

To: Chair Karl Rhods, Judiciary Committee

10/28/13

From:

Rosa Chang

Address:

91-2121 Karoli St.

Ewa Beach

Phone:

Subject:

Against same sex Marriage

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION  
AND SAME SEX MARRIAGE BILL**

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From: Amy "Kiana" Y. Moore  
Address: 94-698 Lumianan St. #22-1  
Waipahu, HI 96497  
Phone: 341-5381

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From: Emily Desroth

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Wahukoua HI 96786

Phone: 202 236 2360

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From: Patricia Rubio

Address: 94-173 Loaa St

Waipahu HI. 967 97

Phone: 671-1367

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From: ANITA BRYANT

Address: 92-6011 MAKEKE ST  
KAPOLEI HI 96707

Phone: 808 260 8898

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From: John Comer

Address: 92-1260 Makahilo Dr. #71

Phone: 903-570-2641

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From: René Comer

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Phone: 903-360-0533

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Wahapehu #1 96797

Phone: 222-9281

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From:

Leilani Keopuhua

Address:

4155C Guadalcanal Cir

Kapolei HI 90707

Phone:

753-5011

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Address: 1682 Hoonipo St.  
Pearl City 96782

Phone: 455 5558

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

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: MICAH TEGORD

City, State: KANEONE, HI. 96744

Subject:

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From: Joshua KD

City, State: Aiea HI

Subject: Opposition to SB1

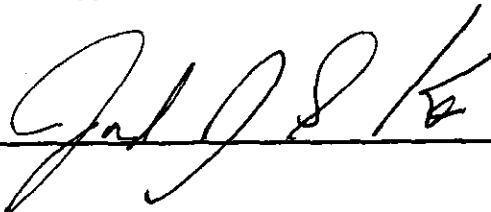
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City, State: KANISSE BAY HF

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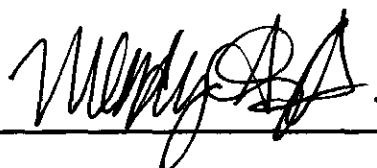
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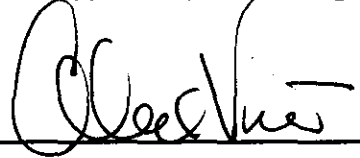
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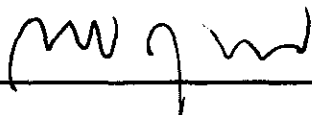
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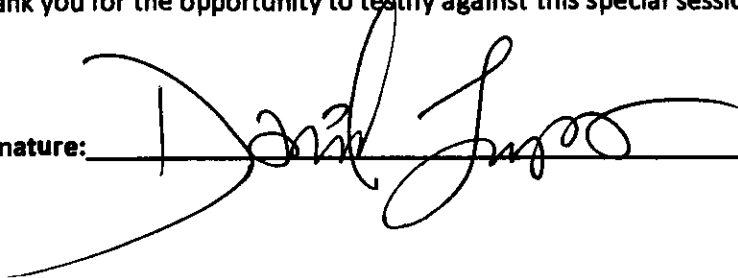
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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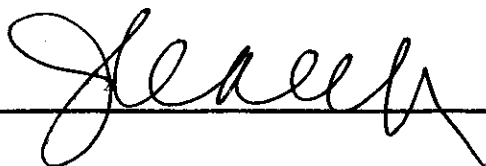
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City, State: 94-1131 Limalana St. Waipahu HI 96797

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City, State: Kapolei, HI 96709-0033

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From: Amy Tesoro

City, State: Kaneohe, HI. 96744

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From: GAVIN SHIRAI SHI

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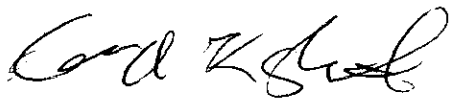
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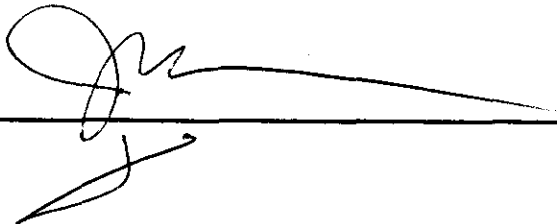
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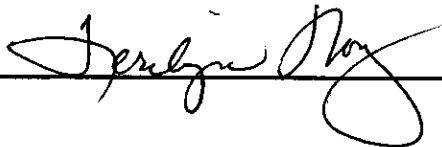
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City, State: Alicia HI 96701

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*Russell A. Watandbe*

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee

10/28/13

From: Kalai Lenchanko

Address: 95-128 Wailawa Place

Mililani, HI 96789

Phone: 808-753-6782

Subject:

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From: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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From: Violeta Bernard

Address: 91-1035 Lehulehu St.

Kapolei, HI

Phone: (808)-224-9478

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From: Maly Nakoa

Address: 91-1161 Kanele St.

Ewa Beach, HI 96706

Phone: 808-389-1155

Subject:

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From: Shirley Perito

Address: 91-1339 Puanaeole St #40B  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

Phone: 382-4999

Subject:

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**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM (Written Only)

**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/29/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Jeffrey Fujimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The United States of America is a nation based on Christian values. Past history is clear that denying God's word leads to devastating results. To actually protect the rights, welfare and safety of the people of Hawaii, we need to oppose Senate Bill No. 1.

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Keiko Fukunishi	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Chair Hee and Members of the Committee: I would like to ask to allow same-sex couples the opportunity to be afforded the same federal and state benefits and protections in the State of Hawaii as soon as possible.

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Jasmind	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The right for people to share their life with another human being and having that relationship not only be recognized by their family, friends and acquaintances, but also the local and state government is truly apart of the definition of the "pursuit of happiness" instituted in the constitution by the founders of this country. SB1 in the state of Hawaii needs to and should pass, this is the Aloha State after all. For as loving and giving as the Hawaiian people are and were before the corrupt hand of religious colonial rule, this bill is prime example of the mission to love and live one's life in according to harmony. Pass SB1 today. Let current and future residents of this great state know that it's ok to be who they are and love who they love without fear or anxiety. Give them the opportunity to pursue their happiness and live a life of Aloha.

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jennifer corpuz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
renee kawelo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To:House Committee Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m. Place: Capitol Auditorium Re: Strong Opposition to SB1 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Renee Kawelo Waipahu, HI

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: Cathy

City, State: 876 Curtis St #1601 Hon. HI 96813

Subject:

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

From: Wendy J. Davis

City, State: Altoona, PA 16801

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*Ye Jim*

City, State:

*3138 Wai'anae Av. #436*

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Kathleen Hashimoto

City, State:

Kailua, HI

Subject:

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: OK Ja Jo

City, State: Homewood AL

Subject: Same sex marriage

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City, State: Mililani, HI.

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Signature: Andrew Salvador

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: Genara Buzza-Campos

City, State: Ewa Beach, HI 96706

Subject: Written Testimony opposing Same-Sex Marriage  
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City, State: Honolulu, HI

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City, State: Wahiawa, Hawaii

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From: Lyndie Kauhi

City, State: Wahiawa, Hawaii

Subject:

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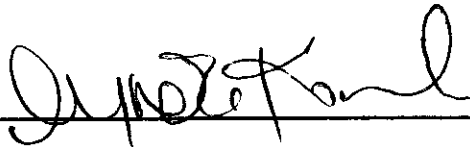
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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: Mikeyong Karamatsu

City, State: HNL HI, 1731 Mott Smith Dr.

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From: Jung Ja, KWON

City, State: Honolulu HI 96814

Subject:

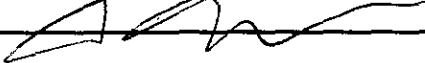
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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: CHONG, OK SONG

City, State: 870 Lunalilo Home Road, Ho, HI 96825

Subject:

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City, State: Mililani, Hawaii

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Marci Paddock

City, State:

Maie, HI 96762

Subject:

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From: Rogelio SABIO

City, State: Wahiawa, HI 96797

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From: Christopher Lott

City, State: Honolulu HI

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City, State: Kaunua, Hawaii

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

From: Young Ae Hander

City, State: 2029 Cayne Street

Subject: Honolulu HI 96826

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

From: Nancy

City, State: Honolulu, HI 96826

Subject: Same Sex Marriage (No)

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City, State: Waimanalo HI 96795

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From: Mir W. Sui

City, State: Honolulu Hawaii

Subject: Same Sex Marriage

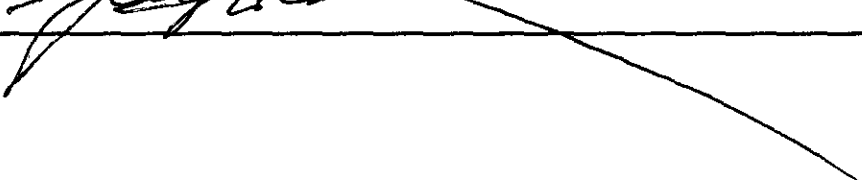
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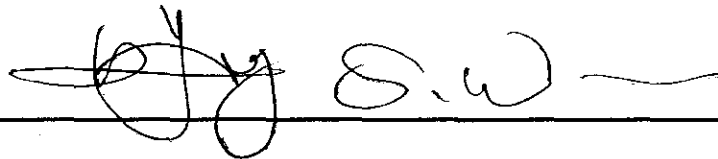
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Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

From: EIPC CHOE

City, State: LOS ANGELES

Subject: Same Sex Marriage

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From: LISA NOSE

City, State: 1222 ARTESIAN ST HOA HIC

Subject:

"Same sex marriage"  
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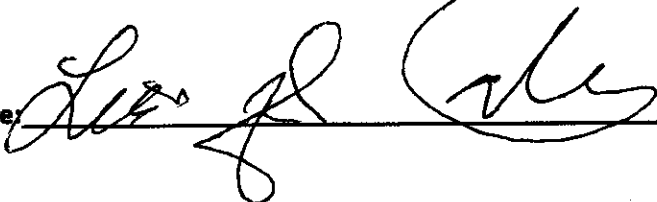
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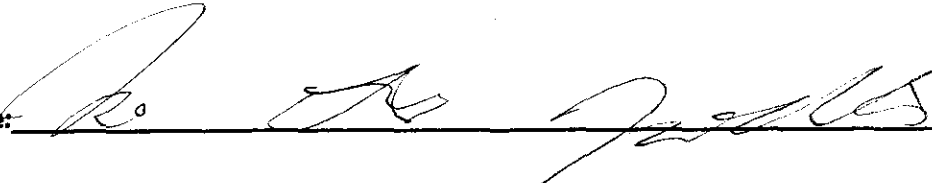
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From: ETICA Lee

City, State: HONOLULU, HAWAII

Subject: NOT Same Sex Marriage

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From: Theresa Ko

City, State: Honolulu, Hawaii

Subject: Oppose Same Sex Marriage

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City, State: McMurtre Harlan

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From: Jessica Park

City, State: Honolulu, HI

Subject: same sex marriage

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From: Jennifer Park

City, State: Hawaii, Honolulu

Subject: Same Sex Marriage

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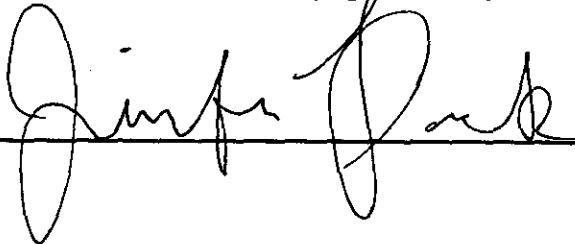
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From: Andrew C. Song

City, State: Honolulu HI 96814

Subject: Same Sex Marriage

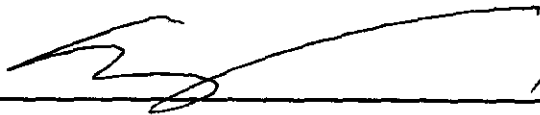
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City, State: Honolulu, Hi.

Subject: oppose the same sex marriage  
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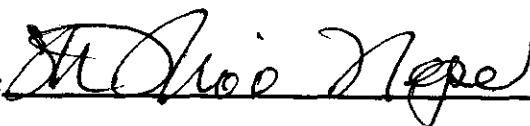
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From: Alyne Lee

City, State: Kapolei, HI

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From: David Ralph

City, State: 55-479 Naniloa Loop, Laie HI 96762

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From: ERIC KIM.

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City, State: 909 Kalleka St. #B302

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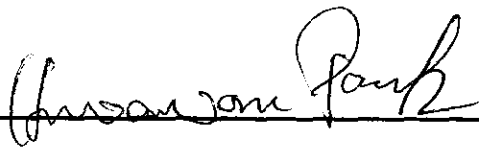
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From: Micah Hwang

City, State: 469 ZNA Rd. #1905 Hon. HI 96815

Subject:

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From: Jaffy Law

City, State: Honolulu, Hawaii

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From: EDWARD T. TASHAURI

City, State: P.O. BOX 694, HAWAII, HI 96717

Subject: OPPOSE

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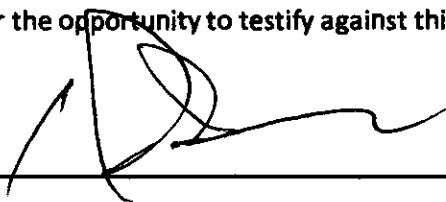
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From: Joyce Pongulico

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City, State: Laie, HI

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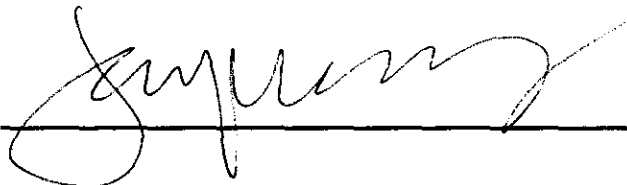
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City, State: Laie Hawaii

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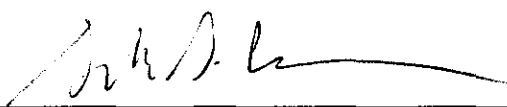
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From: Leilani Villanueva

City, State: 41 528 Humuniki Ct Aloha Waimanalo HI

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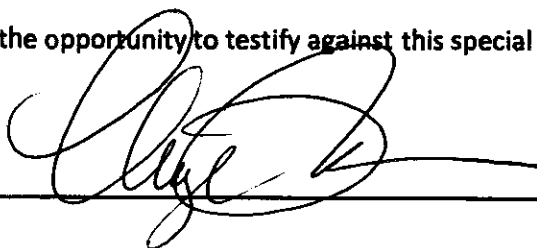
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From: JONG CHUIN PARK

City, State: 909 Kalia St # B302 Honolulu HI 96814

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From: Georg Chang

City, State: 647 Kuna Wai Ln #303, Honolulu, HI 96817

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City, State: 5070. Likini St. 96818

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From: Kim Kyung Hyun

City, State: 55 S. Kukui St. 3213. Hilo, HI 96721

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From: Meisa Halamehi Hein

City, State: Kahului, HI, 96731

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From: Waehe Kersey

City, State: 3118 Francis St Honolulu HI 96815

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From: Brian Kim

City, State: Mililani, HI

Subject: No to same sex marriage

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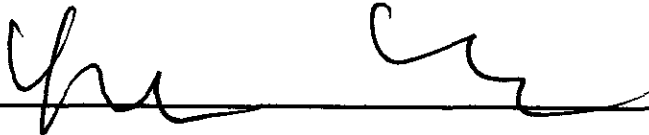
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To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: CRISTINA E. CRUZ

City, State: 2440 DATE ST # 903 Honolulu

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*John Tomale*

City, State:

*Lehi UT*

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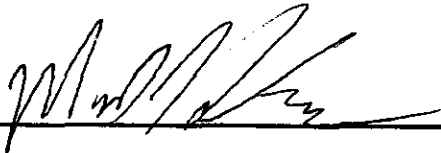
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From: OK Sim Cho

City, State: ~~Hon.~~ 1245 Maunakea St #2801 Hon. HI 96807

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City, State: 3118 Francis St Honolulu HI 96815

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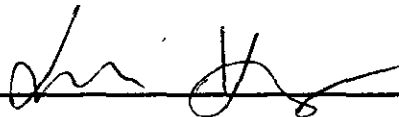
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City, State: 1688 10th Ave. HON. HI 96816

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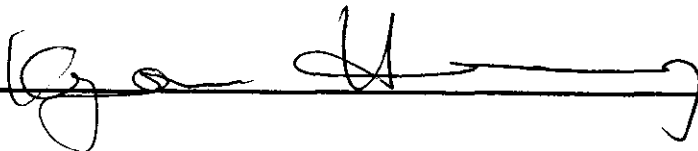
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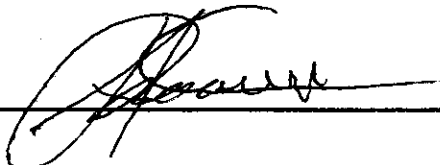
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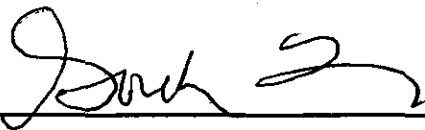
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City, State: 500 University Ave Apt 337 HNL 41 90826

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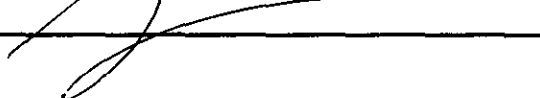
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City, State: 1124 8TH AVE #5 HONOLULU HI 96816

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

From: Myo Okin Lee

City, State: 1561 Kanunu St # 706, Honolulu, HI 96814

Subject:

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City, State: Honolulu HI 96818

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From: Sujuan Sisti

City, State: 7160 Makahuna Place. Honolulu, HI 96825

Subject:

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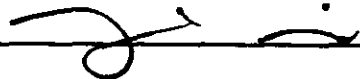
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From: Raymond Mokuo

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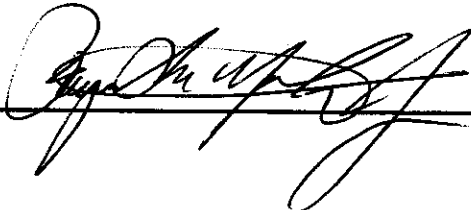
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POKHA SUGITA

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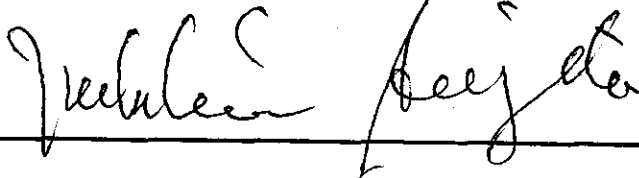
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City, State: 931-370 Hoans PL Gaa Beach, HI 96706

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City, State: 94-440 PAWA WAY, MILILANI, HI 96789

Subject:

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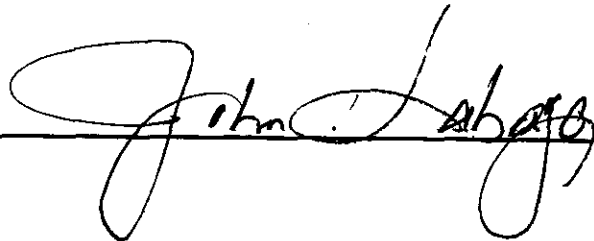
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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: Thomas Yi

City, State: Peart City, HI

Subject:

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From: Yet Ying Young

City, State: Honolulu HI 96817

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From: Angela Abellana

City, State: 809 KINAU ST #25 HONO, HI 96813

Subject:

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City, State: HONOLULU, HI

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City, State: Mililani, HI

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City, State: 98-790 KAHALA PL Aiea HI 96701

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From: Jun-Woo Sohn

City, State: HZ 96822 Honolulu

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City, State: Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject:

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From: Sonya

City, State: Mililani HI.

Subject: Same sex marriage NO!

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From: Priscilla Bae

City, State: 91-310 Hoano PL Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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City, State: KAILUA OAHU

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From: KAP SUK GREGORY

City, State: 98-790 KAHALA PL Aiea HI  
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City, State:

*Waukegan IL*

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

From: Muyong Dyk Has

City, State: 97-642 Portland, OR

Subject: Opposition, H-96789

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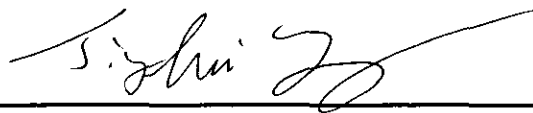
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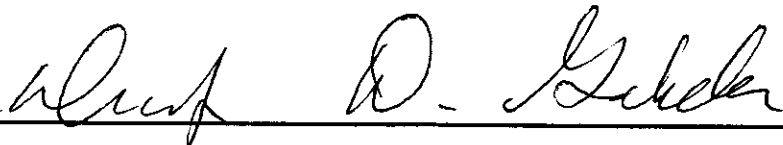
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City, State: Honolulu, HI

Subject:

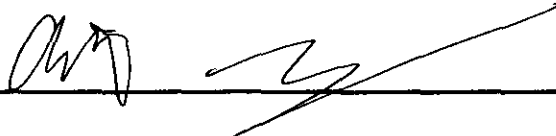
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From: Samuel Del Toro

City, State: Pearl City, HI

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From: Rhea Villarin

City, State: 98-1361 Koahehe Pl. #114, Pearl City, HI 96782

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From: Ji Sang Kang

City, State: 99-149 Moanalua Rd #102 Aiea. HI 96701

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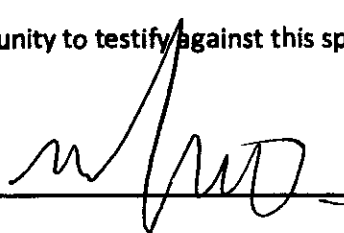
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City, State: 99-149 Moanalua Rd #101 Aiea, HI 96707

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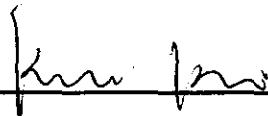
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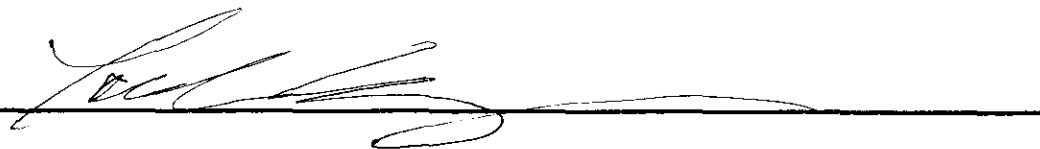
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City, State: 2070 20th St #207 Honolulu, HI 96813

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City, State: ~~MSD~~ Hon., HI.

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From: Magdalene J. Bonilla

City, State: 1460 Uila St

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

From: Hardy Buedrum

City, State: Kailua, HI 96734

Subject: Same sex marriage bill

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From: Maria Bardenas

City, State: Ewa Beach, Hawaii

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City, State: KANEOHE, HI. 96744

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*Maw Kahalawai-Cook*



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.

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City, State: Honolulu, HI

Subject:

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: JOY . CHO

City, State: 1512 LANAKILA AVE #20

Subject: HON. HI. 96817

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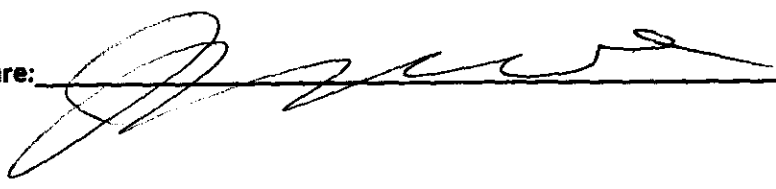
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From: ETIBEV CHOE

City, State: 1065 KAWAHAIAO

Subject: HONOLULU HI 96814

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From: Olivia Bermudes

City, State: Waipahu HI 96797

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STEVEN AKI

City, State:

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Subject:

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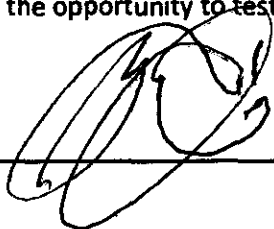
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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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From: Belinda Antin

City, State: 2014 Point Welcome Pl. Honolulu HI 96818

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From: ~~Kaneche~~ Michael Marguer

City, State: Kaneche, HI 96744

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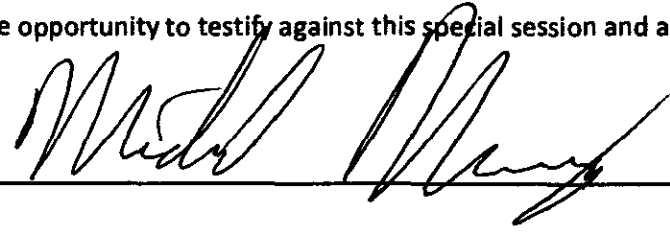
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From: 1650 Liholikho St #M

City, State: HON. HI 96822

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From: ISAAC SAITO

City, State: 448 WALA DRIVE HONOLULU, HI 96817

Subject: SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

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From: \_\_\_\_\_ Honolulu, HI

City, State: Sukso Kim

Subject: Sukso

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From: Hwang, Kyu Sam

City, State: 1160 ALA WADSWORTH #1707. 96818

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City, State: Honolulu HI, 96819

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Signature: Maura Tanaka

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From: ANTHONY L. MAESTAS

City, State: Wahiawa, HI

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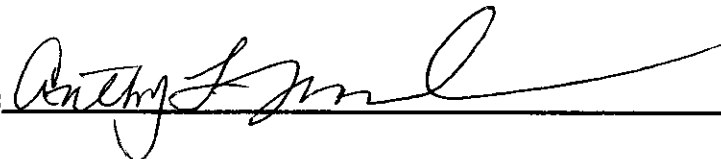
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From: Elias Storhaug

City, State: Mililani, HI

Subject:

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Alicia Stevens  
(Signature)

(Printed name) Alicia Stevens

(address) 91-609 Puamaede St. #34A Ewa Beach, HI. 96706

(phone number) 676-3927

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

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City, State: 2007 Point Welcome Pl Honolulu, HI - 96818

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From: GINA PARK

City, State: 1650 Kaimuu St #1002 Honolulu HI 96815

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City, State: Mililani, HI 96789

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From: Danny P. Glover

City, State: 1600 Wilkine Dr. B407 WASHINGTON, IA: 98786

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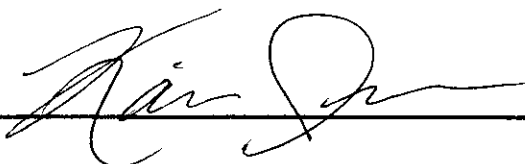
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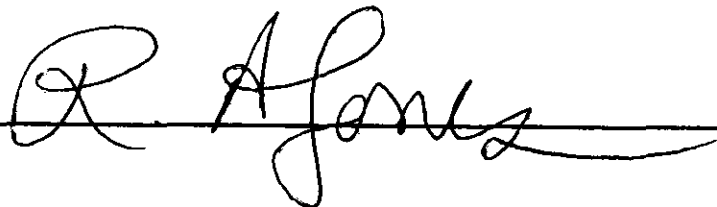
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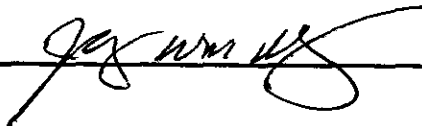
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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: CAROLINE BARREDO

City, State: 91-948 Ikuani St Lwa Beach HI 96706

Subject:

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From: Greg McCaw

City, State: ~~Waialua~~ Waialua Hi 96791

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City, State: 177 Mott Smith Dr. #2414

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From: Simi Kim

City, State: ~~USA~~ Hon. HI

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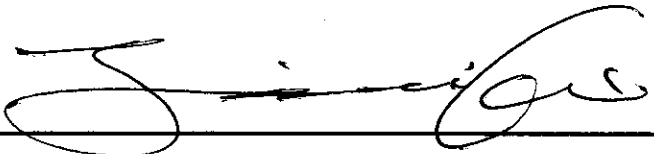
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City, State: HONOLULU. HI.

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From: Kyung - Ja

City, State: 1717 MOTT-SMITH DR PH12 ME 96822

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City, State: 2119 Citron St #8 Han HI 96826

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From:

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City, State:

US - 923 Palaka Pl.

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City, State: 45624 Makini Rd, Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: Ki Suk Quick

City, State: 2550 Kuliou Ave # 805 Hon. HI 96815

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From: Seonghee Park

City, State: Honolulu HI 96814

Subject:

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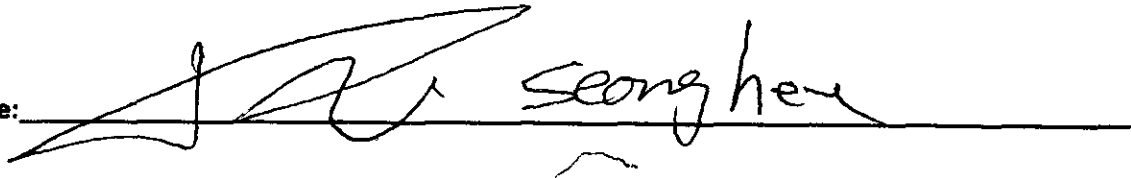
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From: R. Tongabai

City, State: Sydney, Australia

Subject: oppose to the marriage right into any church.  
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From: Myung Duke Han

City, State: Wilmington, N.C.

Subject:

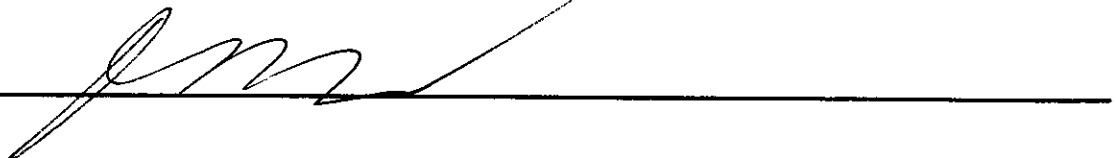
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From: *Esther Kim 94-943 Kainolu A. D/c*

City, State: *Waipahu HI 96797*

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From: Fendon Lee

City, State: 3041 PULLMAN RISE LANE, HI. 96822

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From: Andrea Reyes

City, State: Hon., HI

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(808) 831-0541  
2015 Alameda St. #201

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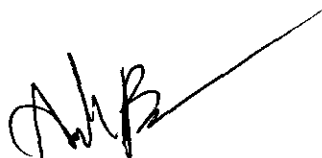
Good evening everyone. My name is Andrea Reyes. First of all I want to thank each of you for all of your hard work and passion for our state and our country. Each of you are important and influential leaders that deal with numerous issues on a daily basis that the public never sees. So, from the bottom of my heart I thank you.

With that being said, it has been brought to my attention that my generation is seen as passive and apathetic towards the government and political issues. I stand before you today as a concerned citizen under the age of 25.

Bill SB1 addresses same sex marriage, one of the most controversial social issues our state has faced. A bill that deals with an issue this controversial requires more time for examination than a special session allows and should be given due process during a regular session, which is only a few months away.

As you review, deliberate, and vote on this bill I ask you to keep in mind that this bill not only affects a single group of people, but the future of an entire state. As a concerned citizen that will be affected by this bill I ask you today to protect my rights: my right to freely speak my mind, as I am doing at this very moment, my right to freely practice the beliefs of my choosing, and my right to not live in fear of persecution because of my beliefs. I ask you to protect the people that you represent and to protect the future of this land.

I just want to thank you for your time and consideration. Again, thank you for all the hours of hard work that each and every one of you put into making this land our home.



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From: Wayne ZICKGRAF

City, State: 1645 Hahaione Dr. Honolulu, HI

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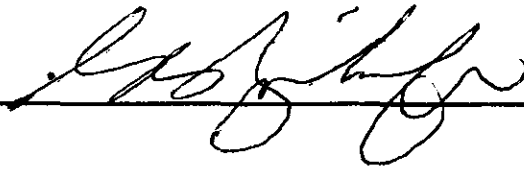
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City, State:

1672 Kaweloha St. P.O. Box 96782

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From: Ria Jia

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City, State: Euza Beach HI

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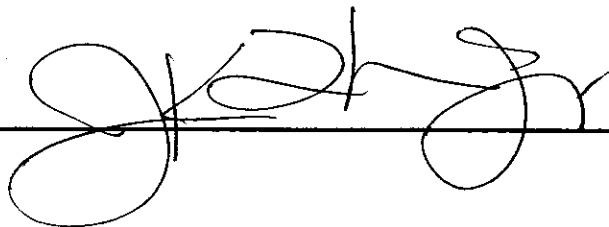
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From: Hileen N. Thomas

City, State: 91-137 Nohihoaewa Way, Ewa Beach HI

Subject: 96766

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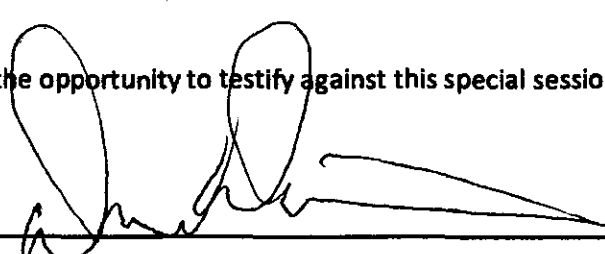
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City, State:           1103 Liliha St. #10B HON HI 96817          

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From: Choi, Jeong Eun

City, State: HONOLULU 802 PROSPECT ST. #601 HON, HI 96813

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Signature: Jeong Eun Choi

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: Elissa Oleske

City, State: Honolulu, HI

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From: Allan Orsobe

City, State: Laie, HI 96762

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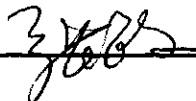
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City, State: Hon H: 26817

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City, State: 98-1366 Onikini Pl., Aiea, HI 96701

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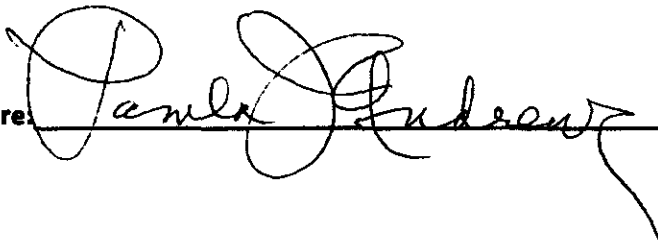
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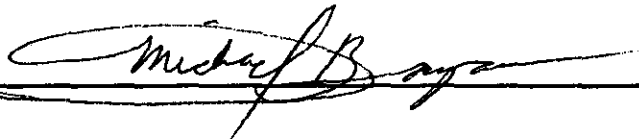
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From: Annie Ng

City, State: Hon, HI 96822

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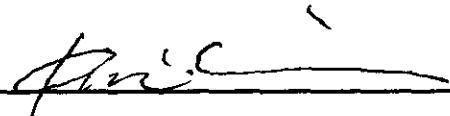
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City, State: Honolulu, HI

Subject: Let us vote!

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From: Angie Lee

City, State: Hon, HI 96816

Subject: NO to special session, let people vote

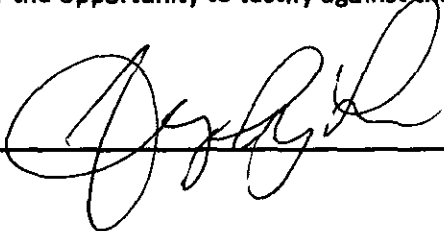
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From: Elizabeth Kimua

City, State: Honolulu, HI

Subject: Same Sex Marriage

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: Leah An

City, State: Honolulu, HI

Subject: Opposition to special hearing

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From: Jade Cabbage

City, State: Honolulu, HI

Subject: OPPOSING special session 2013

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From: Kendra Monta

City, State: Hon, HI 96817

Subject: let the people vote

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From: Natale Sheets

City, State: Laie, HI

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City, State: Hon, HI

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From:           KWOK LEUNG HO          

City, State:           HON, HI 96822          

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From: Johnny E. Hawkins

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City, State: Waianae HI

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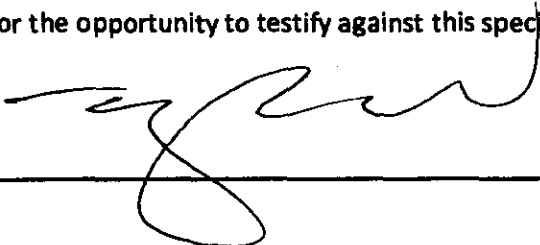
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City, State: Mililani, Hawaii, 96789

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From: Robyn Kalghici

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City, State: Lake HI

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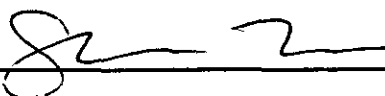
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City, State: Honolulu, HI

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City, State: 1155 Wilbur Ave, 609. HO. HI 96822

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City, State: Haleiwa, HI

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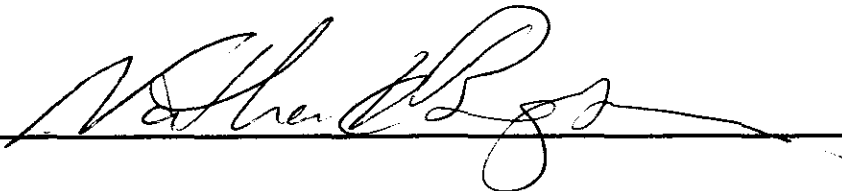
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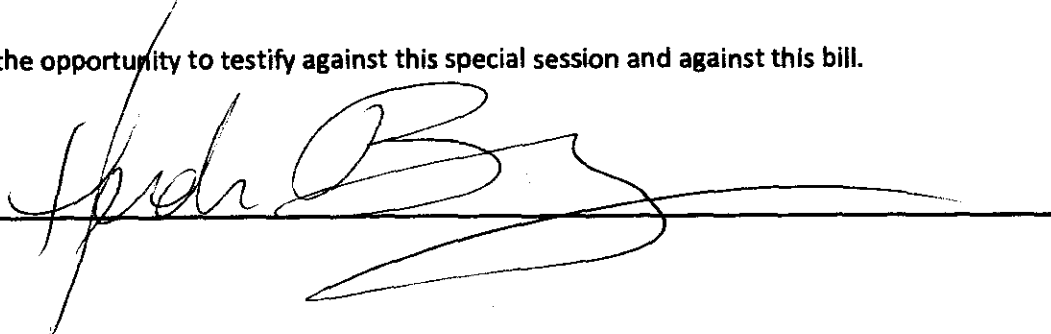
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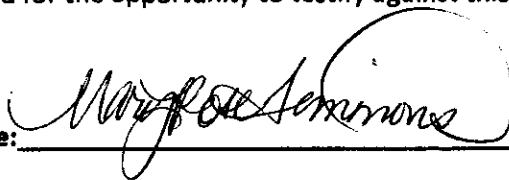
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City, State: KAPOHELE, HI

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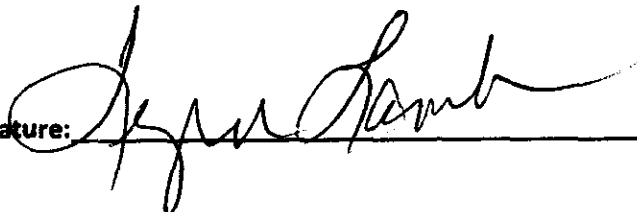
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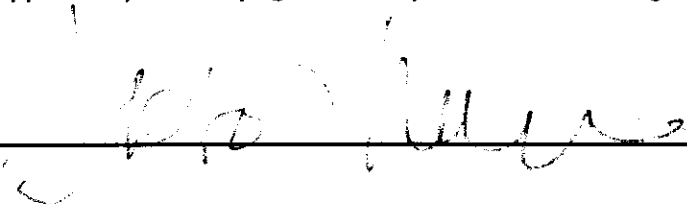
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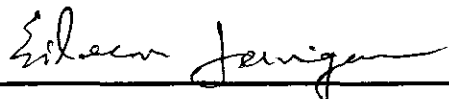
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From: 1583 KIPUKIPUA AVE. #1421 Ho. HI 96826

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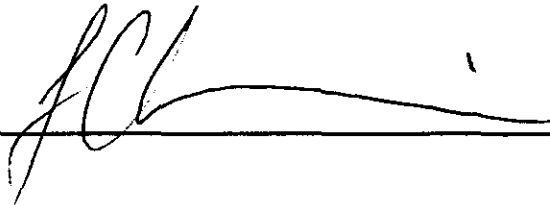
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City, State: Ho: 780 Amana St #705 Han. HI 96814

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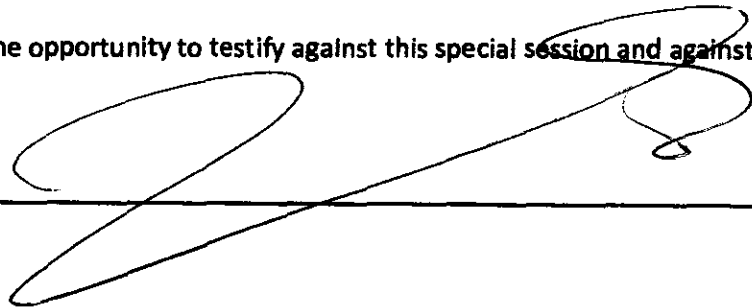
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From: Sumin Wu

City, State: 47-550 Ahuimama Rd, Kaneohe HI 96744

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From: Leah Tanaka

City, State: Kaneohe, Hawaii

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City, State:

Keokuk City, IA

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

From: MICHELLE OKABAKI

City, State: 14176 Ala Iolani St Honolulu HI 96829

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From: 5400 LIKINI ST. # 403

City, State: Honolulu, HI. 96818

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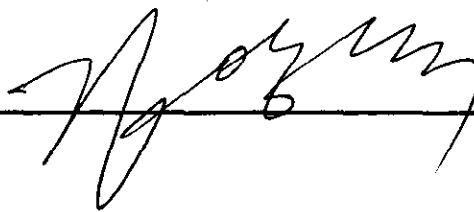
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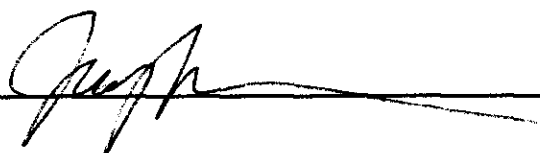
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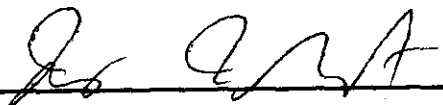
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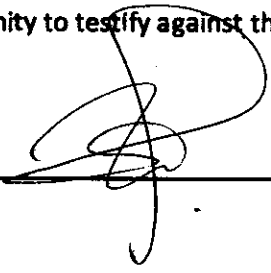
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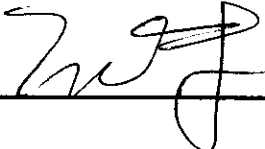
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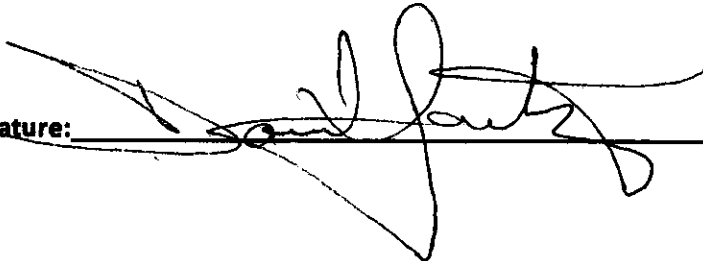
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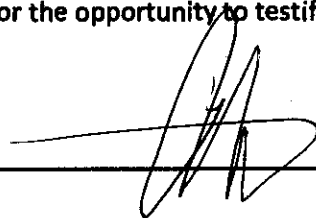
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From:                     *Wang*                    

City, State:                     *Honolulu Hawaii*                    

Subject:

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From: Catherine S. Wong

City, State: Kailua, HI 96734

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From: ANNETTE A. PASCUAL

City, State: WAHIAWA HI 96706

Subject: Same Sex Marriage

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

From: Jonathan Gomez

City, State: Hauula, HI

Subject: Oppose Same Sex marriage

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From: Leunza Varanto

City, State: Waianae HI 96792 Hon, Hawaii

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*Stella Allen*

City, State:

*99-561 Hokee 57*

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From: Janelle Gomez

City, State: Laie, HI

Subject: Same Sex Marriage

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City, State: Honolulu, HI 96730

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City, State: HONOLULU, HI

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City, State: KAILUA, HI

Subject:

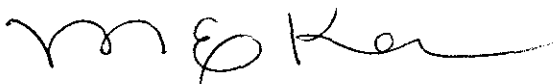
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City, State: Ew Beach, HI 96702

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Signature: Carlton Pang

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: Loretta Ching

City, State: Kailua, HI

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Signature: Loretta W. Ching

I agree with above statement to oppose this bill. Let the people decide.

