

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee

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10/28/13 10:00a

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Subject: SP1

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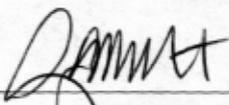
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**From:** Cassandra Ozoa  
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**RE:** In-Person Testimony on SB 1  
Thursday, October 31, Capitol Auditorium  
Position: Strong Support

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, My name is Cassandra Ozoa and I am a BSW student at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. I was born and raised in Hawaii and I am in strong support of SB 1, marriage equality for same-sex couples. I am in strong support of this bill because I believe that everyone deserves to be happy and also have access to the same rights, no matter what race, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. It is an injustice when the right to marry is denied to a certain number of individuals. Everyone should be allowed to love whoever they want and have a chance to marry whoever that person may be. In the eyes of those in the LGBTQ community, this is a clear sign saying, "You are not allowed to love your partner." It is a violation of their human rights to dictate who they can and cannot marry. It is no one's right to say how one should live their life. Hawaii has always been known to be accepting of different ethnicities, gender, cultures... why should sexual orientation be any different? There are challenges to this bill in terms of religion. However, when taking a step back and looking at the bigger picture as well as the effect that LGBTQ individuals have on other peoples' lives... there is none. The right to marry does not largely affect those who are opposed to this bill. Everyone grows up and hopes to have their dream wedding. Not allowing same-sex couples the right to marry is taking away that hope for the future in establishing a legal partnership with their significant other. Loving someone is not a choice. When thinking of every individual— gay, straight, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender, we all have a desire to feel loved and love the other in return. Marriage is a right that every individual deserves and should have. The right to marry allows for rights and benefits for all couples. Without marriage, some populations like the elderly face economic hardships. This is because their partners are not allowed to have survivorship benefits as well as other rights to shared healthcare like heterosexual couples. Prior to President Obama's address of discrimination polices in hospital visitations of same-sex couples, they were denied access to their loved ones. No one would want this type of infringement on their rights as a human being especially being denied access to their sick or dying spouses. It is time to move beyond "the traditional." There are advancements and advocacy that has been occurring for the LGBT community such as President Obama as well as Pope Francis. Society is continually changing and the chance at marriage for all individuals should be

**available. One day, I would love to see my family members happily married with their significant others just as I plan on doing. Thank you for this opportunity & please vote Yes on SB 1. Sincerely, Kassandra Ozoa**

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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. I never thought, in my life time, that I would see such a sweeping change in public attitude and government policy regarding LGBT issues. First, "Don't Ask Don't Tell" followed by gay men and women serving openly in our nation's military. Then, in June of this year, came the big 1 - 2, the U.S. Supreme Court's rulings on DOMA and California's Proposition 8. These rulings prompted changes in federal government policies, where more than 1000 benefits became available to same sex married couples that were previously enjoyed exclusively only by heterosexual married couples. The problem for us in Hawaii is that the federal government requires that you be legally married. Not in a domestic partnership, civil union or common law relationship, but legally married in the state in which you live and that state must allow and recognize same sex marriages. I am a 70 year-old gay retired military officer in a 26 year same-sex relationship. My partner and I have been through the good times and the not so good times that all relationships, straight or gay, go through. We laugh; we cry and have our disagreements. We truly love each other and entered into a civil union last September. As could happen to any married couple, we are going through some of those more serious challenges that present themselves as we travel through life's journey together. A few years back I was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and survived a heart attack. My partner has taken it upon himself to willingly see to my care and has been there by my side as my conditions worsen and as these diseases progress to their inevitable conclusion. The Veterans Administration attributes these conditions to my exposure to the defoliant spray Agent Orange during my two combat tours in Vietnam where I served as a helicopter pilot. I am 100% disabled and fortunately receive medical care and a disability pension. Married couples in similar situations receive additional disability compensation and a life long survivor's pension when the veteran passes on. As you know, presently, under Hawaiian Law, we cannot marry. As a result, my partner and I are completely cut out of receiving any of these benefits. The same goes for Social Security and over 1000 other federal benefits that opposite sex couples enjoy that same sex couples do not unless they are really married. Is this equitable? NO, it is not! Evaluate the irrational rhetoric; religious bias has no part in this issue no matter how loud they beat their drums. Please keep the church out of the

