



LETTER TESTIMONY

Committee: Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, March 1, 2012, 10:15 a.m.
Place: Room 016
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of H.B. 1112, HD1
Relating to Licensing

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

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii ("ACLU of Hawaii") writes in support of H.B. 1112, HD1, Relating to Licensing. This measure would allow couples entering into a marriage or civil union to have non-religious alternatives for solemnization. This proposal respects Hawaii's religious diversity by ensuring that all individuals are able to find an appropriate officiant for a wedding or civil union.

The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for over 45 years.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
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