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City, State: HONOLULU, HI 96824

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

From: Ronald Kiana

City, State: Honolulu HI 96813

Subject:

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Signature: Lavinia Kiasine

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

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City, State: Hon, HI 96815

Subject:

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Signature: Ronette M Byers

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

From: Lynn M. Tilton 47-105A Hunaahi St.

City, State: Kaneohe, HI 96744

Subject:


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P.S. It's hard to believe that in this time of economic tightness that the response to a special session is made to sneak through their issue without considering what the people want. This is unbelievably non-Hawaiian!

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: Agustina L. Dumanjug

City, State: 91-823 Aikanaka Rd. Ewa Beach HI 967

Subject:

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From: Violet L Kondo

City, State: 60 N Beretania #102 Hon HI 96817

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From: Nancy Holbrook

City, State: Hardale, FL

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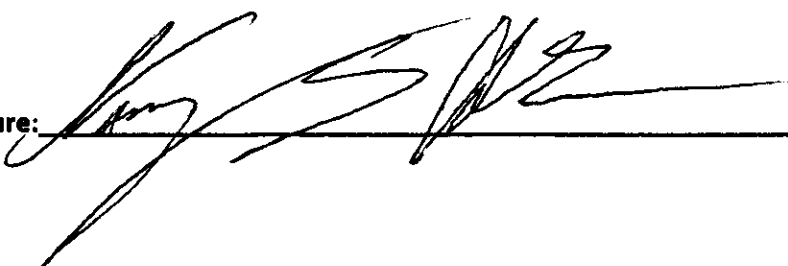
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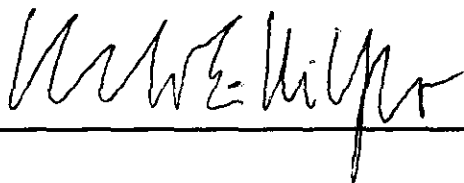
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From: Desiree Memea

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: Michelle Czara

City, State: P.O. Box 1122, Waialua, HI, 96791

Subject:

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Signature: Michelle Czara

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From: Ken and Tina Humphries

City, State: Kapolei, Hawaii

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Signature: Linda Humphries

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

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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From: Robert Coburn

City, State: Laie, HI

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From: Faith Shinagawa

City, State: Area, HI 96701

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City, State: Waipahu, HI

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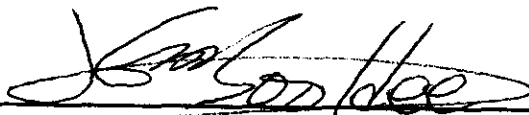
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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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From: Jaime Wang

City, State: Honolulu HI

Subject:

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City, State: 9A-454 Kahuli'ali'i St.

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From: WARREN LOH

City, State: HONOLULU 96817

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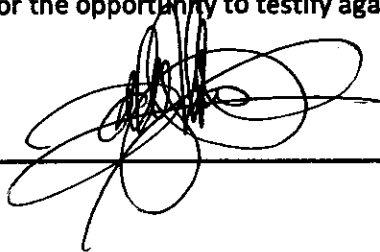
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From: FENG YU LAU - LAU

City, State: Honolulu, HI 96806

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City, State: Honolulu, Hawaii

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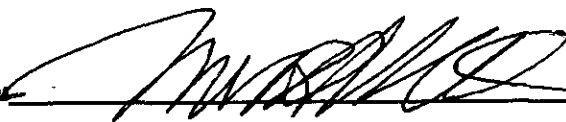
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City, State: MAKAKUO, HI 96707

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From: Sarah Schroth

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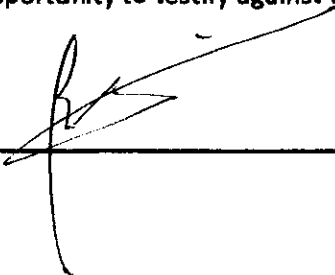
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From: Carolina Jesus 383-9498

City, State: Po Box 1945, Kailua 96734

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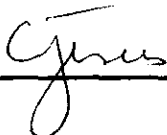
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From: Shek won Lam

City, State: Honolulu, HI 96826

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From: Hye K. Jeong

City, State: 3215 Ala Zima St # B209

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From: MR. & MRS Wilson

City, State: Pearl City, HI

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From: Chun Cha Pak

City, State: HONOLULU, HAWAII

Subject:

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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City, State: Honolulu, HI

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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From: ~~SB1~~ Hyong Pom Pak

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From: Liana Benn, 2578-D Pacific Hts Rd

City, State: Honolulu HI 96813

Subject:

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Signature: Carolyn H. Kebayashi

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

From: Victor Canubida

City, State: Ewa Beach Hi 96706

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City, State: EWA BEACH, HI 96706

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

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: 3214 Ala Zima St # B209

City, State: H. H. , 96018

Subject:

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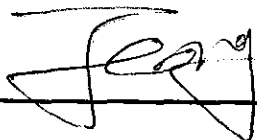
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To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: KENNY LAM

City, State: Honolulu, HI 96825

Subject:

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

From: Singhwon Lee

City, State: 1671 Kalakaua Ave #206 Honolulu HI 96822

Subject:

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From: ~~####~~ GEORGE HO KIM

City, State: HONO, HI. 96821 (LAWYER OFFICE)

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From: ~~James~~ James 3095 Ala Poha Pl #1208

City, State: Honolulu, HI 96818

Subject:

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From: HENRY K. CHOI

City, State: 84 LUMAHAI ST. HONOLULU HI. 96825

Subject:

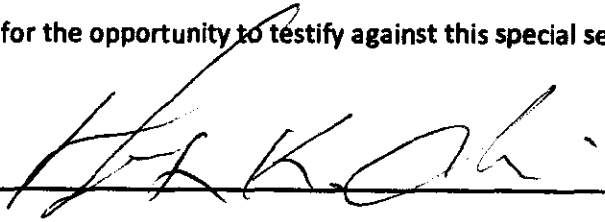
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From: Kim, Elizabeth

City, State: 1015 North School St. # B-508

Subject: Homo. HZ 96817


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From: Kim, Hyang Sook

City, State: 14667 Ohialoke St. Honolulu HI 96824

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From: FengJun Liang

City, State: Honolulu HI

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From: BOB YEE

City, State: Waimanalo HI

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From: Lorenzo Tuquero Jr.

City, State: Hon. Hi

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City, State: Lase, HI 96762

Subject:

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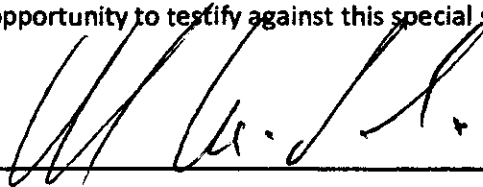
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From: 114 N - Kwakini

City, State: Hon. HI 90817

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Signature: Hyunh Kim

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

From: SHARON DUMAS

City, State: HONO HI

Subject: SAME SEX MARRIAGE

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Signature: Sharon Dumas

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: Herb Franco

City, State: Kapolei, HI

Subject:

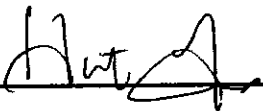
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City, State: ASA AZ

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City, State: Honolulu, HI 96825

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City, State: Aiea, HI 96701

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From: Seung Hee Lee

City, State: 98 tot Kilipoh St Area HI 96701

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From: POKChaluduni

City, State: SP-521 KALIPONE ST AREA HI 91201

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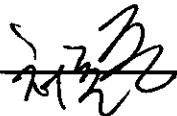
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From: Woo Sunj Chang

City, State: 670 Liking St #1205 Hong HI 98118

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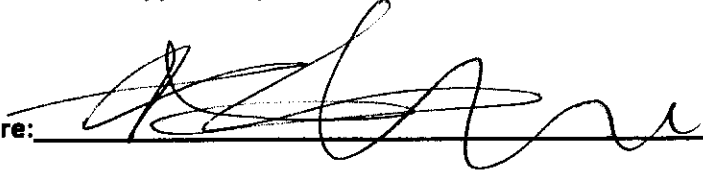
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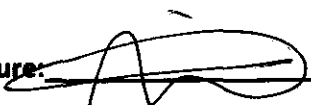
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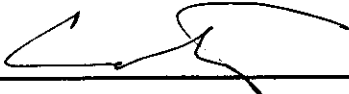
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From: RUIYIN & JIANG

City, State: 836-1080 ALA ILIAM ST #701

Subject: 2907

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City, State: PEARL CITY HI 96782

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From: Jacob K. Thomas Sr.

City, State: Honolulu, HI 96727

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City, State: 3237 Catherine St. Ho. HI 96825

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From: Kenneth Ho

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Kyung Ja Kang

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: Kim, Sung Jun

City, State: Aiea, HI

Subject:

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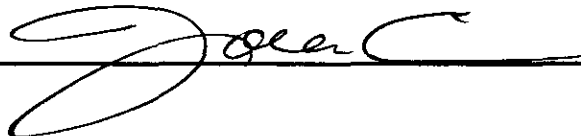
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City, State: Hauula, HI

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City, State: Roseburg, OR

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City, State: Honolulu

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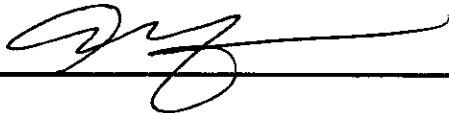
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From: Richard Chung

City, State: Honolulu HI 96818

Subject:

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From: Cynthia Shiira

City, State: Hon. HI 96817

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City, State: ~~990 Ala Nat~~ Honolulu HI

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From: Chen Lian Cheng

City, State: SOCS Liliuokalani St Honolulu HI 96812

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

From: Thomas Lee

City, State: Honolulu HI 96816

Subject:

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

From: Marilyn Dunbar

City, State: 91-1276 Hoopio ST

Subject: Equal Rights

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Signature: Marilyn Dunbar

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From: TONG KI KIM

City, State: 2849 Kahanui St Honolulu

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City, State: Honolulu, Hi.

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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From: William D. Funk

City, State: Mililani Hawaii

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Signature: William D. Funk

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: KAHALU'U

City, State: KANEOHE, HI

Subject: OPPOSE TO SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL.

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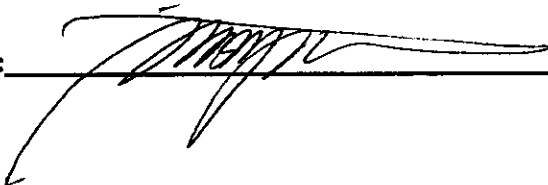
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To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

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From: CURTIS TSUZAKI

City, State: WAIANAE, HI 96792

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From: Venus R de la Cruz

City, State: Kapolei, HI

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From:

Lyle McMillan

City, State:

Pearl City, HI

Subject:

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City, State: Hon. HI

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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: Zhuo Yong Kong Yu

City, State: 1245 Maunakea Sp. #312 Honolulu HI 96827

Subject:

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

From: Shu Lan Ma

City, State: 35 N KUKUI TOWER ST #410 HON H196817

Subject:

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From: Sarah Grang

City, State: 1065 Kawaiahao St. 1705 Honolulu, HI 96814

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From: Julie Ikeda

City, State: Honolulu HI 96822

Subject:

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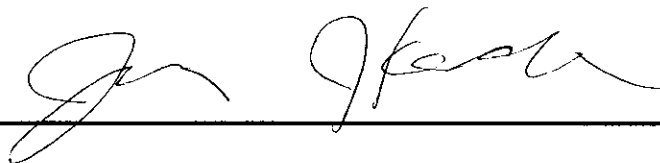
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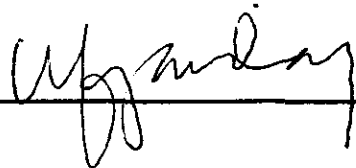
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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: Michelangelo Infante

City, State: Mililani, Hawaii

Subject:

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

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City, State: 1450 Acadia St #1806

Subject:

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

From: Jeanette Li

City, State: 1018 LUNARILLO ST # 403

Subject:

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

From: Suzuki Pak

City, State: 35 N. Kukui St. #2112, Honolulu, HI 96817

Subject:


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City, State: Honolulu, HI 96817

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City, State: Honolulu HI 96814

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City, State: 966 Birch Street

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From: Unchong Shin

City, State: Bbo Halekaniwaiast #12402

Subject: Honolulu, HI 96813

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From: Tong Hui Gang

City, State: 1065 Kawaiahao St. 1705 Honolulu, HI 96814

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From: Unho Garrett

City, State: Waipahu, HI 96797

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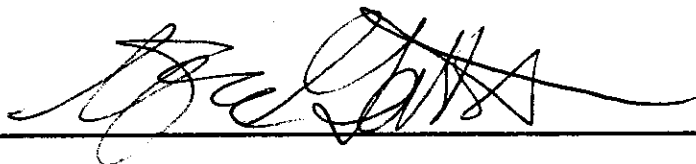
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From: Rob Barrett

City, State: Waipahu HI

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From: Liana McMillan

City, State: Pearl City HI

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

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From: Jasmine Lopez

City, State: Laie, HI

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City, State: WAIANAE, HI

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City, State: WAIANAE, HI 96792

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Subject:

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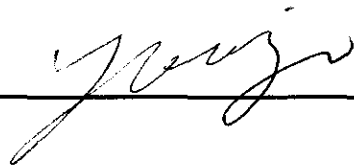
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From: 709 Isenberg St Apt. 3

City, State: Honolulu, HI

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*Zacharias J. Probst*

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From: 91942 Obolani SL

City, State: LA WA WA DC HI

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

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

From: BILLY CASEY JR.

City, State: P.O. Box 663 Hauck HI 96717

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From: HCP

City, State: 1561 Pennsylvania St Ham HI 96122

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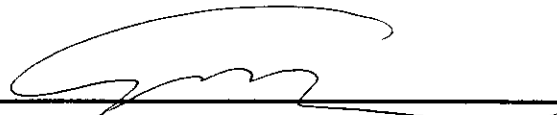
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From: Waylen Chow

City, State: Honolulu, HI 96816

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From: Brandon Kehaialii

City, State: Laie, HI 96762

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

From: Chun Gil Gang

City, State: 430 N. King St 202 Honolulu, HI ~~96814~~ 96817

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From: Eun Young Kang

City, State: 916 Birch St. Men. MI 48114

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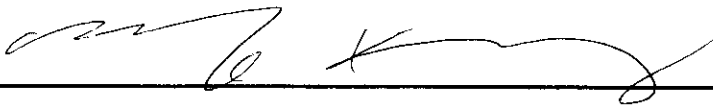
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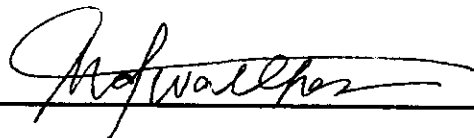
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From: Sheila M-L. Wainaiolo

City, State: Hon., Hi. 96819

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From: Eric Paulo

City, State: 56-674 Kam-Huys Kahuku HI 96731

Subject: Working Father Brotherhood Movement of Oahu, H.  
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From: Hwang, Chong SUK  
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From: Bok Soon chong

City, State: H/H ALOHI - WAH #201 96814

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From: SAM S LUKE

City, State: 927-C PQAANA CT 96782

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From: Herman Wilk

City, State: Windsor HI 96784

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From: An Chi Chen

City, State: 35 N. Kukui St Honolulu HI 96817

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From: 94-895 Kahaaulua St. #253A

City, State: Waipahu, HI 96797

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From: OK SOON YI

City, State: 2119 Citron St #8 Man Hi 96826

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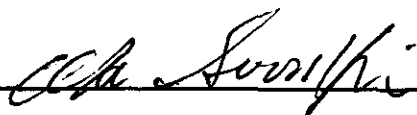
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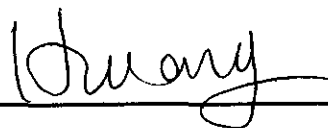
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From: ANDREK RAMEL B

City, State: 700-905 RICHARDS ST Honolulu HI 96813

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From: ~~99-742 Naniola St.~~ Cody Machida

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City, State: AIEA, HI 96701

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From: Stephen Nishihara

City, State: 94-1118 Kepakepa St. Waiipahu, HI 96797

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From: 1025 kala pl Apt 702 Jason Koide

City, State: Honolulu HI 96826

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From: Lorraine Cross

City, State: Honolulu HI 96819

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

From: Clara Fubonetti

City, State: 1448 Young St #507

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From: Bernadette Cross

City, State: 3290 Wilani Pl,

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From: D-Mercy Barcelona

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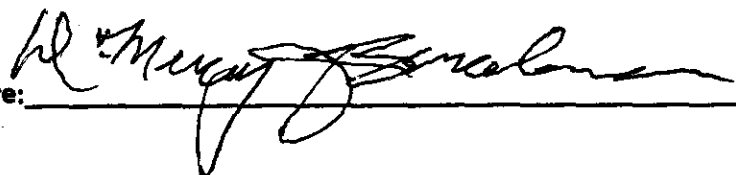
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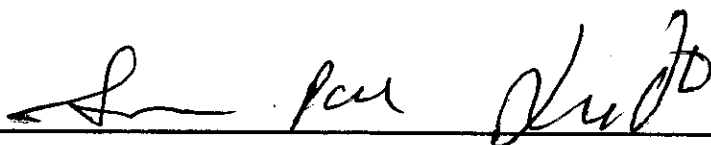
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City, State: 1334 Kaniheesco #102

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From: Jackie YEN  
1334 Kaimoana St #102  
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City, State: Pearl City, HI

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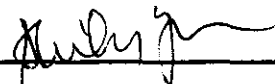
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City, State: Waipahu, HI

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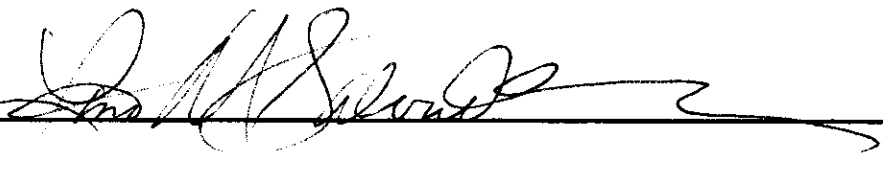
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From: ADA DAN  
City, State: 205 W. Kukui St #1 job,  
Subject: HON. HI 96817

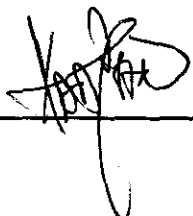
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From: Ewina Kee

City, State: 1475 Kaminaka Dr. Honolulu HI 96816

Subject:

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From: Christina Lim

City, State: 639 West Hind Dr. Hon. HZ. 96821

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From: GERALD STREFF

City, State: Kapolei HI 96707

Subject: Same sex marriage

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City, State: KAILUA, HAWAII

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From: A. M. Adolfe

City, State: Kaunua HI

Subject: SSM

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City, State: Honolulu, Hi. 96819

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From: GAIL BROWNE

City, State: KAIHUA HI

Subject: same sex marriage ; oppose

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Signature: Gail Browne

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From: Winnable

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

From: Ninling Pan

City, State: Honolulu, HI 96822

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From: Heejin Park

City, State: 807 prospect st. #C Honolulu HI 96813

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City, State: 1506 Kaumudii St. #221

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City, State: 1617 Keeganok St #1602 Honolulu, HI 96822

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City, State: 430 N. King St. <sup>202</sup> Honolulu, HI 96817

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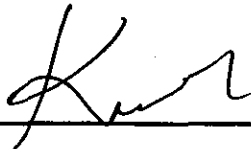
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From: Scott Shin

City, State: 860 Halekaowili St #2402

Subject: Honolulu, HI 96813

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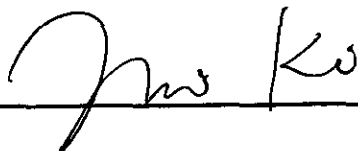
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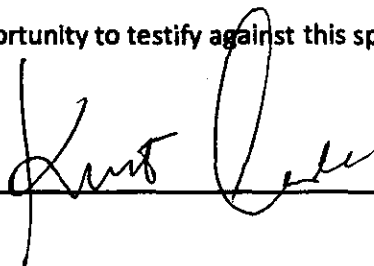
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Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: KWOW MI SUK

City, State: 98-1698 Laad hwa hua PL peat/c TH, No 96782

Subject:

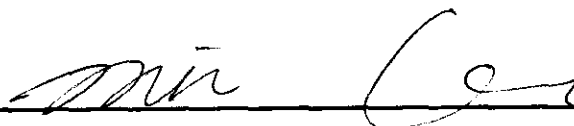
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From: Kyung mi KIM

City, State: Aiea, HI 96701

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

From: Park, Heeya

City, State: 610 Honolulu, HI

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From: Sung Wook Chang

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City, State: Hauula, HI 96717

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City, State:

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From: DAVID T CHO

City, State: 1155 Wilder Ave. 609. No. MI 96822

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From: Jun Hwan Lee

City, State: 5210 Likini st. #903 Honolulu H2. 96818

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From: Jean Leong

City, State: Hon HZ 96819

Subject: NO to SSM

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From: Curt Okimoto

City, State: Laie, HI 96762

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City, State: 5210 Likini St. #903 Honolulu HI 96818

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From: Doo Sic Kang

City, State: 88 Piilcoi St Hon. HI 96814

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From: Hua He

City, State: 3738 Waialae Av. # 436

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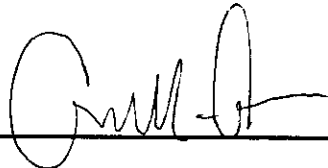
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10/28/2013

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: SUN OK LEE

City, State: 1429 MOLEHU DR. HONOLULU HI 96818

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From: Penma Polz

City, State: Hu, HI

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From: RILA KIM

City, State: 94-1015 KALOU LP

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City, State: Honolulu Hi. 96816

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City, State: Kaunua, HI 96734

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From: HASONG JA #30305

City, State: 12465 AALA ST HONOLULU HI 96817

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

From: 94-943 KAOWLE PL B716  
City, State: Waipahu HI 96799  
Subject: 96797

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*Sharon Pitard*

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City, State: Ewa Beach, HI

Subject:

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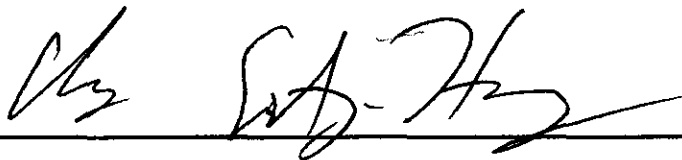
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From: Bernie Murakami

City, State: Mililani HI 96789

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From: Xuemei Ortiz

City, State: 92-7002 7002 Elele St. Kapolei HI 96707

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City, State: 2611 ALA'WAI BLVD. # 1003 HON. HI 96815

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City, State: Hahaione, Oahu, Hawaii

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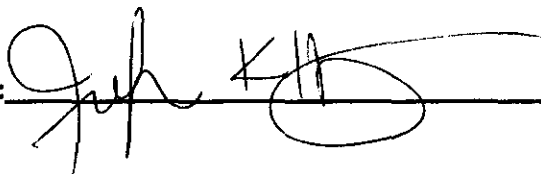
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From: Shirley Reyes

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City, State: Hon HI

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City, State: 1530 LEILANI HONOLULU HI

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**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/30/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Shena Oshiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: please take the time and consider how this bill will affect everyone. please do not rush through this session like the senate did. thank you for your consideration to let the people decide for ourselves.

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Larson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly opposed SB1 this bill violets my rights n the rights of others take away our rights n give then to others this is not about religious or marriage is about forcing others to conform to the homosexual life style

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Jill Friedman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1 providing marriage equality for same sex couples. This is a very important matter of civil rights and equal protection for all. SB1 upholds our constitutional right to religious freedom and to separation of church and state. It allows couples who are in a committed long term relationship to marry and have the same economic benefits and legal protections as other married couples and families. It does not favor or discriminate against any religious group. It is a civil, legal and economic matter and is outside of the realm of religion.

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Amber Tai Hook	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am Amber Tai Hook and I represent my 5 children, my husband and my 'ohana from Alewa Heights, 'Oahu. I am testifying in regards to SB NO 1 and let it be documented that I personally oppose this bill and any fraction thereof. I am taking this stance because the current wording/rights of this Bill would severely damage my church and many other churches. Please do not violate our rights, guaranteed by the first amendment, in the name of equality. By allowing same-sex couples to marry, will have consequences far beyond your reach as people in place to be the voice of US, the people. "Redefining marriage undermines society." I come with an open heart and soul as I know this Bill would do more damage than good to the few of you who think this is the "right thing to do". This should NOT be strictly up to you are legislators, senators and Governor, however, decided wholly by us the people and citizens of this state. I believe that Marriage is between one man and one woman. I am thankful for this opportunity to share my thoughts and feelings with you in hearing my position, which again is opposition to bill SB NO 1. Mahalo.

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Melissa Bronnert	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to same-sex marriage, as I believe that it weakens society as a whole when families are weak. I believe that God makes it clear in the Bible that marriage is between one man and one woman. When we step outside these parameters, we all reap the negative impact. Thank you for considering my testimony. Respectfully, Melissa Bronnert

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Joni	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lauravelle Lewis	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bernadine Garcia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify.  
(Bernadine K. Garcia) (Hilo, Hawai'i)

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Joshua	Individual	Oppose	No

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Leonard Oshiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am oppose to this same sex marriage bill and support Traditional marriage (marriage between one man and one wife). The people of Hawaii should decide an important issue such as this. If this measure is passed, you will open the door to others that will say, "what about our rights to be married to several people at the same time, or what about our rights to marry our animals" Also, if this measure is passed, which I hope it doesn't, the Religious Exemptions needs to be strengthened. Please make the right choice and vote no and let the people of Hawaii decide. Thank you.

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Chris Vaughn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I STRONGLY SUPPORT MARRIAGE EQUALITY. Through out my life I have suffered harassment and discrimination just for being who I am as a person. I am a honest caring and productive member of society. I volunteer my time and energy with those less fortunate and work hard to make this world a better place for all people. I live my life in integrity. I am currently a Church Chaplin and on the path to Ministry. I deserve to have equal rights in my country and society. I urge you to to support marriage equality so that I and all other LGBTQ people can have dignity and equality. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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Toni Hopkins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the special session because I feel the people should decide.

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Nedi McKnight	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support equal rights and Marriage Equality.

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alice	Individual	Oppose	No

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Charity Kaiu-Brown	Individual	Oppose	No

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shantelle ganon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: "ua mau ke'ea o ka aina i ka pono!" remember the statutes of the righteous. hear the cries of our people. GIVE US THE RIGHT TO VOTE!

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zendo heshiki	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I feel that the peoples voice has already been heard on this matter by way of previous voting. Any legislation or ruling contrary to the will of the people would be a dereliction of duties by those who have been duly appointed. Also to compare this issue to any other civil rights issue is short sighted.

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Roxanne Toyota	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am concerned citizen and I feel my rights are being violated. This issue has nothing to do with civil rights, homosexuality is a lifestyle (how someone wants to live), these people were not born that way; unlike the way we were either born Korean, Japanese, etc. or the color of our skin, black, yellow, white, etc. We cannot change our ethnicity or skin color, but a homosexual can change. We had to change the wording, it used to be only race, color and creed. What has changed? Many of us grew up with "gay" people, we tolerated them, it was only the insecure ones that made fun of them, it was only when they became a force to reckon with that we now have to take notice. I urge you to give the people the chance to decide this issue. Why do we have to allow a small group to have a say, when the majority is against it? It was one person who wanted prayer out of school and look what kind of society we have now. We reap the consequences, years later. Just like this bill now, it won't effect me, but it will have dire consequences for my children and grandchildren and the generations to come. I really hope you think deep and hard on this matter. Thank you for your time.

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jodie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, first of all I would like to thank you for working hard on our behalf. I cannot imagine how hard of a decision you are faced with at this time but I would like to ask your consideration in letting the people speak for themselves and that you allow US to make the decision. I am in total support for traditional marriage. May God Bless you through your future endeavors. Mahalo Live simply, love generously, speak kindly, forgive quickly, care deeply,.....and leave the rest to GOD

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Erryn Dinkel	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Oct 31, 10:00a House Judiciary and Finance Committee Re: Bill #SB1 Hawaii State Capitol 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Subject: Testimony in Opposition of Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 I will not be testifying in person. I am writing in opposition of the proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 that will be discussed on October 31, 2013. It is estimated that 5% of Hawai'i residents identify themselves as Gay or Lesbian but there are only ½ % of Hawai'i residents who are currently in Civil Unions. Which we would assume means that only 1 in 10 Gay/Lesbians are even interested in getting married. Redefining marriage will not only affect this very minute percentage of our population, but will change society forever for all Hawai'i residents. Changing the definition of marriage is changing the morals of our society. As our school system is the means to educate our children on the laws and morals of our Society, passing this bill will also greatly affect the curriculum taught to all of our children. This is something that should be decided by the people, and not by a handful of politicians. If the majority of our people feel that our children should be taught that having a Gay or Lesbian marriage is an acceptable alternative to heterosexual marriage, then so be it. But LET THE PEOPLE VOTE! Our country is based upon a solid belief in God and in righteousness. I believe that we must not play with this principle that our country is based upon. We have much to be grateful for and with humans being brought to Earth between a man and a woman we must honor the sanctity of that. This bill will not honor marriage and families and will infringe things upon religious leaders against their own freedom of religion which were already established. We must not alter that. Children must be protected and we cannot allow the public schools to expose our children to things that are against our beliefs. I pray that you may find peace in doing what is best for our people of Hawaii and our country. I do not feel that this will bring any good to our society and at this time I ask for your support to not allow this bill to proceed. I fear that our children and families will be directly impacted and will cause more chaos in our state. My husband and I are worried about the impacts it will have on our children, our jobs and our future. Religious Freedom is one of the founding principles of our country. It is not uncommon knowledge that the bible teaches that Gay and Lesbian relationships are against the laws of God. It is not a new radical philosophy but a moral principle that has been in place for thousands of years. It is a principle that even our founding forefathers believed in. Although society is changing, the bible has not changed, and many people still uphold the principles in the bible. It is their religious right to do so. To require any religious leader, organization, small business or individual to provide goods or services that assist or promote the solemnization or celebration of any marriage, or provide counseling or other services that directly facilitate the perpetuation of any marriage that is against their religious



beliefs would be infringing on their religious rights. May the Lord be with you during this time. For these reasons, I humbly request that you VOTE IN OPPOSITION to Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013. Sincerely, Erryn Dinkel 936 Ahuna Rd. Hilo, HI 96720

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Nancy Chinen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Elaine Dean Pearl City, Hawaii

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Kathryn Miyatake	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha members of the committee! My name is Kathryn Miyatake and this is my concern in regards to this matter. "A man without a vote is a man without protection." -President Johnson One of my concerns is the protection of those who oppose this bill. How will you assure those oppose to this will be EQUALLY treated and respected by those who are in favor of this bill? Not just the people, but also businesses, churches, and other organizations. What about the next generation and how this will affect them? This is something that not only I, but many people of Hawaii are concerned/passionate about. There are thousands of people for and against this and only a few that make the decision. Are you prepared for the responsibility of making a decision for the state of Hawaii? I believe in God and His law in regards to the sanctity of marriage. This matter is very important to me. Please reconsider this and give us, the people of Hawaii, a right to vote for our future. Thank you for your time. Mahalo, Kathryn C. Miyatake

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alice	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am asking that you let the people vote and vote NO to this bill and let it come up again in in January.

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Julie Nagamine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: From: Julia Nagamine To: JUD/FIN Testimony-written only Subject: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY Date: October 30, 2013 Dear Honorable Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke and Members of the Committees on Judiciary and Finance: My name is Julia Nagamine, I am a registered voter in Oahu, and I am in opposition Senate Bill 1 - legalizing same sex marriage in the state of Hawaii. I am a public school teacher with the state of Hawaii. I oppose this bill because of the far reaching problems that will come because of it. I ask that you look at states and countries that have had same sex marriage for more than a few years and see how the public education curriculum has been changed because of it. I cannot teach children to do things that I believe are morally wrong. I predict that teachers will not have choices in the future and many will leave the public school system. I implore you members of the Committees of Judiciary and Finance to please realize that the decisions you quickly make during this 5 day session will have an impact on many generations of children in Hawaii. Please allow this bill to have its proper place and time in a normal session. Mahalo for your service and hearing the voice of the people, Julia Nagamine

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Joe Wilson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I strongly oppose Bill SB1 and strongly oppose this "Emergency Session" to pass Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week without really "hearing" our voice and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. The way the session was viewed Monday night by many was that our "leaders" already have an "agenda" and are just rushing through this process to get it over with! This act is NOT DEMOCRACY it's HYPOCRACY!!! This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Joe R. Wilson, Resident Laie, Hawaii

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Nicole K. Endo	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Nicole K. Endo am opposed to SB 1. In a society today that has been manipulated in many ways by leaders of our righteous land to be tolerant of immoral decisions by calling it discriminatory, I stand firm on the institution of a traditional marriage. Traditional marriage being defined between one man and one woman. Our state, let alone our nation was founded on the very foundation of freedom. Yet as this bill is being moved forward I feel as if my freedom is being compromised. As this bill stands I believe that myself and my family will be forced to agree with a definition of marriage that applies to a small group of people wanting equality. If equality is being requested then a redefinition of marriage is not the answer. Stop this bill and review the benefits of civil union. There is no harm with redefining BENEFITS in a civil union relationship for equality. As I understand people persuading this bill are hopeful for the equality of benefits not the sacredness of marriage. If equality is needed for people to achieve security financially and medically in a relationship then redefine their benefits in a civil union not marriage. There has been numerous accounts of this redefinition of marriage having a negative affect on the children. And this is where my freedom as a parent comes into play. An example of that is the education that will be taught and implemented once this bill is passed. In Massachusetts parents were outraged as inappropriate sexual material was being taught about same sex couples to children unable to voice an opinion. Leaving parents feeling helpless to what their children is being taught. I do not want parents here in Hawaii feeling helpless. I am a native Hawaiian and have been affected by so many bills placing a hindrance on my cultural overall. I want my native Hawaiian voice heard on this issue. Please stop SB 1. Lastly I would like to voice this. As I write this letter I am fearful at the repercussions this bill will have in opening up the definition of equality not marriage but equality. If this group can call for an understanding of their choice of those they want to live their life with; what will happen when the child molester wants equality also? We implemented laws to prevent the union of children to adults, as we as a society saw that it was immoral for a 30 year old man to marry or even have a sexual relationship with a minor based on the fact that it is immoral. Men and woman are imprisoned for their choice in having a sexual desire and action towards children because we as a society thought or think it is immoral! So although we as a society do not want to bring morals into laws, we have already implemented laws based on morality. Redefining marriage is not the equality this group is looking for. Benefits is what they are asking for. Please stop this bill and redefine civil union benefits not marriage. I will be praying for you at this crucial time for Hawaii. I thank you for your service to our state and I continuously pray that you seek a higher authority in this delicate issue. Mahalo, Nicole K. Endo

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nelson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill because the politicians has usurped the power of the people and like many others feel threatened by he fact that I have no say in what my children will be burdened with in the near future with SB1 becoming law. Where does allowing the views of the minority have such a profound out come on the majority who oppose this bill. PLease I plead for you to allow the people to decide the outcome. Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Miyamoto Wilson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am a young Native Hawaiian who strongly opposes Bill SB1 and strongly opposes this "Emergency Session" to pass Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week without really "hearing" our voice and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. The way the session was viewed Monday night by many was that our "leaders" already have an "agenda" and are just rushing through this process to get it over with! This act is NOT DEMOCRACY it's HYPOCRACY!!! This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Miyamoto Wilson, Resident Laie, Hawaii

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Isayas Mandrial Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass SB1.

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Rhonda Valera	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I feel that a marriage should stay between one man and one woman.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Stan Zitnik	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support natural marriage and do not redefine marriage to include same sex marriage. If you support same sex marriage, then please let the people decide by voting for a Constitutional Amendment in 2014 to allow same sex marriage. Most importantly, I strongly ask that you also pass a constitutional amendment to protect religious liberty. Across the nation people of faith are being discriminated against because of their deeply held religious convictions, even right here in Hawaii (Aloha Bed and Breakfast).

