

HB-248

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nikos Leverenz	Individual	Support	No

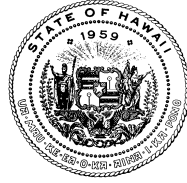
Comments:

Chair Nakashima, Vice-Chair Matayoshi, and Committe Members:

This bill allows for non-sectarian persons to solemnize marriages and perform civil unions. With an increasing number of persons identifying as non-religious, this bill sensibly creates non-sectarian options for marriage and civil union ceremonies.

Sincerely,

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB248
RELATING TO PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS.**

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

Hearing Date: February 9, 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 and civil unions. DOH
3 will be prepared to implement this policy, if enacted, upon approval.

4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

5 **Offered Amendments:** N/A.

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Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

good idea

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Rasa Fournier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill sets up a precedent that cheapens marriage and diminishes its sacred bonding of 2 people.