

LATE TESTIMONY

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
THE UNIFORM PROBATE CODE AND PROBATE COURT
PRACTICES OF THE JUDICIARY OF THE STATE OF HAWAII RE: HB 2624

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

JANUARY 31, 2012; 2:00 p.m.

This written testimony is submitted on behalf of the Standing Committee on the Uniform Probate Code and Probate Court Practices of the Judiciary of the State of Hawaii (the "Probate Committee"). The Probate Committee was organized pursuant to Resolution No. 91-25, adopted by the sixth annual Hawaii State Judicial Conference. The Probate Committee is comprised of three circuit court judges, each representing a Circuit Court of the Judiciary of the State of Hawaii and nine attorneys that practice estate planning and probate law, all of whom have been appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii. These comments represent the views of the Probate Committee only.

The Probate Committee supports HB 2624.

The proposed legislation is intended to clarify the term "spouse" under Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 560 to include a party to a civil union, in accordance with chapter 572B. Adding this provision to the statutes may help practitioners and pro se parties better recognize the civil union law of our State. No substantive change to the statutes is intended.

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of January, 2012.

By


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