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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB157
RELATING TO LICENSING.**

REP. MARK M. NAKASHIMA, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Hearing Date: April 6, 2021

Room Number: N/A

1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports this measure that
2 authorizes non-religiously affiliated individuals to solemnize marriages, as a matter of fairness
3 and parity. However, as drafted this measure inadvertently may place secular solmenizers at a
4 disadvantage by not clearly authorizing receipt of payment for services, as is provided for in
5 subsection (a). The department also recommends amendments to clarify that holders of civil
6 licenses may perform marriages for couples presenting a license to marry, to conform with
7 subsection (a).

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9 **Offered Amendments:**

10 Amend proposed subsection (b):

11 “(b) A civil license to solemnize marriages may be issued to, and the marriage rite may
12 be performed and solemnized by, any individual at least eighteen years of age, upon presentation
13 to such person of a license to marry, as prescribed by this chapter. A person with a civil license
14 to solemnize a marriage may receive the price stipulated by the parties or the gratification
15 tendered. The civil license shall be valid for no less than two years from the date of its issuance.
16 An individual who performs a solemnization of a marriage using a civil license pursuant to this
17 subsection shall obtain the prior written consent of each person for whom a solemnization is
18 performed under said license and fulfill all provisions of sections 572-13 and 572-15 applicable
19 to persons authorized to solemnize marriages.”

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Submitted on: 4/2/2021 7:01:04 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/6/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Rainbow Family 808	Support	No

Comments:

Rainbow Family 808 strongly supports SB157. Please pass this bill. Thank you.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Secretary/Board Member, Rainbow Family 808

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Testimony for JHA on 4/6/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Golojuch Jr	LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

The LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawaii's oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization, fully supports Senate Bill 157.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.

Chair

LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

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Testimony for JHA on 4/6/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamuela Werner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha:

I SUPPORT SB157.

Me ke aloha,

Kamuela Werner

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Submitted on: 4/3/2021 7:46:43 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/6/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In support.