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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
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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DAVID K. FLORES SR.

Name

David K. Flores Sr.

911693 KANOLU ST EWA BEACH HI, 96706

Address

FROM: SETH FLORES

To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

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

Place: Capitol Auditorium

Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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Seth Flores

Name

Seth Flores

91-1643 Kaulolu St. Ewa Beach HI 96706

Address

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To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

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Mahina Hallums

Signature

91-1042 Anauau St. EWA 96706

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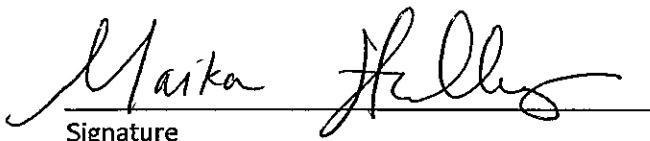
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MAIKA Hallums

71.1042 Anauuan St. Ewa 96706

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Mana Hallums

91-1042 Anauana St. Eua 76700
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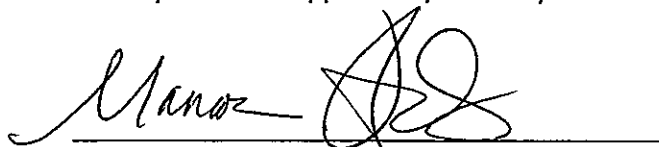
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Signature

Manoa Hallums

71-1042 #A3, Anaunau St. Gwa 96702

Address

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Stewart Choi
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Ewa Beach, HI 96706
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91-210 Mikiala Place

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96706

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91-1115 Halemanu St
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41-157 Nahi St.
Waimanalo, HI ~~96795~~ 96795
Address

From: Lillian Naehe
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41-157 Nalu St.
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Name

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91-1643 Kaulolu St. Ewa Beach HI, 96706

Address

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91-1643 KAUFOLI ST ENA BEACH HI 96706

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Name

Helamah Flores

961643 KAUKAU PI. EWA
Address

BEACH HI 96706

FROM: DESTRY FLORES

To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

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91-1643 KAUKOLO ST, LEWA BEACH HI. 96706

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91-1643 KAUPOH ST EWA BEACH HI. 96706
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91-210 Mikiala Place
Ewa Beach, HI
Address 96706

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Name

91-210 Mikiyala Place

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

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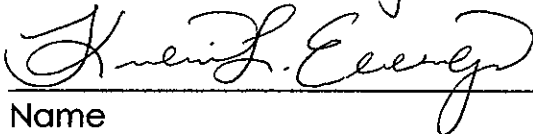
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91-1105 B Maka'aloa St.

Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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Duane Eldredge

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Woodlyn Daylin Naehe

Signature

41-157 Nahu St.
Waimanalo, HI 96795

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Vana Naihe
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41-154 Nahu St.
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From: Sharoni Naehe
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Sharoni Naehe
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Kent Randall

To: The House Judiciary Committee

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Kent Randall 
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91-1034 Waipaa St.
Ewa Beach, HI 96706
Address

Ashton Yamamura

To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee

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Name

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Ewa Beach, HI 96706
Address

Madison Yamamura

To: The House Judiciary Committee
The House Finance Committee

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

Place: Capitol Auditorium

Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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City, State: Ewa Beach, Hawaii

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Lacey Kustreht

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Ewa Beach HI 96706
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The House Finance Committee

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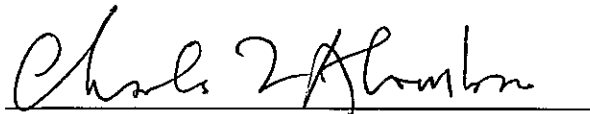
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From: Raymond Ae

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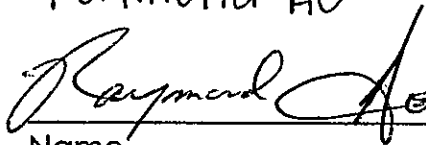
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I am writing in strong support of SB 1.

Equality means equal. Equality should know no race, color, religious affiliation, sex or sexual orientation. Those kind of labels only seek to divide us. We are the human race. If we are truly equal, as the constitution states, then there is only one decision you can make and that is to provide marriage equality to all couples. To deny some couples the right to marry while allowing others to marry is not equality, it is division.

I hope Hawaii stands for equality, not division. Love knows no race, color, religious affiliation, sex or sexual orientation. Hawaii should be beyond labels that only divide us and move forward to unite all of Hawaii's ohana.

Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Lisa R. Anderson

PO Box 1338

Honokaa, HI 96727

atsargirl@gmail.com

To: Committees on Judiciary and Finance
From: Jack Law
Re: **STRONG SUPPORT** of S.B.1, Relating to Equal Rights

Victor Hugo, the great French poet and author, stated, "*Nothing is stronger than an idea whose time has come.*" This certainly applies in Hawaii for same-sex marriage.

Same-sex marriage, in the State of Hawaii, with religious exemptions, will go the way of the rest of other U.S. States, the District of Columbia, Canada, many states in Mexico, many South American countries, most of Europe, The Republic of South Africa, and even some Asian Countries are considering it.

Our conservative leaders on same-sex marriage, should look to the future when same-sex marriage will commonplace everywhere in Hawaii, and the rest of the world, as it is now in the places already mentioned.

If a legislator votes against same-sex marriage, how will their legacy stand the test of time? How will they feel 10, even 20 years after the vote, to have to say they voted against the equality of their fellow men and woman? What will they say to their children and grandchildren?

To the Hawaii legislators, vote for the future, vote for an idea whose time has come, it will be your legacy.

Jack Law
Kaimuki
808-737-8862
808-386-6498

There are two ways to submit written testimony in regard to SB1, Relating to Equal Rights.

The House Committee on Judiciary (JUD) and the House Committee on Finance (FIN) have scheduled a joint hearing for Thursday, October 31, at 10:00 a.m. in the Capitol Auditorium (located on the Chamber level). The hearing notice specifies that written testimony may be submitted up to 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing.

So for electronic testimony, make sure you submit it before 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 30, 2013.

There is no special format required for written testimony.

