRC Commissioner opposed HCRC submitting testimony in favor of the civil unions bill, HB 444.  
He also opposed Hawaii House Resolution No. 7 requesting the US Congress to establish a non-discrimination policy based upon sexual orientation for members of the US armed forces.  
His writings on bullying did not include sexual orientation, which is a major cause of bullying.

Please do not vote to confirm Stan Koki. Thank you for listening to my position.

Mike Golojuch  
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**From:** Carolyn Golojuch [golojuchc@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 3:41 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** In Opposition of Stan Koki GM (349)

**Testimony in Opposition of Stan Koki GM (349)**

Tuesday, March 16, 2009

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.

TO: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair and Co-Chair Takamine and the members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

Good morning Chair Senator Taniguchi and Co-Chair Takamine and the members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations Committee

I speak to you today as a Social Worker who is bound by the Social Work Code of Ethics to work for fair and equitable treatment of all. This is why I strongly urge you to vote No on the appointment of Stan Koki to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission (HCRC).

Mr. Koki is well known person who is ready to deny basic civil rights to a minority. This personal marker in the face of our US Constitution disqualifies him for the HCRC. A member of the HCRC has to believe in Human Rights for all citizens in order to adequately fulfill the position on the commission.

Mr. Koki has the reputation of putting his religious beliefs ahead of his duty to bring justice mandated by the US Constitution. In Governor Ben Cayetano's book, 'Ben' on pages 411-412, his inability to follow unbiased decisions and actions are described.

In the September 4, 2002 edition of the Honolulu Weekly, it describes a man who ignores the qualification to be a nonpartisan candidate to the Honolulu City Council. This is one more reason to oppose the appointment of Mr. Koki to the HCRC. A member of the HCRC has to remain unbiased as well as nonpartisan. His record speaks for its self that he is not able to do this.

And finally, Mr. Koki does not have a background in law or experience with promoting equality. This also disqualifies him.

For the fore mentioned reasons, I strongly oppose the appointment of Mr. Koki to the HCRC.

Thank you for your time.

**Mahalo,**

Rev. Carolyn Martinez Golojuch, MSW  
Makakilo Resident and community advocate since 1981  
Rev. Carolyn Martinez Golojuch, MSW  
92-954 Makakilo Dr. #71  
Makakilo, HI 96707

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**From:** Leah Koepfel [mocha\_deliciousness@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 6:48 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony GM 349(Koki); 3-17-09; 9:30 am

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose allowing Stan Koki to serve another term in the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. I am aware of his religious affiliations, and of the influence that his beliefs have in his decision-making, and I do not believe that he's capable of remaining unbiased when it comes to civil rights-like civil unions.

I hope my opinion is something that you will take into consideration.

Thank you,

Leah Koepfel

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**From:** John Bickel [jbickel15@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 7:06 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Koki and Valencia

John Bickel  
2415 Ala Wai Blvd. 901  
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I am writing to testify against the nominations of Stan Koki and Mark Valencia to the Civil Rights Commission. Nationally we have just witnessed the results of a banking industry where the regulators didn't believe in the regulations. We don't want to do a parallel thing to Hawaii Civil Rights. If we should have learned something from the Holocaust, it is that rights need to be for all people or they are no longer rights; they are privileges. Remember the words of Rev. Martin Niemoller and vote against these two nominations: "In Germany at first they came for the Communists. I wasn't a Communist; so I didn't speak up. Then they came for the Jews. I wasn't a Jew; so I didn't speak up. Then they came for the trade unionists. I wasn't a trade unionist; so I didn't speak up. Then they came for the Catholics. I was Protestant; so I didn't speak up. Then they came for me. By that time, no one was left to speak up."

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**From:** Jeffrey Paul Esmond [esmond@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 7:55 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Submitted Testimony for GM 349 on the confirmation hearing for Stan Koki on March 17, 2009

Submitted Testimony for GM 349 on the confirmation hearing for Stan Koki on March 17, 2009

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.:

I am in opposition of Stan Koki's reconfirmation because I do not believe he represents the best interest of all of the people of the State of Hawaii.

A quick Google search in quotes of "Stan Koki" and "civil rights" comes up with the following two quotes:

"One [i.e., AJA internment] is really something set in race. The other [i.e., same-sex marriage] is a lifestyle and the sanctioning of that lifestyle. No other jurisdiction in the world has sanctioned same-sex marriage. It is really not the same issue" - October 1998

And, in response to Senator Matt Matsunaga's support of same-sex unions:

"This is not an issue about civil rights. Blacks and minorities have suffered economic hardship. They've been treated as second class -- in the back of the bus, separate bathrooms. None of this applies here in this case." - 1994 Legislative Session

While these two quotes appear to show a knowledge of historical civil rights issues, they do not show an understanding and actually reflect an inability to compare them to the rights of other minorities who currently do not have equal civil rights. The first quote shows a lack of foresight since there are now jurisdictions that have sanctioned same-sex marriage. The second quote discusses economic hardship which has been demonstrated to be a current issue with same-sex couples who do not have the economic rights and privileges of married couples. In fact, if Mr. Koki were to apply his arguments in both of these quotes, he would see that he would have no choice but to support the current bill for civil unions, but he has not done so.