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Piilani Erbe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I believe that the passing of this bill will in fact grant right's to people by taking away the rights of others. I know that as a citizen of the United States we are granted rights that most other countries do not allow. But to grant certain rights to people by taking away the right's from others feels morally wrong. Please carefully examine the long term implications of the Marriage Bill. I do not wish to take away anyone's rights. I believe that we all can enjoy the freedoms that this country grants to everyone. I have 3 children and this bill will affect their future and the future of all children that live in Hawaii. As we look at studies done in other states such as Massachusetts, we see how they have an exponential increase in domestic violence, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Just by looking at the health issues alone are grounds for going over the bill again with a fine tooth comb. We can also look at Canada and see how this type of bill infiltrates our schools. Children as young as kindergarten have been taught about sex. It has become the law to teach children about homosexuality and not only that promote it through pornographic pictures and other means that have been proven to be destructive towards society at large. Pornography is an addiction that breaks up homes and families. We need strong stable families consisting of a husband and wife in order to raise children who will be a great contribution to the community. This bill is also too important to be left in the hands of the legislature. Many of our representatives refuse to listen to the people. How can we have true democracy if the peoples' voices are not heard, considered or followed? Therefore, I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousands of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! I thank those of you who have voted "No" to this bill, for staying strong and firm in your decision and for listening to the majority of the people. For those of you who are voting "Yes," I implore you to reconsider. If only just to allow yourselves more time to look at all the facts and go over things more thoroughly I plead for your "No" vote. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Piilani Erbe Kurtistown, HI 96760

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Cher Garcia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a Christian the bible states that its sin. A man marry Female not female marry female or male marry male its not we where thought in a Christian nation.

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christopher metcalf	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Public elected officials PLEASE remember you were elected by the people for the people so help you God. This SB1 bill is dividing Hawaii like nothing else. I STRONGLY am against the bill for the reasons of the impact it will make to society in the areas of religious freedom, freedom of speech, education and on and on the list goes. It would be much more wise to make changes to the benefits of our civil unions bill already in law, rather than change and institution that has proven itself over time to be vital to a civilization. PLEASE LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE! Please look at the site attached to see the environmental impact a similar decision made. In fact why does this not require an enviromental impact statement?

[http://www.massresistance.org/docs/marriage/effects\\_of\\_ssm\\_2012/index.html](http://www.massresistance.org/docs/marriage/effects_of_ssm_2012/index.html) Chris and Michelle Metcalf 3223 Elua Street Lihue, Hi 96766

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Richard Zautner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose SB1 due to marriage should be between opposite sexes, (man and a woman).

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Marina Zautner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose same sex marriage. Marriage should be between opposite sex couples only.

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Laura Fowler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If the government makes same sex marriage legal, then the government makes same sex marriage equal to marriage between one man and one woman. This would be harmful to our society because marriage between one woman and one man would no longer be the only form of marriage that is promoted and encouraged by the government. Marriage between one man and one woman should be the only form of marriage that is promoted and encouraged by the government not only for reasons of procreation, but also for the mental and emotional stability of children, who need both a father and a mother to thrive.

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Cedar Wilson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Debbie Mamiya	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I humbly ask that you do not pass SB1. In the Bible it specifically states: Genesis 1:27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." To deliberately go against God's word will cause judgment to our beautiful state beyond measure. Male and Male or Female and Female are unable to be fruitful and bear children. God designed marriage to be between a Male and a Female. I am not against the sinner, but I strongly oppose of the sin. We serve a loving and merciful God. He will bless us abundantly as we follow His commands. Please do not pass SB1. Thank you for your in dept consideration.

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Denny Dement	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Eqaul rights and redefing marriage have nothing to do with each other. There are alternatives, such as taking away benefits of married individuals so they have no advantage. I believe this bill is a quick fix people pleaser that will create more harm than good. Please listen to reason, vote No.

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Cherie Tsukamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe in equality for all people, but I am very concerned about the protection of religious liberty and I do not believe the current bill protects the religious freedom of Hawaii's people! An issue this complex requires further discussion and exploration and should ultimately be up to the people of Hawaii to decide. Please oppose this legislation.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Sheila Nitta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and Members of the Committees: I am strongly opposed to SB 1, the Same-Sex Marriage Bill that is being considered this week in the legislature. The Bill should not be passed. Any legislation that undercuts and weakens the long-established societal tradition of marriage between a man and a woman is wrong. This is not a civil rights issue. I am not an intolerant bigot. I have close friends who are gay and lesbian. We simply differ in our beliefs. I also believe that same-sex marriage is wrong from a religious standpoint. God has ordained marriage between a man and a woman. That being said, if this legislation is to become law, I urge you to rewrite it with a very strong exemption for religious clergy and churches. Aloha, Sheila B. Nitta Kaimuki Voter

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Isaac McMillan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Isaac Kealaka'ipono McMillan Kapolei, Hawaii

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Michael F Rayner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: In the Bible it states that marriage is only between one man and one woman, this was God's rule from the beginning and HE does not change. If we don't follow God's rules there will be consequences.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Sanae Nakatani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1. I am not a gay/lesbian myself. I strongly urge the government of Hawai'i to demonstrate our belief in ensuring the right of pursuit of happiness for everyone. Same-sex couples should not be barred from receiving benefits which heterosexual couples are entitled to.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
MANU K HANANO	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Manu K. Hanano Kamuela, Hawaii 96743

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Alberta Cruz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Let the people decide!!! There are many GLBT couples out there that have been living together for many years. Waiting and wanting this to happen. We deserve to have the same rights as the next person. We live and breathe the same way anyone else does. Some of us have children and we need the benefits for their sakes as well. It shouldn't be so complicated for us just because our genders. We love the same way as a heterosexual relationship does. This law will not be forcing any church to perform the ceremony if they don't want to. Nor is it forcing anyone to accept it if they don't want to. We are just asking to allow the people to decide. So please LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE!!!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Samuel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, Regarding the issue of marriage equality and the latest version of the SB1 Bill. I strongly oppose the SB1 Bill and the redefinition of Marriage. I know that Marriage is between a man and a woman and ordained of God. It is our responsibility to maintain and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society. As families are strengthened, so will our individuals, our community, our society, and our nation be strengthened. A child is entitled to a mother and father who honor their marital vows and fulfill their responsibilities as they work together to teach their children. Fathers are to preside and provide for their families and mothers are primarily responsible for the nurture of their children. My wife and I have been married for 5 years and are blessed with a 11 month old son and our first child. Over the past 11 months, we have realized the importance and need for a mother and a father, a couple of the opposite sex to fulfill the needs of a child as God has created it to be. With that said, I strongly oppose the SB1 Bill and ask that you seriously consider the above mentioned and the impact this ruling will have to Society and the state of Hawaii, especially the affect on religious freedoms and protections. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration and hope that you will represent marriage between a man and a woman. Mahalo, Sam

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JOSEPH HOU	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose same sex message. Let the people vote.

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carol miyashiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Personally, i have worked with a young man who was experiencing some confusion with heterosexual and homosexual relationships as he grew up. His parents were divorced and he lived with his mother. In team sports he was strongly influenced by others to get into homosexual relationships looking for love but found only hurts. He encountered the LOVE of GOD and made the choice to leave the homosexual relationships that brought such pain instead of secure love. today he is married to a lovely woman and has 2 children. Remember what happened to the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of the sin of homosexuality. Because they did NOT repent and change, God judged their sin and destroyed them. According to the laws of the land SODOMY is a CRIME, so why are intelligent lawmakers trying to make the CRIME of sodomy legalized?? I am against the same sex marriage bill and i urge you and your colleagues to vote NO on this bill to avoid the judgement of God upon our people and land!!

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sam puletasi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is SAM PULETASI. VOTE YES FOR GAY MARRIAGE IN HAWAII MAHALO!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Keakealani Chan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees: I do not support this Special Session of Congress in Hawaii and I do not support Same-Sex Marriage. I do not support this bill because: 1- Religious entities will not always be protected against having to support same-sex marriages. One day the law through policy at State and Federal levels will demand all religions to support same-sex marriage. 2- People and small businesses will be required to support this bill directly or indirectly through consumer services, etc. 3- Organizations which require verification of Hawaiian ancestry will not be able to assist children of same-sex marriages (particularly male unions), without great effort, in distinguishing part or full Hawaiian blood. How can two fathers be listed as biological parents on a birth certificate, and truthfully list child's ethnicity? 4- If passed, same-sex marriages will become a norm that teaches that this type of relationship is natural and promoted in society. I ask that you strongly consider voting no on this bill. It is a societal and religious endangerment. Mahalo, Keakealani Chan

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Suzanne Swanson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jessica	Individual	Oppose	No

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Byon Nakasone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: One man, one woman!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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christopher metcalf	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please consider.... If a small interest group.... say of the faith community, wanted to get some form of religious expression into our schools, if the numbers were as disproportionate as they are in the SB1 that proposal wouldn't even be heard. This is a VERY concerning process that is giving no evidence of the consequences for our keiki or those who oppose for various reasons. PLEASE LISTEN to the PEOPLE and LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE. I am STRONGLY opposed to SB1 Chris Metcalf 3223 Elua Street Lihue, HI 96766

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Richard A. Godfrey	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I'm against gay marriage. Marriage should be between one man and one woman.

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Kelli Ling	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Carol Kaona	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB 1. Please let the people decide on the issue of marriage. I strongly believe that you are going against the will of the people!! The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say!! Your "yes" vote in this special session is clearly a NO vote to DEMOCRACY!! Thank you for allowing me to send in this written testimonial.

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Shantelle Akau	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I do not support the bill for same sex marriage. I believe it is unethical and not right in God's eyes. Please do not let this abomination take place in our state. God said let man and woman be joined as one.....

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Georgia Acevedo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am urging passage of the equal rights for marriage bill SB 1 and HB 1109. I am a mother, grandmother, retired educator, straight citizen of Kaneohe. Please let's be the 15th state to affirm the rights of all our citizens! Mahalo, Georgia K. Acevedo Kaneohe

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I support traditional marriage!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Blessing Tyla Kozub



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Tracy	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My name is Tracy Leinaala Kapali Neemia and I'm not sure where my stance is on all of this. I've asked myself, "Do you support the bill?" and my answer is always, "I'm not sure." I'm not sure if I do or don't because God loves ALL people. Even our Pope is telling his congregation to lighten up. I do have to say that I have several concerns for both the opposition and the proposition. For the opposition, are you comfortable with laying down a template for the next generation of selfrighteousness. Who are you to say that two men or two women cannot embrace the embodiment of God's love and emulate that unto children that they choose to adopt? If the concern for the children is the nuclear household of a mother and a father, then enlist our government to include verbiage in the adoption agreement for parallel parenting with a mother/father figure. If the concern is school curriculum, enlist the government to protect the rights of teachers. The list goes on and on. For the proposition, are you comfortable with laying down a template for the next generation of anger, hatred and failure for your "unnatural" love. What's important here is that God's love is granted upon all of us regardless of our own personal preference. If your concern/desire is to be able to have the same federal financial benefits as married couples do then I'm sorry, but that is simply selfish. There are so many other legal means to be recognized as an individual's "financial" partner and the opposition is asking that you utilize those legal means instead.

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sheallene	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dr. Shay Bintliff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Passing SB 1 is a 'no-brainer'. Please do the RIGHT AND JUST THING!! MAHALO!!!!

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Danny Robinson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha Representatives, I ask you to vote yes on SB 1. My civil partner, Allen Castro, and I have been in a loving relationship for 38 years. Passage of marriage equality will grant to us the federal rights now given to all married couples. This is fair and just. It becomes more important as we grow older and must cope with the same issues any other couple does. Mahalo, Danny Robinson Hilo

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Diane Weible	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a Christian minister and am so tired of hearing people say the church is having problems with this. Many of us are not. No one told me that I could or could not marry 23 years ago and if someone had tried I would've asked "who are you to make that decision for me?" I say the same thing now. Two people who love each other and want to commit themselves to each other in marriage should have every right to do so and no one should tell them differently and certainly no one should be asking "the people" to vote. It is crazy to think that a bunch of strangers would need to vote before two people who love each other can commit to marriage and all the benefits that the rest of us enjoy without question.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Franklin Souza	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Why would our Legislature have to convene with a Special Session for such a thing that was voted upon once before and now forced into a few days of hostility and division? This ugly mess can be avoided if only party lines, political favor and platforms were eliminated. LET THE PEOPLE make the decision and then let it go. To do anything otherwise, should keep you up at night, knowing the ramifications of such legislation (validated in other states and Canada) on our children and society as a whole. This responsibility should NOT be yours. It MUST BE THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. Stop having to play Solomon. Let the voting citizens of this state make this decision. Thank you, Evelyn Souza

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patricia macayan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am strongly opposed to same sex marriage. I truly believe only a man and woman can procreate. I can't understand WHY the big rush in getting this bill passed. I have read about many problems this would create if it were to go through. Please give the citizens a chance for our voices to be heard by putting it on a ballot and let us VOTE!!

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Sal Chavarria	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Let the people of hawaii vote on this!!!

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C. Matsuura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke, I am writing as a concerned registered voter imploring you to please vote "no" to the issue of SB 1 Relating to equality. An issue of such importance should not be rushed through a special session. Please move this issue to be discussed during the 2014 regular legislative session. Allow true democracy to take place by allowing the people to vote and decide what would be best for ourselves and our families. Thank you

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Tiara Hall	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Tiara Hall Kaneohe, Hawaii

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Terry Yoshinaga	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill as the people of the State of Hawaii should have a direct vote and opportunity to decide on this important issue. The process that is being implemented is not in the keeping of social justice and liberty for each individual to be counted in societal values and norms.

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Brittany Suafoa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Brittany Suafoa Lifetime Resident of Honolulu, Hawaii

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Andrea Kidd	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: please oppose the sb1 bill. I am a steadfast supporter of the bill of rights. This bill jeopardize freedom of religion. Social change on this level has unknown consequences. This is not an equalizing move, it extends special privilege to a small group based on marital status. It does nothing to provide these privileges to all Americans. What it does is further erode our constitutional rights, the very essence of our great country. I implore you to put a stop to this bill and find another route to creating the fairness we seek.

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Candice Higa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a lifelong resident of Hawaii I ask for your kokua in voting "no" on SB1. Please preserve our land, culture, way of life, and religious freedom for all of us and for our keikis in generations to come. Thank you for serving this great state of Hawaii and I declare peace and blessing over you and your ohana. Respectfully Yours, Candice Higa

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Fredese Whitsett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Penny Kuroda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose SSM. Let's keep Hawaii sacred; marriage should be between a man & woman! Also, protect our religious freedom!

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Teresa Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: For such an important issue as same sex marriage, you should let the people decide. Did we not do that in 1998? Did we not decide that marriage is between a man and a woman? In the last election, the current legislators and senators were not elected based on this issue. Let the people decide AGAIN.

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John	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please vote no to same sex marriage. The relationship between a man and a man is simply not the same as the relationship between a man and a woman. The relationships are in essence unequal. Thank you for your service to the community, it can't be easy. Respectfully, John

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Diana Ventura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Thank you for taking the time to represent the people of Hawaii. As a US Citizen and a Hawaii resident, I hereby, request that you oppose the SB1. On behalf of traditional marriage and the values set by our forefathers, it is the right of the people to decide. It's our right to vote on issues pertaining to society. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration. Diana Ventura

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JOHN MACAYAN	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is so important that I cannot understand why the rush to pass it through. I am so AGAINST it!!! Think about the future of our State Of Hawaii and how it will have a domino effect in every area of our lives! Please VOTE NO and let the people have a say. I am OPPOSED, OPPOSED, OPPOSED!!!!

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Puanani Maneha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my strong opposition to Bill SB1. The voice of the people needs to be taken into consideration and I feel that the elected officials are on their own agenda, rather than heeding the desires of the majority of the people. Those in elected positions who serve their own agenda rather than hear the voices of those who elected them, I feel, are moral cowards. I ask that you respect the freedom we should have to be able to decide what we desire as the people of the state of Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Puanani Maneha Hau'ula, HI

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mika bailey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, Please allow the people to vote on the issue of marriage equality. This issue goes beyond "allowing all to be married" but will have huge impacts on society in the future. I support the right of those who wish to have the same legal rights as heterosexual couples however, it should not deduce to a redefinition of marriage. I lived in other countries where similar bills were being presented in the legislative houses and it was in ridiculous that such a divisive issue would not have a referendum where the citizens themselves could decide. Firstly it takes the pressure off of you guys because a lot of you a scared for the repercussions of your votes, and secondly this is an issue directly affecting ALL citizens of Hawaii! So let the people decide! Or if not please vote against SB1. I ask as a mere constituent. Mahalo. Sincerely, Mika Bailey

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Bryana Kekauoha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 1. A marriage between a man and a woman was ordained by God, NOT by man. Do NOT change the meaning of marriage to support a small minority. This is not about Equal Rights but more about what is right.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Terry Panee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm not able to testify in person but I do want my testimony to be heard. I oppose Bill #SB1. It seems that my representative in the senate doesn't care what his constituents want. I feel that it is wrong to have a special session just for the bill, and that it seems that it is being forced on us. I also feel that government should get out of the business of Marriage so that people are free to marry whomever they want without the governments approval. My religious beliefs tell me that marriage is between a man and a woman. But that is my beliefs and I don't push it on others. If others feel differently then that is their choice. If the government got out of the marriage business all together then people would be able to do what they want, like they have been doing. Mahalo for your time and attention. Aloha Terry Panee 45-263 Honomu St. Hau'ula Hawai'i 96717

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Latesha Stephens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My name is Latesha Stephens. I am a registered voter living on the Big Island of Hawaii. I humbly URGE you to oppose the same sex marriage bill. We must NOT let this thing pass, especially in this special session, as there has not been time enough to weigh in all the consequences of such a law. Have you done all your homework? Have you researched the ramifications that a same sex marriage law has played out in other states and countries? Have you not realized the toll that nations and people throughout history have payed when they embraced same sex marriages and relations? If we do not learn from our past mistakes, if we do not learn from the mistakes of others we will be doomed to repeat them. I implore you to through the same sex marriage bill out and resist it like the infectious disease it is.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
J. Aiu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose SB1 and I am strongly for traditional marriage. God has ordained marriage a sacred union between one man and one woman. In Genesis 2:21-24 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. May you please consider the Bible and the truth of the Word of God, and to keep marriage between one man and one woman, for it is the way God intended marriage to be. It is unnatural for a man/man or woman/woman to have a marriage relationship. If SB1 is passed, everyone in the State of Hawaii will see the horrible ramifications upon the schools and what is taught to our children, as in the State of Massachusetts. The teachers, against their will, will have to teach our children the unnatural acts of sexual behavior in a homosexual lifestyle, using objects for sexual pleasure and to fulfill what is unnatural, it's a total disgrace and an abomination to God. This is only one of many things that will affect our Islands of Hawaii, and it will not be a good change, as we'll see in the years to come. So may you please prayerfully consider voting against passing SB1. I thank you for allowing me, a registered voter, a tax paying citizen to voice my opinion and I pray that my opinion will bring a change into your hearts. God Bless.

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Michelle B Liow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Thank you for taking the time to hear out my thoughts and personal opinion and for taking them into account when making a major decision. As the democratic process continues I feel valued when we the people have a say in the process. I personally do not agree with same sex marriage as I believe that marriage is between one man and one women the way that God had designed. I have had personal first hand experience with this issue and understand very well how homosexual relations can destroy families. Although I'm sure this is not the case in all situations I believe this will open the door for further long term social problems and take away my rights to express my freedom of religion. I pray that you will continue to hear out the voice of the people and continue with majority rule. The way our country was founded on.

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Ariel Swainston	Individual	Comments Only	No

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C. Matsuura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Testimony in opposition to SB 1 Relating to equality

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
donald emeliano	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: hi my name is Donald I am against this bill for gay marriage and equality. It goes against my religious beliefs.

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alexis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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John K.Holi Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Let the Federal government make the adjustments for same sex couples who seek Federal benefits, Not the State of Hawaii.

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Bryson Stride	Individual	Oppose	No

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Trisha	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aaron Campbell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly opposed SB1 ... there is ABSOLUTELY no reason why "we the people" should not be allowed to vote on this critical issue. The only reason to ram this through in a special session is because you know it will not pass a vote of the people. Be pono and allow we the people to vote.

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Karlene Costales	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As our representatives you must consider the people and the rights to be considered. Let the people decide. Marriage is not a civil right. No amendments can be made in legislation, therefore what happens to true democracy. Religious exemption has been removed because of public accommodations have been left out. Please consider the outcome by researching the states and Canada that have passed the law. Statics show that hate crimes have gone up. As the State of Hawaii do we want our parents not to have the right to decide what their child should learn when it comes to their moral beliefs?

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ross anderson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Committee House Finance Committee  
Sylvia Luke, Chair House Judiciary  
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are rushing a decision on a a very important and crucial piece of legislation. I would like to ask that  
the House vote no on this bill, to allow the citizens of the State to vote either for or against Same Sex  
Marriage. The impact of this legislation will fall upon our children for generations to come and the  
responsibility should be placed upon the citizens. I thank you for your service and humbly ask for you  
to vote no on SB1 Mahalo Ross Anderson

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Ilima Avilla	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nathaniel Pong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Legislators, I will try to keep this short. Leaving this decision to the people and letting the majority decide on the rights of the minority is never fair and just. Regarding family values, many children in Hawaii grow up with neither a father or mother because of divorce. A child would thrive and learn in the presence of two loving fathers or mothers. Thank you.

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kiani keohohou	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage. I do not understand how a bill that will affect the rest of our lives, our children's lives, and their children's lives and their children and so forth, would be up for a committee to decide and not the people. Nor do I understand how a decision could be made within a few days. So I am opposed to allowing this decision to be made in a few days. Why is Hawaii the only state that is rushing this into a special session? If this issue was so dire then why haven't the other 34 states against same-sex marriage done so? Is there a hidden agenda? If so why be so secretive? Please do not muzzle the voice of those people who elected you to serve as their voices. This issue should be given back to the people to decide. Thank you for the opportunity to testify, Kiani Keohohou Kapolei Hawaii 96707

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Ofa Peloso	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: PLEASE DO NOT PASS this bill. I feel it imposes on my religious rights, my rights as a responsible parent, and the rights of my children. I DO NOT SUPPORT SB-1 and I feel many of the people of Hawaii do not support the bill as well. Let's not mistake ALOHA for WEAKNESS. Upholding the family unit with one father and one mother holds our society together. Mahalo!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Christian de Anda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Legislators I am a 15 year old boy, born and raised in Kalihi. i oppose this bill because it will effect my future and also everyones future too. If this bill passes many things will be affected in hawaii such as the education system. I do not hate gays or lesbians but i oppose this bill because i care about the future of Hawaii. Have a great day and God bless

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Nicole K. Endo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I, Nicole K. Endo am opposed to SB 1. In a society today that has been manipulated in many ways by leaders of our righteous land to be tolerant of immoral decisions by calling it discriminatory, I stand firm on the institution of a traditional marriage. Traditional marriage being defined between one man and one woman. Our state, let alone our nation was founded on the very foundation of freedom. Yet as this bill is being moved forward I feel as if my freedom is being compromised. As this bill stands I believe that myself and my family will be forced to agree with a definition of marriage that applies to a small group of people wanting equality. If equality is being requested then a redefinition of marriage is not the answer. Stop this bill and review the benefits of civil union. There is no harm with redefining BENEFITS in a civil union relationship for equality. As I understand people persuading this bill are hopeful for the equality of benefits not the sacredness of marriage. If equality is needed for people to achieve security financially and medically in a relationship then redefine their benefits in a civil union not marriage. There has been numerous accounts of this redefinition of marriage having a negative affect on the children. And this is where my freedom as a parent comes into play. An example of that is the education that will be taught and implemented once this bill is passed. In Massachusetts parents were outraged as inappropriate sexual material was being taught about same sex couples to children unable to voice an opinion. Leaving parents feeling helpless to what their children is being taught. I do not want parents here in Hawaii feeling helpless. I am a native Hawaiian and have been affected by so many bills placing a hindrance on my cultural overall. I want my native Hawaiian voice heard on this issue. Please stop SB 1. Lastly I would like to voice this. As I write this letter I am fearful at the repercussions this bill will have in opening up the definition of equality not marriage but equality. If this group can call for an understanding of their choice of those they want to live their life with; what will happen when the child molester wants equality also? We implemented laws to prevent the union of children to adults, as we as a society saw that it was immoral for a 30 year old man to marry or even have a sexual relationship with a minor based on the fact that it is immoral. Men and woman are imprisoned for their choice in having a sexual desire and action towards children because we as a society thought or think it is immoral! So although you as elected officials do not want to bring morals into laws, we have already implemented laws based on morality. Redefining marriage is not the equality this group is looking for. Benefits is what they are asking for. Please stop this bill and redefine civil union benefits not marriage. I will be praying for you at this crucial time for Hawaii. I thank you for your service to our state and I continuously pray that you seek a higher authority in this delicate issue. Mahalo, Nicole K. Endo

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Karlene Costales	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am of Hawaiian ancestry. Why are you rushing to pass this in special session? The people of Hawaii have been fighting for reconciliation of lands taking, and rights that was illegally taken. You the government agreed. Yet you say that this issue of equal rights of the gay and lesbian community must be dealt with now. Why does this take priority over the native people of Hawaii and their rights?

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besilluan wa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Marriage is a holy ordinance between one man and one woman, ordained by God Himself. Churches that say its okay with God, is lying to you. Tsunami and earthquake threats to Hawaii, coincidence or warning? The passing of this bill, will be the demise of this great state, whether you believe it or not. Think about it. Stand up to your peers, and LET THE PEOPLE VOTE!!

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Steven Pavao	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support marriage equality for all of Hawaii's citizens. The time had come. IMUA Hawaii Mahalo Steven Pavao

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Raymond So	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Hawaii leaders, As a concerned resident of this state, I do not agree with Bill SB1. Firstly I am not against the people who choose to be recognized as gay or lesbians, however i do have an issue with the process being used for this bill. Please reconsider the method being used in pushing this bill through without the proper democratic process being allowed. I find what I am witnessing quite disturbing as I feel that the proper protocols are purposely circumvented and the people of Hawaii do not really have a voice in the process or in the amendment and vetting of the bill. Please reconsider and do what is right. Thank you! Raymond

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Teri Cheung	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor: I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I am opposed to there being a special session on any same-sex marriage issue. I am a mother of 2 children. I am a Chinese, also I am a Christian. I worried about how my kids will be in the future. There will be a difficult choice for them to see the world. They won't know how human been exactly comes from. They will be confuse to accept the Hunan beens. Also, sex disease will be around the state. The society will be mess up. Hawaii is paradise island, lots of Asian love to travel to this island. If the law passed, I am afraid the tourism might drop. Our economic is really depend on the tourism. Please take a serious consideration. Please keep our paradise island as it is. Please let the people decide the marriage, let God in charge of this issue. Sincerely, Teri Cheung

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Rewa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm against same sex marriages. I know eventually same sex marriages will be legal in most states in maybe 8-10yrs, but for now, I want to postpone this bill for as long as possible, esp. in Hawaii. Let the same sex couples go get married in some other states, like San Fran, Florida, Los Angeles, or New York. I uphold the traditional view of marriage due to my religious beliefs. However, I do believe the vote should be left to the people - NOT legislation.

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Gloria Tandal	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robin	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Robin Maunakea 85-1130 Kepauala Pl. Waianae, Hawaii 96792 Testimony of Robin Maunakea IN SUPPORT OF SB 1, THE BILL RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS Before the Hawaii State Senate Committee October 30, 2013 I believe in the support of equal rights and in this bill. I will simply state that the right to marry is a HUMAN right. To deny that, is to refuse to recognize that person as human. Lesser somehow... Therefore, I urge the committee to support SB1 in favor of the Equal Rights of everyone. Thank you

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Jennifer Duerden	Individual	Oppose	No

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Karlene Costales	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a mother, and a grandmother. My rights are threatened when I am subjected to allow the schools to teach equality, but yet, you ignore my voice. My children voices are small and easily swayed. Who will protect them if I chose traditional marriage and to keep those beliefs in my ohana? Where can we turn?

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Alexander Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gerald Peter Quintana	Basic Christian Community of Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments: I , because of my firm beliefs in my baptized Faith, The Catholic Church, stand opposed most vehemently against the passing of SB1. Please remember you have been voted into Office on our behalf feeling you would represent us fairly and conscientiously. Aloha, then Gerald Peter Quintana

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summer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m. Place: Capitol Auditorium Re: Strong Opposition of SB1 Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. "In God we trust" is still on the American coin and dollar, God has given us laws and one of them is that Marriage is Ordained to be between a man and women. We deal with this money on a daily basis, each and every one of you sitting here could possibly have a coin or a bill in your pocket, if you dont mind would you please reach in your pocket or grab your wallet out of your pocket as this is being read? Please take them out.. take it out and read those 4 words "In God We Trust" and how its so easy to forget that we literally carry his name with us in our pocket, wallets, purses and we carry his name everywhere we go and with everything we do each and every single day and in everything we buy. Please don't dismiss the correct order of Family, majority of the worlds population is husband and wife for a reason, it's ordained by God and our constitution was founded on him as well. People may have their feelings towards one another for the same-sex partner but it doesn't necessarily make it right to put it into law. Times are strange now and we must choose to stand with God or against him. I know with every fiber of my being that God feels dis-pleased with sin and does not look upon it with the least degree of allowance. If you would please here my testimony here today, for it is of righteousness and truthfulness in and on behalf of all Christian families that live here in Hawaii. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenou and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. (Summer Elmer) (Wahiawa, HI, 96786)

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Erica Soares	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a registered voter and want to inform you that while I do support equal benefits for same-sex couples, I strongly oppose the redefinition of marriage. Please vote no. Thank you for taking the time to read this and for your service to our community. Mahalo, Erica Soares

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Brayden Salas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Brayden Salas Honolulu, Hawaii

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Karlene Costales	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a Christian. I believe in the word of God and stand not with opinion of man but in the truth through the word of God. It is a dangerous thing to oppose the King of Kings, Lord of Lords. Who reigns in the heavens and on earth. "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." Gal. 5:13

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Donna Carpio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Marriage is between man and woman

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Chung Ling Tong	Individual	Oppose	No

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ASHLYNN MAWAE	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I oppose same sex marriage. I am a 21 year old who believes that a man is meant to be with a women and a women with a man. I am not racist against the gay community. I don't judge them either. But this bill is taking away my religious rights and thats when the lines should be drawn. I believe if this bill is passed, it will be liken unto opening pandoras box. Hell will break loose. The people will be drawn into more divisions and we will not be standing as one any more. Then from being the top country, we will become nothing. We will break our own selves down from with in and this is just the start.

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Stanley Tam	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am against SB1. It changes the Institution of marriage and the traditional definition of marriage. It forces people who believe in marriage only for a man and a woman to accept a different value. Excluding people from using "marriage" for their civil union does not mean discrimination. If this law is passed, are we going to allow people who want to marry their sons and daughters just in the name of love and equal rights? Please say no to SB1.

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VenDella Merita Fitisemanu- Taituave	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Let the people vote! I question the real reason of SSM when in Hawaii the civil union's law was passed in 2011. I am so for "equal rights" and have loved ones, co-workers & friends who are gay. I support the fact that people should have the right to legal status/recognition, financial/benefit responsibility, partake in medical decisions and other things that marriage couples can... according to the law of the land. But what people who are for SSM are not taking into consideration is that marriage is a religious act, an ordinance of our God, and in some religions a commandment. It's because the laws of the land had accustomed itself around the religious belief that people forget its beginnings. I know many would disagree but I feel supporters for SSM favor it over civil unions because it demands the word "marriage." An activist for gay rights adamantly stated that he didn't support civil unions for this very reason. So, despite being able to modify civil unions to offer federal benefits and protections they are choosing to change the societal perspective/definition and sacred order of marriage that is decree of God. People don't like the religious point of view but want to participate in a religious act? Commercialization of marriage is another culprit that helps to overlook its origins. Yes, our God is love and yes he asks us not to judge that's because he is judging for us when he established marriage between a man and a women. If religion is not a good argument than why fight for the ritual? SSM will affect religious freedoms when it stresses the equal right (the same point used for SSM) to be married in religious organizations or at business who do not believe in it. I just do not appreciate how lawmakers are being very shady when addressing this issue. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns . :)

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Joan Ohara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: let the people decide.

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Kamuela Kimokeo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Kamuela Kimokeo 91-1066 Polea st Ewa beach HI 96806

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Elizabeth Wong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a registered voter in the state of Hawaii, I oppose SB1 relating to equal rights. After discussing my concerns with Senator Laura Thielen and carefully reading the latest version of the proposed measure, I feel that the religious exemption provisions will not adequately protect one's freedom of religion. During my conversation with Senator Thielen, she stated that this bill would leave a very large gray area in terms of how religious organizations would be determined to have solemnized marriage celebrations "for a profit." I agree with her assessment and am very uncomfortable with this gray area. Leaving such a large gray area to be determined subjectively on a case-by-case basis is irresponsible of those who drafted the proposed measure and alarming to anyone who values our first amendment rights. It is my belief that religious organizations and facilities should be offered liability exemptions under all circumstances. Another concern of mine is that this measure fails to protect an individual's right to refuse goods/services to anyone based on religious grounds. No religious organization or individual should be required to perform any task, solemnize any marriage, or provide any service that violates its/his/her religious beliefs. The proposed measure presents some very important issues and should not be hastily rushed through in a special session. This measure's title states that it is "relating to equal rights." Giving one group the right to make a lifestyle choice at the expense of another group's first amendment rights is the very opposite of equal rights. Please do not vote for this bill's passage.

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CherylAnn Wan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have to say that I know what God says in His words in the Holly Bible. Man shall not lay with man, and Woman shall not lay with woman. Marriage is between 1 Man and 1 Woman, not 2 of the same sex. If you people in the House and all of the Legislature and the Governor think that same sex marriage is Equal Rights then you are very wrong. You should all be reading your Bibles and know exactly what God has said about this. America will become another Sodom and Gomorra and be destroyed. You people don't know who God is or anything about God. READ YOUR BIBLES BEFORE YOU THINK TO PASS THIS SO CALLED LAW. LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE. YOU WASTE OUR MONEY ON THIS SPECIAL SESSION AND WHEN OTHER AREAS ARE BEING CUT BACK ON HOW DARE YOU DO THIS. GOD WILL GET YOU ALL WHO THINK THAT THIS IS RIGHT TO OK THIS SAME SEX MARRIAGE.

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anson maglinti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: PLEASE LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE LET THEM VOTE ON THE SAME SEX MARRIAGE..

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Kira Kimhan	Individual	Oppose	No

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For the sake of the keiki & families on the islands, please let the voters decide. We are trusting you to give the people the opportunity to decide what is best for Hawaii.

Thank you very much

Unho Garrett  
Waipahu, HI



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NICOLE KAMEKONA	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. NICOLE KAMEKONA PERL CITY, HAWAII

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Kaile Richards	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jean Tsukamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is about loving people, not giving people what they want, but what is best for society. If it is about politics, financial income, nor pride, that is what the government is teaching the next generation. Let's keep our focus on what is best, and that is not to spoil our children and give them whatever they want that can be dangerous for them.

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maile rogers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing to express my concern relating to the proposed legislation on same sex marriage that I feel would redefine the relationship and nature of marriage in Hawaii. While I am not opposed to equal rights for all members of society, I am very concerned about the redefinition of marriage as a means to accomplish this goal. I believe that the redefinition of marriage as currently proposed will shift the discrimination felt by one group of society to another, in particular those people and organizations of faith. As you consider the proposed changes, and their ramifications, I ask that you also consider including strong legislation that will exempt and protect those that will now face a newly created discrimination. Such an exemption should: 1. Protect religious organizations and officials from being forced to support or preform same-sex marriages or from being forced to host same-sex marriages celebrations in their facilities. 2. Protect individuals and small businesses from being forced to assist in promoting or celebrating same sex marriages. Thank you for your consideration, and for your service to our community. Maile Rogers Waialua Resident

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dara	Individual	Oppose	No

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Susan McDermott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wish to formally support SB1 and humbly ask that the legislators do the right thing and pass this into law giving myself and others equality under the law. Mahalo Nui.

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Sara Klmhan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a youth who lives in Hawaii and I hope that you will leave this matter to the people. Please do not do this behind closed doors. The voice of the people matter.

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Jeannine Holi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If this "marriage" is being created related to Federal benefits this should be a federal issue. Not a state issue. The federal tends to create problems then dumps it on the state. Ua mau ke ea o KA aina I KA pono! I do not find this as Pono. These are signs of the end times....protect yourself! Do you know what happens in the end?

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Matt Rigdon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: You must let the people of Hawaii vote on this matter.

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Jane	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Legislators! I am a voting resident of Hawaii in your district & have lived here for almost 25 years. I am against the same sex marriage bill. I believe marriage is between a man and a woman. Please allow "we the people" to vote on the issue, & do not vote on it in the upcoming Special Session next week. MAHALO for ALL YOU DO, I sure to appreciate what you do for our island 'ohana! Sincerely, Jane Amian Hawaii resident

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Lily	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have lived in Hawaii all my life, am a local business owner and a mother. I am very concerned on how this law will affect my child & am against the passing of it. I believe that the passing of this law would affect children in so many ways. In school , the classes , counseling will be affected. Freedom of speech will be affected. Will teachers be made to teach things on homosexuality , even if it is not what they believe, will children be made to believe that this is what they should choose. Will it promote instead of just making it a choice. Our children our very impressionable to what they are exposed to , and I don't believe that it should be part of their school curriculum. Legalizing same sex marriage will surely affect the choices of our children because of what will be taught to them. These things should be choices , because of the freedom of speech , and also freedom of religion. I support traditional marriage. Same sex marriage is not just about marriage , it is also about the effect that it will have on our children, and Hawaii's education system.

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Robert Taylor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this Bill relating to Same Sex Marriage. The people of Hawaii should be allowed to vote on the issue. SB 1 promotes homosexuality under the "equal rights" label with the rationale that homosexual couples can get Federal benefits. The same rationale could be applied to allowing 2 sisters to marry, 2 brothers or even polygamy. I am a former SOH Senate majority staff attorney (for one legislative session working for the head attorney). Rationale for this bill is illogical and is just one more step towards destroying the institution of marriage. The exemption language and implications has not been adequately thought out. Thank you. RRT

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Ernestine M. De Jesus	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Marriage supposed to be between a man and a women. I'm against gay marriage and it also says that in the Bible.

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raymond black IV	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hello my name is Raymond Black I am a ninth grader attending James Campbell High and i do not stand for same sex marriage. i believe that marriage should be between male and female and i will not stand for marriage between male and male. You may not believe this affects us but it will. with this bill there will be kids maybe not now but later forced to sit through health classes and be forced to learn about things that is not normal. But you guys are making this a normal thing. and i will not stand for it my family and I. And i hope that you guys will make the wrong decision.

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Kirsten	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am 14 years old I believe that marriage should be between a man and a woman. I am opposing to this bill. Its unfair that churches aren't going to get a say in the gay weddings. We should be focusing more on the less fortunate. If this law gets passed, it will encourage gay marriage and kids will think its ok. It is wrong for young children to be learning such explicit education and its also wrong to be encouraging it.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Courtney Powell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my OPPOSITION to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. The way the bill is currently written removes the freedom of religious institutions and small business to act according to their rights and beliefs. Giving freedoms to others should not remove them from someone else. All should be allowed to make their decisions based on their own conscience and not be controlled by the government and forced to participate in those things that they do not agree with. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Courtney Powell Laie HI Resident

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Nancy Ayotte	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I oppose the same sex marriage and feel that civil unions was enough. Now we must deal with the rights of the children, the teachers and parents who will object to them having to learn all about same sex being normal. The same sex life style is doing nothing but encouraging the young to be like them. It's wrong in God's eyes and HE did not re-write the Bible. Please vote no and let the people decide what is best for Hawaii!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Ann Holland	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Honorable Chirs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees - I thank you for your Service to our State! I am a strong believer in State rights - I am proud of what makes Hawaii ourselves - we are not Texan's, we are not California's. We don't have Capitol Punishment, we don't have assisted suicide, we invest more than others in our Health and Social Services as this represents who we are as a people and what is important to us. As a people of Hawaii we believe that Marriage is reserved between a Man and a Woman - We want to keep our identity and want you to support this view. We don't need you to be a rubber stamp of the Federal Government, We don't need you to succumb to outside influences & noise created by people not of Hawaii. I look at the case against our Governor - Ms Jackson became a Hawaii "citizen" only but 2 years prior to this filing - Ms Jackson is from Washington D.C. via some mid-west location. If Ms Jackson wants to "marry" - if that be her real motivation then she could in her home of Washington D.C.; she and spouse would receive Federal support and because of our Civil Union law as a "citizen" of Hawaii she is supported to the limit that we have within our State. Again - do not be a rubber stamp and use the excuse of the repeal of DOMA as your reasoning for same sex marriage - if you do you are erasing the purpose and intent for your existance as our State Senator's and Representatives - we all can save much time and money if we just give up and simply follow Federal Laws. That's not what our Nation nor our State is about - we have our National laws & framework & as a beautiful quilt we have our State Laws that reflect our State Values - Our values are of the families and people and marriage to us means a Man & Woman = Natural Law. Mahalo & My Prayers to You, me and our State

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Stacey Yamashita	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please Let The People decide

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shane jackson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 My name is Shane Jackson and I oppose SB 1. I love Hawaii. Its important to know that. I want to say, on important social issues like these, why not let the people decide? I believe the people should be able to decide on this issue. Put it to a vote to the people. What is the hurry in changing thousands of years of tradition? Let the people vote on it. Any person who votes for this bill, I will vote against next election. If I'm allowed to influence races out of my district (I will make sure its allowed before hand), I will actively try to get those who vote for out of office. Thank you for your time Shane Jackson

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HARLAN KAMEKONA	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ivan Nitta	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am against same sex marriage. I believe that Marriage is a sacred union that comes from God. The bible teaches us that marriage is a union between one man and one woman and that homosexuality is a sin. I vote for laws protecting and honoring my beliefs. Yes, all people should have equal rights. Why do we have to tarnish the Holiness of marriage. Give the GLBT marriage rights but not call it marriage.