debate. Remember the "tyranny of the majority" where "might does not make right". The issue is not what the Bible says but it is about civil rights as guaranteed under our Federal and Hawaii State Constitutions. For those of you who favor the Relating to Equal Rights Bill as presented in the coming special legislative session, I urge you to hold your ground. Stay strong. Do not sway. For those of you who are undecided or opposed to it, I urge you to reconsider your position and do the right thing. Stand up and be counted. What's fair is fair. What's right is right. Please, make your vote, YES for Equal Rights. Thank you for this opportunity to testify. Respectfully, John A. Kimmell II Queen Emma Street Honolulu, HI 96813

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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families. After hearing some of the testimony against SB 1, I was struck by the many people claiming to be in opposition "for the children." A pastor testified, I don't recall his name, that children need to be raised in a 2-parent household that consists of a mother and a father. He argued that different genders parent differently. A child needs a father and a mother. He acknowledged that while a child can have two good mothers, the lack of a father is a disservice because a mother, no matter how good, can never be a father. As he said this I was outraged and insulted. I am a single-mother. My son is being raised by me, without his father. We are a non-traditional family. The arguments against same-sex marriage with this basis, that kids need a mom and a dad, are insulting to all of us, gay and straight alike, that are raising children in non-traditional households. However, this is not what makes me the most upset about this argument. My son, a bright, thoughtful, caring, respectful, and impressionable 8 year old (days away from turning 9), heard this pastor. I saw him internalize the pastor's message. The look on his face as he understood that the pastor is saying his upbringing is lesser than those coming from a traditional household spoke volumes. By saying gay marriage is a disservice to kids, is harming kids, and is damaging to families not only criticizes the adults but also the children. Those of you testifying and arguing that it is for the children should stop to think about what your words do to the children. When you espouse hate under the guise of religion, when you espouse hate under the guise of "caring for the children," what you are doing is a disservice to the children and families. We should be teaching our children tolerance and respect for everyone, not hate cloaked in intolerance. Ultimately what you should do is vote for equality. Regardless of your religion or the religio景礎峻回潤獨栳時淡灑灑栳栳戩獨搗漠敲  
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The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.  
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**RE:** In-Person Testimony on SB 1  
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Position: Strong Support

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. I'm an honorably retired veteran of the US Navy, and I have suffered humiliation and indignities as the result of institutionalized inequality, both while serving my country and as a resident of this state. After "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" became law, a Master Chief at my command began emphatically using the phrase "flaming homosexual mistake" every time he saw something wrong. He was a senior enlisted leader, and I was a subordinate without recourse. As a gay man, I felt I was being attacked, indirectly but harshly. In 1998, before Hawaii voters passed the amendment allowing the legislature to define marriage, equality opponents ran an ad in which an actor incredulously stated, "I can't marry my dog!" sending the message that same-sex relationships are as ridiculous as a man wanting to marry his dog. Horrible. As long as inequality is institutionalized, there will be people who will view that as an excuse to go one step further and attack GLBT citizens of this state, directly or indirectly, harshly, emotionally, physically, spiritually. Institutionalized inequality will embolden some to deny or deprive us of our jobs, property, homes, and even our lives. Equality is a core American value, prominent in the Declaration of Independence and US Constitution. The US Supreme Court has specifically ruled in favor of marriage equality. Now is our time. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families. Thank 濤<sup>5</sup>潦<sup>5</sup> 桴<sup>5</sup>猱<sup>5</sup>漠<sup>5</sup>灰<sup>5</sup>枯<sup>5</sup>畴<sup>5</sup>楮<sup>5</sup>褊<sup>5</sup>瑱<sup>5</sup>整<sup>5</sup>瑾<sup>5</sup>晚<sup>5</sup> 勻<sup>5</sup>獵<sup>5</sup>潤<sup>5</sup> 耗<sup>5</sup>運<sup>5</sup>敲<sup>5</sup>滯<sup>5</sup>擊<sup>5</sup>枋<sup>5</sup>滌<sup>5</sup>杀<sup>5</sup>愁<sup>5</sup>汨<sup>5</sup>拂<sup>5</sup>活<sup>5</sup>