That said, you will want to make sure to:

- Include your name (you'd be surprised how often this gets overlooked!).
- Address your testimony to the committee (in this case, "The House Committees on Judiciary and Finance").
- Mention the measure you are testifying on (SB1).
- Include the date and time of the hearing (October 31st, 10:00 a.m.).
- Indicate whether or not you'll be present to testify in person.



We also encourage you to prominently state at the beginning of your testimony whether you support or oppose the legislation.

The legislature is providing two different ways to submit your testimony. **Choose one method only. Do not submit your testimony multiple times.**

- 1) **Online Form:** <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/submittestimony.aspx>. After logging in, you'll be asked to complete a simple form and then will have the choice of whether to type your testimony in the "comments" box or attach it as a document (much as you would attach a document to an email). *Note: If this is your first time offering testimony via the online form, you'll have to first register your email address and create a password; you'll have to access your email account to confirm your registration before you proceed.*
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Please contact the Public Access Room (PAR) at 587-0478 or par@capitol.hawaii.gov if you have questions or need further assistance.

To: Representative Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee Chair
Representative Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee Chair
Representative Sharon Har, Judiciary Committee Vice-Chair
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Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Finance Committee Vice-Chair

From: Gabe De Vera
G.devera808@yahoo.com
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

RE: SB 1
Thursday, October 31, Capitol Auditorium
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TO: Representative Karl Rhoades and Representative Sylvia Luke

RE: SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

October 31, 2013

My name is Paul Gouveia. I would like to add my written testimony in support of SB1. I was hospitalized many years ago at Maui Memorial Hospital because I had lost a lot of blood due to a bleeding ulcer. At that time, my partner, David Brass, could not get information regarding my condition because he was not family. While domestic partnership is now recognized in Hawaii, same sex partners still suffer in similar and very different ways today because they do not have the same legal rights that straight married couples have. In the Spirit of Aloha, we must extend the same compassion and love deserving of all. It is the humane and enlightened thing to do and the time is now. I am strongly in favor of legalizing same sex marriage in Hawaii.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Gouveia

1461 Mokuna Place

Honolulu, HI 96816

808-953-5526

paul_gouveia@yahoo.com

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 10:00a.m.

From: Deborah Ward

City, State: Honolulu, Hawaii

Subject:

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION AND SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL,
SB1 Relating to Equal Rights**

Dear Chair Rhoads & Chair Luke:

As a concerned citizen, I am submitting testimony against this special session and the bill that would legalize same-sex marriage, SB1 Relating to Equal Rights. I oppose the special session because it rushes the democratic process and does not give we, the people, sufficient input in the legislative process.

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. The only legitimate way to change this is to let we, the people, decide. Please do not circumvent the democratic process!

The Constitution guarantees freedom of religion to individuals, not just churches. Who will protect individuals from legal challenges by homosexuals due to our religious beliefs?

Thank you for the opportunity to testify against this special session and against this bill.

Signature: Deborah L. Ward

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From: Tayro Acosta
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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. The road to marriage equality has been long, challenging, and has had it's time waiting for this moment to become amongst 14 other states legalized and recognized by society. I have supported my community through previous testimony in support of Civil Unions, Gender Expression, and Gender Identity. I am seeking your support now for Marriage Equality. I understand that this road has not been easy for you as our elected officials, but I hope that you can see that this issue is bigger than what is portrayed. Hawaii's diverse and unique culture has had its history of challenges, trials, and turmoils, but there is one thing that has stood the test of time. "Ohana". Lilo and Stich said it best "Ohana never gets left behind." Our LGBT community is apart of this Ohana, it has been for many generations and will continue to be apart of our history and culture. We are a community that loves, supports, and cares for all who surround us. We disagree, we agree, and we support like any other person. We are simply asking for the same and equal rights as our hetrosexual community. To be able to love who we want and to be recognized because of the long lasting relationships we build. I am currently in an 8 (eight) year relationship. In those eight years we have had our ups and downs, or challenges and trials, but have reminded by each others side through the thick and thin. I have also experienced a close call with my partner having to go through back surgery and then following that surgery about three weeks later having a stroke. My life without my partner would not be as happy if I were denied access to medical records to understand my partners needs, denied access to obtaining certain documents because I am not listed and recognized legally as the sole caretaker or provider. If I were denied benefits on health care, state and federal taxes, or any other privileged rights that a heterosexual married couple are afforded currently. I entrust that you will make the right decision and that our elected official see that marriage equality is the right, the Pono thing to do. I thank you for your time and consideration and look forward to making history once again in Hawai'i. Mahalo,

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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. Many opponents of the Bill would have you believe that there are moral justifications for opposition. The truth is that there is no reason that the government should restrict any persons' pursuit of life, liberty and happiness. In George Orwell's book *Animal Farm*, a famous quote goes like this. "All animals are created equally, but some are more equal than others." As we stand as a nation, every citizen is afforded equal protection of the law. To deny same sex marriage goes against the very principals of democracy. There are a myriad of attacks on why same sex marriage should not be allowed. Including condemnation from churches, education, and fear of being reprimanded for speaking out against this. In the issue of overzealous churchgoers, we must not let church teaching get in the way of the ultimate pursuit of Justice. There is such thing as separation of church and state, just as the government stays out of personal church policies so should churches. I look at this logic from this point of view. In the Catholic Church, the Priesthood is reserved for men only. A revered OCCUPATION. Under the current laws of the United States it is illegal to discriminate against anyone based on race, religion, sex and sexual orientation. The government has long since understood the religious order of things and have stayed out of this. Why then do religious groups all of a sudden fear being persecuted. I offer up one more perspective as to why religion should have no merit in the decision of this bill. If I was Hindu, and I went to the legislature to propose a bill that would ban the consumption of beef in any way shape or form, I would be laughed at and quite honestly the bill would go nowhere. Now this is my religious view, and I view this as one of the biggest sins. But of course this is not everyone's views. Religious perspectives have their place but do not allow them to dictate the course of action of the state. The two entities are separate for a

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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. Hawaii has a long history of supporting civil rights of its people through its laws and actions. Often Hawaii leads the efforts, for example in the area of women's rights. Often Hawaii is in the lead in civil rights matters. However, that is not so in this case. Marriage equality is supported in other states, the courts and local and national administrations. It is time for Hawaii to be included in that movement. We have discussed this subject long enough. "No" is never going to be the right answer. It is time to decide. Please vote in favor of SB 1. Carol Wilcox