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Alyssa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thanks to Hawaii Having Marriage Equality at this time because it helped me answer my friend's question. My friend's question gave me a good explanation on why we should have Marriage Equality. "Do people make prejudice justifications on something that doesn't affect them or their feelings?" My response to her: "In Hawaii they are trying to pass same sex marriage right now. It doesn't affect straight people although straight people protest against marriage equality. Why should you protest against something that doesn't affect you? I know we have the freedom of free speech but why should you put your two senses in on something that won't hurt you or benefit you? Yes, I realize it would be better if it benefitted everyone but unfortunately it doesn't. Because homophobic is a choice and a decision you make on your own. How is this going to hurt the nation? It actually helps our population because when there are same sex marriage we can fix our population problem because there is a chance that people will adopt. Plus, there are more children who will get to have families. No, not everyone is going to turn gay if we legalize same sex marriage. We will still have people in straight marriages and we will still have babies coming from those marriages. Our population will not die with same sex marriage equality because lesbians can get sperm donors so that they can have a baby in their belly."

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Kayley Perez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. Simply because I strongly believe a marriage was created to be only between man and woman. If this bill is passed what then will become of our state motto? What will happen to living PONO? What will keep our already diminishing UNIQUE culture alive for generations to come? Not bill SB 1. With every choice we make there are consequences and well, the consequence of CHOOSING a homosexual relationship is that you forfeit the rights you would have in a traditional marriage.

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Megan Akinaka	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am requesting that you vote against legalizing homosexual marriage here in Hawaii. Of great concern is the ability to preserve our first amendment rights of freedom of religion. We need to protect religious leaders, organizations, individuals and small businesses from having to provide goods or services that assist or promote the solemnization or celebration of any marriage, or provide counseling or other services that directly facilitate the perpetuation of any marriage that is against their religious beliefs. I also believe that traditional marriage is the basis for the foundation of the family, society and our nation. All efforts should be made to preserve and encourage the traditional family and prevent further undermining of marriage and family in our society. Tax exemptions and social security benefits have been endorsed to facilitate those who wish to raise a family and now claims are being made that any type of relationship is entitled to these benefits. If you wish to entitle all types of relationships to these benefits, do it without changing the definition and purpose of marriage. This bill also fails to suffice the very basic rules of the democratic process by neglecting the rights of the citizens to vote. Stop the special legislative session and allow the people of Hawai'i to vote on the Same-sex Marriage bill. Mahalo for all of your efforts to Protect Religious Freedom and Preserve the Traditional Family

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Cheyenne McMillan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Cheyanne McMillan Waianae/Kapolei, Hawai'i

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Erick Wallman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To: The House Judiciary Committee The House Finance Committee Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m. Place: Capitol Auditorium Re: Opposition to SB1 I am writing in opposition to Bill SB1. It is wrong for the State of Hawaii to change how it defines marriage. The Supreme Court has allowed states to define marriage as they see fit and it is important for Hawaii to maintain a traditional definition of marriage. If you do pass legislation similar to what is being considered, I implore you to include the strongest possible protection for freedom of conscience and free exercise of religion, particularly for those who have faith backgrounds which prevent them from endorsing or supporting something they sincerely believe to be wrong. The manor this legislation is being considered, for the gravity of the impact on Hawaii, seems rushed and dismissive of the grave concerns of the majority of the people in the state. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for considering my concerns on this matter. Erick Wallman

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Ammon Kaonohi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not support this bill.

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Keliihananui Crabbe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am requesting that you vote against legalizing homosexual marriage here in Hawaii. Of great concern is the ability to preserve our first amendment rights of freedom of religion. We need to protect religious leaders, organizations, individuals and small businesses from having to provide goods or services that assist or promote the solemnization or celebration of any marriage, or provide counseling or other services that directly facilitate the perpetuation of any marriage that is against their religious beliefs. I also believe that traditional marriage is the basis for the foundation of the family, society and our nation. All efforts should be made to preserve and encourage the traditional family and prevent further undermining of marriage and family in our society. Tax exemptions and social security benefits have been endorsed to facilitate those who wish to raise a family and now claims are being made that any type of relationship is entitled to these benefits. If you wish to entitle all types of relationships to these benefits, do it without changing the definition and purpose of marriage. This bill also fails to suffice the very basic rules of the democratic process by neglecting the rights of the citizens to vote. Stop the special legislative session and allow the people of Hawai'i to vote on the Same-sex Marriage bill. Mahalo for all of your efforts to Protect Religious Freedom and Preserve the Traditional Family.

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Teri Nakakura	Individual	Oppose	No

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donna atiz	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kealoha Sugiyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 1. Keep religion and state business separate 2. The SUPREME COURT overruled FDMA ACT Jun 2013 3. Marriage equality is warranted under the law by the Supreme Court ruling. 4. Vote on civil rights for all as mandated by the Supreme Court ruling 5. Business are joined in marriage all the time so marriage is not only about one man and one woman. The Mormons had more than one wife. 6. Vote for equality for all Hawaii. If any of you is without sin cast the first stone and judge not that ye be not judged. Just accepts everyone as equals and ohana.

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U'i Naluai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: PLEASE let the people decide!!! How unfair it is that your taking away our rights from the 1st amendment. How WRONG it is, that your willing to excuse those in authority who are opposed to this bill, and replace them with those who are for it. Just like you all have been saying....this IS a state of aloha, but how can it be when our senators aren't showing an ounce of aloha. It's CLEAR that thousnads of us are opposed. Look at how many showed up to that rally! How much more clear can it be?.... Please....let us VOTE!!!

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# TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am totally opposed to Senate Bill 1 redefining the sacred institution of marriage. Unless you don't feel the teachings of the Bible are true, marriage is now and should always be between a man and a woman ONLY. Please vote no on this bill or the institution of marriage in Hawaii will be forever flawed. We will also be a state that goes against the majority view in our country. Do we want this just to show that we are more tolerant? NO. What are we teaching our kids?

**vote NO on BS1**



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Steve Lai	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: October 30, 2013 Dear Honorable House and Senate members: I would like to remind you that you are taking the risk of voter backlash by supporting same sex marriage, which is contrary to the will of the majority of the people of Hawaii. In the coming election year, I will look for, and vote for any Democrat that votes against this sinister bill that forces people of faith to accept as law. Likewise, I will support all opponents of those that will inflict this law on the people of our state. Please do the right thing and defeat this bill in the House. I will be happy to respect anyone that stands for decency and who will not cave to political pressure by special interest groups and the deviant behavior of the Gov of Hawaii. Sincerely, Steve Lai

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DANIEL SMITH	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: PLEASE VOTE NO TO SAME SEX MARRIAGE. GOD DEFINED MARRIAGE AS MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN IN THE 4000YR OLD HOLY BIBLE WHICH PRECEEDS ALL MANS DECLARATIONS.TO REDIFINE MARRIAGE BRINGS GODS JUDGEMENT!

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Kristy Yip	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cecile Labonville	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support same sex marriage. I believe in equal rights and benefits for all citizens of our country. I believe that by extending equality in marriage to all we only strengthen the institution of marriage, not subtract from it. If you do not believe in gay marriage because of your religious beliefs, do not marry some one of the same sex. Do not deny me the right to marry because of someone else's belief system.

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shane jackson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 My name is Shane Jackson and I oppose SB 1. I love Hawaii. Its important to know that. I want to say, on important social issues like these, why not let the people decide? I believe the people should be able to decide on this issue. Put it to a vote to the people. What is the hurry in changing thousands of years of tradition? Let the people vote on it. Any person who votes for this bill, I will vote against next election. If I'm allowed to influence races out of my district (I will make sure its allowed before hand), I will actively try to get those who vote for out of office. Thank you for your time Shane Jackson

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
HARLAN KAMEKONA	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ivan Nitta	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am against same sex marriage. I believe that Marriage is a sacred union that comes from God. The bible teaches us that marriage is a union between one man and one woman and that homosexuality is a sin. I vote for laws protecting and honoring my beliefs. Yes, all people should have equal rights. Why do we have to tarnish the Holiness of marriage. Give the GLBT marriage rights but not call it marriage.

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Alyssa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thanks to Hawaii Having Marriage Equality at this time because it helped me answer my friend's question. My friend's question gave me a good explanation on why we should have Marriage Equality. "Do people make prejudice justifications on something that doesn't affect them or their feelings?" My response to her: "In Hawaii they are trying to pass same sex marriage right now. It doesn't affect straight people although straight people protest against marriage equality. Why should you protest against something that doesn't affect you? I know we have the freedom of free speech but why should you put your two senses in on something that won't hurt you or benefit you? Yes, I realize it would be better if it benefitted everyone but unfortunately it doesn't. Because homophobic is a choice and a decision you make on your own. How is this going to hurt the nation? It actually helps our population because when there are same sex marriage we can fix our population problem because there is a chance that people will adopt. Plus, there are more children who will get to have families. No, not everyone is going to turn gay if we legalize same sex marriage. We will still have people in straight marriages and we will still have babies coming from those marriages. Our population will not die with same sex marriage equality because lesbians can get sperm donors so that they can have a baby in their belly."

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Kayley Perez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. Simply because I strongly believe a marriage was created to be only between man and woman. If this bill is passed what then will become of our state motto? What will happen to living PONO? What will keep our already diminishing UNIQUE culture alive for generations to come? Not bill SB 1. With every choice we make there are consequences and well, the consequence of CHOOSING a homosexual relationship is that you forfeit the rights you would have in a traditional marriage.

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Megan Akinaka	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am requesting that you vote against legalizing homosexual marriage here in Hawaii. Of great concern is the ability to preserve our first amendment rights of freedom of religion. We need to protect religious leaders, organizations, individuals and small businesses from having to provide goods or services that assist or promote the solemnization or celebration of any marriage, or provide counseling or other services that directly facilitate the perpetuation of any marriage that is against their religious beliefs. I also believe that traditional marriage is the basis for the foundation of the family, society and our nation. All efforts should be made to preserve and encourage the traditional family and prevent further undermining of marriage and family in our society. Tax exemptions and social security benefits have been endorsed to facilitate those who wish to raise a family and now claims are being made that any type of relationship is entitled to these benefits. If you wish to entitle all types of relationships to these benefits, do it without changing the definition and purpose of marriage. This bill also fails to suffice the very basic rules of the democratic process by neglecting the rights of the citizens to vote. Stop the special legislative session and allow the people of Hawai'i to vote on the Same-sex Marriage bill. Mahalo for all of your efforts to Protect Religious Freedom and Preserve the Traditional Family

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Cheyenne McMillan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Erick Wallman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ammon Kaonohi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not support this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Keliihananui Crabbe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am requesting that you vote against legalizing homosexual marriage here in Hawaii. Of great concern is the ability to preserve our first amendment rights of freedom of religion. We need to protect religious leaders, organizations, individuals and small businesses from having to provide goods or services that assist or promote the solemnization or celebration of any marriage, or provide counseling or other services that directly facilitate the perpetuation of any marriage that is against their religious beliefs. I also believe that traditional marriage is the basis for the foundation of the family, society and our nation. All efforts should be made to preserve and encourage the traditional family and prevent further undermining of marriage and family in our society. Tax exemptions and social security benefits have been endorsed to facilitate those who wish to raise a family and now claims are being made that any type of relationship is entitled to these benefits. If you wish to entitle all types of relationships to these benefits, do it without changing the definition and purpose of marriage. This bill also fails to suffice the very basic rules of the democratic process by neglecting the rights of the citizens to vote. Stop the special legislative session and allow the people of Hawai'i to vote on the Same-sex Marriage bill. Mahalo for all of your efforts to Protect Religious Freedom and Preserve the Traditional Family.

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Teri Nakakura	Individual	Oppose	No

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donna atiz	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kealoha Sugiyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 1. Keep religion and state business separate 2. The SUPREME COURT overruled FDMA ACT Jun 2013 3. Marriage equality is warranted under the law by the Supreme Court ruling. 4. Vote on civil rights for all as mandated by the Supreme Court ruling 5. Business are joined in marriage all the time so marriage is not only about one man and one woman. The Mormons had more than one wife. 6. Vote for equality for all Hawaii. If any of you is without sin cast the first stone and judge not that ye be not judged. Just accepts everyone as equals and ohana.

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U'i Naluai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: PLEASE let the people decide!!! How unfair it is that your taking away our rights from the 1st amendment. How WRONG it is, that your willing to excuse those in authority who are opposed to this bill, and replace them with those who are for it. Just like you all have been saying....this IS a state of aloha, but how can it be when our senators aren't showing an ounce of aloha. It's CLEAR that thousnads of us are opposed. Look at how many showed up to that rally! How much more clear can it be?.... Please....let us VOTE!!!

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# TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am totally opposed to Senate Bill 1 redefining the sacred institution of marriage. Unless you don't feel the teachings of the Bible are true, marriage is now and should always be between a man and a woman ONLY. Please vote no on this bill or the institution of marriage in Hawaii will be forever flawed. We will also be a state that goes against the majority view in our country. Do we want this just to show that we are more tolerant? NO. What are we teaching our kids?

**vote NO on BS1**





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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Steve Lai	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: October 30, 2013 Dear Honorable House and Senate members: I would like to remind you that you are taking the risk of voter backlash by supporting same sex marriage, which is contrary to the will of the majority of the people of Hawaii. In the coming election year, I will look for, and vote for any Democrat that votes against this sinister bill that forces people of faith to accept as law. Likewise, I will support all opponents of those that will inflict this law on the people of our state. Please do the right thing and defeat this bill in the House. I will be happy to respect anyone that stands for decency and who will not cave to political pressure by special interest groups and the deviant behavior of the Gov of Hawaii. Sincerely, Steve Lai

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DANIEL SMITH	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: PLEASE VOTE NO TO SAME SEX MARRIAGE. GOD DEFINED MARRIAGE AS MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN IN THE 4000YR OLD HOLY BIBLE WHICH PRECEEDS ALL MANS DECLARATIONS.TO REDIFINE MARRIAGE BRINGS GODS JUDGEMENT!

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Kristy Yip	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Stacey Yamashita	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please Let The People decide

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Eliza May Shumway	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose to same-sex legislation. Please consider and think how this will affect our island home and how it will greatly affect our children and their future. Why are we rushing such important issue that only affects a very small percent of our residents (less than 1%. Please please.....Let the people decide

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bobby wallace jr	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ivan Nitta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am against same sex marriage. I believe that Marriage is a sacred union that comes from God. The bible teaches us that marriage is a union between one man and one woman and that homosexuality is a sin. I vote for laws protecting and honoring my beliefs. Yes, all people should have equal rights. Why do we have to tarnish the Holiness of marriage. Give the GLBT marriage rights but not call it marriage.

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Wendy Vaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I speak as an extremely concerned Mother, unsure because of breast cancer, if I will be able to finish raising my children. Now the government is telling me that if I will be in Heaven..Don't worry, we will tell them how morally to live their life. The government will tell them that families with a mother and father do not matter. As far reaching as my voice and spirit can reach..I will tell you that this does matter and I hereby testify that the family is ordained of God and you as my representative cannot and should not teach my children otherwise. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. Much Aloha..I hope you will be prayerful in your decision.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
janice uehara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Honorable Senators and House of Representatives, My name is: Janice Uehara Address: 824 Kinau #907, Hon., Hi. 96813 Ph#: 808.523.8845 Email: [da.mango.bear@gmail.com](mailto:da.mango.bear@gmail.com) The special session is pushing forward an issue and silencing the voice of the people. The special session does not allow adequate time to discuss such an important issue that so many feel deeply about. A panel that has to listen to one minute testimonies for 12 hours is not an environment where good, thought out decisions can be made. Studies show after 20 minutes the attention span wanes. We shouldn't be rushing through this, but more importantly, because this is such a serious issue, the people should decide. Let us live up to our constitution and what we value as Americans. We are to have a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Please take the time to view the following videos I've come across which show repercussions of the passing of the bill. I do not want my children being forced to that kind of treatment. How can I protect my children if this should happen here. Here is the video showing the impact in Canada: <http://youtu.be/-ITZmgfpllo> Here is the video showing the impact in Massachusetts: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZXzUpzHLkA> Thank you for your attention. Janice Uehara

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markham soares	Individual	Oppose	No

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Eduardo Hernandez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Equality is a fundamental foundation in these United States. As members of the Legislature each of you have sworn an oath to uphold the Constitution and its promise that all citizens shall be treated equally under the law. In the 20 years since marriage equality came to the forefront of communities worldwide, the people of Hawaii have had to have their families treated as second class citizens and justice denied for them. The time for equality has come. Please pass this legislation as soon as possible. Mahalo and Aloha, Eduardo Hernandez

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akiko nouchi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony. Akiko Nouchi, Mililani, Hawaii 96789

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Sandra J. Barton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jessica Arruda	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am writing to communicate my desire that the proposed State of Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 not pass. I desire that Traditional marriage between one man and one woman remain in effect. I believe that Traditional marriage is a sacred union and is vital to the continuation of strong family unit. Please consider the consequences and vote No to the proposed "Marriage Equality Act of 2013". Sincerely, Jessica Arruda

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Steven Vannatta	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB1. It is time for equality.

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Azure Lwin-Maluo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha! I urge you to please honor the democratic process in which our country was founded and in which you receive authority to create/uphold the laws of our state - and allow the people to vote on this bill. One of the tenets of our great nation is that we are afforded this freedom. This is a value in which our past, present and future is established. Please oppose the bill at hand and allow the people to exercise the true freedom we are entitled to. This is the future in which I hope my children experience - one where they understand and treasure righteousness, where they are able to voice concerns and impact their culture, where they are not forced into one way of thinking; but rather, to exercise their own to build confidence, trust in themselves, their community, their state, their nation, their God. Thank you!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Rebecca Morrison	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Rebecca Morrison Mililani, HI 96789

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I am totally opposed to Senate Bill 1 redefining the sacred institution of marriage. Unless you don't feel the teachings of the Bible are true, marriage is now and should always be between a man and a woman ONLY. Please vote no on this bill or the institution of marriage in Hawaii will be forever flawed. We will also be a state that goes against the majority view in our country. Do we want this just to show that we are more tolerant? NO. What are we teaching our kids?

**vote NO on BS1**

**Lawrence S. Barton**  
**Princeville, HI 96722**



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travis olson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Let the people vote! Support our constitution and don't use it as a door mat!

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Heather Kanahele	Individual	Oppose	No

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Shannon Damo	Individual	Oppose	No

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A Chanda Tsing	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: This testimony is to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. Marriage between a man and a woman has been in place since the first man and first woman were on the Earth. I believe that to be Adam and Eve. Believe what you may, you can not dispute that marriage between a man and a woman has been a part of our society for thousands of years. SB-1 is not something the legislature should be deciding in a few short days. The method of creating the change is going against the will of the people. We are informed and capable people, desirous to have a safe environment for our children and grand children to grow and become. In such a drastic change to our society, I believe the people need to have their voices heard. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Failure to fully make the people aware of the impacts of this bill, and admit them yourselves, will lead to long-term, even never-ending societal problems. Even as a "regular" person with no expertise on this subject I know a child raised by a man and a woman is much more likely to succeed in life. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Chanda Tsing Kahuku, HI

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Sarah Beaver	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill due to my religious back ground and all I ask odds you let the people decide! please! This better must be left for the people, the voters. our otherwise we are living in a communist society. Please let us decide what our children learn in school,I am a parent and if this bill passes, we are moving to the mainland. Please let the people decide, that's all I ask. Listen to the many and not the few.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Tracey Whitehurst	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I urge you to vote no on this bill. It is a violation of my religious liberties.

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Pongia Vaka	Individual	Oppose	No

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Crystal Rieta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Honorable Representatives, I thank you for the opportunity to express my position on this bill & thank you for serving our great state. I stand in opposition to SB1 & to the convening of this special session to discuss such. Though the issue of Same Sex Marriage in Hawaii is the subject at hand, I feel there is much more to be considered than just this issue. Have the long-term & wide-ranging effects been considered? SB1 WILL assuredly have lasting effects on generations to come if passed, and I feel it is not right for a few in such a short period of time to decide the future for so many plus our children and their children. Based on what has happened in other places where a same sex law was passed, I can see that I will not have full religious freedom - my future children will be affected by what would need to be integrated into their curriculum to comply against even my religious convictions. Again, I beg you PLEASE do not vote on this bill. Let this be a decision of the people for the people. Mahalo for your time & God bless you, Crystal Rieta

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Steven Vannatta	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB1. It is time for equality.

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Roderick Fong	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeanne Vana	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sean Dacuycuy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Marriage is of GOD and not something man should tamper with. Listen to the people and let the people who put you people into office decide! I am a register voter and I will remember!

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kimball boone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Committee members, Marriage is more than a social, ritual, or legal contract between spouses determined by a state - it is a holy covenant with God made and kept between woman and man. Such a union, nurtured and sustained, offers the most healthy, equal, and right opportunities for children particularly and our ohana society all around. Mahalo, Kimball

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Alicia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am EXTREMELY concerned about other aspects that the passing of the bill might open up! It WILL NOT only affect people who are seeking same sex marriage but will in AFFECT EVERYONE! I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF WHAT I BELIEVE WILL BE INFRINGED UPON. There are TOO MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS of what this bill might affect. How will this affect our educational system? I have learned about what other states that have already passed similar bills and what they are going through. How do I know it won't happen to us? Please consider taking time to include ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS! Giving us a chance to be heard regarding concerns of how this bill may affect us!

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tamara olson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I am writing in opposition to the proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 that will be discussed in your Special Legislative Session beginning on October 28, 2013. Redefining marriage will not only affect this very minute percentage of our population, but will change society forever for all Hawai'i residents. Changing the definition of marriage is changing the morals of our society. As our school system is the means to educate our children on the laws and morals of our Society, passing this bill will also greatly affect the curriculum taught to all of our children. This is something that should be decided by the people, and not by a handful of politicians. If the majority of our people feel that our children should be taught that having a Gay or Lesbian marriage is an acceptable alternative to heterosexual marriage, then so be it. But LET THE PEOPLE VOTE! If perhaps the majority of people in Hawai'i do feel that they would like Same-sex marriage to be deemed as an acceptable alternative to heterosexual marriage then it would be important that sufficient protections are put in place so that the religious rights of our people are not infringed upon. Religious Freedom is one of the founding principles of our country. It is not uncommon knowledge that the bible teaches that Gay and Lesbian relationships are against the laws of God. It is not a new radical philosophy but a moral principle that has been in place for thousands of years. It is a principle that even our founding forefathers believed in. Although society is changing, the bible has not changed, and many people still uphold the principles in the bible. It is their religious right to do so. To require any religious leader, organization, small business or individual to provide goods or services that assist or promote the solemnization or celebration of any marriage, or provide counseling or other services that directly facilitate the perpetuation of any marriage that is against their religious beliefs would be infringing on their religious rights. Please do not push this bill through and make sure all the Hawaii voters are heard. Please take the extra time to ensure that our first amendment rights are protected completely. Look at the effects of what other states have passed & use those to make sure a new law will not take away the rights of the majority. The only thing that should be urgent is ironing out any issues & problems that will result with a bill, not pushing it through to make a few happy. Do your jobs that we trusted you with the right way and listen to the people! For these reasons, I humbly request that you VOTE IN OPPOSITION to Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013. Mahalo Tamara Olson 15-1106 Amau Rd Keaau, Hawaii 96749

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Juanita Kawamoto Brown	Individual	Support	No

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Krystie Campbell	Individual	Oppose	No

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Richard H. Tolleson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As seen by the overwhelming opposition to Same Sex Marriage, I beg you Representatives to listen to the voice of the people and vote against this bill. It does not protect our religious liberties. Let the people decide at the ballot box, as we did in 1998.

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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1

Hearing: 10 a.m., Monday, Oct. 31, 2013, Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on  
Judiciary and Finance,

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this important civil rights bill. My name is Laurie Cicotello and I live on Kaua'i. I come before you today in Full Support of Senate Bill 1 to legalize Same-Sex Marriage in Hawai'i. I represent COLAGE, which envisions a world in which all children of LGBT families are valued, protected, reflected and embraced by society and its institutions.

I strongly believe unions between two consenting adults should be treated equally under the law and as protected by the United States Constitution and upheld in a recent SCOTUS ruling. Senate Bill 1 would provide the same rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities to partners, regardless of their sexual orientation. Children of same-sex couples are currently without many of the family protections and benefits provided to children of opposite-

sex couples. Families like mine and their children will benefit from the passage of Senate Bill 1.

**My parents are proudly celebrating 44 years in a now same-sex marriage that remains in legal limbo in several states, despite my folks committing in front of God, their family and friends to “Let No One Rend Asunder” their wedding vows on Feb. 1, 1969, at a Catholic church in Milwaukee. More than 25 years ago, my parent, Dainna, completed the transition from male to female. She and my mom, Mary, decided to stay together and remain married during this intensely personal and emotional change. They are the first couple in the United States to remain legally married following Dainna’s transition.**

People from all walks of life over the years have told me they feel my parent’s marriage is not only “disgusting and sinful,” but that their vows are “null and void.” It hurts to be told to my face that “children are better off raised in traditional families,” whatever traditional means in this day and age. I have a highly successful career as a writer, editor and educator. Much better off being raised in a nontraditional family, I am moral, healthy and

wildly happy!! I also have a great deal more compassion for all family structures.

To that end, I join my parents and countless other 'ohana across the country in fighting for equality and justice within the law. As my parents travel the country, we are never sure which states will still recognize their marriage and their commitment to "Let No One Rend Asunder" their vows.

In 1996, Colorado overturned State Amendment 2 after the United States Supreme Court ruled 6-3 in *Romer v. Evans* that "an identifiable group of people could not be walled off from the legal system." Because marriages are first and foremost legal contracts and agreements, the proof of which is that while many, but not all, weddings take place in churches, ALL divorces must take place in a courtroom. Thus, not allowing a certain identifiable group of people to enter into a legal contract effectively walls them off from the legal system.

There is also no way to define the terms, "male," "female," "man," or "woman," legally or otherwise and no criteria to write those definitions. We are more alike than we are different on every consideration. For example,



the International Olympic Committee stopped chromosomal testing in 1994 after finding too many athletes were not exclusively XX or XY.

In addition to supporting the legalization of same-sex marriages, I also kindly ask that Hawai‘i honor the “Full Faith and Credit” afforded under the United States Constitution regarding marriages, civil unions, domestic partnerships or similar legal recognitions between two consenting adults.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration and support of Senate Bill a recognizing Same-Sex Marriages. Thank you for your consideration and support of my family and all families like mine.

Imua Hawai‘i!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
tyrus okinishi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a concerned individual, i oppose SB 1! I stand strong with my fellow brothers and sisters and support Traditional Marriage. Marriage is a sacred ordinance between a man and woman and ordained by God. God had married Adam and Eve and has never changed. I Know that marriage is more than just a legal documentation. As we marry, our marriages do not stop at death. We may live eternally with our companions, so long as we obey the comandments of our Heavenly Father. It is unexceptable to tamper with our religions and beliefs. I have no desire to have hate or anger towards people interested in the same sex. They will always by my Brother, my Sister and a child of God! I do not ask them to change for they did not choose to be homosexuals. I ask you to say No to this SB 1 or to allow the people of Hawaii to vote!! As a country founded from religion and trust in God, why do we feel the need to stay clear of His comandments. Does our Government not have faith and trust in God? Our dollar bills and coins clearly state "In God We Trust" . To pass SB 1 without the peoples vote would be wrong. Our religions will be tampered with and forcefully changed! God Bless you all and your decision makings. Mahalo for allowing my voice to be heard!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
John frederick Sr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chair Rhoads and Chair Luke: We are a first time testifier. We are a proud grandfather of fifty seven (57) grandchildren and great grandchildren. We are a former Korean War time U.S. Marine Veteran. We have been married the past 57 years to a wonderful native Hawaiian women. We also are very committed Christians. We are very concerned about our legislators approving same-sex marriages. Once we go that route trust me we will open up a "bucket of worms". If you were around in the 1960's... the saying was 'if it feels good, do it.' It doesn't matter what the moral standards are, as long as everyone is consenting, what the heck. But that philosophy can then be used to justify a whole litany of immoral sexual acts or lifestyles. Think about it! Do yourself and your family a favor... and let the people of Hawaii chose the future moral standards of our state. If the majority of the people vote for same sex marriage then you can "wash your hands" of you specifically legalizing this precarious situation. Why blemish or lower or jeopardize your political future over this issue. If the people vote yes then they who voted yes, will pay the price in the end. The perverted people of Jesus time "passed the buck" and used the politicians (Pilot, his wife etc.) to do their dirty work in crucifying Jesus.. don't let them use you in approving this same sex marriage law. The only legitimate way to change this is to let we, the people, decide. Please do not thwart this democratic process! As a blessed grandfather, Christian and American we are very concerned with what type of nation we will leave our grandchildren. Their future economically is going to be a disaster. They will always be stressed out with the possibility of instant nuclear war. Then we have the never ending environmental catastrophes that will plague them with new pandemic diseases etc. Let us not obfuscate them with these additional problematic lifestyles. Thank you for the opportunity to testify against this Special Session and against this bill, SB1.

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Carol Ann Nishihara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Antonio Ablen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There is this case of a girl who had been having delusions. She is being raised by two same sex women who are supposed to be parenting her. The girl was talking everyday to an "iMAGINARY FATHER" in the house; a person that is missing in her would-have-been-a-normal life, if there was a father figure in her life. Not a lesbian "father" whose values will be totally different. This AFFECTS emotional, mental, social well-beings of children. I SAY THIS SAME SEX MARRIAGE IS SELFISH AND ONLY THE SAME SEX ADULTS WILL BENEFIT WITH THEIR LUSTFUL PLEASURE.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Loraine Cross	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please OPPOSE SB1. Let the people decide. My concerns: societal effects on schools/curriculum/pressure on teachers to teach gay lifestyle/sex and deal with more parental battles, lawsuits against teachers, businesses, churches, more confusion on children, increased suicide. Religious freedom taken away. Media, marketing, malls, t.v., beaches, resorts will display gay lifestyle. Please do not expose me, my family or friends to that. This will have a massive NEGATIVE effect on GENERATIONS to come. Mahalo! UA MAU KE EA OKA AINA I KA PONO

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Jesse Kaopua	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I'm writing in regards to the marriage act that is to be heard in a special session on Oct. 30th. Understand that I'm not coming from a position of hate or intolerance. I acknowledge the value of every individual regardless of lifestyle choices. I do, however, recognize my rights, freedoms, and liberties, being limited by this bill and its current wording. I am disappointed in the Senate and how they voted seemingly regardless of the hundreds of testimonies, signatures, and presence of those opposed to SB1. It is disheartening to feel that your voice does not matter, especially in a state and in a country such as ours. I OPPOSE SB1 because it denies citizens their First Amendment right of freedom of religion: a right Americans should feel proud, privileged, and secure knowing that they have that right. Current wording of SB 1 FAILS to protect churches, religious groups and temples from lawsuits. It fails to protect bishops, priests and other clergy members from lawsuits. It is in absolute opposition to the will of Hawaii voters that made their positions known in 1998 to define marriage exclusively between a man and woman. The language "reserve marriage" indicated that the people of Hawaii recognize that the institute of marriage deserves and demands special consideration and criteria, one man and one woman exclusively. I am a United States military veteran. I served in the Iraq war. I believe in the rights and privileges we as Americans have and I have fought for those rights to be protected. My family, as all military families do, has supported my ability to protect our country. My family deserves to have a voice and for that voice to be considered. A special session does NOT allow for the time and scrutiny that a bill such as this requires. Please reconsider all the ramifications that need to be considered. Sincerely, Jesse Kaopua

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Dear Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing to voice my **opposition** to Bill SB1.

If Abercrombie indeed feels that over the past two decades, most Hawaiians have said their piece to support this bill, he should have no problem allowing "Let the people decide" the bill. In this case, no matter what the outcome will be, both sides will be more willing to accept it.

The reasons for my opposition of redefining marriages because

- (1) It's contrary to our fundamental religious beliefs.
- (2) It will harm children, families, and society. Numerous empirical studies over many decades establish that children develop best when raised by a father and mother in a stable marriage relationship.
- (3) It will reduce our religious freedoms. If same-sex marriage has been legalized, school will start teaching the new definition of marriage and children will be ostracized if they openly disagree based on their family's religious beliefs. Potentials lawsuits will be brought against individuals, churches and businesses. Religious groups that provide family-related services such as adoption will be stripped of the State licenses.

After carefully reading and studying the Bill, I honestly believe that the Bill will **NOT** provide any benefits for both religious and homosexual people. It's a lose-lose situation. If this Bill passed, it will greatly enlarge the disharmony between both groups as the Bill unfairly taking out the freedom from the religious group. As a result, a greater disharmony, or even contention and hatred will rise up between both groups. For me, religious freedom also means our church leaders have the right to decide who and on what occasion to use the church facilities based on the church handbook and guidelines. However, the bill took away this right from our church leaders to decide. Based on the bill, once our facilities are open to non-members, then the facilities are not protected by the exemptions. The bill provides no protections against lawsuits seeking to force religiously affiliated organizations with sincere religious objections to accommodate celebrations, receptions, parties, and other events associated with same-sex marriages.

In order to be fair for both religious and homosexual groups, I am sincerely asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify



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teri savaiinaea		Oppose	No

Comments: Let marriage be between a man and woman as it is written in the Bible.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Susan DeCleene	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am opposed to this bill. This bill does not protect the freedom of conscience of business owners who because of religious beliefs do not want to service same sex weddings. It also does not protect Christian teachers who would be forced to teach that homosexual behavior is normal and be forced to promote it (courts in Massachusetts have decided that schools must introduce homosexual relationships "disproportionately" in a positive light because same sex marriage is legal. In the same state and recently in California, parents are not allowed to opt out, thus removing parents' rights to protect their children from beliefs that are in direct opposition to their Christian beliefs. The government is making a tragic mistake in taking away parental rights. Our right to religious freedom, including the freedom to protect our children from being indoctrinated against our beliefs, is one of the very reasons for founding this nation. This bill also will nullify the people's vote in 1998, thus making a mockery of democracy in Hawaii. This bill was also ill conceived in that it ignores the 50% increase in homosexual contact in age group 13-19 in Massachusetts, and the 22% increase in HIV reported by the CDC. Why are we not trying to prevent, instead of promoting, such tragic consequences, or at least study the consequences before deciding.

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Carlton Young	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I would like to say that i oppose the movement for same sex marriage. please do not let this bill pass.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Deborah Ward	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have read SB1 and believe that this bill does not address the freedom of religion protection for individuals as concerns our beliefs and conscience regarding same-sex marriage. Religious freedom does not only belong to religious organizations or churches. It is a fundamental individual right as well. By not addressing this right and unanticipated consequences of SB1 that might abrogate this freedom you are failing to protect the many citizens of faith who oppose same sex marriage on religious grounds. These rights are enshrined in the Constitution but they may be threatened by this hasty act. In future many of us will continue, as individuals of faith, to oppose any and all actions to force a gay agenda on our values, on our families and children, in our workplaces and in the schools. This act is a slippery slope whose end point you cannot foresee. Please let the people decide. Sincerely, Deborah Ward, Honolulu.

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Bert Nishihara	Individual	Oppose	No

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Joy Aito	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Let the PEOPLE decide!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Christopher Lowe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is from our family of 5. We oppose the special session and SB1 for these reasons: 1)it violates the democratic process. Your vote is not my vote nor the vote of every citizen (gay or straight) in this state. While you are singing your EQUALITY song, it is time you let the people decide in Nov 2014. If it passes, then the gays can have their federal benefits the following year. 2)This is not your fight; this is the people's fight. Your job is to be there to support the voice of reason and of right from wrong and vote accordingly. 3)All historical movements from ending of slavery to Civil Rights Movements were not championed by legislators or secularism let alone those with moral relativism, but they were motivated and carried out by those with strong moral conviction and religious vision to do what is right. Thus, you saw the flood of religious groups and individuals at the rally on Monday to stop same sex marriage. We ask that you vote NO on this bill and let the people (gay and straight) to decide. This is EQUALITY. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Cherise Wright	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Cherise Wright Laie, Hawaii

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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

I will not be able to be present to testify.

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

I am opposed to S.B.1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, because it denies individual citizens their First Amendment right of freedom of religion. If this is passed, the schools will be mandated to teach same sex relationships, and marriages and it denies the parents of what they want their children to learn in school.

This bill does not reflect my values in protecting my family and posterity

The process of this bill is fast-tracked that does not offer much time for our voice to be heard on the matter.

We already have a state deficit. This bill will provide same-sex couples married in the State, but who do not live in Hawaii, the right to return to Hawaii courts for divorce, annulment, and separation proceedings. Hawaii taxpayers will be paying for these costs.

I urge you to vote NO on S.B. 1.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Darbi Akagi

Hawaii Voter

Kivette Akagi  
91-1032 Ama'ama Street  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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The bill extends parentage rights that would transfer Native Hawaiian ethnicity to non-Native Hawaiian individuals.

It provides that same-sex couples married in the State, but who do not live in Hawaii, the right to return to Hawaii courts for divorce, annulment and separation proceedings. Hawaii taxpayers will be paying for these costs, when our state is already in deficit already.

It will introduce new educational curriculum for K-12 grades that will present same-sex marriages and relationships to school children and youth.

Lastly, it is in utter opposition to the will of Hawaii voters who voted in 1998 to define marriage exclusively between a man and women in the Hawaii constitution. More than 250,000 Hawaii voters expressed their resolute position on the definition of marriage as exclusively between a man and women. The language "reserve marriage" indicates that the people of Hawaii recognize that the institute of marriage deserves and demands special consideration and criteria, one man and one woman exclusively.

I urge you to vote NO on S.B. 1.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,  
Kivette Akagi

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Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Pakela Akaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Lacey Akau



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Francisco Akhay Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jonathan Aki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to the measures in SB-1. Religious protection regardless of profit must and should be maintained. SB-1 makes no accommodation for businesses and their religious freedom pertaining to service of same sex marriage ceremonies, events, or celebrations.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Chaz Akinaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose SB1 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Jamie Akinaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE SB1 Let the people vote.

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Aloha,

We are writing in opposition to HB6. My husband and I are 37 and 40 years of age. We were born and raised on the Big Island of Hawaii. We do not understand the rush of this bill or the urgency. If this bill is approved it will affect us greatly. HB6 does not protect our rights and religious freedom.

The same gender marriage bills in the other states such as Washington and Massachusetts have more protection for the freedom of religion and yet, a religious organization was taken to court and lost due to not allowing a same sex marriage take place at their facility. How much more do we stand to lose if our bill has so many flaws? How can you be 100% sure that religious freedom is protected? You just cant. We implore you to read the other states same sex marriage bills and see for yourself. Exemptions do not work, research the cases in the other states. Churches do not just solemnize marriages. The church that we attend does many services for our community such as feeding the homeless, recovery groups for drugs and other addictions, reaching out to children of parents who are imprisoned, and many more. Churches do many great things for the community as well as for both my husband and I. We lost our hanai son at the age of 14 to suicide 3 years ago. We were both lost, counseling didn't work, our family and friends stayed with us day and night for 5 months. Even with friends and family day and night, we were completely and utterly empty. Deep emptiness and sadness that could not even be described in words...just empty, a bottomless pit. Until we decided to go to church which was actually our last resort, however the moment we stepped foot in the church our emptiness was lifted. Our decision to attend church that day changed us forever. And we have not looked back since. As you can see, if the church was not open to the public that day, where would we both be by now? This bill requires more thought and research on how to improve HB6 as it does not provide equal rights.