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TED L. NAKIHO

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke Finance Committee

RE: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

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City, State:

Waipahu, HI 96797

Subject:

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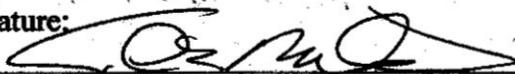
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I oppose this bill because it will infringe upon our freedoms protected under the First Amendment and will have far reaching consequences that nobody seems to be discussing. Whether it is freedom of speech, education or employment, this bill will impact our future and forever change our history, customs, and culture.

Finally, we voted on a constitutional amendment in 1998 giving the legislature the power to limit marriage between opposite sex couples and did not give legislators the right to define marriage as we are finding out only now! The only legitimate way to change this is to let we, the people, decide. Why should less then a hundred people decide what's good for almost a million people that live here in Hawaii? Please do not circumvent the democratic process!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify against this special session and against this bill. I look forward to further instructions on obtaining my ticket number.

Signature:



Date: 10/29/13

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Position: Strong Support

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. I am a 45 year old registered voter, and I am a law-abiding, tax-paying, contributing citizen. Making this bill become law will give my husband and I full and equal rights under the law for the first time in our lifetimes. Yet it is said that we live in a land that ensures freedom, liberty and equality. My husband of five years and myself have shared in a tremendous commitment of love and support for one another. We have done so while being marginalized and degraded because our government would not protect our fundamental equality by treating us and those like us as undeserving or unworthy of the same treatment as our brothers and sisters. This law doesn't give us marriage. We are already married. Married in California, married according to the federal government, married in our eyes, married in the eyes of our friends, our families, our co-workers and our communities, married to each other. HB 1 in its essence says nothing more than, that our lives are equal, our marriage is equal, our rights are/should be/ will be equal. That our government recognizes our commitment and our shared lives equally. That the significance of our love is as real and important as the love of any other committed married couple. That, while in some ways different, in every way we are human, we are American, and that we should not be victims of discrimination due to the beliefs, values and prejudices of the many. It is incumbent on our legislative leaders to maintain this special session in keeping with the times and realizing that the current system is unfair, exclusive and incongruous with the core values of freedom, liberty and justice this country was founded on. You must realize also that the majority will never likely treat us as equals since they can not understand that we are the same. Our love is as unique, cherished and honorable as their love. My husband and I ARE married. Nothing can change that. We are asking that you do the proper thing and provide us with the rights, privileges, responsibilities and satisfaction that come with the state's recognition and validation of that marriage. It will provide us with equality that we've never truly experienced and it will take nothing from anyone else. Your exclusionary amendment regarding churches has accomplished that protection. We urge you to pass HB1 in this special session and provide true unquestionable equality once and for all. As for religious freedom- my God is loving, accepting, patient, understanding, inclusive, kind and wants everyone to be treated as they

**themselves would wish to be treated. My God would never take offense to fair, equal, compassionate understanding and support of a relationship rooted in love, trust, respect, dignity, loyalty and faith. Whoever has different religious beliefs is welcome to them, while remembering that an essential division between church and state are imperative for freedom of religion to truly be preserved. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.**

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To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Place: Capitol Auditorium

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To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke Finance Committee

RE: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

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Cith, State: 91-6571 KAPOLEI PKWY EWA BEACH HI 96706

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**From:** Robert Bidwell  
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Honolulu, HI 96825  
BidwellRob@aol.com

