

LATE TESTIMONY

Kristin Young

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2013 3:27 PM
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Cc: gomama808@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SR123 on Mar 25, 2013 10:30AM
Attachments: Council of Churches 9-26-96.pdf

SR123

Submitted on: 3/24/2013

Testimony for JDL on Mar 25, 2013 10:30AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carolyn Martinez Golojuch, MSW	PFLAG-Oahu	Oppose	Yes

Comments: 1) Economic impact of allowing same-sex marriage in Hawaii: A June 2010 study conducted by UCLA indicated that same-sex couples would spend between \$4.2 and \$9.5 million on their wedding celebrations, if allowed to marry in Hawaii. Out-of-state guests would spend an additional \$17.8 to \$40.3 million dollars, which would in turn create 193 to 333 new jobs in Hawaii primarily in the events and travel industries. The figures in the study are estimated based on a four-year period. 2) The 1996 Hawaii Council of Churches provides a religious study on Same Gender Marriage. 3) The 1995 Hawaii Blue Ribbon Panel on Same Gender Marriage provides the legal and social study that is requested by this Resolution and thus makes this Resolution unneeded and untimely. It would serve the people of Hawaii if the Senate would rather have a hearing and pass the Civil Rights of our Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual and Transgender children immediately.

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Margaret Peary	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Committee Members, I am opposed to same sex marriage AND the thought of a "task force" to study it implications. Put in on the ballot and let the public decide. One man, one woman is how God designed marriage ... period! Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support same sex marriage legalization in hawaii for love is love always have been always will be it don't matter who it is because love is love.

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From: Peter Schaktman [rabbischaktman@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2013 5:31 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Subject: Fwd: Testimony

Committee: Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: March 25, 2013, 10:30 am
Place: Conference Room 016
Re: *Testimony of Rabbi Peter Schaktman in Support of S.C.R. 166 and S.R.123*

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

My name is Rabbi Peter Schaktman and I am writing in support of S.C.R. 166 and S.R. 123, which seek to convene a task force to study the social, economic and religious impacts of enacting marriage equality in Hawaii.

Over the past twenty years, Hawaii – and the entire nation – has seen a shift in public attitudes towards support for our gay and lesbian friends and family members. Many Hawaii residents support marriage equality. Our entire Congressional Delegation supports marriage equality. Our Governor supports marriage equality. And the President of the United States announced his support for marriage equality before being elected to a second term.

The requested task force represents a diverse group of interests and legal scholars, and requires them to study the effects of enacting marriage equality in Hawaii. The task force is quite timely given the anticipated U.S. Supreme Court decisions in *United States v. Windsor* (regarding the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)), and *Hollingsworth v. Perry* (regarding the constitutionality of California's ballot initiative banning same-sex marriages known as Proposition 8). It is in the best interest of all residents of Hawaii for the legislature to be prepared to address the legal realities for same-sex couples here after the U.S. Supreme Court issues its rulings.

We believe that the information from the task force will provide the background information needed to educate the Legislature on marriage equality.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Peter Schaktman

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Be a part of the conversation. Pull up a chair at the Honolulu Rabbi's Round Table:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HonoluluRabbi/>

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: tambry.young@gmail.com
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SR123

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tambry R. Young	Citizens for Equal Rights	Support	Yes

Comments:

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From: Bob Kincaid [bob@mauisunseeker.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2013 5:35 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Subject: Testimonial for Marriage Equality
Attachments: Bob Kincaid Marriage Equality Testimony.pdf

Aloha,

I've submitted my testimonial on the state's website, but wanted to also email a copy to ensure that it reached the correct person. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Mahalo

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Bob Kincaid, Product Manager
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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: JDLTestimony
Cc: dr.karlagottschalk@gmail.com
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karla Gottschalk	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: to take marriage and its meaning away when civil unions could give all the same benefits is not rational only bowing to superior rights for homosexuals over heterosexuals. Additionally your proposed legislation give more rights to transvestites than women. The bottom line is the damage to children as they are not a social right but a property right to the LGBT I was sex reassigned in 1974 and am not transgender (which is a semantic fraud) and not homosexual and only get discrimination from the gay "community" .

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SR123

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Renie Lindley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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From: Jill Coryell [hibiscuslady@me.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2013 8:40 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Subject: Gay Marriage

Committee: Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date/Time: March __, 2013, 10:05 am
Place: Conference Room __
Re: Testimony of [] in Support of S.C.R. 166
and S.R.123

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:
My name is Jill Coryell and I am the owner of Hibiscus Lady Nursery in Mokule'ia. I am writing in support of S.C.R. 166 and S.R. 123, which seek to convene a task force to study the social, economic and religious impacts of enacting marriage equality in Hawaii. Many Hawaii residents support marriage equality and in fact I have several friends/couples who have travelled out of state to legally marry their partners. How sad that they would have to do that when most of us here in Hawai'i think of ourselves as among the most tolerant people in the country. Our entire Congressional Delegation supports marriage equality. Our Governor supports marriage equality. And the President of the United States announced his support for marriage equality before being elected to a second term.

