

SB-2136

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 8:44:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michael Golojuch Jr	Testifying for Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

The Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i (formerly the LGBT Caucus) Hawai'i's oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization fully supports SB 2136.

We hope you all will support this important piece of legislation.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.
Chair and SCC Representative
Stonewall Caucus for the DPH

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Submitted on: 2/12/2022 6:45:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Testifying for Rainbow Family 808	Support	No

Comments:

Rainbow Family 808 supports SB2136.

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

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Submitted on: 2/14/2022 7:22:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Eileen McKee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support the passage of SB2136.

Mahalo,

Eileen McKee

Kihei

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Submitted on: 2/15/2022 6:38:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michael Olderr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

People of all different minds and souls should be allowed to speak their minds, especially in the name of reaching justice. Do not silence any voice that can do good or disallow injustice.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2022 10:02:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Nikos Leverenz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, & Committee Members:

I am writing in strong support of SB 2136, which would add gender identity or expression to those categories where counsel may not exclude a person from a jury.

This is another important step forward in strengthening our state's non-discrimination laws. Trans persons have faced a long history of formal discrimination in dominant structures of power despite Hawaii's indigenous culture, where gender fluidity was accepted and valued.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Hawaii's trans and gender non conforming residents.

#TransRightsAreHumanRights

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Submitted on: 2/17/2022 3:13:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Joseph Brown III	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee,

I write in **STRONG SUPPORT** of this bill.

I will note that HRS §612-2 "Prohibition of discrimination" - already prohibits discrimination "on account of... sex." In *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia* (2020), the U.S. Supreme Court held that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits employment discrimination "because of . . . sex," encompass discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Under this interpretation, HRS §612-2 would similarly already prohibit discrimination on account of gender identity or expression.

While I believe the law currently includes this protection as it is currently written, I still support passage of this bill for its **explicit** inclusion of gender identity or expression as a protected classification. This will ensure stronger protections if violations occur, and will prevent courts from misinterpreting the statute.

Mahalo,

Joey Brown,

Kailua, 96734

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Submitted on: 2/17/2022 10:03:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Winston Welch	Testifying for Hawaii Rainbow Chamber of Commerce	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senators,

The Hawaii Rainbow Chamber of Commerce has as part of its mission advocacy for equality for all members of our society, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

We **STRONGLY SUPPORT** SB2136 to disallow arbitrary discrimination for service on a jury, one of the fundamental rights and obligations of citizens. We applaud the committee for advancing this legislation and all other legislation which seeks to eliminate discrimination in our laws and society so that all of its members may participate fully in civic and economic life.

Thank you for your consideration of this SUPPORT OF SB 2136.

Winston Welch, President

Hawaii Rainbow Chamber of Commerce