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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. Marriage is a right given to all humans and people should have the right to marry one another when both parties consent. Recent research into human psychology is starting to show that homosexuality is normal and giving these people their equal rights is critical for the human race to become a more accepting society. The culture in Hawai'i is to never judge someone for their character. One does not always get a chance to choose their character, and homosexuality is one of them. Our culture has evolved to give and to do what we can to make others happy. This basic human right is one of them and we cannot turn backs on this simple belief. The purpose of the government is to serve the people and to create and uphold laws that is morally right and to prevent people from acts that are morally wrong. Same-sex marriage is morally right because these people deserve equal rights and to do what makes them happy. The result of same-sex marriage does not impede or interfere with other people's lives, so why is it such a crime? 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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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 have been with my same sex partner for 11 years. We have been very happily married under California law for 5 years this coming Thursday, the day that we hope Hawaii too will decide to recognize our marriage. We feel that we should have the right to be recognized as a married couple here in our home state just as any opposite sex couple. Discrimination should not be a part of Hawaii law. We hope you will support us in fighting for our rights. 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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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. Marriage, and or the exact rights that are afforded to married couples should be extended to any two individuals regardless of sex. Discriminating on the basis of the sex of an individual will be viewed as barbaric, the same way we condemn those who seek to prevent marriage between people of two races or religions. All people were created equal, and all people should have the same rights, regardless of gender, race or sexual orientation. 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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Position: Strong Support

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I remember the day when Governor Lingle vetoed the Civil Unions Bill. Even though it was only a small minority who celebrated that decision, it was painful to watch those whom I love, whom I have always treated as my ohana, look me in the eye and smile, when they told me that I didn't deserve the same freedoms that they did. Passing Marriage Equality won't stop or prevent hatred. There is still much to be done. But passing this bill is an incredible step in the right direction, and it is completely in line with the true values of Aloha; of inclusion, kindness and equality for all. Laws don't change people. People change people. Laws provide a structure that should ideally enhance our ability to effectively communicate with compassion, reason, and understanding. You have a chance to create that opportunity here today; to make right what is wrong, to allow true aloha and true freedom to prosper. What you decide here, today, could inspire generations to come. Let's send the message that all our Ohana is appreciated and loved. Please pass this bill. Thank you for this opportunity to testify. Justin Hashimoto

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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing to express my support for SB 1. As a resident of Hawaii, a graduate student at the University of Hawaii, and a gay man; I am writing to urge marriage equality to be passed in this state. I would like to start off by saying, that I do not plan to be married at any point, but I believe two consenting adults should be allowed to be legally joined if they please. I think marriage is an institution that serves those who want it the best. For me, knowing that I am with my partner on my own volition and am in no way legally bound to him brings more gratification and joy to our relationship. As for the people who believe gay and lesbians should not be married, they have provided no evidence for the harm they proclaim will come by establishing marriage equality. All of their arguments seems to have a religious underpinning and not based on evidence or facts. This country and state are supposed to have a separation between church and state. By allowing the major religions of the country to dominate legal opinions, one would not be maintaining the separation that is required to have democracy, and not a theocracy. I urge you to pass this bill and continue to work to establish unbiased freedom for everyone in this state and country regardless of religion, creed, sexuality, skin tone, or any other category used to separate us. Thank you for your time.

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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. Hawaii is known for its diversity, tolerance, and promotion of families of all kinds. As such, it should be at the forefront of the marriage equality movement. Although the legislature has made some strides in promoting equality by allowing civil unions, we all know that separate but equal institutions cannot be truly equal. Now that the Supreme Court has removed barriers to federal recognition of same-sex marriages, the difference in benefits for couples who can and cannot be legally married in Hawaii are stark. As a member of Dignity Honolulu, a group that advocates for acceptance of LGBT families in the Catholic church, I have been heartened to see progress in the Church's relationship with LGBT people. In particular, I am extremely appreciative of Pope Francis's statements about non-judgement, and recognition that the Church's obsession with sexual issues has been harmful. I wish that some of our local church leaders would heed his words, and open their minds to allow the same evolution in thinking that the Pope, the President, and millions of others have experienced in recent years. I wish that they could see the people that I see at Dignity services every week - kind and faithful people whose love is unquestionably a blessing from God. I have seen people who have been together for decades, through sickness and health and all kinds of hardship, while being denied recognition of the validity of their relationships and equal rights under the law. The separation of church and state is necessary in order to preserve the integrity of both institutions. Religious liberty is a cornerstone of democracy, and it includes not only the freedom to practice the religion of your choice, but also the promise that the government will not make decisions based on preference for the religious beliefs of one group over another. We allow people to eat pork, cut their beards, and work on Sundays, even though there are people who believe that these things are sinful. If someone were to claim that it was necessary to prevent anyone from ever eating pork in order to preserve "religious freedom," we would instantly recognize this as a logical fallacy. Just as the intrusion of religion on legislative decision making threatens democracy, so does the over-politicization of the church threaten its primary purpose of attending to the spiritual needs of its followers. The repercussions of this have been felt in many religious institutions, as many people, particularly younger people who overwhelmingly support equality for LGBT people, have become disillusioned with religious leaders that have been more focused on

