

SB-110

Submitted on: 2/3/2023 6:24:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Golojuch Jr	Testifying for Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

The Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i; Hawai‘i’s oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization fully supports SB 110.

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: 2/4/2023 8:28:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Testifying for Rainbow Family 808	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Rainbow Family 808 supports SB110. Please pass the bill

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Secretary/Board Member

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 12:44:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Abby Simmons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and esteemed members of the Committee,

I am testifying in strong support for SB110, to adopt gender neutral terminology for adoption and divorce matters.

There simply is no need to have gender specific terminology, as it is not relevant to the matters at hand. In fact, using gender specific terminology assumes that all marriages and divorces, are between a man and a woman and therefore are out of date. The same is true for adoptions.

Adopting gender neutral terminology is a necessary update to keep existing laws relevant to all marriages or divorces and adoptions.

Thank you for reading my testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2023 8:51:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dara Yatsushiro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please see my comments in SB109.

Divorce matters are complicated enough as is; please don't add further complication and confusion by insisting upon gender-neutral language.

The stress of divorce brings out the ugly in people so please let's not contribute more to that with insisting upon gender-neutral language that is sure to require additional descriptive language so as not to offend anyone.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 9:06:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE: This bill is more about politics than clear communication.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 7:13:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacqueline Cox	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the JDC committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 110, which requires gender-specific terminology used in adoption and divorce matters to be construed in a gender-neutral manner. As a nonbinary person who uses they/she pronouns, I know firsthand the importance of being able to accurately and truthfully reflect one's gender identity in legal documentation.

For many queer and gender nonconforming individuals, adopting children is a way to create a family, and it is essential that these families are able to use their correct pronouns on legal paperwork. I believe this bill is crucial in promoting inclusivity and respect for the LGBTQ+ community in our legal system.

The current system that relies on binary gender categories is not only exclusionary, but it also erases the experiences and identities of many individuals. By adopting a gender-neutral approach, this bill will ensure that all individuals are able to be recognized and respected in the legal system, regardless of their gender identity.

I urge you to support SB 110 and work towards creating a legal system that is inclusive and respectful of all members of our community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Cox

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 11:23:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thaddeus Pham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the JDC committee,

As a concerned citizen and public health professional, I am writing in support of SB110, which would replace gender-specific terminology used in adoption and divorce matters with gender-neutral terminology.

Hawai'i has established laws and policies that allow for people of all genders to get their birth certificate, driver's license and other documents updated, so it follows that other legal documents follow suit. The National Center for State Courts put forth that gender neutral terminology for judicial matter is important for "fairness, dignity, and impartiality". (https://www.ncsc.org/_data/assets/pdf_file/0028/84916/Gender-Inclusivity-in-the-Courts.pdf)

This bill is important for fair, equitable, and consistent legal proceedings in Hawaii, especially for matters related to local families.

Please support SB110.

With thanks,

Thaddeus Pham (he/him)

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the JDC committee,

Please support SB109/110, which would replace gender-specific terminology used in adoption and divorce matters with gender-neutral terminology. Gender-inclusive language is a powerful way to promote gender equality and remove gender bias from this world. It allows for individuals to have a safe space in which does not perpetuate differences between different genders. This, alone, empowers success, promotes inclusiveness, and demonstrates respect for all backgrounds.

Thank you,

Anika Martin (she/her)

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:18:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

Please support SB109/SB110 which would replace gender-specific terminology used in adoption and divorce matters with gender-neutral terminology.

Hawai'i has established laws and policies that allow for people of all genders to get their birth certificate, driver's license and other documents updated, so it follows that other legal documents follow suit. This bill is important for fair, equitable, and consistent legal proceedings in Hawaii, especially for matters related to local families.

I urge you to support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:26:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Renee Rabb	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB110 Gender neutral terminology

I support SB110 by Senator San Buenaventura, which clarifies that gender specific terminology used in adoption and divorce law should be construed in a gender-neutral manner. While it would be cleaner to implement the language of SB109, this is a helpful bill to avoid language disputes in the legal process.

Please pass this bill.

Mahalo,

Renee Rabb,

Keaau, HI 96749

District 4, Pct 2

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Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:39:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/9/2023 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cynthia Texeira	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB110.