Thanks so much for taking my strong views into consideration.

Aloha,

Jill Coryell
68-240 Mahina'ai St.
Waialua, HI 96791

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SR123

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Rev. Carolyn Martinez Golojuch, MSW	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

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Jonathan Starr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Wish to offer my strong support for SR123/SCR166. It is time. Aloha, Jonathan Starr

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From: TNR [tifnrai@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2013 11:10 PM
To: JDLEstimony
Subject: Testimony for Tiffany Kim in support of S.C.R. 166 and S.R. 123

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

My name is Tiffany Kim and I am writing in support of S.C.R. 166 and S.R. 123, which seek to convene a task force to study the social, economic and religious impacts of enacting marriage equality in Hawaii.

Over the past twenty years, Hawaii – and the entire nation – has seen a shift in public attitudes towards support for our gay and lesbian friends and family members. Many Hawaii residents support marriage equality. Our entire Congressional Delegation supports marriage equality. Our Governor supports marriage equality. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced her support for gay marriage and President Barak Obama announced his support for marriage equality before being elected to a second term.

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We believe that the information from the task force will provide the background information needed to educate the Legislature on marriage equality.

Mahalo for your time,
Tiffany Kim

From: Raina Itagaki [r.itagaki@icloud.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2013 11:08 PM
To: JDLEstimony
Subject: Testimony of Raina Itagaki in Support of S.C.R. 166 and S.R.123

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

My name is Raina Itagaki and I am writing in support of S.C.R. 166 and S.R. 123, which seek to convene a task force to study the social, economic and religious impacts of enacting marriage equality in Hawaii.

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Mahalo for your time,
Raina

Sent from Rai's iPad



**Young Democrats
of Hawaii**

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Testimony in Support of SCR No. 166 and SR 123

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

March 25, 2013, 10:30 am

Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the JDL Committee:

On behalf of the Young Democrats of Hawaii, I am writing to ask for your support of S.C.R. 166 and S.R. 123, which seek to convene a task force to study the social, economic and religious impacts of enacting marriage equality in Hawaii.

Over the past twenty years, Hawaii – and the entire nation – has seen a shift in public attitudes towards support for our gay and lesbian friends and family members. A poll conducted statewide of registered Hawaii voters revealed that 55% favor marriage equality, while 37% oppose. Our entire Congressional Delegation supports marriage equality. Our Governor supports marriage equality. And the President of the United States announced his support for marriage equality before being elected to a second term.

The requested task force represents a diverse group of interests and legal scholars, and requires them to study the effects of enacting marriage equality in Hawaii. The task force is quite timely given the anticipated U.S. Supreme Court decisions in *United States v. Windsor* (regarding the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)), and *Hollingsworth v. Perry* (regarding the constitutionality of California's ballot initiative banning same-sex marriages known as Proposition 8). It is in the best interest of all residents of Hawaii for the legislature to be prepared to address the legal realities for same-sex couples here after the U.S. Supreme Court issues its rulings.

We are hopeful that the information that this Task Force will provide additional information to educate the Legislature on marriage equality and contribute to the passage of marriage equality legislation in the future.

With Aloha,

Francis H. Choe
President

The Young Democrats of Hawaii represent over 1500 registered Young Democrats, between the ages of 16 and 35. We strive to stimulate in young people an active interest in governmental affairs, promote their involvement in the political process, increase the political strength of young people, and provide the highest degree of social justice and equal opportunity for Hawaii's people.

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**TESTIMONY FOR SENATE RESOLUTION 123 and SENATE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 166, REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A
TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND RELIGIOUS
IMPACTS OF ENACTING MARRIAGE EQUALITY IN HAWAII**

**Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hon. Clayton Hee, Chair
Hon. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair**

**Monday, March 25, 2013, 10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

Honorable Chair Hee and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing the IMUAlliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that currently boasts over 150 local members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony in strong support of SR 123 and SCR 166, relating to marriage equality.

As advocates for social equality and civil rights, we fully support measures that move Hawaii toward instituting marriage equality. While we are saddened that the State Legislature decided not to hear, much less advance, a bill legalizing same-sex marriage during the 2013 legislative session, we are confident that the task force called for by this bill will conclude that marriage equality will have a positive impact on Hawaii. We note that a 2013 report prepared by University of Hawaii economist Sumner La Croix found that legalizing same-sex marriage would inject \$46 million to \$258 million into Hawaii's economy. More importantly, such a law would end discrimination against into same-sex couples, whose attraction to one another has been shown to be primarily based on biological and developmental factors—the basis for relationships and attraction, no matter what they may be, *should not* be used a barrier to expanding civil rights. Put simply, institutionalized religion should not trump individual rights when it comes to enacting just public policy. That said, we encourage the committee to include the Attorney General or Attorney General's designee, Department of Taxation or DoTax's designee, and Chair of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission or chair's designee to the list of task

force members, thereby ensuring that the executive's legal, financial, and labor rights expertise is represented in considerations of the sensitive issues involved in marriage equality discussions.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this resolution.

Sincerely,
Kris Coffield
Legislative Director
IMUAlliance