influencing politics and promoting discrimination than on true spiritual ministry. I believe that recognition of the sanctity of same-sex relationships is an important religious issue, and hope to see major changes in denominations that currently endorse inequality. However, I also believe that religious concerns should be wholly separated from legislative decisions. Legally, there is no justification for this kind of discrimination. Please make Hawaii a welcoming place for all families. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Aloha. I am a Honolulu citizen writing in strong support of SB1. While visiting Washington state, I had the most incredible opportunity-- I saw marriage equality become law in WA. Almost immediately, the atmosphere was transformed to an overwhelming spirit of love. Couples who had felt "less than" legitimate for years, sometimes decades, who thought this day might never come-- FINALLY were accepted by their society. The joy they felt, and we felt for them, overflowed into the streets. People celebrated and held their loved ones tight. It was a historic day. Many tears were shed. Now you have the chance to bring this same joy to the state of Hawaii. Please make the right decision on behalf of a vulnerable minority and for the ohana who love them. Hawaiian citizens should not have to leave their home state to have their union recognized. Like most, they want to celebrate with their families and friends in the place they call home. Forcing them to travel is not equitable. Even if it were, this issue is about more than equity. It is about EQUALITY. Nothing short of true equality will ever be good enough in the Land of the Free. The American Psychological Association tells us that homosexuality is NOT a mental disorder and is not harmful. What IS harmful? Telling a child that they are worse human beings because they are homosexual or have homosexual parents. THAT is damaging, and THAT is what causes bullying and suicide. When we deny homosexuals the right to marry, we ARE telling them they are not equal to us. That is a terrible message of hate to send to our fellow man. This bill will not "encourage" more people to gay. (As if anyone would choose that difficult path.) Gays and lesbians have always been around for as long as heterosexuals-- but they have had to hide and feel ashamed. Think how much stronger our society would be if we embraced these people-- our neighbors, cousins, coworkers, and keiki. When our society finally embraces all people, and love prevails, we will all be stronger. This bill would add loving, committed marriages to our society. How could MORE LOVE be anything but beautiful? Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I respectfully urge you to vote for marriage equality SB 1. This is a basic civil right. There is no excuse to discriminate against same gender couples and deny them benefits and responsibilities. Non traditional families should be supported and nurtured so they can fully contribute to our community. I am writing in strong support of SB 1. 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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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, Mahalo for standing for equality, fairness, and compassion. Mahalo for standing up for those people from a heavily persecuted minority group who strive for simple legal equality. If marriage is offered to one person, it should be offered to another. The government would not build a road, then say, "Only whites can travel on this road" or "only men may travel on this road". But for over a thousand federal benefits, it is true that "only heterosexuals may receive these benefits". You may as well have said, "Only heterosexuals may drive on this road". You could change this frightening inequity with one simple vote. As a man married to a woman, I am aware of my privilege. No one has fired me, or kicked me out of my home, because of my orientation, although these things have happened to LGBT friends of mine. LGBT people are frequently bullied, beaten, and publicly humiliated. This pervasive atmosphere of emotional intimidation follows them everywhere they go. For the government to deny them the same basic legal rights afforded to others adds injury to insult. Several individuals giving testimony will probably mention florists, bed and breakfast owners, or wedding photographers, who wish to discriminate against LGBT people. They will say that this bill offers them no protection if they discriminate. It is very sad that these individuals are arguing that discrimination should be legal. That sort of discrimination has been illegal in Hawaii for seven years now, and marriage will not change that existing law. The argument is a red herring. It is unrelated to marriage and unrelated to SB 1. On a different note. Overall I want to convey a positive message. I want to tell you about the amazing joy I have seen in the faces of dozens of LGBT friends who got married in other states. The happiness felt by their churches, their families, their keiki, and their co-workers. I was in Washington State during the time that same sex marriage became legal there. As the crowds lined up to get their wedding licenses, we sang to them, "Going to the Chapel and we're Going to Get Married!" Their joy, after waiting decades for the moment of marriage, was overwhelming. Please allow that joy to be felt by thousands of our Hawaiian ohana right away! Please pass SB 1 today, for the happiness of Hawaiians. Mahalo David Lyman

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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing to you in strong support of SB 1. No one should be denied the benefits and privileges associated with marriage because of the sex of one's chosen partner in life. The freedom to marry a partner of one's choosing is a basic right, a civil right. No one should be denied this right. While I respect the viewpoints of those whose religion dictates rejection of same-sex marriage, these religious viewpoints, thankfully, cannot legally determine who does and who does not get civil rights in the United States. As one of our founding fathers, James Madison, said: "in no instance have [ecclesiastical establishments] been the guardians of the liberties of the people". In Hawaii, we don't turn our backs on family, anyone's family. No member of anyone's ohana – gay or straight – should have to face shame because of who they are and who they 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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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. Just because you are from the same ohana or community doesn't mean you share the same beliefs. Some believe GLBT individuals should have the right to marry and some do not. That is ok because we live in a place where diversity and culture is celebrated. Having said that: I am respectfully requesting a yes vote from you today. Today you have the opportunity to stand on the right side of social justice and liberties for all, and not who people deem worthy by a vote. Civil liberties should never be voted on, but granted. Hawai'i has an opportunity to correct a wrong (writing legislation to take a group of people's rights away). Bills and legislation should always be written to grant people rights not take them away. For example: "Separation of Church and State" was put into place to GIVE individuals the right to practice there religious beliefs. This was and is a great part of our nation. Let's be clear though- religion has no place in this conversation as we are not asking for religious freedoms, but are in fact requesting civil rights under the original constitution of our island home. Mahalo for always listening and aloha, Renea
Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I support bill SB 1. The 14th Amendment supports equal protection in Hawaii. Please bring the state up to date with the Federal Constitution. Love is a 1st Amendment right of free speech also, to declare a union in marriage with another regardless of gender. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equal

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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. Discrimination is wrong. The United States, and especially here in Hawaii, is a beacon of freedom and equality -- no matter your color, sex, religion or sexual orientation. For over two hundred years, people immigrate to this country because of those freedoms.... it's a proud history with some very dark stains of discrimination weaved in to its past. Over time many of these discriminatory practices were made illegal, and Marriage Equality is long overdue to get the recognition it deserves. Some say it should be sent to the ballot box. Would slavery have ever been made illegal if southern voters had the choice to vote on the issue? No, I'm sure not. Some say it is a religious principle.... I believe our constitution clearly emphasizes separation of church & state. The current legislation protects the churches and their freedom to deny gay marriage in their church. Fine. But I do agree that if they are using public facilities for their practices, they should have the same respect for all citizens, no matter their sexual orientation. They can't practice their discrimination using tax-payer paid facilities. They can do whatever they want in their own churches. Please vote for what is right and vote in favor of SB1. I appreciate your kind consideration.