**RE:** In-Person Testimony on SB 1  
Thursday, October 31, Capitol Auditorium  
Position: Strong Support

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, My name is Robert Bidwell and I am submitting this testimony in strong and heartfelt support of Senate Bill 1. I thank you for taking the time to consider this legislation which, if enacted, will bring our Hawai'i `ohana closer together in understanding and inclusiveness to the benefit of thousands of families, and their children, across our state. I submit my testimony as a pediatrician, as a father, and as a gay man who has made Hawai'i his home for over 30 years. As a pediatrician and adolescent medicine physician at Kap'i'olani Medical Center for Women and Children since the 1980s, I have provided health care and counseling to hundreds of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth in our community. I have provided care to many more in my former position as Associate Professor of Pediatrics (and now Associate Clinical Professor) at the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine, fulfilling Judiciary and Office of Youth Service (DHS) contracts to provide health services to youth residing at the Juvenile Detention Facility in Kapolei and the Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility in Kailua. One of my most important roles is to provide LGBT youth in my practice with hope for a happy and healthy future, assured in great measure by the presence of loving, supportive and committed relationships in their lives. As I have come to understand through my decades of pediatric practice in Hawai'i, relationships that are based on love and commitment and that are officially recognized and supported by the broader Hawai'i community are relationships that are strengthened because of that recognition and celebration. Committed, loving and nurturing relationships are important not only for the two individuals in that relationship, but also for the children they might raise together, and for our Hawai'i `ohana as a whole. As a gay father, this legislation has important implications for both me and my son, who I love so much and whose safety and well-being are my most important responsibilities in life. The protection and support that comes from the official recognition of same-sex marriage has been well-documented locally in the testimony you have received from many individuals, families, and agencies in support of this legislation. It has also been well-documented in the literature of my profession. It is for this reason that in March 2013, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) issued its official policy statement wholeheartedly supporting same-sex civil marriage. This policy is entitled "Promoting the Well-being of

**Children Whose Parents are Lesbian or Gay” and states that the AAP “supports pediatrician advocacy for public policies that help all children and their parents, regardless of sexual orientation, build and maintain strong, stable and healthy families that are able to meet the needs of their children.” On June 26, 2013, following the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision supporting the right of same-sex couples to marry, the President of the AAP, Dr. Thomas McInerney, issued a response on behalf of the AAP, stating: “Today, the U.S. Supreme Court issued two historic decisions affirming the right of same-gender couples to marry. The American Academy of Pediatrics has advocated that civil marriage for same-gender couples is the best way to guarantee benefits and security for their children. If a child has two loving and capable parents who choose to create a permanent bond, it’s in the best interest of their children that legal institutions allow them to do so.” As individuals who care deeply about the people of Hawai`i, I urge each of you to vote in favor of SB 1. With your support for equality for all of Hawai`i’s people, we can make our state an even better place to live, work, and raise our children. What a visionary and meaningful legacy to have. Respectfully submitted, Robert J. Bidwell, M.D**

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Name Winifred N. Mokiano

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke Finance Committee

RE: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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**From:** Elizabeth Jordan  
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**RE:** In-Person Testimony on SB 1  
Thursday, October 31, Capitol Auditorium  
Position: Strong Support

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. I'm a middle school teacher who supports the rights of ALL of my students to feel worthy of love and to dream of a happily ever after. The freedom to marry the person you love is a basic freedom that should not be denied to anyone. Gay and lesbian couples get married for similar reasons as everyone else - to make a lifetime promise of love, commitment and fidelity to the person they love. No classroom should contain students who are considered less deserving of the rights and responsibilities that accompany these commitments. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.  
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**RE:** In-Person Testimony on SB 1  
Thursday, October 31, Capitol Auditorium  
Position: Strong Support

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. The issue of gay marriage in this State mirrors the legalization of interracial marriage in this country. Just fifty years ago, many in society did not like the idea of interracial marriage. At the forefront of the opposition were white church leaders, arguing that it would go against the word of God and that the church should be exempt and not have perform interracial marriages at all. Today, many of Hawaii's keiki are products of interracial marriages, and most of the population does not have a problem with two people of different races marrying. And it is somewhat baffling to think that a large segment of the population opposed interracial