On the education point of view will there be protection for the teachers, children, and parents who would like to opt their child out of same sex education? Please note that in other states who have passed the same sex marriage law, they are required to teach children about homosexuality from elementary through high school and the parents have no right to opt out. This is due to the same sex marriage law and civil rights. Please do research on the education system of those states and what they are required to teach and what they are required to learn. How can anyone be forced to have their child educated on these topics and not have the ability to opt out? Or will a student be able to opt out? Who will determine the curriculum on education of same gender marriage for the children?

Here are other points of this bill, which is unfair and definitely not equal.

- Why does HB6 state that couples of same gender marriage have no minimum time to file for divorce? Currently couples (man and wife) must reside 6 months in the state before they can file for divorce.

- Parental rights will be gender neutral if passed. But what will happen in paternity and maternity cases? What will happen if both are of the same sex? How will those cases be decided if the couple chooses to divorce?

Please consider the voices of the many people who are testifying. These are the people whom you represent. You represent the people of your districts and decisions should not be taken lightly be should be with careful review and deliberation. With a bill that has so much controversy inside the house and senate and amongst the people of Hawaii.....the vote should go to the people to decide. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo,

Dionne and Gabriel Lau  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Hello,

My name is Penny Alvarez. I have lived on the big island of Hawaii for 46 years. I am in support of SB 1 marriage equality bill. I come from a loving, catholic family. I am married and have two daughters. My eldest daughter is in a same-sex relationship and engaged to her girlfriend. I believe that they should have the same rights that any other married couple receives. She deserves the happiness that you have when you have your own family. She deserves the happiness that I have had being married to her father for the past 18 years. I urge you to pass this bill so that my amazing, caring, loving, and deserving daughter can find happiness.

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MARY JANE ANDRES	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The most controversial issue of our time should be given due process during regular session where it can be properly and fully examined. Please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. Let the people decide. Thank you. WE THE PEOPLE of Hawaii elected you to serve as our voices and should have a say in public policy that threatens to eliminate indigenous and foreign culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session will be mocking democracy! Let the people of Hawaii decide. Thank you.

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October 31, 2013

Chair Karl Rhoads, House Committee on Judiciary  
Chair Sylvia Luke, House Committee on Finance

**RE: STRONG SUPPORT for Senate Bill 1 – Relating to Equal Rights**

Today, we live in a world that prides itself on peacefulness. Today, we live in a state that prides itself on diversity. Today, we live in a community that prides itself on the Aloha Spirit. We may have been the last state to join the Union, but we should *not* be last state to actually put into practice what we preach in so many other facets of our lives: fairness, equality, and respect. This is why I, an active Hawaii voter, strongly support Senate Bill 1.

Sincerely,

Megan Ansdell  
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Kaneohe, HI 96744



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Wayne Aolahiko	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: THE LIFE OF THE LAND IS PERPETUATED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS..THE HOUSE OF SENATORS ARE DICTATORS BULLYING A GROUP OF PEOPLE..PLS.HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BE THE PEOPLES HOUSE..I ASK FOR \*\*\*"EQUAL VOTE"\*\*\* FOR BOTH SIDES..HOW EVER THIS VOTED ISSUE TURNS OUT AT LEAST ALL THE PEOPLE OF HAWAI'I HAD THE FREEDOM TO DECIDE AND VOTE THE ONLY FAIR WAY..THE PEOPLE IS THE LIFE OF THE LAND!..UA MAU KE EA O KA AINA I KA PONO...MAHALO

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Arden Arreola	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am not against gays, but I do not believe this bill is for the right intentions. I believe that this bill is only for the benefits of monetary value. Love does not need a label or a contract to certify that one is in love. I feel that this bill is for the wrong intentions. We are one nation under God and we love one another. We are not against gays, I am not against gays. I'm against the wrong intentions.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Marlowe Arreola	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It's not based on equality. It's based on sexual preference. Religion, school, and business should be protected from discrimination. Tradition needs to be protected. This bill is for the wrong reasons.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Imelda Arreola	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My personal beliefs is that a family is made of a mother and a father, not father and father or mother and mother.

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ELENA AUKAI	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please vote "no" on SB1. I believe that this issue should be presented to the people of the State of Hawaii for a vote and not be decided by the Governor or State Legislature.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
doug awai sr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: i oppose this bill. i humbly ask that you protect our keiki and our religious freedom. let the people vote.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
DOUG AWAI JR	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE THIS BILL

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Emi Ayau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Homosexual behaviors have documented Medical risks, high risks. Legalizing something deems it as good. With legalization comes school material teaching that this is a good and acceptable practice. How can you justify teaching children that the severe dangers of homosexuality are good? You put the future generations at risk by legalizing same-sex marriage.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Naomi Kobayashi	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Unfortunately the elected body in the senate did not care, hear or take into consideration what the people of Hawaii requested and demanded. DO NOT PASS the bill. Let the people of Hawaii make the choice instead of the House of Representatives carrying the heavy burden of making the wrong choice. Ramifications and costs are enormous for the future of Hawaii. The people of Hawaii should have an opportunity to make the choice of an important decision that could affect their lives and the future of living in Hawaii.

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Re: **TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY**

Dear Honorable Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

It is my understanding that this Same-Sex Marriage Legislation is to provide equality for those that are of same sex gender and it is an honorable action by the Governor to propose this bill to consider their needs since these individuals are due recognition and respect. However, by passing this bill there will be extreme serious, and disturbing and possible irreversible damages that will impact every single person in Hawaii, especially if this bill becomes a law without any type of amendments. I am even questioning whether 5 days will allow for changes to be proposed and agreed upon.

If this bill becomes law, it will discriminate those that run religious organizations because most of the churches will not be exempt under the current language of the bill if they refuse to officiate marriages. They will be in violation of this new law and will be forced to go to court to fight for their Constitutional rights which the Supreme Law of the Land says, and I quote “ Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech...” Religious sectors will deemed “discriminatory” and will be “forced” to comply under this new law, even though this Bill appears to address the protection of these organizations under section 572-G, but in fact, it deceives the public to believe that religious organizations will be protected.

Another group of citizens that this Bill will affect: the educators, the parents of children and children of all ages. There are reports already that indicate actual impacts in the states that have legalized same-sex marriages, and there are also potential negative ramifications involved once a state passes a law to legalize same-sex marriages.

There has been reports in different parts of the nation and in our neighboring country that speeches by teachers, students, and counselors have been increasingly being censored and there has been drastic altering of the children’s curriculum which includes very graphic materials that the teachers will be forced to teach and finally, schools will be **REQUIRED** (forced) to be assisted by GLSEN organization to form Gay/Straight Alliances /clubs on campus. Reports indicate that parents will not have a say in what will be taught to their children, and given, in fact no notice will not be given to parents or to opt out. **LGBT** (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) teachings (indoctrination) will also be introduced. Private and religious schools will eventually have no say and will also be forced to comply.

Well-qualified school counselors, administrators, and teachers refusing to comply

will be fired or disciplined/suspended. These new curriculum will promote acceptance and normalization of these behaviors and will be under the disguise of anti-bullying or “discriminatory harassment.” Parents will not have a say and may even be imprisoned for expressing their views and requesting for opting out their children when these lessons are taught.

I work in the schools where this will possibly take place once this bill becomes law and it will definitely impact all the teachers I work with, the children I see everyday and each of those parents that pick up their children from school. I, myself, will have to rethink about my employment in the education system.

Please seriously consider these potential ramifications for every person in this state that you personally made a choice to affect should you support this Bill.

I would like you to consider killing this bill since there are current measures that are being considered for the regular sessions. At that time, a more fair consideration for the rest of the residents of Hawaii can be considered and that all voices can be heard to develop a more thoughtful and constitutional-based bill can be introduced.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this most important piece of legislation.

Emiko Baker

Karl Rhoads, Chair  
House Judiciary Committee  
&  
Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Finance Committee



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Donna Bartolome	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear Chair Rhoads and Chair Luke: As a concerned citizen, I am submitting testimony against this Special Session and the proposed bill that IF passed 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 the freedom of speech, education or employment, this bill IF passed would 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 reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples only. The only legitimate way to change this is to let we, the people, decide. Please do not circumvent the democratic process! Thank you for the opportunity to testify against this Special Session and against this bill, SB1. Sincerely, Donna Bartolome Waipahu, HI 96797

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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

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Celeste Baxa

Mililani, Hawaii

S.B. 1

I **oppose** S.B. 1 because:

1. It denies individual citizens their First Amendment right of freedom of religion.
2. It denies business owners their First Amendment right of freedom of religion.
3. It re-defines the most core institution of society, marriage.
4. It fails to protect churches, religious groups and temples from lawsuits.
5. It fails to protect church-affiliated organizations (universities, hospitals, adoption agencies, housing agencies, etc.) from lawsuits.
6. It fails to protect bishops, priests and other clergy members from lawsuits.
7. It extends parentage rights that would transfer Native Hawaiian ethnicity to non-Native Hawaiian individuals.
8. It provides that same-sex couples married in the State, but who do not live in Hawaii, the right to return to Hawaii courts for divorce, annulment and separation proceedings. Hawaii taxpayers will be paying for these costs.
9. It will introduce new educational curriculum for K-12 grades that will present same-sex marriages and relationships to school children and youth.
10. It is in utter opposition to the will of Hawaii voters who voted in 1998 to define marriage exclusively between a man and women in the Hawaii constitution. More than 250,000 Hawaii voters expressed their resolute position on the definition of marriage as exclusively between a man and women. The language "reserve marriage" indicates that the people of Hawaii recognize that the institute of marriage deserves and demands special consideration and criteria, one man and one woman exclusively.
11. It's effective date of November 18, 2013 does not give sufficient time for the State of Hawaii to change processes, policies and practices to abide by the new law and puts the State at risk for lawsuits because it will not be able to comply with the new law.
12. It is fast-tracked through a process that does not offer Neighbor Island individuals the opportunity to present testimony in person.
13. It will not be referred to other appropriate legislative committees who are responsible to the citizens of Hawaii to vet legislation. It should be referred to the following committees: Hawaiian Affairs, Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs, Human Services, Finance. Education and Consumer Protection and Commerce. Citizens and stakeholders will not be able to testify in these committees to inform lawmakers about the far-reaching societal, economic and operational impact of the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.
14. It does not provide a way to finance implementation costs to the State nor individual counties if the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.
15. It excludes other types of couples (ie. related individuals) from legal marriage while granting certain rights and benefits that are presently only available to married couples to them. These couples will have legal standing to challenge the law.



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**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/29/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Theresa Benito	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. My family and I strongly believe that the definition of marriage should remain between one man and one woman. Rather than the House and Senate decide for us in the upcoming special session on re-defining marriage, we ask that the people of the State of Hawaii be able to exercise our rights and decide. We don't agree that a law that takes away our rights and it's not yours to make. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify.  
Respectfully, Theresa Benito

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29 October 2013

From: Norman S. Black  
55-642 Loala Street  
Laie, HI 96762

TO: Honorable Members of the House

SUBJECT: Proposed bill on Same Sex Marriage

I am OPPOSED to any bill that redefines marriage as *anything* except a union of a man and a woman, specifically the current proposed bill on marriage equality (same sex marriage) that has been presented to the legislature.

Every person on this earth has a mother and a father, not two mothers, not two fathers, but one father and one mother. There is no way to change that. It is a fact that cannot ever be changed. So how can we redefine marriage if we cannot redefine children? The purpose of marriage is to have a family and bring children into this world. That cannot happen in any union other than the union of a man and a woman.

I am also very concerned about the lack of data regarding the long term effects on children who are raised in non-traditional marriages. What will these children be like in 20 years, 30 years, etc.? I have only been able to find information on one study done in Canada that suggests a low high school graduation rate of children raised by two women or two men. There was no data to show the impact on work forces, government assistance programs, health and medical, etc. However, other studies through the years show the negative impact on society of those who do not complete high school.

How can we jump into such a dangerous situation without understanding the long term impacts? If the captain of the Titanic could have seen the danger in the course he had charted and the entire iceberg, he may have changed routes, but he didn't and so he sailed onward and lost his ship and many of the passengers onboard. Let's not be the state that "hits the next iceberg" in 20 or 30 years because we put ourselves into a situation of sailing the path forward without knowing the possible outcomes.

I believe in the traditional family and that marriage is solely between a man and a woman. I oppose the same sex marriage bill and ask you to please vote no on the bill.

Sincerely,

Norman S. Black

This letter is to ask you, please, vote NO on any piece of legislation that would redefine marriage. At the very least, a constitutional amendment should be placed on the ballot next year so that we the people can make our voice heard on this important issue.

As you consider the legislation before you, I want to make it very clear that I do not support same-sex "marriage."

Same-sex couples have the right to live however they wish, but nobody has the right to re-define marriage for all of society. Marriage is the union of one man and one woman, which is naturally ordered both to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children. It is not an invention of the state, but is instead a foundation of human society that deserves special protection and recognition in the law. Same-sex relationships are fundamentally different in nature, and should not be given the same status or recognition as marriage.

I am also gravely concerned about the impact of this legislation on religious liberties. It contains very narrow protection for clergy who do not wish to solemnize same-sex "marriages" -- but such protections are unnecessary under the Constitution. But the bill does not contain any provisions to protect religious organizations and individuals who will be forced either to recognize same-sex relationships against their principles, or to withdraw from important activities such as education, health care and social service (e.g., adoptions). This is a significant flaw in the bill, and poses a real danger to the religious liberties of individuals and institutions.

Please do all you can to oppose this legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

Cheryl Brenchley





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**SB1**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Barbara Brown	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to this contentious social issue i being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. Only a small minority of the voters are able to attend the hearings and of those more than half of those attending the Senate hearing did not get to speak. This bill infringes on one group of peoples rights in favor of another group. The bill does not protect churches unless they follow the strict guidelines stated in the bill. Churches will be forced to go against their beliefs or face the prospect of lawsuits. I can see this whole thing blowing up in our faces. In this rush to push this through for a relatively small group have you really considered the consequences for our religious community, for our schools, for our courts, and our health care system. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Barbara C. Brown Hilo, HI

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Thomas Russi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's about time we start treating people "equal" in this State. Even our constitution is wrong. It states, "all men are created equal," and when it was written, they meant men, and only white men. Even the women bearing their children were not included. Wake up people and become the tolerant nation we are supposed to be. For you legislators that are against this bill, why would two people, wanting to spend their life together legally, affect your life? But you not allowing them to, is affecting theirs.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Noelle Cambeilh		Support	No

Comments: Civil rights of LGBT individuals have been debated for many years with a variety of issues; employment practices, fair housing, hate crimes, military service and now marriage equality. Many of these issues have found their way into the highest courts, this past June, the US Supreme Court ruled DOMA and California Prop 8 were discriminatory and therefore unconstitutional. Some people in Hawaii say let's vote on it, why? Do you really think the Supreme Court ruling won't apply to Hawaii if challenged in court? What a tremendous waste of energy and money to even entertain such a foolish notion. The cases have already been presented, the arguments were heard and discrimination lost. The arguments being used against marriage equality here in Hawaii are all the same, nothing is different from what the Supreme Court heard and it was rejected. Civil rights are not dictated by religious beliefs but by courts of law. We urge our Legislators to support marriage equality and put an end to this discriminatory practice once and for all.

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Noelle Cambeilh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please stand up for equality and vote yes for same sex marriage ! We are not second class citizens ! Mahalo

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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

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on  
Judiciary and Finance:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

I believe the Governor and the legislature are going against the will of the people. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage. I believe in the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. The people of Hawai'i deserve to have their voices heard and to decide on this critically controversial issue.

I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process, which are being disregarded in this special session.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Caroline Pagan  
Kapolei, Hawai'i



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**SB1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Leland R. Castro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If Princess Liliuokalani was here today: " Why My Hawaii? Why are you doing this? You have taken the ways of the foreigner and force to make it ours!!It is not our ways and it is not "AKUA's". His word saith: " If you are not for Me, then you are against me!" " My heart weeps for the children of Hawaii!! Please do not do this!!!!""Oh honest Americans, as Christians hear me for my downtrodden people!" she wrote. "Do not covet the little vineyard of Naboth's, so far from your shores, lest the punishment of Ahab fall upon you, if not in your day, in that of your children, for 'be not deceived, God is not mocked.' The people to whom your fathers told of the living God, and taught to call "Father," and whom the sons now seek to despoil and destroy, are crying aloud to Him in their time of trouble; and He will keep His promise, and will listen to the voices of His Hawaiian children lamenting for their homes."

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I am a registered voter of the State of Hawaii, a mother, a grandmother, a Christian, a law abiding citizen of this state and the United State of America. I oppose SB1 for 2 reasons:

1) I am deeply concerned about the ramification of this bill in that it will criminalize law-abiding citizens if they refuse to comply with any laws that goes against their conscience. Records show that states such as Massachusetts and countries such as Canada are experiencing this.

2) I am concerned about the children who will be directly affected because again in the above state and country the children are being exposed to sex education as early as kindergarten and are being taught values that are not in line with their parents religious views.

As members of the legislature you were voted in to represent the citizens of this state. You also need to represent the children of these islands.

I am deeply concerned that my grandchildren will have to live in fear of pedophiles who are trying to push their sexual preference as a right for protection under the law. You will open up a Pandora Box if this bill is passed.

Please ladies and gentlemen think of the legacy we are gonna leave our children.

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The House Finance Committee

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Place: Capitol Auditorium

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**SB1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Zhuo Ting Chen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Place: Capitol Auditorium

Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

My name is Christi-Ann Chinen, and I am a 23-year-old full-time teacher and student. I was born and raised on Oahu, and I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

As a teacher, I advocate for the future of our children. I am a firm believer in acceptance and promote unity in my classroom. I believe everyone should be respected no matter what race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation they are. With that being said, I do not want my religious freedom or that of my students to be violated by this law, and I do not want to be forced to teach values that go against my beliefs.

I also believe parents should be able to know what their children are being taught in school, and if they do not agree, have the option of pulling their child out. I look forward to starting a family in the near future, and I want to raise my children according to my morals and beliefs. I do not want them being taught in school what goes against my Christian faith. I will raise my children to accept and respect everyone but to also stand up for their morals and beliefs.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Christi-Ann Chinen

Honolulu, HI



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Candice Ching	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is MOOT because the people did NOT give the legislature the authority to define marriage any way they want to. The people authorized the legislature to define marriage as between OPPOSITE sexes. Period. Please -- our wonderful state CANNOT AFFORD the lengthy appeals process passing this bill will incur. Mahalo for your time.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Amber Cho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am in opposition of Bill SB1. This bill seems rushed to accommodate a minority and their personal interests, and not the community and the people as a whole. Do not pass Bill SB1. Thank you.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Kau'i Cho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am in opposition of Bill SB1. I feel that this bill is too important for it to be rushed through without considering to both sides of the issue. Mostly I am fearful of losing our simple rights as parent and our say in what our children are taught within the public school system. The simple fact that men and men or woman and woman do not logically fit together naturally, in a way of intimacy and procreation, signals to me that unions of such, same gender is a lifestyle choice, not of equality. I feel this issue is being forced, and rushed. It appears that the legal rights of the majority, for freedom of speech, religious practice, the right to refuse service, the choice to protect ones children is being ignored. Do not rush this bill into law. The ramifications will be detrimental to all who live here. Mahalo, Kau'i Cho

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This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Dear Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing to voice my **opposition** to Bill SB1.

The reasons for my opposition of redefining marriages because

- (1) It's contrary to our fundamental religious beliefs.
- (2) It will harm children, families, and society. Numerous empirical studies over many decades establish that children develop best when raised by a father and mother in a stable marriage relationship.
- (3) It will reduce our religious freedoms. If same-sex marriage has been legalized, school will start teaching the new definition of marriage and children will be ostracized if they openly disagree based on their family's religious beliefs. Potentials lawsuits will be brought against individuals, churches and businesses. Religious groups that provide family-related services such as adoption will be stripped of the State licenses.

After carefully reading and studying the Bill, I honestly believe that the Bill will **NOT** provide any benefits for both religious and homosexual people. It's a lose-lose situation. If this Bill passed, it will greatly enlarge the disharmony between both groups as the Bill unfairly taking out the freedom from the religious group. As a result, a greater disharmony, or even contention and hatred will rise up between both groups. For me, religious freedom also means our church leaders have the right to decide who and on what occasion to use the church facilities based on the church handbook and guidelines. However, the bill took away this right from our church leaders to decide. Based on the bill, once our facilities are open to non-members, then the facilities are not protected by the exemptions. The bill provides no protections against lawsuits seeking to force religiously affiliated organizations with sincere religious objections to accommodate celebrations, receptions, parties, and other events associated with same-sex marriages.

In order to be fair for both religious and homosexual groups, I am sincerely asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Celeste Wong

94-333 Hokuahiahi St, Mililani, HI, 96789

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees;

As a caring citizen of the state of Hawaii, and resident of the state for the last 43 years, I am submitting my testimony against SB1, which would legalize same sex marriage.

I oppose this bill for many reasons, but will highlight a few. I believe this bill is the voice of the minority as the majority of Hawaii's people believe that marriage should be defined as between a man and a woman. Although the language was less than desirable in 1998, in faith the majority of Hawaii's voters voted to keep marriage defined as between a man and a woman. There have been no town meetings, hearings etc to give our legislators reason to think the populace of Hawaii has changed their minds. A yes vote for SB1 flies in the face of democracy. At least put this to vote again before the people.

I am also concerned that this bill will limit free exercise of religion because on page 6 starting on line 4, the definitions of church exemptions are too weak and too poorly written to guarantee our first amendment rights to the free exercise of religion. Most of our churches allow meetings that help the community (such as AA, teen events) which would cause the church not to be exempt. There will be law suits and one of the most stabilizing forces in Hawaii will be in jeopardy.

As a teacher for the last 30 years in Hawaii, I am vested in the youth of Hawaii. I have taken this awesome responsibility of educating our youth seriously. In fact, I was Hawaii teacher of the year in 1998. This law will open a Pandora's box. Who will determine curriculum? Will parents have rights to monitor what their children are learning about homosexual life style? Have you seen the educational materials being taught in places where same sex marriage has been legalized? There is such potential for violation of religious freedom for the teachers and counselors of our schools...and actually the students themselves.

And why the rush? No other states are rushing to pass a same sex marriage law. You need to consider all ramifications before rushing this bill through in a special session. You do not have the time to adequately address the concerns of the people. Homosexual couples who wish to marry can go to one of 13 states at this present time and then return to Hawaii. Rushing this through does not allow for all the ramifications and problems with this bill to be properly addressed.

I request that you vote no or table this issue and bring it to a vote of the people.

Sincerely,  
Suzanne Chun



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**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/30/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Wai Yee Chun	Individual	Oppose	No

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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

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/29/2013

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Nason Coleman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, Growing up, I always believed that government officials spoke the voice of the people. Please don't take away the beautiful gift of the freedom to choose. Please let the citizens of Hawaii decide. Thank you, Nason Coleman

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Darlene Corn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have been a voter for 38 years. I strongly oppose same-sex marriage and I don't believe it would be best for Hawaii's people.

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Ciera Kūleimomi Cummings  
P.O. Box 22069  
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October 29, 2013

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Re: Testimony IN STRONG SUPPORT of SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Honorable committee members:

My name is Ciera Kūleimomi Cummings. I was born and raised on Kauaʻi and currently reside in Honolulu. I am a Native Hawaiian educator and advisor of the student organization P.R.I.D.E. (“People Respecting Individuality and Diversity in Everyone”). Nineteen of my Kanaka Maoli students attended the Senate hearing, visibly represented in rainbow tie-dye, while dozens more watched the livestream from school. On behalf of the youth with whom I work, I write in STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1.

My partner Kathryn and I both watched helplessly as our mothers battled Breast Cancer. So when Kathryn discovered a suspicious mass and couldn’t be treated using my health insurance, I was devastated. I am not asking for special



consideration; I simply want the same opportunity as my siblings and neighbors: to provide my family the best care possible.

One might think Civil Unions are sufficient, but until you have been limited to a Civil Union as your only option, you cannot fully understand why it will not suffice. We exist in a separate class, clumsily and often reluctantly recognized in a legal sense, but painfully ostracized from our married peers in a social and cultural sense. This piece of legislation is not a cure-all for the many injustices the LGBTQ community suffers, including harassment, discrimination, and rejection by families and churches, but it's a step in the right direction.

As Hawai'i's leaders, you are entrusted with the kuleana to do what is pono for our entire community. I encourage you to look into your na'au and consider the peaceful and just world you want to shape for our keiki and mo'opuna. I am confident you will arrive at the same conclusion: that voting in favor of SB1 is the right thing to do.

Mālama Pono,  
Ciera Kuleimomi Cummings



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Beth King-Mock	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: 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 government should not be in the business of telling people whom they can and cannot marry. None of us would want to be told by someone who disagrees with us ... for whatever reason ... that it is illegal to marry the person we love. Because of the separation of church and state, I am seriously encouraging you to ignore/delete all testimonies in opposition to this bill that take a church-related stance, basing their opposition on what they personally believe their God has said, or how they personally believe giving gays equal rights will negatively impact their religious freedom. It won't. This is not a religious issue but an equal rights issue. It's time to stop denying one minority their equal rights based on the beliefs of another, more vocal special-interest group. In Hawai`i, we're all about tolerance and acceptance of others. Not to pass this bill would be counter to that ... it would be Anti-Aloha. 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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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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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Darryl Quioco

I OPPOSE BILL SB-1. LET THE PEOPLE OF HAWAI'I VOTE.  
HEAR YOUR KAMA'AINA PLEA! HARKEN THINE EAR UNTO US.

Marriage is sanctioned as one male and one female coming together in union with God and with each other. How can you deny the sacredness of this righteous passage? UA MAU KE'EA O KA 'AINA I KA PONO – the life of our Hawai'i is perpetuated in righteousness. By altering this holy covenant, how are we by any means preserving virtue to our people? How, then, may we continue procreation and moral right-standing and stability for our keiki? Brick by brick, the land of the free is under attack by it's own people as we destroy the very cornerstones our forefathers founded this great country on. The home of the brave has muzzled themselves with spiritual blinders, complacency & fear of rejection under false pretenses. The fear of man has become greater than the fear of the Lord. But still, it is not too late. Grace to stand in authority is still ours. Take your place & push back the enemy. Suit up in His armor & make your feet like hinds feet. Continue to profess your faith & stand. Stand & see the salvation of our God take place. We trust in You. I trust in You, Ke Akua.

DELIVER US, LORD. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.

**Dear Representative:**

This testimony is a **PLEA** to you as a legislative representative of the State of Hawaii in the **greatest Democracy** in the world. **My PLEA is to ask you NOT to support the Bill which proposes to approve SAME SEX MARRIAGE in our Aloha State**, because by doing so, you will effectively have participated in **USURPING THE RIGHTS** of at least 70% of its citizens. The **PEOPLE**, including myself, (and perhaps yourself, and/or your relatives, friends and neighbors,) voted in 1998 to define **MARRIAGE** in our State Constitution as being between **ONE MAN and ONE WOMAN**.

I am not going to argue here the pros and cons of allowing “**MARRIAGE**” between same-sex couples. The issue here is **THE FUTURE OF OUR NATION AS A DEMOCRACY**.

When the **citizens make their voices heard and are IGNORED, I am frightened**.

I see the **specter of Hitler’s Germany and Stalin’s Russia – TOTALITARIAN** nations where a **MINORITY TOOK POWER** and the peoples’ rights were completely abolished.

**WE THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII – OUR VOICES AND OUR RIGHTS - ARE BEING IGNORED! HAWAII IS BECOMING A TOTALITARIAN STATE!**

By calling this special session and trying to “ram” this bill through, Governor **ABERCROMBIE is IGNORING** the voices raised in unison in 1998 and **MAKING HAWAII A TOTALITARIAN STATE WITH HIMSELF AS THE HEAD!**

The **MEDIA and potentially YOU**, our representatives, are discounting us, the citizens, when **you choose to ignore THE TRUE SIGNIFICANCE of the rally at the capitol** this past Monday, October 28, 2013, of **thousands of OBJECTORS** as opposed to only **hundreds of supporters** of this bill.

**IF YOU SUPPORT** this bill approving same sex marriage in our state, you are **BETRAYING** not only us, the citizens who elected you, and whom you are supposed to be representing, but **YOURSELF, and YOUR FUTURE**, and the **FUTURE OF ALL YOUR OWN FAMILY MEMBERS! BECAUSE.....**

**IF YOU SUPPORT THIS BILL, YOU ARE AIDING AND ABBETTING THE DEMISE OF DEMOCRACY AND THE RISE OF TOTALITARIANISM!**

**THERE IS ANOTHER AGENDA HERE AND YOU MAY BE FALLING PREY TO EMOTIONAL AND DECEIVING PLEAS!**

The same sex couples you are being asked to consider the “plight” of, and being asked to feel sorry for, to “protect” from the “prejudicial” views of the intolerant and blind citizenry, **have already have been granted all the rights of married couples through civil unions**.

Perhaps you thought that in granting them “civil unions” the issue would be over. But as you can see it is not – it is not over because **the real agenda is not the rights bestowed by “marriage”** - leaders in this fight for “same –sex marriage” want this law in place so they can proceed to **indoctrinate and force** those of us who do not believe in their life style to accept it . **THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED IN MASSACHUSETTS!**

**WHAT HAPPENED TO ALLOWING EVERYONE TO LIVE THEIR OWN LIVES AND LIFESTYLES IN PEACE AND PRIVACY?**

That includes allowing the rest of us to have **THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION!!**

In this beautiful **ALOHA** state of multicultural diversity we have become a model to the world of acceptance of multi- ethnicity, cultures, and **RELIGIOUS BELIEFS**.

**BY MAKING “SAME\_SEX MARRIAGE” A LAW, WE INFRINGE SERIOUSLY ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**. We force something that is “kapu” and against very deep seated religious beliefs onto the population. The Marxists under Lenin and the Germans under Hitler did similar things.

**WE ARE HEADED FOR THE HORRORS OF TOTALITARIANISM** if you **WHO WERE ELECTED BY US, THE CITIZENS OF HAWAII, TO DEFEND ALL OUR RIGHTS**, betray us and co-operate with this type of **forced legislation**.

I beg you – **BE VERY CAREFUL WHERE YOU LEAD OUR STATE! PLEASE, use WISDOM, and DEPTH OF INFORMATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF ALL ISSUES** in making your decision.

Please, **IF YOU ARE UNDECIDED - VOTE NO!!**

**Please remember ...THIS DECISION DOES NOT HAVE TO BE MADE NOW!! Do not be rushed into a decision you may later regret! PLEASE CONSIDER THAT YOU ARE SETTING A VERY DANGEROUS PRECEDENT!! MAHALO for listening and not ignoring!**

Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Judiciary Committee  
House Finance Committee

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY  
Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members. of the House  
Judiciary and  
Finance Committees:

I would like to thank our elected officials for taking this time to hear our concerns. My name is Earlette DeLuz. I am born and raised in the state of Hawaii.

There is only one common thread and truth that undeniably unites us here together this day, Gay, straight, lesbian, transgender, bisexual or heterosexual, Republican, Democrat, Green Party or independent, Christian or atheist, Catholic, Mormon or Muslim. That truth being, none of us could enjoy the breath of life without the egg of a woman and the seed of a man. This undeniable truth and thread is the origin of every culture, society and civilization that has lived and will live. We of faith acknowledge it as a God given right. The right to produce life cannot be legislated into being. No government can legislate how societies exist. When man and woman unite in a commitment of matrimony they are proclaiming responsibility for that union and that right to bring life into this world granted to them not by any social, religious or political group. No other sexual orientation can make this proclamation. This union is and needs to be defined as traditional marriage. Redefining traditional marriage is non-negotiable. Not a single one of us grants life or creates and sustain societies outside of this truth. We and every society in existence will face this dilemma. Why is the natural order of life this way? Where there is no civilization there are no need for civil rights, politicians, representatives, ministers, senates, judiciaries oh yes and no need to acknowledge the existence of God. I and thousands of others here who are thankful for this breath of life and how it comes about believe He has gotten your attention. Have the courage to protect not only civil rights but the rights that allow civilization to exist and flourish. Remove our common thread. And destroy the fabric of our societies, civilizations and cultures. We do not want to be that state.

Aloha senators and house representatives,

I am writing on behalf of my family of six in strong opposition to SB1.

First, we are not in favor of redefining marriage and strongly oppose this action. Second, if such legislation is passed, much stronger exemptions must be enacted than currently exist in the bill. We ask that persons of faith, small businesses, and religious organizations and officials, not be required to support or perform same-sex marriages, or to host same-sex marriages or celebrations in their facilities. Further, the bill must allow parents control over what is or is not taught to their children with regard to homosexuality and marriage.

Please remember that my belief that homosexuality is immoral and the right to act and raise my family according to this belief, are protected by the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America.

In addition to the immorality of homosexuality, it is widely accepted that the purpose of marriage is to provide a suitable home environment in which to conceive and rear children. Studies have been conducted showing that there is no home situation better suited to the rearing of well-adjusted children who will become contributing members of society than a home with a mother and a father who are legally married.

In closing I would implore that the members of the state legislature heed the voice of the people on this matter. We want our voices heard. Please allow the people to vote on this very important issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo nui,  
Richard Tyler Dennis, DC  
Laie, Hawaii 96762



NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
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October 29, 2013

**TESTIMONY TO THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
AND  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

For Hearing on Thursday, October 31, 2013  
10:00 a.m., Auditorium, State Capitol

BY

**BARBARA A. KRIEG  
DIRECTOR**

**Senate Bill No. 1  
Relating to Equal Rights**

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

TO CHAIRPERSONS KARL RHOADS, SYLVIA LUKE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 1.

The purpose of S.B. 1 is to permit same-sex couples to marry in the State of Hawai'i. The measure would also recognize marriages between individuals of the same-sex performed in other jurisdictions as a marriage in the State of Hawai'i.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) administers certain employee benefit programs for State employees. DHRD supports S.B. 1 because it would provide the ability for State employees with same-sex partners to enjoy equal rights to benefits eligibility.

For example, the State offers wage and salary reduction benefit programs that provide the ability for employees to use pre-tax dollars to pay for certain benefits (e.g. medical expenses, dependent or child care, health insurance premiums). These benefit programs must be administered in strict compliance with certain rules and regulations, including the Internal Revenue Code provisions governing cafeteria plans. As a result, employees are eligible to apply these benefits to expenses for their spouse and/or spouse's dependents or children, but not for a non-spousal partner and his/her dependents or children.

As another example, married couples enjoy greater rights than civil union or domestic partners with respect to deferred compensation retirement benefits. Spouses have default beneficiary designation rights and more favorable distribution terms than non-spousal partners. In addition, an employee is eligible for hardship withdrawals to pay for a spouse's medical expenses, but not for the medical expenses of a non-spousal partner.

Married employees also enjoy greater leave rights than employees with non-spousal partners. Under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, an employee may take protected leave to care for a seriously ill spouse or child of the spouse. These leave rights are only available to same-gender couples who are married under the law of the State in which they reside.

The passing of this measure would standardize the application of benefits for couples in a marriage independent of gender. The State, as an employer, should provide equal benefits to all employees. We strongly support S.B. 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Steve Dinion	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support passage of marriage equality in Hawai'i. Please protect all families! Mahalo.

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Sherry Diones	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Sherry Diones Waipahu, HI

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Drake Nerveza

Letter to the Senate

October 29, 2013

**Testimony**

Aloha, I am Drake Nerveza writing on my own behalf of my belief on the “Equity Marriages”. I know many of you will be getting letters opposing this and I am no different. I am only expressing my thoughts on the matter and how I feel. Everything will be in your hands for this decision.

First of all, I was brought religiously as a Latter-day Saint. I know that there are many people who are non-Christian now days. I personally have friends who are homosexual and I have no problem with them being as such. But, for them to be able to marry in a church or to marry is a plane slap in Gods face. In Leviticus (The Bible) chapter 20 verse 20 is stated as “If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them”. Know I know we do not supporting putting someone to death as this scripture indicates. We also hold the same for a person who fornicates or commits adultery. But do we not still frown upon those actions? We do not apply any form of punishment on anyone who does as it was back then. In fact in the USA we don’t but in other countries they still do. They would refer to those incidents as Honor killings. If those who want to commit homosexual acts behind closed doors or even in public that is up to them. But by Gods standards, it is not acceptable. Also in the bible book called Romans chapter 1 verses 26-27 reads “For this cause God gave them up unto

vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature;

And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their own lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet”

It is not pleasing to the Lord that we do things as such.

I also do not like that if the bill was passed that it would be enforced in schools the principle of being homosexual is all right. If God sees it unfit, why let it happen by allowing marriage for them?

Please let the people vote. We have the right to vote and to express this concern.

I am opposed to SB1. This bill is being rushed through congress; it is not being given the careful deliberation that something of this magnitude deserves.

I was at the “Let the People Decide” rally on October 28. As I stood at the side of Beretania street, I saw hundreds of cars drive by: almost without exception the drivers would honk, cheer, wave, and give us shakas. I realized then that many, many people in Hawaii do not want marriage to be redefined.

In 1998, the people of Hawaii voted to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman. This bill, therefore, is a **direct violation of the will of the people**. Perhaps, congress says, the will of the people has changed since 1998. If so, let's put that theory to the test by allowing the people to vote on this directly. I think congress will see that it does **not** have a mandate from the people on this issue, as they claim to. Rushing this bill is a cowardly act by a legislature that knows full well that the people of Hawaii would not vote for it if given the opportunity.

This issue is too important, and the consequences too far-reaching, to push through without letting the people vote for themselves. Please, please, **stop this bill** and let the people decide via a statewide election.

Geoffrey Draper  
55-568 Naniloa Loop 9C  
Laie, HI 96762

I am opposed to bill SB1. It does not protect the religious freedoms of the Hawaiian people.

When I was in high school, I had an assignment to interview a WWII survivor. My maternal grandfather served in the American army fighting in the Pacific theater. My paternal grandfather that I chose to interview was a German; I thought it would be a more interesting paper to write a first hand account of Nazi Germany. As I interviewed my grandpa, I wanted to know what he did to stop the persecution and eventual Holocaust of the Jewish people. He was a normal coal miner and was not very involved with politics. I could see the sorrow and horror in his eyes as he relived the Holocaust: one religious freedom and then other being taken away from the Jews. Yet he did not stop it. It was not until the end when they forced him to carry a gun and fight for the Nazis or die, that he chose to stand and never fire his gun at the Allies.

I will stand now! Now, when the religious freedoms are first being taken away. I do not want to sit with sorrow in my eyes as I tell my grandchildren about my day. I want to tell them about standing up for religious freedoms and that is why they have the right to believe and follow their conscience.

Please stand with me and protect our First Amendment rights by voting NO on the SBI bill. Religious freedoms are worth saving.

Maria P. Draper  
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
David	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: You legislators must not make this "fundamental transformation" of our society. You must let all of the people make this decision. You must vote NO.

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10/29/13

Dear House of Representatives,

My name is Elton Eli and I am opposed to SB1. I am not in favor of Same-Sex Marriage because it will strip the rights of the people. I would appreciate if the people would have a chance to vote for ourselves and not have a dictatorship force the people to hold his own opinion. No one has ever tried to force this kind of law in just a few days before and there was no need for a special session to do this.

To enforce a law to give freedom to some while stripping the rights of others, as this bill is going to do, is what makes people upset. It is not that we are opposed to allowing someone to have benefits, that's what the civil unions was supposed to do, which was proclaimed that would be all they wanted. We see now, as many knew then, that was just a stepping stone to strip Hawaii residents from more of their rights to gain rights for themselves. It feels like everyone has to bow down to their rights and make more room for those who live a homosexual lifestyle while those who desire to be left to our own beliefs are being shoved into a corner.