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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing to affirm my strong support of SB 1. It is time to assure fairness and equality for everyone. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families. Thank you for this opportunity to offer my testimony. Bob Miyake-Stoner

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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. As a heterosexual there has never been any question from the state of Hawaii that I can marry any woman I love or choose. Unfortunately this is still not the case for my gay sister or my gay friends. They are denied the "right" to marry the person they love and want to commit to share their life with. Simply because their sexual orientation (not by choice). This is simply not right that the state of Hawaii should restrict marriage to heterosexual couples only. 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. 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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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, Aloha to you all. I am writing in strong support of SB 1. It would have been wonderful to grow up here knowing that I could marry either the woman of my dreams or the man of my dreams. Please make this a reality. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families. Thank you for this opportunity to testify. Aloha,
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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of SB 1. I am a faculty member in the Ethnic Studies Department at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I teach about the history of social movements and the struggles for social justice and civil rights, and the impact on communities here in Hawai'i. Support for marriage equality is our chance to make history and demonstrate to future generations our commitment to social justice and equal rights for everyone. I ask each of you to support SB 1 and appreciate your consideration.

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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I'd like to submit testimony strongly in support of SB 1. I see this as the most important civil rights issue of this generation, and I urge you to take a decisive stand to be on the right side of history. As a straight man with 3 month old child, where my family is protected by the rights and privileges enshrined in the institution of marriage, I see no reason that other families should be denied these rights simply because they are not based on a heterosexual relationship. I have many friends, colleagues, students, and former students, who are gay. Some of them are fortunate to have been married in other states, and I can categorically say that their relationships are as strong, committed, and loving as any I have seen among my heterosexual friends, and they make exceptionally understanding and nurturing parents that serve as a model to me. The exclusion of these families from the rights and protections of legitimate marriage is a great injustice. 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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Aloha, I am a voting, heterosexual, Christian woman and I STRONGRLY SUPPORT marriage equality. It is time for ALL of my friends to be able to marry, not just the ones who identify as hetero. For far too long, the churches have preached hate to my friends. This is not okay! The churches religious freedom will not be impacted, but daily my friends are harrassed and bullied for their orientation. Allowing marriage equality in the great state of Hawaii, I believe, will begin the healing of the LGBTQ community. Aloha for LOVE! Mahalo, A registered voter 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 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 promi

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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. Top reason to vote yes: Equal rights for everyone and as a representative in our secular government it is your duty to ensure that our constitution is upheld. I can understand if you have religious objections, but our secular government stands independent of religious commandments for a reason. That reason is simple, religious freedoms for all are not infringed upon by the religious beliefs of a few. We are not asking you to conduct same sex marriage ceremonies in your center of worship. We are asking that the government grant the right, freedoms and dignity to all consenting adults that wish to join their lives together. Period. 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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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 straight woman, married to my wonderful husband Troy, and we have 2 little girl 4 and 18months old. In my house we teach our girls that everyone is equal. When I teach my daughters this, I want this to be true. I teach my 4 year old that she can like blue and play with trucks if she wants. And boys can play with dolls and like pink if they want. She knows that 2 women or two men can get married as long as they love eachother. She's not confused, she's not traumatized, she knows to accept people and be kind to others. Love is the most important thing. And I'm proud that those are the values she will be raised with. Gay marriage does not divide. Hateful people do. I believe in God. But I do not believe that God would discriminate or condone discrimination. But saying that I also believe in the clear separation of church and state. Marriage is a human right not a heterosexual privilege. It should not go to the people to vote because you don't get to vote on rights. That's why they are called Rights. 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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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, Aloha, I'm here to say that I strongly support bill SB1 and hope you do too. To me, I don't see this as a religious issue, but rather a human issue, a human right issue and a legal issue. This is a threshold decision which will help change the future of our State, a change for the better. Change is inevitable, it's a constant. You can't hold your breath forever or make the tide not ebb. A positive change would be to be inclusive of all our brothers and sisters. No one ever said change would be easy, as a matter of fact, I'd bet most people would say change is difficult, but change we must. If you deny change, you get sick, stuck and cause dis-ease. Well, we're at the dis-ease part, so how about we change? How can extending to a smaller, yet very significant segment of society the same rights that the majority enjoys, be wrong? It is inclusiveness. It is 'ohana. I certainly understand certain groups' oppositions, one especially of a Judeo-Christian point of view. Having been raised in a predominately Christian influenced society and household, I know this won't be easy on conservative Christians of our islands, but it's like good medicine and will help get rid of the dis-ease. It'll take some time. And along the way maybe we'll learn something awesome about each other. Expand. Evolve. Breathe. Pass Bill SB1. It's a human thing and it's the right thing. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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where the rights of its citizens are cherished and Aloha is abundant. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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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. My partner and I have been together for almost 20 years. Together we have raised her triplets (I met them when they were three years old). All three graduated from Kapolei High School in 2009. Indeed, all three were excellent students and one of them was the #1 Valedictorian. This past May, two graduated from a Mainland college. The third will graduate May, 2014. One of the graduates will be going into the Peace Corp in January, 2014 while the other is working in New York and assessing various law school programs. We believe that we have nurtured productive, intelligent young adults. While my partner and I did not think we could ever get married in Hawaii, the events of the past weeks have given us hope and we realize how important the ability to marry has become to us. We recognize that some of our Hawaii ohana do not believe in same gender marriage and we respect that. That is their choice. Often that choice is based on a religious belief. We respect that. We do acknowledge, however, that we are a country of laws. We are all equal before the law. We want to have the same rights accorded heterosexual couples. I am old enough to remember when, in some states, it was illegal for a white person to marry a person of color. Many of the same arguments were used against interracial marriage as are used to condemn same gender marriage. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of