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**Thank you for the opportunity to testify.**

**Crystal Goo  
Waipahu, HI 96797**

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**RE:** In-Person Testimony on SB 1  
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**Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. This is not as complicated as some people would have you believe. This is about EQUAL RIGHTS. If we had waited until the CHURCH evolved, we would still have slavery in America. If we waited for MEN to evolve, women wouldn't vote. It is time for this legislature to evolve and make a decision based on MARRIAGE as a CIVIL RIGHT. Mahalo ahead of time for voting in SUPPORT OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY.**

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**RE:** In-Person Testimony on SB 1  
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Position: Strong Support

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. I am a 24 year old gay man who looks forward to marrying my partner. I strongly support this bill, as I feel that my marriage will not effect the marriage of anyone else. Marriage should be about love, commitment, and happiness. We want to have the same rights as everyone else. We want the same options as everyone else. This bill would give us that equality. We are not asking o redefine marriage, we are not looking to dominate the state, we are not looking to force our lifestyle onto those who do not accept it. We are simply asking to be treated the same as heterosexual couples.

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**RE:** In-Person Testimony on SB 1  
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Good morning Chairs Rhoads and Luke, Vice-Chairs Har, Nishimoto and Johanson, and members of the committees: My name is David Lane Henkin, and I am testifying as a father of two wonderful children. I strongly support Senate Bill No. 1. If the State is to confer rights and impose obligations on its citizens based on their participation in a committed relationship, it should not discriminate based on whether the individuals forming that couple are of opposite sex or the same sex. Senate Bill 1, which removes the discriminatory ban on same-sex marriage, is vital to confer on all the people of Hawai'i equal protection under the law, regardless of sexual orientation. My daughter is thirteen years old, and my son is ten. As a parent, my hope is that, some day, they will find happiness in a committed relationship with someone they love. When they do, I want to ensure that they will enjoy the same legal rights - both state and federal - as any other citizen of Hawai'i, regardless of the sex of their partner. I also want to ensure that the State does not stigmatize their relationships by relegating it to second class status. Please pass this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony.

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**RE:** In-Person Testimony on SB 1  
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Position: Strong Support

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. I retired to Hawaii after forty years of federal service with the expectation that the rainbow state would honor my partnership once it became recognized by the federal government. To my surprise DOMA was overthrown before Hawaii could act. Please catch up! If marriage equality is not enacted by Hawaii, I am moving back to the mainland. Obviously I can get married someplace else, like California, but why would I want to live in a state that doesn't recognize me as a full human being? Thanks for your support

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The first humans and the first marriage had to be a man and a woman or else the human species would not have continued. If people want to do something different, that doesn't make it right, nor should the government approve it.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Josiah Hung  
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**RE:** In-Person Testimony on SB 1  
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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. Separate is not equal! As a Hawaii citizen, I should be able to marry the one I love in my state. I've been denied this right for far too long. The freedom to marry the person you love is a basic freedom that should not be denied to anyone. Gay and lesbian couples get married for similar reasons as everyone else - to make a lifetime promise of love, commitment and fidelity to the person they love. In Hawaii, we don't turn our backs on family. No member of anyone's ohana - gay or straight - should have to face shame because of who they are and who they love. The government should not be in the business of telling people who they can and cannot marry. None of us would want to be told that it is illegal to marry the person we love. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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**RE:** In-Person Testimony on SB 1  
Thursday, October 31, Capitol Auditorium  
Position: Strong Support

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. I am an attorney on Maui. I pay taxes and serve my community in many capacities including serving on many boards and commissions, volunteering and taking care of my 85 year old mother. I am uncomfortable asking for a right that should be mine simply by virtue of my humanity and citizenship. This bill will not limit or infringe the civil rights of others, rather it will allow us to become equal citizens. It will change the definition of marriage and expand it but the definition of marriage has changed throughout history as we have evolved. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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