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LATE TESTIMONY

January 26, 2012

Friday, January 27, 2012 - 9:30 a.m.  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol RM 016  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Senate Bill 2216 RELATING TO TRANSFER OF PROPERTY - SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Hee and fellow committee members,

On behalf of the Honolulu Pride committee we ask that you support Senate Bill 2216.

Though we do ask that you delete the line:

“Spouse” includes partner in a civil union in accordance with section 572B 11.

The reason we ask for this deletion because we feel that it is unnecessary given that Act 1 the Civil Unions law already covers this inclusion as seen here:

**-9 Benefits, protections, and responsibilities.** Partners to a civil union lawfully entered into pursuant to this chapter shall have all the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities under law, whether derived from statutes, administrative rules, court decisions, the common law, or any other source of civil law, as are granted to those who contract, obtain a license, and are solemnized pursuant to chapter 572.

**-11 References and inclusions.** A party to a civil union shall be included in any definition or use of the terms "spouse", "family", "immediate family", "dependent", "next of kin", and other terms that denote the spousal relationship, as those terms are used throughout the laws of the State."

The old adage “Less is more” surely applies here. We here at Honolulu Pride think that if you amend this section of the Hawaii Revised Statute to include references to the civil unions chapter, and not others it could narrow the protections, rights and responsibilities that Act 1 sought to provide those entering into a Civil Union.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Rob Hatch  
Legislative Representative

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**Comments:**

Strongly support this bill. It provides a seamless transition of protection of property held in tenancy by the entirety by persons who are spouses or reciprocal beneficiaries into the types of trusts identified in this bill.