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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. Will this testimony even be read? I hope so. I hope that someone takes the time to read every testimony, for and against this bill. I hope that after careful consideration a vote for marriage equity will prevail. I hope, in essence, that LOVE prevails. I am a happily married mother of one. Having the option to marry and start a family is a right everyone should be allowed to choose. There are many people who get married for silly, stupid, selfish reasons. But to deny those who want to marry for love? That is something I cannot understand. Hawaii is known as the Aloha State. A state that supports love and family. A state that is steeped in culture and tradition, yet still embraces development and progress. Let this be a step in the right direction. Let Hawaii be known as a state of progress. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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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 am Shon Kamaka and I have been with the love of my life for 3 years now. We did the civil union on July 27, 2013. We are recognized by the state of Hawaii, but not federally recognized. Meaning if we move anywhere else we will not be recognized. 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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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, Today is my wife's and my 32nd wedding anniversary. The first thing I said this morning, not long after opening my eyes, was "Happy Anniversary." I posted news of my anniversary to my Facebook friends, and by midday I had 60 or so "likes" and congratulations. We are so lucky, my wife and I. Among my friends who are generously sending their best wishes are people who have lost their spouses, people who are divorced, people who never found their life partners and, of course, people who were not allowed to marry. This last category is especially poignant since this 32nd anniversary of mine falls during the special legislative session now convened in Hawaii to consider whether our state should allow gay couples to marry and whether it should recognize the marriages of gay people from other states. Thirty two years ago, in Connecticut, my wife and I made vows to each other in front of our friends and families about how we would spend our lives together and what we would endeavor to be for each other throughout our marriage. We spent an inordinate amount of time crafting those vows to our mutual agreement because we believed they were important. We spoke them out loud, as you do when you get married, because we were proclaiming them to all. The chapel rang its bells at the end of our service to announce to the whole town what had just happened. Marriage is a unique and unusual experience that everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy. My wife and I knew that we were entering a profession in which people move a lot and in which couples often find themselves in different locations for extended periods. It's one of the reasons we decided to marry. In 32 years and counting we never needed to think twice about whether our marriage would still be relevant when we moved to a different state, which it turns out we did often. We never worried when we were in different locations, even living in different states sometimes, because we knew that, if something happened, our friends, families, and even the legal system would endeavor to find our spouse. I think back on the probably hundreds of times that I have written "spouse" down on a form next to my wife's name and thereby taken advantage of mountains of legal and societal favoritism because of our relationship. But legalities aside, there is the special meaning that attaches to the state of marriage as we now view it. Even as non-religious people who were pretty carefree in our youth and who, in fact, were really not that interested in getting married, my wife and I still decided to exchange vows in a chapel in front of a gathering of people. Why? Simply

put, it was because we loved each other and we wanted to celebrate that love with the other important people in our lives in the unique and special way that our society recognizes. We wanted our ohanas, our families broadly defined, to participate in our union, and we wanted the world to agree that we were united in marriage. Once you do that, you're all in it together, and that's the point of marriage. My gay friends who are in committed relationships announce their "anniversaries" from time to time on Facebook. They get a lot of "likes" and congratulations too. But I know they are keenly aware that their anniversaries have quotes around them. They are not real wedding anniversaries, and that matters. Those of us with the privilege of marriage don't celebrate the day we met, the day we moved in together, the day we "knew," or even the day we became engaged. No, we celebrate the day we stood in front of friends and family and vowed to spend our lives together. Gay people want to dream about that day too, and I hope that soon in Hawaii, and then the rest of our country, they will. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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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. My partner and I have lived together for 47 years. Far longer than the average heterosexual marriage We would have married a long time ago if we had been permitted to do so. But, in direct opposition to the Constitution of the nation and our state, we were not permitted. The freedom to marry the person you love is a basic freedom that should not be denied to anyone. The Constitution demands equal rights for ALL citizens - no exceptions 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. We are veterans, we are small businessmen who have paid a lot of taxes through the years. We vote in every election. We support community organisations. We are model citizens. We don't discriminate against any other person but we are discriminated against every day The government should not be supporting discrimination by telling people who they can and cannot marry. That is a betrayal of the Constitution and a betrayal of the Constitution is a betrayal of the nation. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families and honor your pledge to uphold the Constitution. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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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. Thank you for your public service, and I hope I can continue to count on your full support of constitutional equality for all consenting adults who wish to marry in a civil ceremony that grants all rights and privilege (such as you both enjoy) including same sex couples. Rights should never be for sale or be piecemeal, and if they are, that undermines an economically stable society that can move forward together to achieve common goals that improve life for all. 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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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. There is a great deal of emotional language - and frank vitriol - surrounding the issue of marriage equality. This is a polarizing issue, to be sure, and many have voiced their own opinions (legal, spiritual, emotional) in this process. I am a student physician, and cannot help but look to an evidence-based perspective. There is a large and growing body of consistent evidence, on the subject of marriage equality / inequality and its ramifications. The vast majority of objective peer-reviewed studies on this issue have demonstrated a) that introduction of laws supporting marriage equality does not adversely affect either same-sex or heterosexual individuals, and b) that laws banning same-sex marriage are associated with adverse outcomes. As a representative example, I cite 'The Impact of Institutional Discrimination on Psychiatric Disorders in Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Populations: A Prospective Study' (Hatzenbuehler et al, American Journal of Public Health, 03/2010). This is a large, prospective study which followed >30,000 individuals nationwide between 2001-2005. The authors assessed rates of DSM-IV-defined psychiatric diagnoses and stratified data in well-matched groups on the basis of LGBT orientation and whether the individual lived in a state which passed legislation banning same-sex marriages over this period. "Results: Psychiatric disorders defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition, increased significantly between waves [2001-2002] and [2004-2005] among LGB respondents living in states that banned gay marriage for the following outcomes: any mood disorder (36.6% increase), generalized anxiety disorder (248.2% increase), any alcohol use disorder (41.9% increase), and psychiatric comorbidity (36.3% increase). These psychiatric disorders did not increase significantly among LGB respondents living in states without constitutional amendments. Additionally, we found no evidence for increases of the same magnitude among heterosexuals living in states with constitutional amendments." The authors conclude that legislation banning same-sex marriage is strongly associated with adverse mental health outcomes among the LGB community. In other words, discrimination is not benign. I emphasize that this is a representative study, and I encourage you all to look further into the supporting body of data. I encourage you to support marriage equality, in the interest of our entire community's current and continued good health. Aloha, and thank you for your time.

