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Mahalo,

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Adriane K. Fonoimoana Hauula

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The definition of marriage was already decided on by the voters of Hawaii in 1998 and as evidenced in the testimonies submitted to the Senate, as well as the rally at the capitol Monday evening, the majority of people in Hawaii still believe marriage should be for one man and one woman. Not only for religious reasons, but for emotional and social reasons too. If same sex marriages passes, it will only be a matter of time before proponents of other relationships such as polygamy, polyamory, etc will seek lawful recognition of their desired unions. It's already happening in other states where same sex marriage has passed. This is a detriment to a healthy and stable society and will further weaken natural families which are the foundation of any strong community. Natural marriages or unions are the only biological and scientific possibility of producing off-spring. It is physically impossible for same gender relationships to produce children and to suggest otherwise is unnatural.

These bills also fall woefully short on the provisions needed to protect the religious liberties of those whose faith does not support same sex marriage. Laws are supposed to protect our rights and this proposed bill violates our freedom of religion as set forth in the constitution.

SB1 and HB1 provide no protection for the right of parents to remove their children from public school classes that support or promote same sex marriage or minimize the importance of marriage between a man and a woman. This is wrong!

The Senate failed to represent their constituents fairly, opting instead for their predetermined personal agendas. Please heed the voice of the people and be our true Representatives of the majority, and not buckle to the demanding minority.

Vote NO on SB1 and HB1 and vote YES to NATURAL MARRIAGE.

Sincerely,

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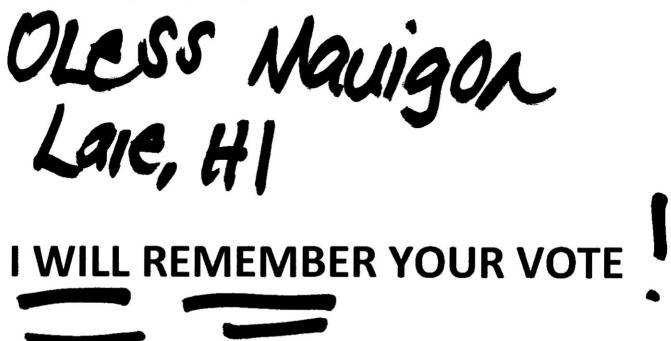
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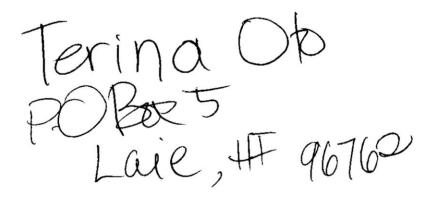
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However; as the results unfold; the people of Hawaii might finally realize; that voting is important and their vote; can leave them without a vote and for sure; with out a vote; no vote.

I propose each family should create their own political office within their domain; parameter; household.

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Mr. Abercrombe is quite aware of the process.

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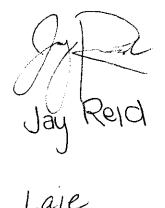
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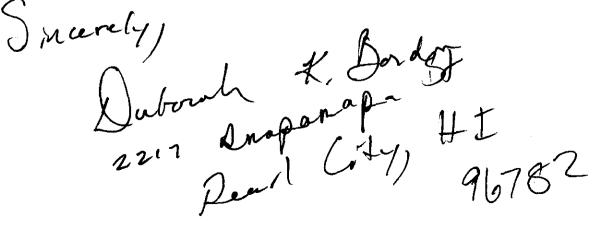
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TO: HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RE: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Anson Rego and I was born and raised in Hawaii, I have been an attorney in Waianae for over 40 years. I previously forwarded an unsigned copy of this testimony on Wednesday morning and I feel compelled to add to my Senate testimony the following.

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My Additional Testimony to the House Committees reviewing the Senate Bill is as follows:

For your information, the Senate Committee cut off the number of persons who wanted to testify. It then limited testimony to 30 seconds, enough to say hi and bye, thereby discouraging them from being heard after waiting to testify for hours. The agenda apparently was to stop public comment and get the bill passed ASAP.