To pretend that homosexuals have been abused and condemned by many is wrong. Most live very comfortable lifestyles without a problem. There may be some prejudice by some but majority of people have never treated them as less, but when this bill is passed we are the ones who will be treated as less. Certain freedoms that are available now will be stripped from us. Freedom of speech has been stripped from those in other states in our very own country just for speaking that they don't agree with Same Sex Marriage. Pastors will be forced to change their Bylaws of their church that have been established for years or be forced to marry those who desire a same sex marriage. Parents will lose the right of what they feel is best for their children in school, as they will be taught curriculum without the consent of a parent.

I feel there must be a way to give them all the benefits of marriage, including medical rights and so forth, if they have been married in a state that has made it legal. There is no comparison to slavery in this at all. If a man owns a business and a gang member, or homeless man walks in, they have the right to ask them to leave their business. It 's their right to do that, but other states who passed this law forced business owners to comply with a homosexual who wanted a business to do their bidding, and if not they were sued. Freedoms are stripped. This is not like those who were in slavery forced to take low income jobs, looked upon with disgust by society, and had no rights to own anything or ever to be prosperous. This is not the case for those who desire Same Sex Marriage. They have many rights already, able to attend high-class schools, attain high paying jobs, and leave a legacy for their children, if they have any.

I am asking you to please stop this bill from moving forward. Please vote, "NO!"

Thank you,  
Elton Eli

10/29/13

Dear House of Representatives,

My name is Abigail Eli and I have lived on Oahu for 33 years. I am writing to state that I am opposed to the SB1 bill being presented. Please allow the people to vote on this subject. I have seen enough to know that by giving those who desire same sex marriage more rights that we the people around them will lose ours. I wish that this bill was just allowing marriage between those who desire it, but it is not. It affects my children and how they will be influenced in school, it affects our church and our rights on whom we desire to perform a ceremony for, it will affect businesses and as you already know , it will change everything around us.

Already Civil Unions are in effect, and if they desire more rights then a flight over to a state that already has legalized same sex marriage is readily available to allow for tax benefits to be allowed. Maybe if they are worried about other rights not being allowed, such as medical and etc., then our law makers should work to change that only and leave what majority of the people feel as important in this state, to the people to vote for themselves. We are a democracy and should have a voice.

I do love those who are in homosexual relationships and have never treated them with disrespect. The real problem to me in all of this is that freedom for them, means bondage for us. We will be the ones who have to remain silent, and abused, and chastised for our beliefs. I cannot honestly with a good conscience, pretend that my rights will not be diminished if this bill passes.  
Please vote, "NO!"

Respectively,  
Abigail Eli



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andrew endo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I Andrew M. Endo oppose SB1 and I would like for you to kill this bill. I believe the definition of marriage should never be a law that is passed period. Marriage has always been between a man and a woman and should always be just that. Every single country since the beginning of time has kept marriage between a man and a woman. Hawaii has always practiced marriage between a man and a woman. Our kings and queen would never have allowed an issue of marriage to be debated, it would have never been brought up because they knew the importance of marriage. You are my voice as an elected officials and I want you to vote no on this bill. If you pass this bill are you going to allow incest and pedophiles to have there way also because they believe that they are entitled to love who they want and also marry them. You are bringing up equality after all aren't you? This bill is only for a few and is not in the best interst of the people of Hawaii. If the issues are benefits then go and ask the federal government to allow civil unions to have the same benefits as married couples. Don't change the meaning of a God given union called marriage between a man and a woman just because you feel you are doing good because they truth is your not. God made marriage and defined it between a man and a woman and I believe he didn't make a mistake. If you do not kill the bill like I'm asking then allow the people to vote! I will be praying for you as you decide the fate of Hawaii! Sincerely Andrew M. Endo

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October 29, 2013

**Re: In support of SB 1, relating to equal rights**

Representatives Rhoads, Luke, Har, Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Judiciary and Finance Committees:

I strongly urge you to vote in favor of same-sex marriage. We should never treat people like second-class citizens because of who they love. They're not diseased or impaired; they are us. The love that same-sex couples have is as real as the love between any other couple. From the perspective of equal rights, this is something we need to make right, and the time is now.

Many of the arguments against same-sex marriage today are the same arguments that were used to try to stop the legalization of interracial marriage years ago in the 41 states that prohibited it. In 1959, Judge Leon M. Bazile said:

*"Almighty God created the races white, black, yellow, malay and red, and he placed them on separate continents. And but for the interference with his arrangement there would be no cause for such marriages. The fact that he separated the races shows that he did not intend for the races to mix."*

Today, and especially here in Hawaii, those words sound not only extremely racist but also ridiculous and unsupportable. The fight against interracial marriage was ultimately about fear and racism. That racism was then cloaked in religious arguments that very few religious people today would agree with. The same fear and the same racism that fueled that fight also tore our country apart. Oppressing one group tears us all apart and makes our entire society weaker. In a world where we face unprecedented challenges, it is more important than ever that we should face them standing together in unity. Please use this history as a guide to making the right decision - the decision to support equal opportunity for all. In the words of Mildred Loving, the plaintiff in the Supreme Court case that ultimately overturned the law prohibiting interracial marriage:

*"I believe all Americans, no matter their race, no matter their sex, no matter their sexual orientation, should have that same freedom to marry... I am still not a political person, but I am proud that Richard's and my name is on a court case that can help reinforce the love, the commitment, the fairness and the family that so many people, black or white, young or old, gay or straight, seek in life. I support the freedom to marry for all. That's what Loving, and loving, are all about."*

Please vote to legalize same-sex marriage. My 'ohana and I care very deeply about this issue.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Sadoski  
5180 Likini St., Apt. 1101  
Honolulu, HI 96818



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Keith Ryder	Light of Promise Ministries	Oppose	No

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Bryan Fetner	Individual	Oppose	No

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I am against same sex marriage and I feel that we the people have the right to vote on something so important as this. I am not anti gay, I am pro family. I believe that marriage is an ordained part of our Heavenly Father's great plan of happiness. I know that Heavenly Father has established a marriage to only be between a Man and a Woman. Procreation is between a husband and wife anything other than this violates the commandments of God himself. I want my vote to be heard! I vote NO!

Mahalo,

Moani Fields



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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I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Kawai	Individual	Support	No

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Reginald Kawena Garcia	Individual	Oppose	No

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October 30, 2013

Thursday, October 31, 2013 – 10:00 am

House's Committee on Judiciary

House's Committee on Finance

Hawaii State Capitol

Capitol Auditorium

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Chairpersona Rhoads and Luke, Vice Chairs Har, Nishimoto, Johanson and fellow committee members:

I humbly submit this testimony in very strong support of SB1 for societal and personal reasons. At the risk of stating the obvious, we as a nation have progressed significantly, and there are more and more States who have legalized same-sex marriage in their states.

As I would already hope you are aware of, this isn't an issue of the bible or religion, but an issue of equality and fairness. I have been committed to my same-sex partner for 15 year since – since right out of high school. It has been a long and difficult journey with many twists and turns that are too numerous to mention here.

However, we have worked hard to stay together, and our love for each other is solid. We share every aspect of our lives like any married couple – except – we are not actually married, because our relationship is not recognized by society as being valid, even after 15 years. As much as we don't like to admit it, it works on our unconscious psyche (“You're a second-class citizen”, “something is wrong with you”).

What message do we want to send to our constituents?

As a couple we long for the day where we can be married and enjoy all the legal benefits that other married couples do – and this is what I mean by recognition. If we want to teach our children true fairness and equality. Frankly, I am not interested in the religious aspect of this issue – for me, it is irrelevant. But I am interested in the very real legal rights that I am being denied currently.

I humbly urge you to pass SB1. Mahalo for your time.

`O wau me ka ha'aha'a,

Ryan K. Gomes



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Staci Gonzales	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairmen, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: First of all, thank you for your service to our community. We appreciate all that you do and pray for you on a daily basis. I am writing to you now to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I believe that a decision of this magnitude should be left to the people to decide through a vote. I support equality for all including the rights of religious freedom, and I humbly ask that you allow us to express our feelings on the issue of marriage through a vote put to the people. This is a matter which will have significant implications for our children and our children's children, and as such I do not believe that this matter should be rushed through a special session. I ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process through a vote. As an elected official who serves as our voice, I ask that you please hear my voice and the voice of my family members and vote against this bill, and allow the people to decide for ourselves. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Staci Gonzales Kaunakakai, Hawaii

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Kawika Gonzales	Individual	Oppose	No

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October 29, 2013

Aloha!

My name is Rochelle Guthrie and I am a native Hawaiian and a resident of Hawaii for more than 40 years. I am a registered voter, a mother, a wife, a and a productive citizen of this state.

I strongly oppose SB1 and urge you to vote NO. I believe that this matter should be left for the people of Hawaii to decide by vote. Please remember that as an elected official, you represent the people of Hawaii.

I watched the proceedings yesterday for most of the entire day and was extremely disappointed when I heard our Hawaiian Senator Clayton Hee say we had 1000+ votes in favor of SB1 and 2000+ votes against SB1 and still he voted yes. In my humble opinion, it is a disgrace that an elected official would vote against the wishes of the people he serves. Please allow democracy to take place and allow the people of Hawaii to vote on this critical issue. Please do not rush through this matter and betray the people of Hawaii by making a hasty decision without allowing the people and the leaders to thoroughly research the ramifications of such an important issue. To do so would be a grave injustice and disservice.

**I implore you to vote NO to SB1.**

Mahalo,

Rochelle Guthrie

*Ua mau ke ea o ka 'aina I ka pono*

*The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness*



October 29, 2013

Aloha!

My name is Dallas Guthrie and I am a native Hawaiian.

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**I implore you to vote NO to SB1. Let the people of Hawaii vote on this issue.**

Mahalo,

Dallas Guthrie

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Jacob O'Neill	Individual	Oppose	No

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Laurine Hahn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Caroline Hamatake	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aloha Representatives,

My name is Joseph Ha'o. I am a son, husband, father, educator, and a religious leader in Kailua-Kona on Hawaii Island. I write this testimony in opposition of SB 1. It is readily apparent that this bill is about legislating the values and beliefs of the few.

The bill does not accurately reflect the Will of the People. This decision is an important decision and will leave a long lasting impact upon our society and families. I find it difficult to understand how a measure so meaningful to the people can be decided in one week. Please demonstrate reverence for the democratic processes that are in place to ensure that the Voice of the People is heard.

Thank you for allowing me to testify. We, the People, place our families in your hands. We expect that you will do your due diligence in exploring the effects that this bill may have not only on the intended population, but also on the vast majority of people born and unborn.

I know that God lives. I know that He loves all His children equally. I know that He does not approve of this bill.

Sincerely,

joe

To:

The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

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

Place: Capitol Auditorium

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE Bill SB1.

Of all the titles I hold the one that I am proud of is "MOTHER". I teach my children to love do good. I want to do my part to create the best world I can for them. I value family, my community, the keiki and their well being. I am opposed to this bill because it will take away the value of families in Hawaii. When the value placed on family is lost it will affect society as a whole.

This bill will change our state and the people of Hawaii. There is no need to redefine marriage. It is already defined. Why are we trying to redefine for the minority when it is obvious the majority of Hawai'i is not for this. The majority of supporters and testimonies at the capitol on Monday were against the bill. But the Judiciary committee passed it through anyway. They did not represent the people. We feel they are only representing the Governor. We are not being represented or considered in anyway. .

Passing the Bill will only fire more discrimination towards lesbian/gay couples. There will be fighting, contention, and hate. The problems will quickly grow statewide. Will people accept it when they didn't have a say on the bill? I believe they will continue to fight it. Hawaii is not ready to accept same sex marriage and not ready to pass this bill. It is not the time.

Let us be advocates for strong families in Hawaii's future. Let us love all but not lose sight for a better society. I appreciate your time in reading my concerns and hope that you will vote NO to SB-1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Melodie Ha'o

Kailua Kona, Hi 96740



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David Harris	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Marriage has always been a spiritual practice. It existed before government existed. It was a way to express love without offending your Gods, ancestor or any deity that people worshipped. Why government ever got involved in the first place is a mystery. For Taxes Maybe? That's what civil unions are for. If religion doesn't accept same sex couples than the whole institution of marriage can not accept same sex couples. If you are worried that outlawing gay marriage is not in harmony with church and state remember this, having the institute of marriage in government is not in harmony either. People going to the courthouse to sign a piece of paper saying they should pay taxes together should be enough. Marriage however, is a spiritual practice and should remain between man and woman.

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RE: Strong Opposition to SB1

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both House Committees:

I am writing to voice strong opposition to Bill SB1.

I am asking that you allow the people of Hawaii to decide if they wish to have our state redefine marriage. While I believe in the equal treatment of same sex couples, and that they should not be denied benefits at the federal and state levels, I feel that the current bill for marriage equality does not adequately protect my religious freedoms.

In a representative democracy, the legislature should accurately reflect the beliefs and opinions of the people that they represent. If this bill is allowed to be processed during the regular session, then our representatives would have the time to hear our concerns, and there would be time to examine the bill to make certain it is fair for all people.

Please vote no in special session, and let our democracy produce a law that is acceptable and equitable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

David Haynes  
Mililani, Hawaii

Oct 31, 10:00am  
House Judiciary and Finance Committee  
Re: Bill #SB1  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Testimony in Opposition of Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

I would like to testify in person.

Judy Higa  
3355-a Pinao Street  
Honolulu, HI 96822

Dear Members of the House Committee,

My name is Judy Higa and I am born and raised in Hawaii. Being male or short or black are innate characteristics over which we have no control, no choice in the matter. We are born that way. Anyone who has done high-school biology understands that our natural, innate traits are determined by our genetic make-up. .

The only way for traits to be 'innate' - able to be passed from one generation to the next - is if they have a genetic basis. THERE IS NO GAY GENE. Check it out! Google it! Read a genetics textbook! No one is born lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. That is false 'gay-rights' propaganda. Gays are MADE, not born.

Don't think that gay propagandists don't know this. Scientists have been looking for a 'gay gene' for decades - fruitlessly. Every gene on every chromosome of the human genome has been put under the microscope. Some wish us to assume with them that it will soon be found; and so - in anticipation of the discovery - we must act as if homosexuality is a natural, innate phenomenon. Pure propaganda, and wishful thinking! If homosexuals are not born that way it should not be a considered a civil right.

Have you noticed that many of the homosexual supporter are not from Hawaii! The have been flown in as lobbyist to support their cause. Please do not cave in to external pressure but be men and women of integrity. Who vote their conscience no matter what the consequences may be. May you make the right decision for the sake of the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Judy Higa

SB1

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The House Finance Committee

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Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

Truth is homosexuality is a sexual preference not a human rights issue.

Human Rights Act exist because people are born into their race and race itself does no harm to others. Homosexuality, unlike race, is a chosen behavior. It is also statistically, a harmful behavior according to Food and Drug Administration. A male who has had sex with another male even once since 1977 cannot donate blood.

Truth is people are born into their race but nobody is born into an alternate sexual preference. Race is by birth; no one can choose or change race, unlike a homosexual lifestyle.

I stand up for FREEDOM!... of religion, expression of faith, biblical living and practices.

Our Constitution was set up to protect "we the people"(our freedom) from government making any law that prohibits our religion, or mandates activities or actions that oppose our conscience and faith.

If same sex marriage is legalized, it opens doors to lawsuits against churches that refuse a same-sex couple the use of facility, pastors who refuse to conduct same-sex weddings and individuals or businesses who decline to participate in such weddings. This is a violation of our freedom.

PLEASE LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE.

Bernice Hinton

Kapolei, HI



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Eunice Hirata	Individual	Oppose	No

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Alexandra Hoag	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Committee Members. I oppose same sex marriage and ask that you please defer this bill. Let people decide. Thank you. Alexandra Hoag

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Daniel Hoag	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha committee members, I oppose this bill and same-sex marriage. I think a societal change of this importance should not be decided quickly in a "special session". Let the people decide. Thank you, Daniel Hoag

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Honorable House of Representatives,

I remember over 20 years ago listening to a well respected family psychologist over the radio. He warned the audience about the progressive agenda that would result in same sex marriage and the negative effects on children. I laughed it off, thinking that I did not need to do anything, that our elected officials would protect our timeless traditions and prevent it's erosion. How wrong I was not to heed the warning.

Then in 2010, I sat in the House Chamber and witnessed, much to my dismay, the passage of civil unions in the ninth hour.

Now, I see an attempt by the House and Senate to pass a bill that will grant homosexual unions the same marital rights and privileges under State and Federal law by allowing the union to be recognized as a "marriage".

I am submitting testimony to ask that you allow the people of Hawaii to vote on this issue. Please heed the warning for the sake of generations to come. Allow the voting public to experience true democracy.

Judie H. Hoopai  
99-040 Kealakaha Drive  
Aiea, HI 96701

I will be in meetings all day Thursday, so will not be able to give my testimony in person.

I'm opposed to Senate Bill 1. As a young child, I was molested twice, once by a male pedophile, once by a homosexual male. Almost 69 years later, I still suffer with this memory. My childhood was robbed from me, I lost my innocence. I felt and still feel violated and ashamed of what happened to me. I hold no animosity or hatred against the two men that did this to me. Should this Bill be passed and homosexual curricula introduced to our school our children we will be robbed of their innocence, and if in a same sex home, could be subject to sexual abuse. I wouldn't want something like this to happen to our children. For that reason, beseech you to vote NO on Senate Bill 1.

I hope someone can read this during the hearings on Thursday, October 31. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity. Aloha Ke Akua,  
Me ka `oia`i`o,  
Geoff Horvath

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. Karl Rhoads, Chair  
House Judiciary Committee

Ms. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Finance Committee

**Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY**

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees:

As a registered voter in the State of Hawaii I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to SB-1 at the upcoming Joint House Hearing scheduled for October 31, 2013. The following is an outline of what I will be testifying to:

1. The Same-sex marriage should not be addressed in a special session for the following reasons:
  - A five-day special session is not enough time to discuss the most controversial issues of our time, the amount of time to debate and discuss the issue is far too limited.
  - No amendments to the bill are permitted which circumvents the democratic process.
  - A yes vote during a special session will reflect the will of the governor, the legislators and special interest groups but not necessarily the will of the people of the State of Hawaii.
  - The proposed religious exemption language is rendered invalid because of the public accommodations.
  - The proposed religious exemption does nothing to protect individual business owners, teachers or other citizens right to practice their religious freedom.
  - In 1998 the people of Hawaii voted on this issue and a 70% majority specified that Marriage was defined as
  
2. Legislators are elected to respect the fundamental Democratic principles provided for in the State of Hawaii and the United States constitutions.
  - The people of the State of Hawaii believe that they addressed the issue of same sex marriage in 1998, if there is concern that the will of the people has change in the past 15 years they should be given the opportunity to vote on the issue again.
  - Marriage is not a civil right and no court, including the Supreme Court, has ever said that it is.

- The governor and legislators are elected to represent the people and as a result should respect the process that allows their voices and opinion the greatest opportunity to be heard.

It is my belief that the current bill and the pursuit of it's passing in a special session called by the Governor circumvents my rights as a citizen, violates my right to religious freedom guaranteed by the first amendment of the US Constitution and jeopardizes social fabric of the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Francis Sith Chantavong  
94-756 Kupuohi Street  
Waipahu Hawaii 96797

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The House Finance Committee

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Yours sincerely

Pui Shan Ng



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Cliff Morden	Individual	Oppose	No

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isabelle	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: i oppose this bill. please protect hawaii's keiki and our religious freedom!

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I am very concerned, as I believe there will be grave unintended consequences to all of Hawai'i should the bill be passed in its current form. It is in your power to protect the people of Hawai'i from such unintended consequences by refusing to decide this important matter in such a rushed special session. It is important to consider the rights and ramifications of all who will be affected by this bill and it cannot be done in such a short special session.

I am opposed to this very controversial social issue being decided in just one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process, which are being disregarded in this special session.

I believe given more time in a regular session, the rights and concerns of all can be thoroughly addressed and met in a way that will not bring any unintended negative consequences to any aspect of our life and culture in Hawai'i. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can be properly vetted and examined as all other bills. Please heed ALL the voices of the people of Hawai'i who elected you to represent their voice in your office.

I ask you to please allow the people to give input into this public policy that will have such a huge impact on our society and to let the people decide on this important issue of marriage, as I believe that it is extremely difficult for the legislature to adequately represent the will of all the people of Hawai'i in this matter.

On behalf of ALL the people of Hawai'i, and for the sake of all future generations, please do not rush this issue and please take the time to give the bill the due process it deserves in a regular session.

Thank you for giving consideration to my request.

Sincerely,

Lorna Ishibashi  
Registered voter  
Resident of Nu'uuanu Valley  
House District 25  
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**SB1**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
jody johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I cannot describe how disappointed I am in the lack of integrity and character in our government officials. Each of you have been elected by us, the people of Hawai'i, to speak on our behalf. We are told during each election that you will do what you can to represent the majority in your districts so that our voices can be heard. If it were not for us, you would not be in the positions that you are in. As a believer, I am told to put my trust in God, to pray for our leaders, and to submit to their authority. How can I do that or continue to teach my children the same values when you are taking away the voices of the people, and replacing them with your own agendas? Marriages and relationships are a choice, not a right. Who are you to redefine the definition of the covenant that dates back to the beginning of time? Have we not altered the true meaning of marriage enough? If we are able to destroy the democratic process, revise the truth, sway the public through trickery of words, and silence the public, then why can't we create more time to discuss this topic? Why can't we give those choosing alternative lifestyles the benefits they are asking for while still preserving the sanctifications of marriage, faith, and our first amendments? Please take the time to deliberate and not hastily make such an important decision without us. Thank you and God bless.

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**To:** The Hawaii House Committees on Judiciary and Finance

**Date and Time of Hearing:** Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**Re:** Catherine Jacobsmeyer's TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Dear Members of the Hawaii House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

I admit right up front that my opposition to the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 is based in part on my spiritual/religious beliefs. I acknowledge that there are those in Hawaii who do not share my religious beliefs, but I want you to know I feel very strongly that this act is wrong in the eyes of God, and its passage would be a serious mistake. My family and I are all opposed to same-sex marriage. We believe that we are a "nation under God," and as such, we will receive blessings as we obey His commandments, and penalties if we do not. We believe marriage between a man and woman is ordained of God, and that sexual activity should only occur between a man and woman who are legally and lawfully married. We also believe that God's doctrines don't change, even when man's views change with the times. Our opposition to this legislation does not reduce our regard for all people, including individuals burdened by same sex attraction. However, as residents of Hawaii, we ask that you do not legalize same-sex marriage in this state.

Marriage between a man and woman is and always has been the basic building block for human civilization and is the natural medium by which God intends for His children to come into the world and be nurtured to adulthood. Children are entitled to birth and rearing within the bonds of matrimony between a man and a woman. This union does far more than merely meet the needs of the involved adults. While the long term results of a child's being reared in a same sex marriage household have not been completely explored, I intuitively shudder to think of the possible negative effects and havoc it might wreak. I'm most concerned about the parental model consisting of a same-sex couple's being deeply implanted in the child's mind. This unnatural imprint and influence may have lasting and devastating consequences.

I grew up in a household where my sister struggled with same-sex attraction. Whether this condition was "foisted off" on her without her having played any causative role or not, she has the agency to decide her behavior. I believe in her case and with many others, they would have it the other way if they could. I acknowledge that living out one's life and trying to maintain the moral standard of chastity—in this case celibacy—is most difficult. But it is possible, and I feel strongly that when a couple—whether they be homosexual or heterosexual—has sexual relations outside of marriage, they are guilty of breaking a fundamental and most vital principle of God's law.

This issue is bigger than the question of whether society should be more tolerant. If passed, this act would infringe on religious freedom and redefine marriage, creating a new “civil right.” I rue the day when a judicial court of the land decides to penalize our churches because we refuse full religious privileges to same sex couples living together. I know that our church will never acknowledge same-sex marriage as being morally correct. I regard the Hawaii Equality Marriage Act of 2013 as potentially the beginning of an eventual contravention of our basic First Amendment rights. If this legislation passes, we ask for stronger exemptions for religious clergy, religious institutions, religious facilities, and small businesses than are currently proposed. We urge that these exemptions be extended to all people and organizations of faith, so as to protect religious groups from being required to support, condone, or perform same-sex marriages or to host same-sex marriages in their facilities.

Finally, as a mother of five wonderful daughters, I am haunted by the possible negative effects that the passing of this bill could have on them. After studying some of these negative effects that are happening in places such as Massachusetts and Canada, I have decided that I do not want that for my children. If passed, the teaching that same-sex marriage is appropriate would permeate into our schools and reach impressionable children as young as four years of age. It would also infect our public libraries, our media, our businesses, and our churches.

I urge you to please consider our views and oppose this bill. Mahalo.

Catherine P. Jacobsmeyer  
Laie, Hawaii



My name is Shantelle Jacobson and I am a resident of Kapolei, Oahu. I am in strong support of SB 1 marriage equality bill. As a disabled combat veteran of the Army I am disappointed that my own state does not look out for my rights that I have fought so hard for. I currently have over 8 years of government service. I work at a prison here in Honolulu and I walk into danger everyday making sure that I keep my community safe. I love helping and protecting people. I only wish my government would do the same for me.

I recently got engaged to my amazing partner. I love her more than anything in this world and would do anything to make sure she is always taken care of. If this bill passes, I will be able to share all of my Federal benefits with her. She would receive things such as my medical and dental, become a beneficiary to my retirement and TSP (thrift savings plan), and she would also receive my military benefits such as an ID card and my flag if/when I pass away. This flag is very important to both her and I. It is a symbol for this great country and the sacrifices that I made for it. I know she would be extremely honored to receive this. Please help me protect my family. I know we may not be considered the "norm" but, we love each other and our community very much. Mahalo for your time.

October 29, 2013

For October 31, 2013 10 am

House Judiciary and Finance Committee

Re: Bill #SB1

Hawaii State Capitol

415 S. Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Subject:** Testimony in **Opposition** of Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

I oppose SB 1. I believe in marriage which is only between a man and a woman.

For this reasons, I humbly request that you **VOTE "No"** to Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

Sincerely,

*James T. Oyama Jr.*

*Naalehu, 96772*

Dear Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing to voice my **opposition** to Bill SB1.

The reasons for my opposition of redefining marriages because

- (1) It's contrary to our fundamental religious beliefs.
- (2) It will harm children, families, and society. Numerous empirical studies over many decades establish that children develop best when raised by a father and mother in a stable marriage relationship.
- (3) It will reduce our religious freedoms. If same-sex marriage has been legalized, school will start teaching the new definition of marriage and children will be ostracized if they openly disagree based on their family's religious beliefs. Potentials lawsuits will be brought against individuals, churches and businesses. Religious groups that provide family-related services such as adoption will be stripped of the State licenses.

After carefully reading and studying the Bill, I honestly believe that the Bill will **NOT** provide any benefits for both religious and homosexual people. It's a lose-lose situation. If this Bill passed, it will greatly enlarge the disharmony between both groups as the Bill unfairly taking out the freedom from the religious group. As a result, a greater disharmony, or even contention and hatred will rise up between both groups. For me, religious freedom also means our church leaders have the right to decide who and on what occasion to use the church facilities based on the church handbook and guidelines. However, the bill took away this right from our church leaders to decide. Based on the bill, once our facilities are open to non-members, then the facilities are not protected by the exemptions. The bill provides no protections against lawsuits seeking to force religiously affiliated organizations with sincere religious objections to accommodate celebrations, receptions, parties, and other events associated with same-sex marriages.

In order to be fair for both religious and homosexual groups, I am sincerely asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jared Wong

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Jennifer John	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Christian, a Mormon, a mother of a gay son, and sister of a gay brother I am in SUPPORT of Marriage Equality for all. I urge you to pass this bill so that ALL may enjoy the recognition and benefits of legal marriage. Mahalo nui!

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Sherian Jitchaku	Individual	Oppose	No

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I am **opposed** to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jolyne K K Oyama

For House Judiciary and Finance Committee

Thursday, 10/31/13 at 10:00AM

SB 1 Relating to Equality

WRITTEN TESTIMONY in OPPOSITION to SB1 Relating To Equality

TO: Honorable Chairs Rhoads & Luke , Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committee, (As Well As All Legislators Who Still Consider Passing this Bill.)

Thank you for taking the time to consider my testimony and for all you do in the Legislature – to uphold and preserve Traditional Values and those things that are good, decent, honorable, morally right , that we may all continue to have respect for one another, being encouraged to live decent, and orderly lives.

Thank you for those who continue to establish laws that promote decency, order, preserving traditional values - At least that is what I was raised with and have always believed to be true of the Legislature.

In this day and age, the way the world is – there are more complex issues coming at us – things our parents never had to deal with. It takes more wisdom, careful thinking, planning, praying. Discernment to what is right and good for all, is crucial. And I'm sure, given the hundreds of bills that pass through the Legislature, that this is key, for legislators in deciding which bills to consider or not.

There are many things we can consider, and even make changes to. But, certain things should never be changed. The Institution of Marriage is one of them.

Marriage means 'Union of a Man and a Woman'. From the beginning of time, has always been. Marriage union of a Man & Woman has been ordained - it represents something Sacred. This is fundamental truth. Something sacred as the institution of Marriage should not be tampered with. It should never be challenged.

That is why it shocks me as how the same sex advocates continue to have their way in writing bills to undermine the sacredness of this Institution; promoting their kind of lifestyle, seeing how the Legislature continues to allow it. It clearly reveals the forceful, perverse nature behind this agenda.

Boundaries have been opened – some legislators have passed Civil Unions. Which means Same Sex couples have been afforded 'extra benefits' they never had before.

SO WHY AREN'T THE PROPONENTS OF SAME SEX, SATISFIED?

Same Sex Advocates still argue –“*We’re not treated or respected equally....We still get bullied...We want to celebrate (like heterosexual couples)...We want to have equal rights like...*” and on and on.

BUT THE TRUTH IS:

1. EVERY PERSON IS ALREADY RESPECTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND CITIZEN AND HAVE BASIC RIGHTS.
2. Same sex couples now have EXTRA RIGHTS AND BENEFITS through the passing of Civil Unions.
3. Same sex couples DO CELEBRATE AND ARE CELEBRATING THROUGH CIVIL UNIONS AND VERY WELL TOO! Many even express ‘joy’ on their faces!
4. Bullying is wrong period. It happens to all kinds of people, whether you’re homosexual or not; and is not basis for discrimination.
5. There’s absolutely no basis for equality – BECAUSE SAME SEX UNION DOES NOT EQUAL A MARRIAGE UNION.

Same Sex Advocates cannot use the word Marriage for their union, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT QUALIFY. HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH FAIRNESS, BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO QUALIFY. MAN AND WOMAN QUALIFIES AS A MARRIAGE -2MEN OR 2WOMEN DO NOT QUALIFY AS A MARRIAGE.

LETS DO THE MATH

2Men DOES NOT EQUAL A Man& A Woman  
2Women DOES NOT EQUAL A Woman& A Man

Same Sex Union Is NOT THE SAME as Marriage, which means :  
The Same Sex Marriage Bill IS A SHAM

A same sex couple is called a gay couple or homosexual couple, etc., But now they are also called a ‘Civil Union’, because some Legislators gave it to them. So that is also what they are called. A Civil Union. Period.

QUESTIONS LEGISLATORS CAN ASK THEMSELVES

1. The Civil Unions Bill was passed – Why is SB1 still being considered?
2. Legislators are there, because we cannot. Legislators represent us. You are there to establish laws that preserve traditional values, things that are good, decent, honorable, morally right. Are you representing us in this way?



3. Should SB1 pass, can lawmakers guarantee protection of basic rights of all other persons, especially 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights of freedom of speech? If passed, Same Sex proponents can use this as foundation to enforce their agenda in all spheres- education, health, commerce, etc. Are there enough laws to protect other people when their rights are jeopardized?
  
4. (Not counting those legislators participating in a same sex relationship)  
When you think about 2Women romantically together, or 2Men romantically together – How do you feel or think? Can you honestly say you don't have any uncomfortable feelings or thoughts about this kind of relationship?

If it's too difficult for the Legislature to STOP THIS BILL, then PLEASE ALLOW DUE PROCESS AND LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,

*JoAnn*

Oahu, U.S. Resident

Pearl City, HI

October 29, 2013

To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Capitol Auditorium

Re: Please **OPPOSE SB1**

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

I am writing to voice my **opposition** to Bill SB1.

Many states have adopted legislation that re-defines marriage to include same sex couples and according to an article on page A-13 of the September 20 edition of the Wall Street Journal, same sex marriage legislation has had a devastating impact on citizens who decline to serve same sex ceremonies due to religious conflicts. For example:

- A florist in Richland, Washington, was sued by the State Attorney General and the American Civil Liberties Union.
- A Christian couple that owns a bakery in Gresham, Oregon closed their shop because the State launched an investigation into their religious objections.
- The New Mexico Supreme Court upheld a \$6,637 fine against Elane Photography, stating that being "compelled by law to compromise the very religious beliefs that inspire their lives" was "the price of citizenship."
- Many County recorders, magistrates, judges, town clerks, and justices of the peace in Iowa, Massachusetts, and New York have resigned because they were told that refusing to perform services for same sex couples will result in criminal prosecutions for misdemeanors or other sanctions.

These incidents are occurring in states whose legislation includes robust and specific protections for First Amendment rights. The Hawaii Bill SB1 contains no such protection. It contains a religious exemption, but it is far from adequate to protect the religious freedom and the freedom of speech for individuals, and does not protect religious facilities.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to **OPPOSE SB1**.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Jolyne K K Oyama  
Naalehu, 96772

October 29, 2013

For October 31, 2013 10 am

House Judiciary and Finance Committee

Re: Bill #SB1

Hawaii State Capitol

415 S. Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Subject:** Testimony in **Opposition** of Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

I oppose SB1. Marriage is between a man and a women it does not state a man and a man or woman and woman. I have family and friends that are gay and I love and respect them, but I don't support that life style! I bet all gays are happy that their parents weren't gay!

For this reason, I humbly request that you **VOTE "No"** to Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

Sincerely,

*James T. Oyama Jr.*

*Naalehu, 96772*



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Sarah KK Woolsey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Harlan and Sherry Kahawaii

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Laie, HI 96762



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Gloria Kaili	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mahalo nui for this opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SB1. My name is Christina Kailihiwa.

Honorable leaders, I believe that all people, all families should be treated equally under the law. SB1 extends the rights, benefits, protections, recognition and responsibilities of marriage to couples in same sex relationships.

My partner and I have been together for 13 years. We have a 4 year old son and a six month old daughter together. They are the light of our lives. By all intents and purposes, we are a family. Our children will be raised knowing that they have two loving parents who are committed to loving them and each other. We are fortunate to be surrounded by friends and family who support us. We wait in hopeful anticipation for the day when our beloved state will also support us by ensuring equal rights and protections to our family and families like ours.

We are simple people who work hard. We pay our taxes. We vote. We don't expect anything more than to be treated fairly by the system of laws that we believe so strongly in.

Currently, my family is not treated fairly. Because I carried our children, the law treats me like a single parent, when in truth; my children have two loving parents. This unequal treatment that my family experiences is unfair and unjust. We know in our hearts that Hawaii is not a place that would allow unfairness. Hawaii is a place that values the ohana and in an ohana, nobody gets left behind. SB1 provides a way to support all families in Hawaii.

The issue of equal treatment for same-sex couples is the civil rights issue of this generation. Please don't leave us behind. I ask that you support SB1 and appreciate your careful consideration of this matter.



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kan, cynthia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: In our country today we don't need any more confusion, our children are growing up in a very challenging environment, with everything so ambiguous, that a few mistakes of choosing incorrect values could put an individual back 20, or 30 years. Do you know of anyone who want their children to meander for 20 , or 30 years? I don't think any parents want to see their kids to be stuck in a situation where they are not reaching their full potentials. We don't need our children's heads to be filled with unhealthy relationships legalized. Why don't we set it up so the children have the best environment to live in the best way?

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karen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Karen Gabbuat Honolulu, HI, 96819

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katherine	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I an opposed to same sex marriage and request house rep vote no To sb1.

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danny katoa	legalshield	Oppose	No

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**KATSUHIRO KAJIYAMA**  
BYUH #1970, 55-220 Kulanui St., Laie, HI 96762

October 29, 2013

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The Honorable Representative Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary

The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
The Honorable Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Hearing Date:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00 AM

**Location:** Auditorium, State Capitol

**Bill:** Senate Bill 1

**I WILL BE PRESENT TO PERSONALLY DELIVER MY TESTIMONY.**

***Re: In Opposition to S.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013***

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance,

My name is Katsuhiko Kajiyama, and I am a 50-year resident from Laie, Hawaii. I am strongly opposed to S.B.1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to you and your colleagues. I have spent a great deal of time researching the issue, as well as speaking with religious liberty scholars and attorneys. Further as an educator at BYU-Hawaii, father, grandfather, and concerned citizen I find that this bill severely endangers religious freedom and the democratic process for the following reasons. First, the legislature does not have to pass the law at this time. Secondly, there is not a great enough demand for same-sex marriage to fundamentally change the Constitution and society. Thirdly, the Senate Bill does not protect religious institutions.

**1. The Legislature Does Not Have to Pass This Law At This Time**

First, the legislature does not have to pass this piece of legislation through a special session. We are two months from the start of the regular legislative session starting. The Hawaii State Legislature could hold off voting on this issue until this time. This would allow committee hearings to be held on the neighbor islands. This would allow ample time for discussion and public input. A regular session is also 120 days long versus a special session which is scheduled to be finished within the week. In addition, this law

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will go into effect barely two weeks later on November 18. There is not enough time for the State of Hawaii to change all of its policies, procedures, and practices to abide by these new laws. There is not enough time to discuss the effects of these changes on society, education, housing, adoptions, universities, etc. Finally, this the first unilateral special session in 20 years, and none of the other 35 states that do not have same-sex marriage laws are not planning special sessions.

**2. There is Not Enough Demand for Same-sex Marriage to Require Fundamental Changes in Society**

Secondly, there is not enough demand for same-sex marriage to require fundamentally changing the Constitution and society. Since the Civil Union law went into effect on January 1, 2013, only 916 couples or 1,832 individuals entered into civil unions in Hawaii. With a population of 1.392 million people (2012), persons in civil unions account for less than 1/5 of 1% of our state population. Yet this law would affect everyone in Hawaii, and specifically negatively impinge on religious groups and individuals. The Senate bill would force individuals and family businesses to participate in or support same-sex wedding ceremonies against their religious beliefs.

The Senate bill does not protect photographers and others (whether as individuals or small family businesses) from being forced to directly assist in celebrating same-sex marriages against their religious beliefs. In fact, the bill has no protections for individuals or small family businesses, even if the business is operated according to religious principles.

The Senate bill does not protect county clerks and other government employees from having to perform same-sex marriages against their religious beliefs, even when other government employees are available to do so at no inconvenience to the same-sex couple. Government employees who cannot perform such marriages because of their religious beliefs will likely be fired.

**3. The Senate Bill Does Not Protect Religious Institutions**

Many churches have nonprofit organizations to help them carry out their religious missions, such as religious schools and colleges like BYU-Hawaii. The Senate bill covers only “religious organizations.” Unlike protections in other states, it does not protect these other important institutions that are vital to churches.

The Senate bill protects churches from having to host same-sex marriage ceremonies on their religious properties or in their places of worship, such as an LDS meetinghouse. That is important, but not good enough. Unlike protections in other states, the Senate bill does not protect churches from also having to host same-sex wedding receptions and

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other related celebrations, or from having to provide other goods and services in connection with same-sex marriages, like marriage counseling.

Many churches charge fees for the use of their chapels for weddings so they can use the additional money to support important religious activities, such as their youth ministry or program to feed the hungry. The Senate bill excludes protections for churches that do so.

Finally, there is no religious exemption in Hawaii's public accommodations law. Many religious groups and entities will fall under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission that serves to prevent discrimination on sexual orientation. The Hawaii Civil Rights Commission could view churches as public accommodations as most facilities will be considered as public accommodations, thus disqualifying them from any protections offered by this bill against lawsuits and litigation. A religious entity may be forced to choose between following their faith, or facing lawsuits, fines, or penalties. Since there is no protection for religious groups from the public accommodations laws it makes the immunity provisions ineffective and illusory.