I therefore believe it is inappropriate to have a member of the civil rights commission who does not support civil rights and I urge you strongly to reject Stan Koki's reconfirmation.

Mahalo,

Jeffrey Esmond  
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Kaneohe, HI 96744

## Testimony

Testifying: Nancy Moser  
To: Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee  
Hearing Date: March 18, 2009 at 9:30 am Conference Room 016  
Item: Strongly Opposing GM 349 Nomination of Stanley Koki

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Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine, and members of the Committee:

I ask that this committee turn aside the nomination of Stanley Koki to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

Mr. Koki has placed religious dogma and political party interests ahead of the Constitution and laws when making decisions. This is not compatible with what we need from a Civil Rights Commissioner.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong opposition to the nomination of Stanley Koki.

Nancy Moser  
3931 Pili Place  
Honolulu, HI 96816

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**From:** Thomas Luna [twnmn@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 9:40 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Measure Number: GM 349

Measure Number: GM 349 (Stan Koki)

Date: Tuesday, 3/17/09

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol, 415 S.  
Beretania, Honolulu

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Denying the civil rights of some citizens because of the religious beliefs of other citizens is against the United States Constitution. The First Amendment to that Constitution grants freedom of speech and thought; it also grants freedom of religion - all of which were often denied in other countries at the time. By insisting on a separation of State and Church, the Amendment guarantees that no one's religious beliefs can affect the fair proceedings of government.

By using his religious beliefs as the measure by which he votes on issues before the Civil Rights Commission, GM 349 (Stan Koki) denies the validity of the First Amendment, thereby making him unfit to serve on that Commission. Renewing his position would also be a denial of the Constitution.

Therefore, I strongly recommend that he not be renewed in his position.

Sincerely,

Thomas Luna



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**From:** Joe O'Brien [obrienhawaiian@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 10:04 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** An Unqualified Candidate

Stanley T. Koki nomination  
(Gov Message 349).

March 17 @ 9:30am room 016: Civil Rights Commission Confirmation Hearing

Mr. Koki does not meet the statutory requirements (368-2) for civil rights commission which clearly says that:

" Members appointed to the Commission shall be selected on the basis of their knowledge and expertise in civil rights matters and on the basis of a demonstrated commitment to the preservation of the civil rights of all individuals."

Mr. Koki has a history of opposing civil rights rather than preserving civil rights of all individuals, at least partly because of his embrace of religious right prejudice dogma.

I oppose his nomination and I urge you to oppose it also.

Thank you,  
Joseph O'Brien  
Honolulu.

## Testimony from Pamela DaGrossa in Opposition

Measure Number: **GM 349** (Stan Koki)  
Date: **Tuesday, 3/17/09**  
Time: **9:30 a.m.**  
Location: **Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania**

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

Aloha Sen. Taniguchi, Sen. Takamine, and committee members,

I am writing to **oppose the confirmation of Mr. Stan Koki** to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission (HCRC).

Mr. Koki has suggested he is willing to impose his own religion's moral framework on the public via his position as a Commissioner. There is no place for this in government, and certainly no place for this on the HCRC.

A capable commissioner is able to set aside his own particular views and practices in order to provide our citizens protection from discrimination "because of race, religion, sex or ancestry." A commissioner who applies a discriminatory belief system is not able to do this job.

Please, in the interest of civil rights, do NOT confirm Mr. Koki to the HCRC.

Sincerely,

Pamela DaGrossa  
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Kailua, HI 96734  
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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 11:28 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** mgolojuch@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for GM349 on 3/17/2009 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for JGO 3/17/2009 9:30:00 AM GM349

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Michael Golojuch, Jr.  
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Submitted on: 3/16/2009

**Comments:**

I strongly oppose the nomination of Stan Koki.

He has a history of not supporting the Civil Rights for gay community. This goes back years and he should not be on the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

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**From:** Three Ring Ranch [animals@threeringranch.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 11:48 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** GM 349 - Koki- Oppose

Aloha Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations,

I oppose the confirmation of Stan Koki. He has proven unable to separate his religious views from his civic duties.

Kind Regards,

Ann Goody PhD

Three Ring Ranch Exotic Animal Sanctuary  
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**From:** Kristin Bacon [kbacon@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 1:07 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for GM 349

Regarding Hearing:  
Measure Number: GM 349  
Date: Tuesday, 3/17/09  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Location: Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol, 415 S.  
Beretania, Honolulu

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations,

I am writing to testify that I **strongly oppose** the confirmation for another term of **Stan Koki** as Commissioner to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission (HCRC).