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The above legal analysis again above is just a partial list of the cases/legislation of destructive effects of same sex unions/marriages on OUR religious liberty, children, parental rights and free speech. Almost every day I learn of a new case or situation from my research and the research of others.

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you have difficulty finding the testimony:

http://www.hawaiireporter.com/gay-marriage-bill-should-be-passedafter-more-religious-liberty-protections-are-included/123

These law professors said basically that Hawaii should do the right thing and protect religious freedom from potential government penalty for refusing to host same-sex marriage ceremonies. PLEASE READ THEIR THOUGHTFUL SUGGESTIONS BEFORE YOU VOTE. They reminded us that the Legislature represent all the people of Hawaii—They warned not to divide us into two camps—the opponents and the proponents—as Senate Bill #1 now does!

One final point--- Words actually mean something. Trust in our legislature requires truth and fair treatment for all the people of Hawaii show in your actions and words!

Before this special session and only after a closed non-public session of House members with the Governor, House Speaker Joe Souki was quoted to say same sex marriage is inevitable and that polls are now 50-50 in Hawaii. Before the session, the Speaker was also quoted to say his mind was made up and he will be voting with the majority in favor of this Senate same sex bill. Before the session, the Speaker also said "opponents" (I assume the word "opponents" means the majority of "people of Hawaii"?) are afraid of the unknown. Before the session, Speaker finally was quoted to equate a vote against same sex marriage to be not treating or accepting everyone as human beings?

First, I say LET THE PEOPLE VOTE. We will then find if the Speaker can be trusted for speaking the truth! For example, many of us recall that in 2011 the Legislature found "that the people of Hawaii choose to preserve the traditional marriage as a unique social institution based upon the committed union of one man and one woman." I recall we trusted you. We believed you were speaking the truth when you approved civil unions and you preserved marriage for a man and a woman. Truth does not change in 2 years! The Entire fabric of our society depends upon marriage and should not change in 2 years under the circumstances of a rushed-get it done-we got the votes today-special session. Ιf the Legislature in 2011 was speaking the truth, did the truth change And, if the House Speaker is so certain that the polls in 2 years! now show a "split 50 - 50" against same sex marriage, why is he afraid to allow the people to vote and decide?

Second, the Speaker's words were chilling and clearly caused but hopefully was not intended to discourage the majority of Hawaii's people who want to keep marriage between a man and a woman from attending these hearings or sending in emails. Yet he basically informed them that their appearance at their House would be futile.

Third, with all due respect to his position, did not the Speaker call the people of Hawaii supporting traditional marriage ignorant and uninformed by saying opponents are afraid of the unknown? Of course this is untrue! Many of us are informed. We fear the known and obvious consequences of same sex marriage. So, we want you to prevent those already known consequences. Certainly, you are NOW aware of the Massachusetts and other States experiences on religious beliefs/rights and the horrific Canadian consequences. We and you know that these foreseen consequences, which are being added to daily, will happen here too if this Senate Bill remains unchanged! In law, stare decisis means authority or decisions established in previous legal cases in other jurisdictions are often relied upon by a court in Hawaii to be persuasive when deciding subsequent Hawaii cases with similar issues or facts.

Finally, is the Speaker really saying that everyone testifying against same sex marriages which are clearly most of Hawaii's church goers and others, including members of his own Catholic faith in Hawaii, are bigots? Rather than resorting to name calling, Hawaii's people deserve and are awaiting for true protection for religious freedom.

Finally, we trust our doctors, our lawyers, and our close friends. We have to. But how can we trust this Legislature when the Speakers actions and Senate Committee chairs actions evidence they do not intend to listen to let the people vote besides not even listening to them. Why so much done before a special session to predetermine the same sex marriage vote outcome? Why discourage the people of Hawaii opposing same sex marriage without clearly informing them of the inevitable consequences? Why only 30 seconds to speak?

So what then should the State House of Representatives do at the present time in light of these facts and legal consequences?

#1 PLEASE LET THE PEOPLE VOTE---from Waimanalo to Kahuku to Makaha!