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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, As a heterosexual married woman, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. Gay and lesbian couples deserve the same equitable treatment and legal rights my husband and I have as a married couple. 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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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, My name is Jeff Esmond. My youngest son turned one five days ago. My older two children are three and a half and very proud of their baby brother. If ever there was a couple who believed in family and wanted children, it was us. We went through 9 in vitro fertility attempts in order to give birth to our 3 children. That's not easy, believe me. Need I tell you how much we wanted children? How much we wanted a family? Families come in many forms. For my children, they have had two parents from the day they were born. Unfortunately, their parents, my Civil Union partner and I, are not able to get married in the State of Hawaii. We are real people and our children are real people too. We represent what so many people seem to be afraid of, a loving family of 2 Daddies with happy children. No one can look at our children and tell me they don't deserve the dignity of having their two parents be married under Hawaii state law. No one can look at me and my partner and say that either. I hope I never have to explain to my children that as a family, we are second class citizens. This is not an 'us vs. them' debate. This is simply an 'us' debate because this affects every single one of us. That's because there are gay people in all of our lives, whether we admit or acknowledge it or not. Whether it is our immediate family members, our co-workers, our friends, our neighbors, the person who helps us at a place of business, or the person we help. We are not some separate minority group that can be isolated and continued to be treated as second class citizens in a secular state, we are a part of all of us. Denying us equal treatment does not mean we don't exist. This has been a more than 20 year discussion. It's time to move forward. Please support SB1 and vote yes so that all couples including couples with children and all children can be treated equally.

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Sincerely Adesina Ogunelese Olinda- Makawao

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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 am a retired Episcopal priest and proud that our Bishop and Diocesan Convention voted last Saturday to endorse Marriage Equality. Our Diocese has 40 churches statewide with 9,000 members. They will welcome gay persons who wish to be married. I am also a father and grandfather who has lived in Hawaii nearly fifty years. I have five children and seven grandchild. Four children are in traditional marriages and one is gay in a relationship for ten years. I wish that if this bill passes that all couples will be able to enjoy all the benefits of marriage. Please pass SB 1 as it is a just law which will make an injustice right. The Rev. George M. Lee 808-735-4550 2468 Lamaku Pl, Hon. HI 96816

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God, save us from your followers. Good luck to the committee members who have to deal with the ignorance of those sad and angry citizens, who have been fooled by their religious leaders to spout mindless rhetoric based on fear and unmitigated lies (legal, social, and scientific), in direct and ironic contravention of the principles embodied by their self-proclaimed savior Jesus Christ. I pray in particular for the souls of those leaders who would distract their too-faithful flock with fantastic notions reinforcing social prejudices while ignoring the real issues that true thinking Christians would find much more threatening to God's alleged vision of peace and love in human society. Good luck, God bless, and please pass this measure so you don't have to go through this again!

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Dear members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, Aloha. I'd like to submit my testimony regarding same-sex marriage that you all are discussing during this special session. Some people are gay. It's just a fact, even if you don't like it or try to turn it into a choice or a sin or a conspiracy or an evil agenda. And the Hawaii House of Representatives represents ALL Hawaii's citizens – not just heterosexuals and not just the people of one particular religious persuasion. The issue of same-sex marriage is a simple matter of fairness and equality. It will allow gay couples to benefit from all of the rights and benefits afforded married couples by the federal government and by the state of Hawaii. I hope it will also remove the second-class citizenship status that gay couples have long endured. I about fell over yesterday when I read that some were suggesting that gay couples in Hawaii face no discrimination anyway – they can just fly to California and get married and then receive all the federal benefits they want! According to this logic, it's fine for gay couples to get married and receive federal benefits, as long as there are no same-sex marriage ceremonies IN HAWAII. How ridiculous. It just illustrates how opponents of same-sex marriage seem to be willing to say anything in hopes of striking a chord somewhere. Same-sex marriage will not have any adverse effect on society or on the individual lives of those who feel the need to oppose it. It's about extending the promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to all of Hawaii's citizens. I am astonished by the tremendous amount of time, effort, and money that some of these churches are expending to oppose same-sex marriage. I wish we could all get as fired up about solving problems in Hawaii. Then we'd really accomplish some great things! Thank you for doing the right thing for all of Hawaii's citizens. Sincerely, Darrell Kicker 91-1207 Kaneana St #1 Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am a registered voter and a resident of Kaaawa, Oahu. Please add my name to the numbers of citizens who support marriage equality. I am writing in strong support of SB 1. I believe marriage should be permitted between any two people, regardless of their sexual orientation, if they wish. Cordially, Rebekah Luke

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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 have been in a strong, monogamous, relationship with my partner, Michael Looney, for over 12 years. We have weathered the storm as a same-sex couple and have experienced the unequal treatment that a heterosexual couple would not, especially in the way we pay taxes on our income and health benefits. We were legally married in Washington State this year and moved to Maui in June. We were ready to experience paradise and Aloha from the people. When Mike went to get his Hawaii ID Card, he listed me as his emergency contact. The woman processing his application asked who I was. Mike told her, "Chad is my husband". She immediately responded "He is not your husband here". How cold and heartless. This is not in the spirit of Aloha. We are hard working, tax paying Americans that happen to love each other. We are harming no one. We only want to be treated equally and fairly in the eyes of the law. 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. 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. Sincerely, Chad Marshall Kihei, HI

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Honorable Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, My name is Dan Abrahamsson and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in strong support of Senate Bill 1 in its present form before this Committee. In November 2000, my long time gay male partner of 24 years died of lung cancer. Until he was diagnosed with cancer, 16 months earlier, we lived a wonderful harmonious loving life together. Just like any heterosexual married couple, we enjoyed our relationship of love, planned for our future and for our retirement at old age. However, there was a big difference at the end. We could not marry, or obtain the many benefits and privileges that heterosexual couples were given for a secured and protected future in old days, simply because we were a same-gender couple. When my partner died, the property and the assets we both had worked and saved so hard for were taxed much higher and differently than if we had had the opportunity to marry. Because my partner's relatives accepted our loving relationship, I was fortunate to be allowed to care for and visit my partner at the hospital during his illness. I was allowed to arrange his funeral according to his own wishes. I know of friends that did not have relatives who were as tolerant as ours. These friends were not allowed to care for or visit their partners, let alone to attend the funeral of their loved one. The time has come to stop wallowing in antiquated dogmas and superstitions. Attempts to stop the Marriage Equality Bill have nothing to do with legality; they simply respond to uninformed public opinion as