Koki has proven himself to be a religious right conservative that has chosen to put his religious views ahead of civil rights. In doing so, Koki is contradicting existing State laws and decisions to protect people based upon sexual orientation. This proven bias makes him unable to fulfill his duties to uphold the very important mission of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

As a proud citizen of Hawai'i who whole-heartedly believes in our government's ability to care for all of our people, I take it very seriously when a government official puts their personal religious beliefs and opinions before their responsibility to uphold their position and serve everyone equally. I believe such a person is unfit to hold public office. Stan Koki is such a person.

Thank you for upholding the mission of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission by not confirming Stan Koki for another term.

Aloha,  
Kristin Bacon  
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Honolulu, HI 96822

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**From:** Josephine Chang [ocsjosie@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 1:13 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* Testimony on GM349 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Civil Rights Commission Gubernatorial Nominee Stanley T. Koki

Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair  
Hearing on GM349 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Civil Rights Commission  
Gubernatorial Nominee Stanley T. Koki  
March 17, 2009, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 016

Testimony Against Confirmation from Josephine Chang

I am strongly against the confirmation of Stanley Koki to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. Mr. Koki does not meet the requirement under section 378-2, HRS, that he demonstrate a commitment to the preservation of the civil rights of all individuals.

Mr. Koki has instead demonstrated a commitment to denying the civil rights of homosexuals to marry over a decade ago in their struggle to retain their equal civil rights to marry. At that time he publicly and vocally imposed his own personal conservative religious beliefs above our state law and constitution disregarding the separation of church and state, and those with other religious and non-religious beliefs who fought to protect the civil rights of homosexuals.

Given Mr. Koki's narrow religious perspective, placing him on the Civil Rights Commission would put women, those of same-sex sexual orientation, those of different gender expressions, and those of religious beliefs differing from his own in jeopardy, instead of giving them the protection of their civil rights intended by our law from members of the Civil Rights Commission. His appointment would hinder and obstruct the work of this Commission in their mission to protect civil rights for years to come.

Please do not confirm Mr. Koki's appointment to the Civil Rights Commission. Thank you for considering my testimony.

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**From:** ajoyhawaii1@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 1:36 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** opposed to the appointment of both Mr.Koki and Mr.Valencia

I am opposed to the appointment of both Mr. Koki and Mr.  
Valencia.

Aloha,

Agnes Joyce

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**From:** hi2mom@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 2:20 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong opposition to GM 349

Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair  
Hearing on GM349 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Civil Rights Commission  
Gubernatorial Nominee Stanley T. Koki  
March 17, 2009, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 016

Testimony Against Confirmation  
Susan Roth

Stan Koki has demonstrated that he is not the best choice or qualified to serve on the civil rights commission because of his past work against the rights of gay people. Years ago, he participated vocally to deny the civil rights of people, who happen to be gay, to marry. I do not trust that he can properly discern how to protect the civil rights of all minorities.

Thank you.

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**Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee:**

My name is Colleen Murphy, and I am a Realtor, homeowner, and real estate investor (properties in both Kaneohe and Mililani) and I stand in STRONG OPPOSITION to the confirmation of Stan Koki to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

Members of the HCRC need to support the preservation of civil rights for all of Hawaii's residents and the track record of Koki indicates otherwise. In evidence of this, I cite his irresponsible abstention on the vote to support HB444—civil unions, which would provide basic civil rights to same-sex couples in Hawaii—and his reprehensible vote against House Resolution 7, requesting the US Congress to establish a non-discrimination policy based upon sexual orientation for members of the US armed forces.

Koki has put his religious views ahead of civil rights. In doing so, he is contradicting existing State laws and decisions to protect people based upon sexual orientation. His proven bias makes him unable to fulfill his duties to uphold the very important mission of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. Being pro-civil rights and anti-discrimination should be basic requirements for this commission, and I strongly urge you not to confirm Stan Koki to the HCRC.

Mahalo,



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**From:** Lino Laure [linolaure@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 3:42 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* GM 349 (Confirmation of Stan Koki)

Measure Number: GM 349 (Koki)  
Date: Tuesday, 3/17/09  
Time: 9:30 am  
To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

Dear Committee Chair and Senators,

My name is Lino Laure and I submit testimony against the confirmation of Stan Koki for another term in the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission (HCRC).

According to Hawaii Revised Statutes, 368-2: "The members appointed to this commission shall be selected on the basis of their knowledge and experience in civil rights matters and on the basis of a demonstrated commitment to the preservation of the civil rights of all individuals."

Stan Koki had the opportunity to demonstrate the ideals of the HCRC by supporting the Civil Union Bill HB444, but instead abstained from support. This non-commitment, from one who holds an important post in the HCRC, to support a civil rights bill clearly shows his inability to fulfill his duty as an agent committed to protecting all citizens of Hawaii.

Thank you,  
Lino Laure

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**From:** Edward Shipwright [shipwrig001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 5:03 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** GM349

I strongly oppose the appointment of Stan Koki as a commissioner to the Human Rights Commission. He does not believe in the human rights of homosexuals as defined by law. His religious opinions are inappropriate.

Dr. Edward Shipwright

University of Hawaii Professor Emeritus