AND IF YOU REFUSE TO LET THE PEOPLE VOTE ----

#2 YOU CAN DEFER SENATE BILL #1 TO AND ALLOW MUCH MORE EDUCATION/FORUMS/DISCUSSION TO TAKE PLACE

#3 FINALLY, AT LEAST-- PLEASE GREATLY BROADEN THE RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION AND BE CONSISTENT WITH THE FEDERAL AND STATE CONSITUTION PROTECTING FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION?

WHY? To ensure Hawaii's people free exercise of religious liberties guaranteed to us in both our Federal and State constitution. Again, please read the comprehensive discussion and proposal for changes in the religious exemption wording by four professors of law who submitted testimony on Senate bill 1--

http://www.hawaiireporter.com/gay-marriage-bill-should-be-passedafter-more-religious-liberty-protections-are-included/123

In conclusion, Hawaii should do the right thing. Protect religious freedom from potential government penalty for refusing to host samesex marriage ceremonies. One can be tolerant and love their neighbor and still be against this same-sex marriage law proposal which clearly violates religious freedom and is itself intolerant to others' freedom of expression and beliefs. We--all the people of Hawaii deserve protection-Don't divide them into two camps-the opponents and the proponents! Don't rush to judgment where fools rush in....

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Comments: I am Cooper Borge. I am a 20 year old student at University of Hawaii at Manoa. I oppose the SB1 bill. I stand on the side of religious freedom.

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Comments: Dear Members of the Legislature, As a voter and citizen in Hawaii, I want to express my gratitude for all of you who serve our state and dedicate your efforts to provide all citizens with the best laws, measures, and benefits. I acknowledge that all of you are in positions to best represent your constituency. With this in mind, I am deeply concerned with SB1 to allow gay marriage in Hawaii. First and foremost, I do not see the urgency on passing this bill in such haste. Of the 35 states where gay marriage is not legal, Hawaii is the only one requiring a special session. Is this really necessary to pass without giving the citizens enough time to view the bill, voice their concerns, and have significant time to meet with their representatives? This really bothers me because in a period of 5 days, there is not enough time to fairly hear all concerns, deliberate accordingly, and make amendments. First, There are a number of issues with this bill. In Section 8 580-1 Jurisdiction, why are we catering to non-residents that would gay couples have residential exemptions dropped for marriage and divorce? This bill provides special treatment--not equal treatment. Will Hawaii become the gay marriage and divorce capitol? Moreover, I am deeply concerned about the gender neutral language of the bill in 572c The Rights of Parents. This will further complicate matters of parenting and opens pandora's box for litigation. Take the example of a same sex couple who utilize a carrier/provider, the carrier/provider changes his/her mind about their desired involvement with the child, and the same-sex couple divorces. Who has parenting rights? Secondly, I am concerned over the social aspects of this law that exceed only providing equal marriage rights. In the near future, my child will probably be attending one of the public schools in Hawaii. As evidenced in other states that have legalized gay marriage, there is an agenda by proponents to indoctrinate students at all grade levels with their view of equality. I stand by the belief that it is the parents who hold the final authority in distilling moral values to their children. As Governor Abercrombie already stated on the FAQ section for the bill, the education system will follow the law of the land. Who will determine the age to indoctrinate children with the gay agenda especially when other states are beginning as early as Kindergarten. Third, this law dangerously leaves open various possibilities for litigation against religious institutions. How does the bill define who "makes a profit?" This is not clearly defined. Furthermore, there is only protection for solemnization of marriage. What about the

other roles ministers take such as counseling, funerals, youth retreats, . It is also not clear on facility usage. Many churches allow people of the community to rent their facilities for other ocassions such as baby luaus, anniversaries, birthday parties, and retreats. Those instances are not mentioned. What about other types of services like schools and hiring staff? There is no clause in the law that will protect religious beliefs and practices in hiring. I also do not see why organizations, such as religious adoption agencies cannot refuse to adopt children to same-sex couples, especially if there are other agencies that allow it. Again, I want to thank you for your time here today. Please understand that I respect and care for the GLBT Community. Although we have different ideologies, I do not wish to demean, disrespect, or discriminate. Why do we need to rush this ambiguous bill? How does it benefit our children? Why limit religious freedom? Aloha, Marion Logan

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