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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. Hello, my name is Bradley Kane and I would like to marry my partner, Erik. Six years ago, I decided to start my family. I was a single man, at the time, and I had the unexpected opportunity to adopt my son, Aiden. I brought my son back to Hawaii when he was two weeks old and since then have dedicated my life to him. A few months of just Aiden and myself I decided to finally go on a first date with someone after communicating with him for the previous six months. I brought my son on the date, this person needed to know what he was getting himself into if he wanted to date me. On this first date, we went to a Thai restaurant in Manoa and it really was love at first sight. We had wonderful conversation and connected with each other. Our relationship continued to grow and we continued to learn from each other. When our son started talking, Aiden called me daddy and my partner was baba. Our son started speaking Mandarin and English from the beginning, we enrolled him in preschool, we enrolled him in kindergarten at Hahaione Elementary School in Hawaii Kai, where we live, and he is now in the 1st grade. Exactly three years after our first date, I proposed to Erik on the top of Tantalus and we shared a romantic five-course meal prepared and served by great friends. Why am I sharing this with you? Some parts of my story might resonate with you. While the experiences may not be the same, I am sure we have shared the same emotions, you and I: unconditional love when you saw your child for the first time, feelings of new love with someone you have been dating, and deep love and adoration when you realize that the person you have been building your life with is the one you want to spend the rest of your life with. In 2010, marriage was moving closer and closer to reality. I proposed to my partner with the hopes that we might be able to legally be married one day. Civil Unions came along and we were happy to see movement, but we knew in our hearts that this was just not the same thing. Marriage for my partner and I would mean extra stability for our family, more resources to provide a good life for our son and our future children, and knowing that our relationship will be treated the same as other married couples throughout the country. This isn't about gender, and it shouldn't be about orientation. It's about two adults having the freedom to choose to be together and have that togetherness, that union, our marriage accepted in the eyes of the law just as any other couple. This is important to us; I suspect that this is important for you too. The freedom to marry the person you love is a

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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 am straight, and I support the passage of changing the law to allow same-sex couples to marry. Marriage is crucial for LGBT families. A growing number of gay and lesbian couples have children. The Human Rights Campaign estimates that about one third of all lesbian couples and one fifth of all gay couples have children. This means that there is an ever growing need by LGBT families for protections by the state. Their children need protections just like the children in heterosexual families. Allowing same-sex marriage will stop the discrimination against the children of LGBT parents, because it will allow their parents to enter a State and Federally recognized relationship that will confer the same protections that we confer to a heterosexual couples. Civil Unions is not marriage. DOMA has been repealed and not allowing same-sex couples to marry in our state denies them Federal benefits. That is not fair nor just. Marriage would provide benefits to LGBT couples and their families that they would have no other way to receive. There have been numerous law review articles detailing how the majority of rights provided by the status of marriage cannot be duplicated through separate contracts. Not to mention, why should the State make it harder for an LGBT family to receive the same rights extended to a heterosexual family? Isn't that outright discrimination? The opponents to same-sex marriage like to talk about how their religion doesn't allow for the recognition of ho

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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 important for us (my family) to be recognized as a legal married couple and not just civilunionized! Sure, it's also about federal tax benefits. Ultimately, equality for all and not just some. I'm tired of being treated as a second class citizen in my home state. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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RE: 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 a Native Hawaiian female born and raised in Hawai'i. I think that 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. The love that gay and lesbian couples share with their spouse is like those that opposite sex couples share for each other. Love should be embraced and allowed to flourish in all shapes and forms. Love is a Hawaiian value that should be embraced in all forms. This is the true meaning of aloha. The meaning of aloha always has a place for all individuals no matter what differences may exist. In Hawaii, we have the power to show the nation that – gay or straight – our state embraces love, aloha, and will embrace everyone equally. Individuals will not face shame, be treated unfairly, or receive less rights 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. Moreover, if same-sex marriages are not granted the same rights as opposite sex marriages I ask you, does equality actually exist in Hawai'i? As a citizen of Hawai'i, a Native Hawaiian whose ancestors have lived in Hawai'i for more than 15 generations, I think that the time for equality is now. I should be allowed at least the same rights as others that live in Hawai'i. I should not have to travel out of state, to foreign lands, to marry the woman that I love. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families. The time for equality is now. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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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 bill is not about religion but about children, and equality, Religions have the right to define their beliefs to the people who follow them. In this country we have been separatists from when this country was founded. People came here because they wanted religion separated from their governing bodies. This is basic history. Please let us not forget this. 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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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. My uncle is gay, and many of my gay friends are in committed relationships and raising children. They should be allowed to be married, just as I am. 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, and for my own Ohana.

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RE: SB 1
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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, We are writing in strong support of SB 1. We are a gay couple living in Kailua. We have been together for eleven and one-half years. We endured a long-distance commuter relationship for more than five years before being able to move under the same roof in 2007. Since the day we met, we have spoken EVERY SINGLE DAY, even across twelve time zones. We want to get married, for the same reasons as any other couple-- to make a public promise of love, commitment and fidelity to each other and have that promise sanctioned by the state. The freedom to marry the person you love is a basic freedom that should not be denied to anyone. The government should not be in the business of telling people the gender of whom they can and cannot marry. Some individuals, claiming to speak for all Christians, have vocally opposed this bill. These persons do NOT represent all Christians. By way of example, the clergy and laity of the Episcopal Church in Hawaii present at its annual convention last Saturday October 26 at St. Andrews Cathedral in Honolulu voted BY ACCLAMATION to endorse equality of marriage in Hawaii. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families. Thank you for this opportunity to testify. Respectfully submitted, Horace Gaylord Hitchcock, Jr. John M Whitlock

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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. Marriage equality will open up another realm of tourism for Hawai'i. With an economy based highly on tourist dollars and the wedding industry, the opportunity for same-sex couples to have their ceremonies on our beautiful islands would only be beneficial, and support local businesses. Aside from that fact where everyone benefits, 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. 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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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 passage of Marriage Equality in our home state of Hawaii is extremely meaningful and important to all our families. It legally validates and confirms that all families are valued, and all commitments of love are equal. Many people believe that this issue of providing civil rights to all individuals should be left to a popular vote. Civil rights can never be delegated to a popular vote. Unfortunately, our American history of oppression and discrimination shows that movements toward protecting the equal rights of minorities cannot be left to popular votes. Equality exists when there is solid separation of church and state legislated and protected by the state. Current testimony by the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission demonstrates that this bill is a necessary step to protect the civil rights of all families. Additionally, it also still ensure that under current public accommodations legislation, religious freedom is also protected. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawai'i's families. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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