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### **SB1054**

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Testimony for JDL on Feb 23, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tin Shing Chao	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the passing of SB1054

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Regina Duncan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support common law marriage/partnership benefits. This is important for individuals faced with life decisions where there is clearly a "spouse" type of relationship that should be honored as though it were family. Regina Duncan 808-250-9858 [Mauigina@gmail.com](mailto:Mauigina@gmail.com)

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February 21, 2017

TO: SENATOR GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIRMAN,  
JUDICIARY & LABOR COMMITTEE

FROM: LYRA JOHNSON

SUBJECT: SB1054 – In support

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

I want to express my support for this measure regarding common law marriages. This is an area that has a greater negative impact on women versus men. I have a female friend who was in a committed live-in relationship with a man for over 15 years. They spoke of marriage, and agreed that one day it would happen. Unfortunately, he died unexpectedly before a marriage was held, and now she must vacate his home due to no official marriage certificate.

I hope you will pass this measure, and make common law marriage legal.

Thank you.