I am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 1 and urge you to vote NO on this measure. First, the legislature does not have to pass the law at this time. Secondly, there is not a great enough demand for same-sex marriage to require fundamentally change the Constitution and society. Thirdly, the Senate Bill does not protect religious institutions.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,

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98-1758B Kaahumanu St  
Pearl City HI 96782  
October 25, 2013

Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Dear Committee on Judiciary and Labor,  
Subject: SB1 Written Testimony

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- c. Hawaii is the only state rushing into special session as a result of the Supreme Court decision.
- d. The so-called religious exemption language is rendered invalid because of the public accommodations carve out. If a religious organization offers a public service (such as a preschool, a meeting place for community groups like a neighborhood board, Alcoholics Anonymous, Zumba classes etc) by definition, that organization is a "public accommodation" and would be legally obligated to sanction a same-sex marriage if it were requested.
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**Marlene L. Keawe**  
**S District 13**  
**R District 24**

To: Committee members

Subject: SB 1 Same Sex Marriage

My opposition to this Bill

Dear Committee:

I would like to ask you to oppose the legalization of same sex marriage in the state of Hawaii for the following reasons:

- 1) It is not physically natural to maintain humanity.
- 2) It destroys of the procreation of families.
- 3) It takes away the freedom of the people.
  - a. Public
  - b. Education
  - c. Welfare
  - d. Media / Entertainment

These are the core purposes of my moral belief and many others throughout our state. I plead for your attention and ask your support to reject this proposal in legalizing same sex marriage in our state under the current Bill proposed for the sake of my children, grandchildren and posterity to follow.

I have friends and family members who live same sex lifestyle, and we love and respect each other unconditionally. Yet, why are we redefining marriage to include same sex? There are laws already in place to provide them with rights and free agency to share their lives with each other as they wish. These newly proposed laws will be the EXCEPTION! Why are we, the majority people, BECOMING THE EXCEPTION? I will not lay down to see my society be harmed by becoming The EXCEPTION.

This is not an issue of attacking equality. This is an issue of morality and a basic human nature we must protect. Marriage between a man and woman was meant to produce children. Marriage between individuals of the same gender will defeat that purpose given to us from the beginning of time. It is the essence of our being!

Mahalo,

Marlene L. Keawe



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Tiffany Kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support equal rights for all. I have lived in Hawaii my whole life and have seen many changes in our culture and society. The one thing that has stayed consistent is the spirit of aloha. I believe passing this bill will foster a sense of cohesion in our community and show the world that we truly are a caring, honorable people. This bold step will show, once and for all, that every Hawaii resident is equal under law and in the eyes of the state. I am confident that our legislature will do what's pono. The people of Hawaii deserve the opportunity to make their own decisions for themselves and their families. The right to marry should be available for all people, if we truly are created equal.

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I am opposed to SB1 because it is unfair to single people. I think that the government should completely change the law because I can't understand why only married people can get federal and state benefits. What about single people who never marry at all. It's not fair. There shouldn't be any benefits just because people are married. Maybe there should only be benefits if children are being cared for by the adults. Marriages should be left to the churches and if churches want to marry people of the same sex, so be it, but the government doesn't need to get involved with relationships like that. The government should be fair to single or married individuals. There shouldn't be any benefits just because people are married. It's not fair to single people! If you really want equal rights consider the single person too. Leave marriages to the church because marriage is a spiritual union. Don't give benefits just because people are married. If you are so concerned about equality, the single person is just as important and the laws are completely unfair to the single person.

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee,

My name is Joshua Ko and I am the Youth Pastor of First Assembly of God, a multi-site youth ministry meeting in four different locations across Oahu. I am speak in opposition to SB1, relating to same-sex marriage.

A certain representative stated that, "majority of people under 30 years old, are indifferent to the issue of same-sex marriage and do not care about what happens." Essentially that this generation does not really care about the matter at hand. **I would like to challenge that.** I believe that this generation lives by conviction and knows right from wrong when they are faced with such an issue. That if given a chance to be heard, they would be able to make the right decision. This past week, I have seen youth within different High schools and churches take a stand for marriage by writing letters, calling and meeting with their representatives, signing petitions, praying, fasting, and taking a stand; practicing there 1st amendment rights. Are these student naive? No...I believe they live by conviction understanding that they cannot live their lives in violation to their God given conscience to do nothing on such an important issue as marriage. They live by conviction and do not falter on political jargon. This issue is important to them because they will be living under this law.

Why would the governor try to ram such an important issue such as marriage within a "Special Session", a 5-day congressional legislator? Why the rush? He knows that if he gave the public a chance to speak up, to decide on the issue, that this bill would not go through.

I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

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Yes, these MS/HS students may not own a car, don't pay bills, don't have a life long career. Some cannot vote right now, but in a couple of years they will be able to vote. Students do care about the issue and will not remain silent!

Thank you for allowing me to testify!



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Kristen Krieger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees: I wish to submit my opposition to this special session and the issue of same sex marriage. I thank you for attempting to create equality for all people in Hawaii, but ask you to consider how you are taking equality away from me. By passing this bill, you will be taking away my freedom of religion if it opposes the desires of a homosexual couple. You will be spending money our state does not have on divorces of couples who do not pay taxes here. You will be stepping in front of my rights and responsibility as a parent in what they are allowed to be taught in school. You cannot and will not be creating equality by shifting rights around. I urge you to vote no. There is a solution to this issue, and this bill is not it. Vote no and help solve the issue, create a new bill that will provide true equality, get public input, talk to us! We want to be heard, we want to help. Thank you.

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Place: Capitol Auditorium

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katie pobuk	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please vote no on same sex marriage. I am a resident of Kaneohe and an educator, and I believe the trend toward acceptance of immorality is causing and will continue to cause confusion and turmoil in society. The issue of same sex marriage is a moral issue, dealing with marriage and the family. Same sex marriages go against what is right for families, which is to have a mom and a dad in the home. As an educator, I have experienced over and over that children who have a mom and a dad in the home benefit a lot from it. It helps them emotionally, physically, and mentally to be the best they can be. Children need to know what is right and wrong, and where to draw the line. Accepting same sex marriages in Hawaii will open the door to many other forms of immorality and cause confusion for our future, for the children of Hawaii. I sincerely thank you for your service to our community.

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Laurie M. Lawson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I support traditional marriage and also support an amendment that limits marriage to one man and one woman. The type of family has been the building block of society since man's recorded history. No expansion is necessary. Every person has the freedom to form whatever social relationship they choose but only this one, between a man and woman, should be treated as "marriage".

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There honestly is no debate or discussion that needs to be held on this matter. Equal rights for LGBT couples needs to be accepted. The sooner you legislators and citizens realize that, the sooner we can focus on more serious issues such as the economic status of the state or improvising and increasing resources for Hawaii's unbelievable homeless population. I understand that everyone has an OPINION and are entitled to it but everyone deserves EQUALITY and to love whoever they want to love with no fears of societal retaliation. What threat does equal rights for the LGBT community pose on the heterosexual community? I am STILL waiting to hear a viable reason, although none will ever be found.

Give it up, people. We as Americans ought to be ashamed of what we are putting these people through. Is this really the type of country we fought so hard and long for? This is the Land of the Free, right? Absolutely NOTHING about this matter holds the mentality of "Land of the Free." At the end of the day, they are still humans. They are still good citizens. But most importantly, they are still American citizens with rights and freedoms. Its time we get past this nonsense and prepare for a better, brighter future for us ALL.

Love has no gender.

**House Committee on Judiciary and Committee on Finance  
October 31, 2013**

**Hearing on S.B. 1  
Relating to Equal Rights**

**Statement of Douglas Laycock, Thomas C. Berg, Bruce  
Ledewitz, Christopher C. Lund, and Michael J. Perry  
(not appearing in person)**

We write in support of same-sex marriage and in support of religious liberty. Senate Bill 1 should be amended to include far more robust protections for religious liberty. Then the bill should be passed. Only in that way will the legislature protect the liberty of all of the people of Hawaii—both same-sex couples and religious conscientious objectors.

The signers of this testimony have devoted much of their careers to studying, teaching, and writing about the law of religious liberty in general, and the religious liberty issues arising from same-sex marriage in particular. One of us is co-editor of the leading book on the subject, *Same-Sex Marriage and Religious Liberty: Emerging Conflicts* (Rowman & Littlefield 2008) (Douglas Laycock, Anthony R. Picarello, & Robin Fretwell Wilson, eds.). Each of us is employed by a public or private university, but of course our universities take no position on the issues before the Committee. We testify in our personal capacity as scholars. We provide more information about ourselves at the end of this Statement.

We support same-sex marriage. We think that Senate Bill 1 can be a great advance for human liberty. But careless or overly aggressive drafting could create a whole new set of problems for the religious liberty of those religious believers who cannot conscientiously participate in implementing the new regime. The gain for human liberty will be severely compromised if same-sex couples now force religious dissenters to violate their conscience in the same way that those dissenters, when they had the power to do so, used to force same-sex couples to hide their sexuality. Conservative religious believers should not be allowed to veto same-sex marriage for those who want it, but neither should they

be forced to directly facilitate it in violation of their understanding of God's will.

Same-sex couples and traditional religious believers should not be at war with one another. Members of each group seek to protect a core part of their identity from interference by the state. Each seeks to manifest that identity in public practice, not confined to mere belief or orientation. Each is misunderstood and vilified by its opponents—far too often, each group vilifies the other. Each deserves legal protection for its deepest commitments.

It is important to keep in mind that marriage is both a legal relationship and a religious relationship. The profound religious significance of marriage means that many religious organizations and individual believers experience marriage equality as reaching deep into a fundamentally religious institution. The challenge for any bill is to equalize civil marriage while preserving religious control over religious marriage. Senate Bill 1 has not yet accomplished the task.

The religious exemptions in the current draft of Senate Bill 1 address only a small part of the problem. Existing religious exemptions in Hawaii civil rights laws fill another small part of the gap. But many issues remain to be addressed.

### **I. Religious Organizations**

The proposed sections 572-E and 572-F of the Revised Statutes (created by § 2 of Senate Bill 1) protect the refusal to solemnize a marriage and the refusal to provide physical facilities for the solemnization of a marriage. Section 572-F appears to distinguish “solemnization” from “celebration,” and to protect only with respect to “solemnization.” That is, these sections do not even protect churches from having to host the wedding reception.

The issue of solemnization is important, but it is only the most obvious part of the issue for religious organizations. A bill that addresses only solemnization would do less to protect religious liberty than any other state that has enacted same-sex marriage by legislation. Equally important, and far more likely to be litigated, is the issue of *recognition* of same-sex marriages by religious organizations for purposes of carrying out their religious missions.

A religious organization, in the course of carrying out its religious mission, cannot in good conscience treat as married two persons whose relationship fundamentally violates the religious organization's understanding of marriage. Must the pastor provide pastoral counseling for a same-sex married couple? Must a church employ spouses in same-sex marriages—spouses that are publicly defying the church's teaching on marriage? A religious-liberty provision addressed only to solemnization neglects these and many similar issues.

## **II. Individuals**

Senate Bill 1 provides no protection for individuals who provide services to help celebrate weddings or professional services to help sustain marriages. This omission threatens serious harm to a religious minority while conferring no real benefits on same-sex couples. Same-sex couples will rarely if ever actually want such personalized services from providers who fundamentally disapprove of their relationship, and they will nearly always be able to readily obtain these services from others who are happy to serve them.

It is one thing to say that a substantial business, with numerous employees to serve its customers, should serve all comers. It is quite another thing to say that an individual, or a very small business that is essentially an extension of an individual owner who is deeply involved in serving every customer, should have to provide personal services in violation of conscience. The few such owners who object typically believe marriage to be a fundamentally religious relationship, and believe facilitating a same-sex marriage to be a profound personal sin with respect to a religious matter.

It is not in the interest of the gay and lesbian community to create religious martyrs when enforcing the right to same-sex marriage. To impose legal penalties or civil liabilities on a wedding planner who refuses to do a same-sex wedding, or on an individual marriage counselor who refuses to provide marriage counseling to same-sex couples, will simply ensure that conservative religious opinion on this issue can repeatedly be aroused to fever pitch. Every such case will be in the news

repeatedly, and every such story will further inflame the opponents of same-sex marriage. Refusing exemptions to such religious dissenters will politically empower the least reconcilable opponents of same-sex marriage. It will ensure that the issue remains alive, bitter, and deeply divisive.

It is far better to respect the liberty of both sides and let same-sex marriage be implemented with a minimum of confrontation. Let the people of Hawaii see happy, loving, committed same-sex marriages in their midst; let them see (this cannot be helped) that some of those marriages fail, just as many opposite-sex marriages fail; let them see that these same-sex marriages, good and bad, have no effect on opposite-sex marriages. Let the market respond to the obvious economic incentives; same-sex couples will pay good money just like opposite-sex couples. Let same-sex marriage become familiar to the people, and do these things without oppressing religious dissenters in the process. Same-sex marriage will be backed by law, backed by the state, and backed by a large and growing number of private institutions. The number of dissenters will continue to decline, as minds continue to change and as others acquiesce in the new circumstances and in the live-and-let-live traditions of the American people. The number of individuals in business or professional settings who assert their right to conscientious objection will be small in the beginning, and it will plunge still further over time if deprived of the chance to rally around a series of martyrs.

Exemptions for religious conscientious objectors will rarely burden same-sex couples. Few same-sex couples in Hawaii will have to go far to find merchants, professionals, counseling agencies, or any other desired service providers who will cheerfully meet their needs and wants. And same-sex couples will generally be far happier working with a provider who contentedly desires to serve them than with one who believes them to be engaged in mortal sin, and who grudgingly serves them only because of the coercive power of the law. Statutory drafting can provide for the rare cases where these suppositions are not true, such as a same-sex couple on one of the smaller islands that may have reasonably convenient access to only one provider of some secular service. Such cases are no reason to withhold religious

exemptions in the more urban areas where most of the people—and most of the same-sex couples—actually live.

### **III. Proposed Statutory Language**

Another group of scholars, led Professor Edward McGlynn Gaffney, has also submitted testimony. That group includes supporters, opponents, and undecideds on the issue of same-sex marriage. Those of us joining in this statement wanted to be free to emphasize our support for same-sex marriage, so we are testifying separately. Both groups—the supporters, the opponents, and the undecideds—are agreed on the need for more complete religious exemptions.

The Gaffney group’s analysis of potential legal conflicts is accurate. Its survey of what other states have enacted is accurate. And it offers carefully drafted statutory language to reconcile same-sex marriage with religious liberty. This statutory language has been refined over the years in light of debates in other states. It anticipates the range of issues likely to arise and addresses them with care, balance, and attention to the essential rights and needs of both same-sex couples and religious conscientious objectors. It should be added to Senate Bill 1, as a substitute for proposed sections 572-E and 572-F.

The Gaffney group’s language would protect only religious organizations, religious individuals, and very small businesses that are essentially personal extensions of the individual owner. It would protect individuals and businesses only when some other business is reasonably available to provide the same service. It would not prevent even one same-sex marriage; it would not make same-sex marriages difficult to celebrate or sustain. But it would protect religious liberty—also a constitutional interest and one that is equally important.

At the very least, any bill on same-sex marriage should protect decisions about “recognition” as well as decisions about “solemnization.” Proposed section 572-E could be amended as follows:

572-E. Refusal to solemnize or recognize a marriage.  
~~Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require any~~



Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no clergy, minister, priest, rabbi, officer of any religious denomination or society, ~~or~~ and no denomination, religious society, or religiously affiliated not-for-profit organization not having clergy but providing solemnizations that is authorized to perform solemnizations pursuant to this chapter shall be required to solemnize or recognize any marriage. No such person who fails or refuses to solemnize or recognize any marriage under this section for any reason shall be subject to any fine, penalty, injunction, administrative proceeding, or other civil liability for the failure or refusal.

The more carefully drafted language in the Gaffney group's testimony would be better for both sides—more protective of religious objectors in some ways, more protective of same-sex couples in other ways. It is more protective of both sides because it more carefully attends to the interests of both sides. That language would be the better solution. But if the Senate chooses to work within the structure of the current bill, the amendments just suggested to section 572-E would be a reasonably workable solution and far better than nothing.

#### **IV. Constitutionality**

Some legislators have expressed concern that religious exemptions may be unconstitutional. There is no basis for such a fear.

The emerging law of sexual orientation and same-sex marriage is that *government* may not discriminate against same-sex couples. Nothing in that body of law suggests that government may not also protect religious liberty. The Supreme Court has repeatedly, and unanimously, upheld religious exemptions from regulation against constitutional attack. The most recent example is *Cutter v. Wilkinson*,<sup>1</sup> unanimously upholding the religious exemptions for prisoners required by the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 544 U.S. 709 (2005).

<sup>2</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 2000cc *et seq.* (2006).

More directly relevant here, *Corporation of the Presiding Bishop v. Amos*<sup>3</sup> unanimously upheld a religious exemption from the discrimination laws that lets religious organizations hire and fire on the basis of religion. The Court rejected both an Establishment Clause attack<sup>4</sup> and an equal protection attack.<sup>5</sup> “This Court has long recognized that the government may (and sometimes must) accommodate religious practices,”<sup>6</sup> the Court said, and government is free to do so when it acts “with the proper purpose of lifting a regulation that burdens the exercise of religion.”<sup>7</sup> The Court’s point about legislative purpose is important; the purpose of including religious exemptions is to protect religious liberty. There is no purpose to harm same-sex couples who are granted the right to marry in the same bill. So nothing in the Court’s gay-rights cases<sup>8</sup> changes its analysis of religious exemptions to protect the rights of conscience.

An exemption may be unconstitutional if there is no burden on religious exercise to be relieved, or if it imposes significant burdens on third parties. But as *Amos* shows, mere loss of access to employment or other affirmative benefits from a religious organization is not a cognizable burden on others. The regulatory exemptions we have proposed leave same-sex couples free to live their lives without imposing on religious organizations or believers, and leave religious organizations and believers free to live according to their faith by steering clear of same-sex couples, neither affirmatively facilitating their marriages nor affirmatively imposing any burdens on them. The language in the Gaffney group’s testimony is carefully drafted to avoid burdens on same-sex couples.

All nine Justices approved of legislative religious exemptions in separate opinions in *Board of Education v. Grumet*,<sup>9</sup> and in

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<sup>3</sup> 483 U.S. 327 (1987).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 334-39.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 338-39.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 334.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 338.

<sup>8</sup> *United States v. Windsor*, 133 S. Ct. 2675 (2013); *Lawrence v. Texas*, 539 U.S. 558 (2003); *Romer v. Evans*, 517 U.S. 620 (1996).

<sup>9</sup> 512 U.S. 687, 705 (1994) (stating that “the Constitution allows the state to accommodate religious needs by alleviating special burdens;” reaffirming

*Employment Division v. Smith*.<sup>10</sup> And in a case that struck down an exemption because the Court thought there was no burden on religious exercise to be relieved, eight Justices in separate opinions explicitly reaffirmed *Amos*, and the ninth (Justice White) had written the opinion in *Amos*.<sup>11</sup> The Senate would act in the highest constitutional and civil liberties tradition if it authorized same-sex marriage and simultaneously protected religious liberty with respect to those marriages.

## V. Conclusion

Enacting the right to same-sex marriage with generous exemptions for religious dissenters is the right thing to do. It respects the right of conscience for all sides. It protects the sexual liberty of same-sex couples and the religious liberty of religious dissenters. It is obviously better for the traditional religious believers; because it creates no martyrs and reduces civil conflict, it is also better for the same-sex couples. Because it is better for both sides, it is better for Hawaii. The language proposed in the Gaffney group's testimony would protect the liberty of both sides. We urge you to add it to Senate Bill 1 or to any other bill on same-sex marriage.

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*Amos*); *id.* at 711-12 (Stevens, J., concurring) (distinguishing the facts of *Grumet* from “a decision to grant an exemption from a burdensome general rule”); *id.* at 716 (O'Connor, J., concurring) (“The Constitution permits ‘nondiscriminatory religious-practice exemption[s]’” (quoting *Employment Division v. Smith*, 494 U.S. 872, 890 (1990) (emphasis by Justice O'Connor, meaning that exemptions cannot discriminate among faiths)); *id.* at 723-24 (Kennedy, J., concurring) (approving *Amos* and similar cases); *id.* at 744 (Scalia, J., dissenting) (“The Court has ... long acknowledged the permissibility of legislative accommodation.”).

<sup>10</sup> 494 U.S. 872, 890 (1990) (“a nondiscriminatory religious-practice exemption is permitted”); *id.* at 893-97 (O'Connor, J., dissenting) (arguing that regulatory exemptions are not only permitted, but also constitutionally required).

<sup>11</sup> See *Texas Monthly, Inc. v. Bullock*, 489 U.S. 1, 18 n.8 (plurality opinion) (approving *Amos*); *id.* at 28 (Blackmun, J., concurring) (approving *Amos*); *id.* at 38-40 (Scalia, J., dissenting) (arguing that regulatory and tax exemptions are generally permitted and sometimes required). Justice White's brief concurrence said nothing about the exemption issue one way or the other. See *id.* at 25-26 (White, J., concurring).

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Each of us signs this letter in our individual capacities; none of our employers takes a position on the issues we address. We are available to discuss these issues further if that would be of any benefit. Each of our e-mail addresses is in the Appendix.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Tina Liwai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Date: Oct. 29, 2013 Karl Rhoads Chair Judiciary Committee Subject: For In Person Testimony in Opposition to SB1 Relating to Equality Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees; As a concerned citizen of the state of Hawaii, I am submitting my testimony against SB1, which would legalize same sex marriage. I oppose this bill because on page 6 starting on line 4, the definitions of church exemptions are too weak and too poorly written to guarantee our first amendment rights to the free exercise of religion. Many churches serve the community by allowing the usage of facilities for AA groups, parenting and/or marriage classes and sports and exercise classes that are open to the public. The language in SB1 is not strong enough to protect the churches that offer these services for free to the public, many of whom don't attend church, from lawsuits or other challenges I oppose this bill because I have serious concerns and questions regarding page 15 beginning at line 1 – 9. This section allows couples that do not live in Hawaii and are not taxpayers to pursue an action for annulment, divorce or separation in our state. I have serious and valid concerns about the impact this will have on our already weak economy. The additional cases would increase the burden in our family court system, which is already overtaxed and often unable to meet the needs of our families. As it is now families often have to wait several months for their cases to be addressed. Allowing out of state non-taxpayers can only cause more burden to our family court system. On page 12 beginning at line 15 572C-2 states that 'the legislature finds that the people of Hawaii choose to preserve the tradition of marriage.....as one man and one woman. This was only two years ago. We have not voted nor had town hall meetings to find out if this has changed. In 1998, the people only voted to allow the 'legislature to have the power to reserve marriage to opposite sex couples' because we had no other choice. To not have accepted the poorly worded measure would have left the decision to our state judiciary, which had the Baehr v, Miike case pending. Voting to grant the power into the legislatures hands in 1998 was the lesser of two evils. A 'yes' vote in the special session is a 'no' vote to democracy because you are clearly not listening to the voices of the people of Hawaii, whom you have been elected to represent. These are just a few of the concerns I have about you voting into law possibly the most controversial issue of our time. The short time allowed for the special session and the extra issues that the governor has added prevents you the representatives of this great state from justly and adequately addressing the concerns to the people of the state of Hawaii. I request that you vote no or table this issue and bring it to a vote of the people Sincerely, Tina M. Liwai

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Oct 31, 10:00a  
House Judiciary and Finance Committee  
Re: Bill #SB1  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition of Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

I am writing in **opposition** to the proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 that will be discussed in your Special Legislative Session beginning on October 28, 2013.

What's the rush to pass this Bill#SB1? Why can't you wait to allow the people to vote on this Bill#SB1 using the ballot? It uneasily feels like our representatives are biased and possibly that there are corrupt practices involved in the way this Bill#SB1 is being pushed through so fast. **LET THE PEOPLE VOTE!**

I understand how the same-sex population wants to be recognized in marriage for the purposes of being entitled to social security benefits from their deceased partners. I also understand the fact that the same-sex population wants to receive the same federal tax filing benefits as traditional marriage couples. If those are the benefits the same-sex couples are requesting then scrap this proposal and rewrite another so as to limit the impact to just those specifics.

The way that proposed Bill#SB1 is currently written impacts our educational institutions with immorality and threatens our freedom of religion. I feel that there is no justice in this bill. In fact, I feel that it is very corrupt. Bill#SB1 holds very threatening consequences. One of the consequences is that Bill#SB1 will expose our youth to immorality and degradation within our educational system. Furthermore, to pass a law that allows anyone to desecrate the sanctity of our religious establishments is just as insane as allowing our education system to explicitly teach our children about gay sexual practices.

I am 100% (biologically) Pro-children. Protect the Children. Provide for the children. Promote having children. Same-sex couples have no such abilities as they are literally incapable of Procreation. Where will this behavior lead humanity? The path of this bill only brings to view the path to destruction.

It is estimated that 5% of Hawai'i residents identify themselves as Gay or Lesbian but there are only ½ % of Hawai'i residents who are currently in Civil Unions. Which we would assume means that only 1 in 10 Gay/Lesbians are even interested in getting married. Redefining marriage will not only affect this very minute percentage of our population, but will change society forever for all Hawai'i residents. Changing the definition of marriage is changing the morals of our society. **LET THE PEOPLE VOTE!**

If perhaps the majority of people in Hawai'i do feel that they would like Same-sex marriage to be deemed as an acceptable alternative to heterosexual marriage then it would be important that **sufficient protections are put in place so that the religious rights of our people are not**

**infringed upon**. Religious Freedom is one of the founding principles of our country. It is not uncommon knowledge that the bible teaches that Gay and Lesbian relationships are against the laws of God. It is not a new radical philosophy but a moral principle that has been in place for thousands of years. It is a principle that even our founding forefathers believed in. Although society is changing, the bible has not changed, and many people still uphold the principles in the bible. It is their religious right to do so. To require any religious leader, organization, small business or individual to provide goods or services that assist or promote the solemnization or celebration of any marriage, or provide counseling or other services that directly facilitate the perpetuation of any marriage that is against their religious beliefs would be infringing on their religious rights.

For these reasons, I humbly request that you **VOTE IN OPPOSITION** to Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

Sincerely,

Wade Lonokapu

Husband, Father and Son

Hilo & Puna

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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**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/29/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Liza Kobayashi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor: I have always believed that our democratic government was always of the people, by the people, and for the people as one of my favourite presidents, Abraham Lincoln, quoted in the Gettysburg Address. That is why I am writing this email, to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. As I look at the way this bill has gone forth, I don't believe the process has been done with the people of Hawaii and their individual voices in mind, or at least, not as a value or priority. The regular session starts in January, less than 3 months away. I don't understand the rush in the legislative process that stifles the voices of the people of Hawaii and doesn't give us ample time to voice our concerns and insights. United we stand, divided we fall. This bill, and the way it is written, is an open door that is and will continue to bring far more division and strife, because at its roots, the process isn't pono because it doesn't allow the people of the land to vote or have the power and freedom to determine the direction and future of our islands. Because of this, I am asking you to vote "No" against this bill. And vote "No" to give the people of Hawaii back their voice and the freedom to vote on an issue that will impact everything in our island state. Thank you for your time. Aloha! Liza Kobayashi Hilo, HI

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Steven K. Yoshimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. This is such an important topic that demands greater discussion and participation from the community and interested parties that Special Session cannot provide. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Steven K. Yoshimoto Honolulu, Hawaii

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Submitted on: 10/29/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
anthony maglinti	Individual	Oppose	No

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anthony maglinti	Individual	Oppose	No

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James Mahoney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. James Mahoney Kahuku, Hawaii 96731

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Dorothy Mahoney	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Paul Maley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of Marriage Equality because I believe it is the right course of action for our state. I ask that you join me.

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Marvin T. Malohi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill as it is currently written. I believe it infringes on my personal religious freedoms.

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Andrea K. Malohi	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bradley Mamuad	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tracy Hahn Mamuad	Individual	Oppose	No

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iwalani manley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a United States law abiding voter! Please let me vote! Thank you! Iwalani Manley

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Place: Capitol Auditorium  
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Brandy Marcoux  
Aiea, Hi 96701



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Roscan Marquez	Individual	Oppose	No

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October 31, 2013 – Thursday

10:00 AM

Auditorium

State Capitol

To: Representative Rhoads, Chair  
Representative Luke, Chair  
House Committees on Judiciary and Finance

From: Reni Soon, MD, MPH

Re: SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

Position: Strongly Support

I am an obstetrician-gynecologist who has devoted her career to the women of Hawai'i and their families. I have taken care of adolescent girls struggling with their identity within a culture that tells them that being gay or lesbian is somehow not "normal". It is normal. Like being left-handed, homosexuality may not be the majority, but it is normal. By denying a segment of our community the right to marry and have their union recognized, we are telling them that they are not equals. This culture of discrimination is unhealthy for our community and our children, and the health consequences of discrimination like this are numerous. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has stated that "lack of marriage equality has a negative effect on the health and well-being of women in same-sex relationships and their families" and has endorsed marriage equality.

But I am not just writing as a physician advocating for the health of my patients. I am also writing as a kama'āina raising my family in my homeland. I am proud that Hawai'i is not just a place where diversity is accepted, but it is celebrated. Many of us come from many different backgrounds, and the beauty of being raised in Hawai'i is growing up knowing that 'ohana come in all different colors, shapes, and sizes. This is aloha. This is what Hawai'i is about. E aloha kekahi i kekahi.

Please support SB1 and end this discrimination against our gay and lesbian brothers, sisters, neighbors, and children.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Me ke aloha,  
Reni Soon, MD, MPH



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Peter T Mashimo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Peter T Mashimo Kaneohe, HI 96744

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**To:** Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee  
**Hearing Date & Time:** Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10 am  
**Hearing Location:** Hawaii State Capitol  
**Re:** Strong **Opposition to SB1**, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Teofila Matsuda

City, State: Ewa Beach, Hawaii

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION AND SB1, RELATING TO "EQUAL RIGHTS"**  
**Also known as the same sex "marriage" bill**

Dear Chair Rhoads and Chair Luke:

As a concerned citizen, I am submitting testimony against this Special Session and the proposed bill that IF passed 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 the freedom of speech, education or employment, this bill IF passed would 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 reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples **only**. The only legitimate way to change this is to let we, the people, decide. Please do not circumvent the democratic process!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify against this Special Session and against this bill, SB1.

*Teofila Matsuda*

Signature

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Carlina McCue	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hello, My name is John McCue. I live in Waipio Gentry. I am asking that you all, Please vote NO on SB1. I will not be testifying in person. ~ There is no reason to vote on such a volatile issue in this special session. ~ The democratic process is being circumvented. Let it be vetted properly in regular session. ~ Religious freedoms and First Amendment rights are being placed in jeopardy by this bill and the public accommodations section will absolutely NOT protect churches. ~ Civil Unions already protect same gender couples. ~ SCOTUS ruled in 2007 that marriage is NOT a civil right! ~ Let the people decide in a constitutional amendment to be voted on in 2014. ~ Again, PLEASE vote NO on SB1. Let The People Decide! Thank You, John McCue

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S Madayag	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I am opposed to there being a Special Session on any Same Sex Marriage issue. As a voter in the district you represent, I feel that it is important for you to know how I feel about this as part of your decision making process. It is my opinion that the issue of Same Sex Marriage should be voted on by the public just as it was back in 1998 when the majority of citizens in the State of Hawaii voted to approve a constitutional amendment against same sex marriages. The use of a special session limits my opportunity to voice my opinion on this issue and may result in legislation that does not represent the will of the people you have been elected to represent. In closing, I greatly appreciate your representation of the constituents of District #16. I am praying that God will continue to lead you in all of your decision making and that He will continue to encourage you in all that you do. God Bless,

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Kira Engelhardt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support marriage equality. It enriches the lives of gay people, their families, friends, co-workers, children, and everyone who live and deal with them on a daily basis. Supporting the separation of church and state, and allowing people to live without shame or prejudice benefits everyone.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Edward Ayau Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Marriage is a commitment to be faithful to one partner for the rest of your life. Marriage is not simply a partnership to be entered into for mutual benefits.

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BERNARD MENDONCA	Individual	Oppose	No

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Victoria Mercer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kimberly Mercer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Adele mier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please let the people vote! Mahalo!

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Adele mier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Let the people Speak! It is our right! Thank you and Good night.

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My name is Janai Miki; I am a constituent from Aiea and I support SB1 relating to Marriage Equality. I recently graduated with my Bachelors in Social Work from Hawaii Pacific University where I am currently a Masters in Social Work candidate. My most recent job was with a specialty court with the State of Hawaii Judiciary and I have accepted a position with the Department of Human Services, which will start in December. The most important role I play is a loving mother to my 12 year old son, JasonBradley “JB”, whom I had during my previous heterosexual marriage to his father. My son is well-adjusted, happy, loving, friendly, accepting, fair, and fun. JB plays baseball for Little League and Cal Ripken. He participates in school activities and clubs like robotics, peer-mediation, basketball, and flag football among other things. Last week JB received a certificate for making Honor Roll for his first quarter in seventh grade.

After divorcing from JB's father in 2009, I prayed for a life partner who would be my equal, who would love me and my son, who would be my best friend, and who would challenge me and encourage me to do and be better. Well you know the saying, be careful for what you wish for? The one thing I didn't mention, which I didn't think to mention, in my prayers was gender. God brought Charlotte into my life and she was everything I prayed for.

If marriage is only a religious activity, why is the government recognizing these unions? If marriage was only for procreation, what about those married couples that choose not to produce children or those couples who are incapable of having their own children? Do they have to be divorced because they are not procreating?

Charlotte and I deserve to marry because we love each other and have decided to commit our lives to each other. We are productive working constituents; we deserve the same rights as other couples.

Aloha,

Please respect equal rights for same sex marriage and pass this bill. The vote should be based on equality and not on religious terminology/belief because there would otherwise be no separation between church and state. Not all people get married whether opposite-sex or same-sex; therefore, we cannot generalize the affect on society.

Mahalo,

Sarah Miller MSW, LSW



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Joy Monahan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Moses Kealamakia Jr.  
1059 Puku Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

I am opposed to HB1. I am a registered voter, and I vote every election season. At the next election I will vote only for those who were not involved in passing this monster of a bill.

Why are you rushing this bill? With the huge numbers of people opposing bill SB1, why is legislature rushing it through?

Don't you know that this bill will redefine the sense of ohana?

Doesn't this bill deny the people the chance to be heard?

Aren't the elected officials suppose to represent the people that elected them?

If you really want to do something that you will not regret, that nearly everyone will love you for, then kill the bill, and discuss it at the next legislative session.

Sincerely,  
Moses Kealamakia



Aloha mai kākou! My name is Mika Mulkey and I'm just one of many, from the Big Island, who support Marriage Equality, here in the State of Hawai'i.

Hawai'i is best known for its values: Aloha, 'Ohana, Lōkahi, Kuleana, & Pono:

- Aloha, a spirit of unconditional love. The feeling of aloha has left everlasting impressions on our kama'aina and malihini for centuries and is what attracts everyone to our islands. By opposing this bill, our state will convey a wrongful message to the world, that Hawai'i does NOT support Aloha for ALL, but just for heterosexual couples.
- 'Ohana, an important value in our quest to achieve Aloha. Ohana isn't restricted to those of blood relation, but to whom we choose to call our family. Nowhere in our history did our kupuna state, that an 'ohana requires a man and a woman to nurture our keiki because they knew, what was needed is love, discipline, compassion and respect.
- Lōkahi, the value of teamwork. By working together, we can achieve more. This can relate to this very issue today because after 20 years, Hawai'i has NOT been able to demonstrate the ability to achieve unity. Supporting this bill ensures that ALL people of Hawai'i, will be protected from discrimination.
- Kuleana, sense of responsibility. It is OUR kuleana to ensure that everyone in our state is granted the same equal rights and that we instill, in our future generation: tolerance and acceptance of everyone, regardless of whom they choose to love. It is my kuleana to remind you of this.
- Pono, the value of integrity and balance. Hawai'i will NOT be able to progress into the future until ALL things are right for ALL its people.

So I ask you today, to vote in support of Marriage Equality, because not only do ALL people in Hawai'i, deserve the freedom to marry whom they love, but because it is their kuleana to pass on OUR values of love, family, unity, compassion, and belongingness to the next generation. These values are NOT limited to just heterosexual couples; in fact they apply to ALL people of Hawai'i.

President Barack Obama once stated, "Nothing can stand in the way of the power of millions of voices calling for change." Today, the people of Hawai'i are calling for change and will NOT stop until the true meaning of Aloha (Always Loving Others Here & Always) is observed and practiced by EVERYONE the sun touches on OUR 'aina.

Mahalo



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Serelina Mwarey	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Oct 31, 10:00a House Judiciary and Finance Committee Re: Bill #SB1 Hawaii State Capitol 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Subject: Testimony in Opposition of Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 I will not be testifying in person. I am writing in opposition to the proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 that will be discussed in your Special Legislative Session. It is estimated that 5% of Hawai'i residents identify themselves as Gay or Lesbian but there are only ½ % of Hawai'i residents who are currently in Civil Unions. Which we would assume means that only 1 in 10 Gay/Lesbians are even interested in getting married. Redefining marriage will not only affect this very minute percentage of our population, but will change society forever for all Hawai'i residents. Changing the definition of marriage is changing the morals of our society. As our school system is the means to educate our children on the laws and morals of our Society, passing this bill will also greatly affect the curriculum taught to all of our children. This is something that should be decided by the people, and not by a handful of politicians. If the majority of our people feel that our children should be taught that having a Gay or Lesbian marriage is an acceptable alternative to heterosexual marriage, then so be it. But LET THE PEOPLE VOTE! If perhaps the majority of people in Hawai'i do feel that they would like Same-sex marriage to be deemed as an acceptable alternative to heterosexual marriage then it would be important that sufficient protections are put in place so that the religious rights of our people are not infringed upon. Religious Freedom is one of the founding principles of our country. It is not uncommon knowledge that the bible teaches that Gay and Lesbian relationships are against the laws of God. It is not a new radical philosophy but a moral principle that has been in place for thousands of years. It is a principle that even our founding forefathers believed in. Although society is changing, the bible has not changed, and many people still uphold the principles in the bible. It is their religious right to do so. To require any religious leader, organization, small business or individual to provide goods or services that assist or promote the solemnization or celebration of any marriage, or provide counseling or other services that directly facilitate the perpetuation of any marriage that is against their religious beliefs would be infringing on their religious rights. For these reasons, I humbly request that you VOTE IN OPPOSITION to Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013. Sincerely, Serelina Mwarey HCR2 Box 5668 Keaau, HI 96749

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Adam Quinn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I Oppose SB-1 I feel this bill will strongly hurt society as whole.

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As a military member if I had entered in a Civil Union in Hawaii my partner would not be recognized by the Federal government. He would not be considered as a military dependent and not be afforded the same rights and benefits as straight couples. Thankfully my husband and I had the foresight to fly to New York in 2012 and get married. This year the federal government repealed DADT and now is entitled to the same benefits as any other spouse would be. I am submitting my testimony in support SB1. We were fortunate enough to have afforded a trip to New York to obtain a right that we are not able to obtain in our own state. Giving the same right and benefits to same sex couples and straight one is the right thing to do. Allowing marriage to occur in Hawaii will give the same opportunity we had to those that are not fortunate enough to fly to the mainland. Giving these right is the morale thing to do.

Karl Rhoads, Chair  
House Judiciary Committee

Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Finance Committee

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees:

I am writing this today in opposition of the Same Sex Marriage Bill. My faith in God has directed me to write saying that this bill has portions that will be very far reaching if passed. This is to include new books for the schools (as in California where they now teach same sex education and it has morphed into three way sex). This includes same sex bathrooms (again as in California where an 8 year old girl is going in to use the same bathroom at the same time as an 8 year old boy). The wording of this bill also states that a brother cannot marry his sister. However, it ends there, so I guess that it would be acceptable that a brother marries his brother or a sister marries her sister!? People talk about this being a "natural" progression of the human race. It is amazing that after millions of years, in the animal kingdom, male animals do not mate with other male animals! So I guess we know better than the alligator or birds or any other animal. Somewhere down the line, reproduction will have to stop as male/male or female/female is something that cannot reproduce. The argument is that there are numerous children left up for adoption. What happens when there are no more children available for adoption? No this will not happen in the next month, or next year or even the next few decades...but when it happens, then what?

Finally, I understand that this bill is non-amendable. I have never heard of such a bill. Are this governor and this legislature so afraid of what the general public feels and has expressed that they have to force this through like ObamaCare? Once through, there is no way to make changes. Why are you so afraid to let the people vote on this issue as they have done in the past? Why are we calling these equal rights? This is not a Chinese-American person born into a race. This is a choice to be gay. This isn't a handy-cap that someone was born with. This is a choice to be a lesbian. In all of this, the gay/lesbian community is violating my civil rights! They are making me do something that goes against my religion. We cannot force feed a Muslim prisoner pork in jail! But yet you can legislate that I be "force fed" marrying someone against my religious beliefs. This is far from equal!

Please strike down this bill and/or allow the public to vote on this in the General Election!

Mahalo and God Bless,

Nani J. Barnett  
241 Moomuku Place  
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**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/29/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Ngai Ng	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. You may have read the recent ruling against a professional photographer in New Mexico who refused to photograph a gay marriage ceremony due to her religious beliefs. The photographer's rights of religious freedoms have been taken away simply because the court ruled that the photographer's refusal of photographing a same-sex commitment ceremony is "in the same way as if it had refused to photograph a wedding between people of different races." But this is not an issue of racism. The photographer in this case simply exercised her rights of religious freedoms. The people in Hawaii want to protect the rights of religious freedoms. We do not want to see the similar case happening in the State of Hawaii. Please protect the First Amendment freedom of religion. Again, I am asking you to allow the people in Hawaii to decide on the issue of marriage. In the case mentioned above, according to a recent Rasmussen poll, 85% of Americans believe the photographer had the right to refuse service to the gay couple. Yes, that's 85%. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Ngai Ng Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Mandy Ng	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I oppose to the bill. Human being is living under the law of Universe. Whether we like it or not, we cannot expect to jump off Diamond Head and expect to live as we have to obey the law of gravity. Whether we like it or not, Marriage is between a MAN and a WOMAN. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. MANDY NG KANEOHE, HI 96744

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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

Aloha Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on  
Judiciary and Finance:

My name is KeAnuenue Nikora and I oppose SB1 and the special session.

The draft, as it is currently written, mentions briefly who it will protect but it fails to mention **who it will not protect**. The passing of SB1 will force businesses to provide service, educators to teach curriculum, and churches to provide use of facilities and grounds without their right to choose. My greatest fear is that my children will be prematurely exposed to material and information that will affect their innocence because of curriculum that will be mandated for them to learn.

I voted on this issue in 1998 and am alarmed that the results of that vote are on the verge of being overturned at the hands of a few individuals. The magnitude of this issue should not be decided by a few but should be decided by the people. Six days in a special session is simply not enough time.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Again I oppose SB1 and this special session and hope that you will do the same and vote no.

Mahalo,  
KeAnuenue Nikora  
Laie, Oahu

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

I am asking you to reject this bill it was not thought out completely!

I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

(Timothy Nishida)

(Ewa Beach Hawaii 96706)

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

I strongly OPPOSE Same Sex Marriage in Hawaii and Same-sex marriage should NOT be passed in a special session!!

I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage, as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people.

Why are you not concerned about their health especially gay people, why do you want to increase HIV positive in Hawaii?

FDA says that "Men who have had sex with other men (MSM), at any time since 1977 (the beginning of the AIDS epidemic in the United States) are currently deferred as blood donors. This is because MSM are, as a group, at increased risk for HIV, hepatitis B and certain other infections that can be transmitted by transfusion."

Don't you think there will be a chance to spread to your beloved family member like your own children and spouse??

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Maki Catlett

Waianae, HI

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

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

**Same-sex marriage should not be passed in a special session because:**

1. A SIX day special session is not enough time to discuss the most controversial issue of our time,
2. The SIX day special session does not allow the House of Representatives to make amendments to the legislation. As a result, true democracy is made a mockery of.

3. Hawaii is the only state rushing into special session as a result of the Supreme Court decision. If the need was truly dire, then why haven't the other 34 states that do not permit same-sex marriages done so?
4. A 'yes' vote during special session is a 'no' vote to democracy because the voice of the people is NOT heard in a SIX-day special session-
5. The people believed they voted on this issue in 1998 – the polls show that Hawaii favors same-sex marriage. So why not let the people vote?

**Legislators must respect fundamental democratic principles:**

1. The people believed they addressed the issue in 1998, and should be the ones consulted again.
2. Marriage is NOT a civil right, and no court (including the Supreme Court) has ever said that it is.
3. A constitutional amendment would better address same-sex marriage AND allow for ample public input.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jamey Catlett

Waianae, Hawaii

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.

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary

And Finance:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will and voice of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

I am opposed to the most contentious social and moral issue in our history being decided quickly in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that could potentially have adverse affects on culture, customs and traditions. Simply, your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a "NO" vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jenny Nu

Hana, Hawaii

To: The House Judiciary Committee

The House Finance Committee

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

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Re: Strong Opposition to SB1.

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And Finance:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Benjamin Nu

Hana, Hawaii





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**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/30/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Brett Kulbis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: \*\*I oppose changing the definition of marriage to allow same-sex marriage to be legalized in Hawai'i. \*\*This is a major societal change that will have devastating and lasting effects like those in Massachusetts and other states across the country. The people of Hawai'i, the people that pay your salaries, those folks should be making this decision at the ballot box via a Constitutional amendment. It should not be decided by one political party influenced by special interest groups, just because you have the numbers. Failing to allow the people to make this decision is nothing more than soft tyranny, and is a direct attack on our liberty. \*\*Hawai'i has more pressing issues that you as our Legislators should be focused on fixing: the high cost of living, the high fuel costs, the high welfare rate, the high utility costs, the poor performance of our educational system, our runaway unfunded liabilities, our runaway spending, etc.... Issues like these require a special session, not same-sex marriage that should be left to the people to decide.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
carol imai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: i oppose bill sb1. please let the people vote. protect our children and peoples religious freedom.

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**SB1**

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Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Maile Okuma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Maile: Thank you for taking the time to contact me. As a State Representative for House District 33 (Aiea), I greatly appreciate hearing from people on important issues. Be assured that your concerns and questions matter and are important to me. Each voice contributes a different perspective and helps me to better understand and represent you. I apologize for the delay in responding to your email. However, I was on National Guard duty for the past two months. Hawaii hosted our annual National Guard Conference last week. More than 4,000 people visited our Islands. Nearly all of these delegates and families spent their own money to get to Hawaii, where they spent more than \$25 million. I was the Conference Coordinator and am President of the Hawaii National Guard Association, the host organization. Now that I'm back in my Capitol office, I've been spending a lot of time reading through all the nearly 2,000 emails and hundreds of letters and postcards. I want you to know that I do appreciate the time you took to contact me regarding same sex marriage in Hawaii. There has been no issue that I have grappled with more than the marriage question during my 19 years in the Hawaii State House. People on both sides of this issue are very passionate. During the next few days, I will make my decision on the bill before us. Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me and for making an effort to share your thoughts and beliefs. I value your voice. Please know that you are always welcome to express your thoughts and concerns on legislative and community matters. If you have any questions or have an issue that needs immediate attention, please contact our office at (808) 586-8455. With warmest aloha, K. Mark Takai State Representative 33rd District – Aiea From: Maile Okuma [<mailto:dns4gzus@icloud.com>] Sent: Monday, September 09, 2013 8:42 PM To: All Reps Subject: Special Session On Same Sex Marriage Dear Honorable Senator or Dear Representative: As a concerned citizen of the State of Hawaii I would like to again take this opportunity to inform you that I am opposed to there being a Special Session on any Same Sex Marriage issue. As a voter in the State of Hawaii, I feel that it is important for you to know how I feel about this as part of your decision making process. It is my opinion that the issue of Same Sex Marriage should be voted on by the public just as it was back in 1998 when the majority of citizens in the State of Hawaii voted to approve a constitutional amendment against same sex marriages. The use of a special session limits my opportunity to voice my opinion on this issue and may result in legislation that does not represent the will of the people you have been elected to represent. Let the people vote on this one! Personally, since when did right become wrong and wrong became the norm? In closing, I greatly appreciate your representation of the voters of the State of Hawaii. I am praying that God will continue to lead you in all of your decision-making and that He will continue to encourage you in all that you do. Please, think clearly, do the right thing. Think of what kind of world our children will have to live in if this bill is passed. Ke Akua pu, Mrs. Maile Okuma

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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

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

As a public school teacher and a graduate of the Hawaiinuiakea School of Hawaiian Knowledge at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, I am greatly disturbed by the misrepresentation of facts brought up in testimony of this bill. Many of the opponents of the bill have stated that marriage is a traditional Hawaiian institution, which is simply not true. Before the arrival of Christian missionaries in 1820, there was no belief that one man and one woman must bind themselves together for life in the purpose of creating children. We have many primary source documents that portray relationships in pre-contact Hawaii as being open; jealousy of your lover's other pursuits was frowned upon. Some people would establish long lasting relationships, but this was their choice. I further object to the claim that this bill violates "Hawaiian traditions" as we have a plethora of sources describing what would be dubbed today as "homosexual relationships." It has been established that Hawaiian society had a third gender, the mahu (someone who was biologically one, but served the roles of the other), as well as intimate relationships between people of the same sex, the aikane (not all of the relationships were sexual, but some most definitely were). We know that King Kamehameha was intimate with his aikane, but also had many female lovers. I would like to conclude that this bill, in my opinion as both a student and teacher of Hawaiian History, does not violate Hawaiian cultural tradition as we understand it based upon the historical documentation that we possess. It is my dearest hope that we look to the traditions passed down to us by our ancestors to deal with this issue, and right this social injustice.

The Honorable Senators and Representatives of the State of Hawaii  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813

October 25, 2013

### **Opposition to Proposed Marriage Bill**

Aloha Senators and Representatives of the State of Hawaii,

My name is Emmett Winters; I am a 25 year old resident from Honolulu, Hawaii. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak about this urgent Marriage Bill to your colleagues.

I wanted to first state that I strongly oppose this bill and everything it stands for. As an educator in the State of Hawaii I do not believe this bill has been well planned out of the consequences it will lead to in the future. As a Christian I stand opposed to this bill because of what it reads in the Bible. As a citizen of this country I stand opposed to this bill because of how it will affect our society for all future generations.

If this bill were passed, the current society we have today will be instantly changed. What will our school curriculum incorporate because of this bill? Will we educators have to educate children on same-sex marriage and say that this is a normal act in our society even though there is no scientific research that supports homosexual behavior as being something in our genetics? It would seem as though this bill is already being rushed for this particular reason. I cannot educate our future generations on something that is has not been proven in any environment. However, I can inform my students that homosexuality can be caused by many different scenarios. For example, what if a child was sexual abused by an older man or woman and grows up to be attracted of the same sex? Was this specific child born a homosexual or was it the result of a sinful act that altered their state of mind at such a young age? As an upcoming Counseling Psychologist I can tell you sexual abuse can be detrimental in the early stages of a young child. So, if sexual abuse can alter a child's sexuality what else can? What about a child who is so insecure about their body image and masculinity that they are attracted to men, not because they are homosexual but fore the simple fact they desire to have that masculine physic and have no other way to express this desire except to say "I gay". Now I ask the questions again "Is this something they are born with or something that has altered their state mind throughout life?" Homosexuality should be something we help individuals work through and not something we encourage. If someone is sexually abused and becomes completely emotionally distant from peers do we say, "That's okay you were born that way," or do we help them adjust through their difficult past experiences?

This bill will not only affect educators in our state as well as our nation but it will cause a chain reaction of further events. If we say that same-sex marriage is okay in our society then we must allow polygamy as well. To have a true sense of equality in our state and nation one must simply be able to marry anyone or anything in our nation. I am warning you now that in the future someone will bring this up and because of this bill you will have to accept the fact that true equality means marriage is for anyone and anything. Our past laws were set for a reason, restructuring our society is not something that will benefit us. People say that the Bible is a 2,000-year-old book. However, they do not realize that this book has given every single law and societal rule to the nation we live in today.

We as a society forget one simple idea. An idea that says it is okay to have guidelines in our lives. If we had no rules or restrictions our lives would be in complete chaos.

I ask that you not only read my testimony but every testimony and make the best decision that will benefit this nation in the long run.

Thank you,  
Emmett Winters



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

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to Bill SB1.

As a voting citizen of Hawaii, I am asking you to allow the people of Hawaii to decide on the issue of marriage as I strongly believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all, including the rights of conscience and religious freedom which are currently being trampled on, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. We, the people of Hawaii, elected you into office as a voice FOR the people, not OF the people.

I am strongly opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history, an issue that could result in chilling destruction to our children, being decided virtually in one week. Please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process, the very blueprint of our United States government for hundreds of years, which are being disregarded in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session in January where it can be properly vetted and examined like all other bills. We, the people who elected you to serve as our voices should have a say in public policy that will unequivocally deform the family structure, perverse our education system, and obliterate thousands of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions.

Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a "NO" vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Caroline Osborne  
Honolulu, HI 96819



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**SB1**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Howard M. Oshiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. The proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 is inadequate in protecting my rights and the rights of the people. I do not want a amendment to traditional marriage. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousands of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Howard M. Oshiro PO Box 5266 Hilo, HI 96720

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Submitted via online on October 30, 2013 ☐ 1030pm hst

Thursday, October 31, 2013 –10:30 a.m.

The House Committees on Judiciary and Finance

State Capitol Auditorium

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: STRONG SUPPORT for Senate Bill 1**

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

Our family and friends strongly support marriage equality in Hawaii. We urge members of the Committee to stand with the people of Hawaii on the right side of history by supporting marriage equality.

Since 1993, my beloved life partner, Louise Esselstyn, and I have been in a loving and committed relationship. We are hardworking taxpayers who contribute to our community in many generous ways. We are true American patriots who uphold the values of truth, respectfulness, honesty and liberty and justice for all, without exception.

We fully support Marriage Equality and full Civil Rights in Hawaii and we support SB 1, For Marriage Equality. While we value our privacy, we would like to take this opportunity to share our personal story with you. We want you to truly understand how the proposed Marriage Equality Law will affect our lives in very important and positive ways.

We live on O'ahu in the State of Hawaii and have been in a loving, supportive, and committed relationship for 20 wonderful years. Our relationship began in 1993 when we met at the very first fund raiser for what was then known as the Same Sex Marriage Equality Project. Louise and I grew up during the slowly evolving progression of Civil rights legislation throughout the United States. The Esselstyn family is from Pennsylvania and the Lovinger family is from Chicago. In 1963, Louise and her church youth group attended the March on Washington and witnessed Dr. King's memorable speech.

Separately and together, we have always STOOD UP for the Civil Rights of others. One thing we know for sure is that Civil rights should never be put to a popular vote. In 1993 the Hawaii Supreme Court ruled that there was no compelling or legal reason for the State of Hawaii to deny marriage to same-sex couples.

Instead of taking the opportunity at hand in 1993-1998 and leading the way by championing Civil Rights for all of America and the world to follow, we felt that our Legislators chose to slam the Equality door in our faces. Their message was clear to each of us in the LGBT community: You are not deserving of equal rights in our backyard; you are not welcomed at our table!

When Hawaii Legislators did that in 1998, it subjected the people of Hawaii to an onslaught of distortions. And it painfully and unfairly subjected members of the LGBT community to unwarranted vilification. It traumatized many of our adult friends and family members and their children, who witnessed horrific attacks and ugly behaviors from people who supposedly were following the orders of their religious leadership. Where was the separation of church in state? Where is it today?

We have been patient and we have been disappointed repeatedly over the past 20 years of legislative foot-dragging. Hawaii has side-stepped our Civil Rights for the past 20 years and the LGBT community have suffered - emotionally and financially. The current SB1 legislation addresses this inequality and we urge quick passage so that all those who seek Marriage Equality can have it now□without further delay.

We are Civil Rights workers. We know how discrimination and stereotyping deeply hurt people. Despite the Civil Rights legislation passed in 1967, there are many places on the Mainland right now where non-white Americans are not wanted and not safe to live. You can get a map of the hate groups by checking out the website for the Southern Poverty Law Center.

While working for FEMA doing disaster response and recovery deployments, I utilized this resource to ensure our diverse staff working in the impacted communities stayed safe and did not accidentally wander into those areas where the hate groups were located. Every single legislator who is non-white and who is opposed to Equality for those in the LGBT community, should carefully check out this resource.

For as intolerant as some are of the LGBT community in Hawaii, I can absolutely assure you, there are hundreds of equally intolerant hate groups throughout the United States of America who would not welcome **YOU** to their communities..and who would happily return to the "good old days" which were actually not good for any one of color or any female of any race . But I digress.

In July 1997, we were excited when we heard the news about legal recognition in Hawaii for our then 4 year relationship, when the HI Legislators passed **The Reciprocal Beneficiary Act...or the "RB" Act**. We were first in line on July 8, 1997 at the Department of Health where we eagerly anticipated the legal recognition of our relationship under HI State law; we unceremoniously received our single sheet of paper which recognized us as being RBs, a unique classification of 2nd class status, which is unique to Hawaii. We entered into RBs because HI State Legislators falsely assured us that we would be afforded the same 1138 legal benefits, rights, responsibilities, protections and privileges as those who have a "Traditional Marriage"; however, this did not occur in 1997, nor did it occur in 2012 when HI enacted The Civil Unions law.

Under the RB Act, we were promised equal medical insurance opportunities. However, I was denied medical insurance thru Louise's employer, Goodwill; they simply did not want to do it. Louise soon changed jobs and we were able to get medical insurance thru her new employer, Hawaii Counseling and Education Center.

In 2005 when Louise's health worsened and just before her diagnosis of MS, I took a sabbatical from FEMA because Louise needed me to be home to care for her. I quickly got another full time job offer, this time with the State of Hawaii. Fortunately, we were able to sign Louise up for medical insurance after submitting many more forms than my married colleagues were required to do.

Additionally, there were tax consequences for this benefit if you were an RB. Unlike my married colleagues, I was unfairly taxed on the premiums paid toward Louise's medical insurance by my employer in the amount of approximately **\$21,000** over the past 5 years. Because we are not legally recognized by the IRS, I was unable to claim the **other \$21,000** I paid for Louise's medical premiums.

Where is the fairness and equality in all of this? It's not in the RB Act nor is it in the Civil Unions Law in Hawaii.

Louise and I have been responsible tax paying citizens and worked hard our entire lives for a combined 95 years. However, without federal recognition of our 20 year relationship, we are "just friends" under the law. This is heart-breaking and very disrespectful.

Beyond the emotion, there is additional unequal adverse financial impact to this inequality. For example, if I die tomorrow, my beloved Louise would be denied my social security survivors benefits and my pension survivors benefits. We do not have children.

If I die tomorrow, without being married, Louise will be subjected to inheritance taxes on our jointly owned home. She is excluded from the spousal exemption afforded to our straight family.

As a Social Security pensioner, Louise would be unable to afford these taxes and would be forced to sell our beloved home. Where would she go? Who would take care of her? How would she receive the care she needs and how would her care be paid? Where would our beloved dogs, Pono Puggles and Koko Puffff live? These are the thoughts that steal my peace-of-mind at night after a very long day of work and care giving.

Without a Federally sanctioned marriage, we are legally denied a more favorable tax status and we pay higher taxes than our married family and friends, despite our significant out-of-pocket medical expenses. I estimate this to be a loss of approximately **\$100,000 in tax deductions and extra taxes paid**, over the past 20 years we've been together.

Today, we are 60 and 69 years of age. We have persevered in our love and commitment despite serious health issues including spine surgery in 2000...neck surgery in 2005...brain shunt surgery in 2006...and the devastating diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis in 2008 for Louise. As anyone in a committed and loving relationship knows, when one of you has the diagnosis of a life altering disability, you both have the diagnosis. We continue to persevere with the love and support of each other and that of our families, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. And soon there will be Equality in Hawaii.

**There are 1,138 federal benefits, including social security survivor benefits, filing joint federal returns, the ability to transfer an unlimited amount to a spouse on death without federal estate tax, sponsoring loved ones (and their families) for immigration.**

In 2012, we opted out of exchanging our RB status to that of entering into a Civil Union, because the new HI Civil Unions law did not afford us the same 1138 legal rights and responsibilities as marriage. Under the HI Civil Unions law, we would still be 2nd class citizens under State Law and Federal Law.

Today, in October 2013, our relationship is as loving and committed as any marriage among our large family. Yes, of course we want our state and the Federal Government to recognize our 20 year commitment as something to be honored and celebrated. Our families are very proud of us and we are strong and united in standing up for Civil Rights for all people, without exception.

In June 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act; those in same-sex marriages are now eligible for federal benefits. However Same-sex couples that are currently married, e.g., in Massachusetts or Canada, and living in Hawaii are recognized as civil unions and not marriage. Consequently, they cannot receive federal benefits w/o a change in the marriage laws.

Committed same-sex couples are able to claim the state's benefits and protections under Hawaii's civil unions law. But now the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that all couples legally married in their states should be treated the same under federal law. Today, it is not equitable that Hawaii should have a two-tiered system of legal recognition, with couples in marriages having access to federal benefits and those in civil unions denied those rights.

In closing, we want you to know that we both sincerely believe in Marriage Equality. We believe in the separation of church and state and implore you to step up to your constitutional duty as an elected official -- to uphold our Civil Rights without further compromise because of your personal religious beliefs. The time for Equality is now!.

Traditions can and do change, especially if the aim is to extend the rights and privileges of American life to more Americans. Faith still can be respected, as it is in the proposed legislation. Do not dilute our Public Accommodations laws; they work just fine.

But it's time to take down barriers precluding one class of people from claiming the "liberty and justice for all" that the nation's founding documents promise them.

We are getting older and going toward the light. We cannot waste anymore time and we are unwilling to accept 2nd class recognition of our 20 year loving relationship. We are counting on you to be mindful of your constitutional duty and uphold Equality and Equal Rights in Hawaii. And we urge you to pass SB 1 for Marriage Equality in HI in 2013.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share our story and testify!

IMUA Hawaii!

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Louise Esselstyn and Robie Lovinger**

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Mark J Woolsey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gloria Paet	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am concerned that my clergyman will be required to spend time fighting lawsuits instead of ministering to the congregation. I did not see a protection from frivolous lawsuits in the law when I read it. I am also concerned about the part of the law that was stricken as I have not changed my opinion since the last time I voted. I would feel so much better if I could vote and know that my opinion is represented, not disregarded in some clandestine manner. An open vote is the least we should be able to expect with such a life altering change. Will I be able to teach my children or grandchildren my values or will they suddenly become illegal and stricken out also? Please strengthen the civil union bill and leave marriage between a man and a woman so that we can all have equal rights, not just a few "special class" alternative lifestyle people. I am not evil or hateful just because I believe in traditional marriage. Mahalo

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Brandan Pasatiempo

Aiea, HI 96701

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Suzanne Pasatiempo

Aiea, HI 96701

Dear Legislators,

I stand in opposing same sex marriage because I believe that a marriage is between one man and one women. I don't understand why you are rushing this bill to be pass in five days when there are so many factors that hasn't been discussed! One, is our first amendment, which this bill is removing our rights of freedom of speech and religion. Second, how this will affect our schools system and parents will not have any rights to what they will allow their children to be taught in school. This will start removing some parental rights and parents will not be able to make that call what they fill is best or right for their children. Parents will not be informed on what is being taught in their child school. As a loyal citizen of this country and a native to the islands I feel that this issue should be brought to the people to vote. I strongly feel that the majority of the people of Hawaii are not in agreement with this bill. I understand that the gay and lesbian people are passionately wanted this and the benefits but my question to you is this. How can you/ we change what is truth that will also change society? Marriage is created between and a man and a women. I strongly hope that you will reconsider.

Sincerely,

Julie Pascua

Dear representatives,

I strongly oppose same sex marriage. I believe marriage should be between one man and one woman. I don't believe this issue can be decided in just five days. There's just too many factors to be considered. I also feel that it should be left for the people to decide. If this becomes law it will have a negative effect on our education system. I cannot accept my child being taught in school that same sex relationships are okay. And the worst part of it will be that we as parents will not need to be notified as to what is being taught. I encourage you to not let this become law.

Sincerely,

Ronald Pascua



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Deissery A. Pestano  
Hilo, Hawaii

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Clarence W. Pestano, Jr  
Hilo, Hawaii

Oct 31, 2013 10:00am

House Judiciary and Finance Committee

Re: Bill #HB1

Hawaii State Capitol

415 S. Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Testimony in Opposition of Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

(I will not be able to testify in person.)

To the Hawaii House of Representatives:

I oppose SB-1 because I am very concerned that its passage will greatly hurt the religious liberties of my church congregation as well as other churches and church groups in Hawaii. Though Section 572-G provides liability exemption for facilities "regularly used by the religious organization for its religious purposes . . . for the solemnization of marriages," it only does so if those marriages are only for members of the organization.

As you may know, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints tries to help its members marry in our temples, because of our belief that the temple is the most sacred place where we can worship our Father in Heaven, where only members of the church can marry. We believe this is the most important, blessed thing we can do in life. But often our members marry those of other faiths. To serve and support these unions, we conduct these ceremonies in our local chapels/churches. So we serve people of other faiths. But such service would make us liable to litigation or penalty under the current wording of the Bill. If we serve any one who isn't a member of our faith, we would be required to act against our beliefs. Such liabilities would also jeopardize our freedom to keep our temples sacred for our members, perhaps forcing us to stop performing marriages in them. There are other holes in the legislation which would make ours and other religious organization liable if they did not act against their beliefs.

I know that the legislation can both accommodate those who seek marriage equality in making the unions legal as well as protecting the religious liberties of faith communities or organizations. In 14 other states in which such Marriage Equality bills have become law, all have still protected religious organizations from such liability, preserving their freedom to worship and function as they believe in their own facilities, as long as those facilities are not used for commercial purposes. Please help the legislature recognize the need for such protection of religious liberties in this bill.

Please help the tens or hundreds of thousands of those who are concerned about how this bill will infringe on how they believe and live maintain their religious liberties.

Sincerely,

Keith Peterson

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Aloha Representatives. My name is Trisha Petit and I **oppose SB1**. I am one of many that opposes this bill and for many reasons. Back in 1998, the people of Hawaii voted to entrust and allow Hawaii Legislation to keep marriage between one man and one woman. Why we are in a position today to legalize same sex marriage is not only perplexing but a direct disregard towards the will of the people. While I understand that public votes do get overridden in special circumstances, there is no reason why the people's will regarding same sex marriage should change. I will explain why.

I understand the concerns of the gay and lesbian community. They want the same kind of rights that others have and you have graciously given those rights via the Civil Union Law. Whatever is missing in that law can easily be amended to meet their concerns. So my guess is that it is more about just legal rights. It is about changing an entire belief system that has existed for many years. It is about acceptance. It is about love. I would defer. Legalizing same sex marriage will not cause same sex couples to love each other any more than they do now. Legalizing same sex marriage will have significant impact to a general society that believes that marriage, in its own institution is a G-d given gift. But I don't want to cry religion towards you. I don't know you. You may be the least religious person anyone knows or you may even be the most religious. There's no doubt that marriage was always considered a religious institution but the reason it entered the legal system is so that divorced or abandoned mothers and their children would be protected. Since then, we have seen the legalities of marriage grow and evolve.

Keeping the institution of traditional marriage alive as a separate entity from Civil Union is a win-win for everyone. Gay couples would enjoy their own rights, while the majority of the community will continue to live and teach their children the principles they have grown to know for generations. By legalizing same sex marriage you risk infringing on the rights of parents to decide what to teach their own children. You infringe on the rights of religious institutions to freely practice what they believe AND put in danger the good they do for the community (the public service and accommodation they offer is good to the community). You infringe on the rights of businesses and individuals who they alone should be the ones to decide on their own religious beliefs. All of these infringements are not only unconstitutional...they are not representative of a free nation.

True democracy is listening to the will of the people. I urge you to honor the will of the people as expressed back in 1998. End this special session and let the people decide. We are fully capable of loving everyone and extending aloha to our gay and lesbian community.

Thank you,

Trisha Petit



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Diane Lee Pilla	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Judiciary Chair Rep. Karl Rhoads and Vice Chair Rep. Sharon Har, and Finance Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke and Vice Chairs Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson and Rep. Scott Nishimoto: My name is Diane Lee Pilla and I am a resident of Kailua (District 51). I am in support of SB1 and would like very much for marriage equality to be a reality for my LGBT brothers and sisters. I think the opponents are under the impression that they are voting against homosexuality, but I believe they need to take it up with God. Speaking of God, I think God would not be very happy with these people who claim to be "Christians". Personally, I believe in a God that embraces the 'other' and wants us all to be reconciled and live with compassion for each other. I thank you for this opportunity to testimony and exercise my civil duty, which I will admit I must do more. Aloha and Mahalo!

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John R. Pobuk	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please vote "No" to same sex marriage. I am a resident in Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii. I am opposed to legislative actions that promote and declare as acceptable any immoral sexual activity. The trend toward acceptance of immorality is causing turmoil and confusion in society, and this will continue even if same sex marriage is legalized. The current argument that same-sex marriage is an issue of equality and anti-discrimination is not true. The issue is the definition of marriage. The arguments are confusing in part because the same-sex proponents wrongly paint the issue as a discrimination issue and divert the focus away from the definition of marriage. The central question that should be asked is: What is marriage? Perhaps the COMPROMISE POSITION is the government should get out of the marriage and romance business altogether and only recognize civil unions. Perhaps the term "married" should be replaced with "civil union" in the federal tax forms. Thank you.

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**Subject:** Submitted testimony for SB1 on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM (Written Only)

**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/29/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
S. West	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To: The House Judiciary Committee Re: Strong Opposition to SB1 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Sunny West Honolulu, HI

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Please do not approve this same-sex marriage bill. It has unintended consequences. Has anyone considered the age restrictions? Right now, I believe that the age limit for males is 18 while for females it's 15 or 16 or something like that. With same-sex marriages, what will the age limit be? What will prevent our kids from getting married too young or without parents' permission? We are losing our parental rights.

Most people don't see it coming. They think that gay couples will simply be able to be legally married and receive benefits. However, they will soon find that activists will try to push the limits farther than just that—more than equality—more like preferential treatment, the center of attention, like pushing their agenda in our schools. It will cause our kids to be sex-conscious from a very young age. We shouldn't be sexualizing the children. Let them just be kids.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
lei yogi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please protect my and my families traditional values

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Norma Reyes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify Norma Reyes Honolulu, Hawaii

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The reason I oppose this Bill, that is in Special Session, is because according to the revised Bill, Religious organizations are being held at circumstances. I am a religious believer of God and I don't agree nor will I partake in anything that is against my religious beliefs.

If this Bill is such a BIG DEAL, then why is it that if marriages are being performed for opposite-sex couples by church's and minister's don't have a right to refuse solemnizing same-sex couples without being penalized by the state. Church's are non-profit organizations and this Bill is taking those rights away. The benefits are being put to a halt because church's and minister's don't agree with this so-called Bill.

It is being said that it's discrimination against the same-sex couples, but what about discriminating the religious rights. The First Amendment of the United States protects Religious Organizations giving them guaranteed religious freedom to people of all religious faiths.

Letting the people decide would be the best thing because this Bill is such a controversial topic and life changing event that affects everyone. Accommodating one group of people and disregarding the other is not even close to being fair. This proposed Bill doesn't show equality for everyone.

EQUALITY GOES BOTH WAYS. Why not create a Bill that doesn't set circumstances for the Church's and creating a Bill that gives same-sex marriage what they want? The decisions and choices don't have to be one-sided.

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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I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week. Instead, I ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Matelita Rockholm

Honolulu, HAWAII

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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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

(Patrick L. Rodrigues Jr.)  
(Waianae Hawaii, I just move to the Island of Maui. Wailuku.

October 29, 2013

The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee

Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10 a.m.  
Place: State Capitol Auditorium

Dear Chairs Rhoades and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary Committee and the House Finance Committee:

RE: STRONG OPPOSITION TO SB1

This letter is my written testimony in strong opposition of S.B. 1. I personally feel that marriage should only be between a man and a woman and am vehemently opposed to same sex marriage. I do not want my children to be forced to learn in school that this is an acceptable behavior.

In the name of Family, same-sex marriage serves to validate, not only such unions, but a homosexual in all its bisexual and transgender variants. Legal recognition of same-sex marriage would obscure certain basic moral values, devalue traditional marriage and weaken public morality. What would it do in our schools? The public schools will have to teach children that same sex marriage is equivalent to marriage between a man and a woman. It is definitely Not! Will textbooks and illustrations in public schools and public areas have to show man/man and woman/woman relationships to give equal space to homosexuals? Have you considered the consequences and long-term effects of same-sex marriage on our society?

As you have seen at recent rallies of both opponents and supporters of SB1, it is VERY clear that the majority is in opposition to this bill. You have been elected to office to represent the people of Hawaii. This is your time to show the voters of Hawaii that you honestly do represent the people and vote NO, and instead, let the people of Hawaii decide.

Sincerely,

Stevette Kaaihue  
Piikoi Street  
Honolulu, HI 96822



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Kristen Nishihara	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am against SB1. I believe that this bill should go through the full democratic process and am very disappointed and angry that it is not. I strongly believe that marriage should be only between a man and a woman and the government has no right to redefine this.

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## Testimony Opposing Same Sex Marriage

Dear Representatives:

Thanking God for the good you do as you endeavor to represent the people in your district and in the state of Hawaii.

Please vote NO to same sex marriage.

Uphold the command of God to mankind - take care of the earth, be fruitful and multiply from generation to generation. God instituted marriage between a man and a woman. God states His commands plain and simple.

Our state motto is - The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness. Stand for righteousness and truth.

Vote No to same sex marriage and continue to perpetuate truth in righteousness for your children, our children and their children.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work.  
God be gracious to you as you stand firm in truths eternal.

Aloha,

Carol Saeki



**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**SB1**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Trudy Sage	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Mahalo, Trudy Sage 95-215 Pahiku Place, Mililani, HI 96789

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**DATE:** October 29, 2013

**TO:** Senate Committee on Judiciary Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair

**From:** Brooke Saltsman, Resident and Local Small Business Owner

**Re:** Strong Opposition to SB 1 Relating to Equality (Redefining Marriage)

**Online Submittal Hearing on:** Thursday, October 30, 2013 Capitol Auditorium

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am writing on behalf of myself, the future of the beautiful state of Hawaii, and my son who was born in Hawaii. I oppose the redefinition of marriage based on the clear facts that the oneness of man and woman is inherent to the meaning of marriage. Marriage was created by God as the union of one man and one woman, with the purpose of complimenting one another in relationship and reproducing mankind. As a childbirth educator and birthing coach in the community, I frequently see babies born, brought about by natural conception through the bodies of a man and a woman. This is a fact of nature that cannot be denied.

People did not create marriage, and the laws of marriage and reproduction are much higher than any law of this state or country. The family is a crucial pillar of society and a natural institution that is prior to the state. We can already see the destructive effects of the breakdown of families in our society through divorce and single parenthood. Allowing marriage between two people of the same sex will only further defile this sacred covenant that was created by God alone. Because of this, I am advocating for public policies that protect traditional marriage and promote security of the family.

In addition, I am also concerned that religious freedom and conscience rights, both individually and collectively, would be made vulnerable by the passing of this bill. It is the right of the people to have a say in how marriage will be defined by our state. Let the people vote!

Respectfully,

Brooke Saltsman, Hawaii Resident

I strongly OPPOSE SB1

THE WAY THAT THIS BILL IS, SAME SEX COUPLES COULD USE MY CHURCH TO HOLD A WEDDING. I CONSIDER MY CHURCH BUILDING A SACRED PLACE. IT IS MY PLACE OF WORSHIP. IT IS NOT JUST A FACILITY. IT IS DEFINITELY A PART OF MY RELIGION AND HOW I WORSHIP.

VOTE NO ON SB1

PUA KIA

I fully support the rights of same-sex couples to marry. The opposition this issue continually faces is based on nothing more than misguided religious bigotry, the same type of bigotry faced by those fighting for Civil Rights back in the 1950s and 1960s. Some who oppose same-sex marriage have claimed that, somehow, the issue violates their First Amendment Rights of Freedom of Religion. This is obviously nonsense. Gay couples getting married in NO WAY impedes anyone's right to worship how they wish. This would be like saying someone eating a donut violates another's right to diet how they wish! This is merely a ploy of the Religious Right to paint themselves out as victims in this issue, all while attempting to oppress a certain people's right to happiness. It is the same type of oppression embraced by the KKK and the Nazis. It is my opinion that, years from now, we will look back on these days and see how absolutely silly it was to oppose rights for gay people, the same way we currently look back at the past and see how silly it was to oppose civil rights for minorities.

Gardner De Aguiar



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Lisa Sato	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Same-sex marriage should not be passed in a special session because: A SIX day special session is not enough time to discuss the most controversial issue of our time, The SIX day special session does not allow the House of Representatives to make amendments to the legislation. As a result, true democracy is made a mockery of. Hawaii is the only state rushing into special session as a result of the Supreme Court decision. If the need was truly dire, then why haven't the other 34 states that do not permit same-sex marriages done so? A 'yes' vote during special session is a 'no' vote to democracy because the voice of the people is NOT heard in a SIX-day special session. The people believed they voted on this issue in 1998 – the polls show that Hawaii favors same-sex marriage. So why not let the people vote? Legislators must respect fundamental democratic principles: The people believed they addressed the issue in 1998, and should be the ones consulted again. Marriage is NOT a civil right, and no court (including the Supreme Court) has ever said that it is. A constitutional amendment would better address same-sex marriage AND allow for ample public input. In addition, I'm writing to ask you not to redefine the definition of marriage to include same sex marriage in Hawaii. I believe in the biblical definition that God defines as between a man and a woman. Regardless of what popular opinion of the day may say, I believe that God's word never changes. Scripture is clear that a marriage is a sacred covenant before God. Please do not allow our state government to change what it means to honor God's covenant commitment.

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**Mr. & Mrs. G. Scott McCormack  
1177 Queen Street, #3202  
Honolulu, HI 96814**

**Phone:808-755-5933 cell**

**Via Email**

October 30, 2013

Karl Rhoads, Chair  
House Judiciary Committee

Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Finance Committee

**Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY**

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees:

I am a fourth generation born in the State of Hawaii and my children are fifth generation residents.

I strongly opposed to the proposed bill because I am convinced that it will harm families and especially the children of Hawaii as documented in a number of studies in states that have adopted these types of laws.

The main problem is that this lifestyle choice is unhealthy for children to be exposed to because as you know it goes against the nature of how each of us was created.

The evidence is clear that this results in more children at risk with lower self-esteem, social and medical problems and imposes the choices of the minority on the majority.

I urge you to vote no or send it to the voters of the State of Hawaii to decide.

Thank you,



G. Scott McCormack,

Name: Stacy Nojima

Date: 10-29-13

Testimony in support of SB1

I urge the court to rule in favor of SB1 and become the 15<sup>th</sup> state in the US to extend marriage rights to same sex couples. I firmly believe that the court system can be utilized as a tool to foster progressive thinking and counter oppression and discrimination. For instance, in 1967, the Supreme Court ruled that laws against interracial marriage were deemed unconstitutional. The legacy of this seminal case (*Loving v. Virginia*) has become an important part of my mixed race identity. But it would be too easy (and lazy) for me to only understand, learn, and advocate for the social positions that I occupy—demanding, for instance, women’s rights and racial equality. However, as a heterosexual, I cannot, in good conscious, remain silent as a group of people are denied the ability to have their marriage recognized. Marriage, and the benefits that correspond to marriage, is a right that everyone should have access to, regardless of sexual orientation. Anything less signifies oppression, discrimination, and inequity. My hope is that Hawai’i will join in paving the way toward a better future.



To Whom it May Concern,

October 26, 2013

I, Jamee Adams, of Hilo, HI, submit below my testimony in opposition to SB1.

I oppose two aspects of this bill, and innumerate them below:

- 1) I oppose that this bill is being submitted in a special legislative session as opposed to an open vote for the people of Hawaii. I understand that this legislative vote was made possible in 1998, but I still feel that most residents did not understand the rights and choices they were giving up at the time. (People thought that they were voting on an amendment to the Hawaii Constitution to solidify marriage between one man and one woman as the only definition of marriage in the state of Hawaii – not realizing they were giving up their right to vote on this issue to their legislative representatives.) It is taking advantage of the ignorance of many – and it is painful for those like myself who feel they understand the consequences of both the previous and current legislation. I am asking that you as honorable legislators give the vote back to the people of Hawaii. It should not have been presented in such a difficult and confusing way in the first place and to piggy-back on that previous decision does not suddenly make this bill in special session constitutional.
- 2) I oppose the wording in the bill that suggests that business and religious organizations will be forced to conduct or otherwise sanction same-sex marriages in their buildings. I am very worried that this legislation will lead to lawsuits or forcible action on the part of the minority against the perceived “bigoted” or “religious” – even if they are neither. Regardless of religious choice, Americans still have the personal freedom to control personal property and privately-owned spaces. As a precedent in other states (MA, WA, NM, NY), we are already seeing legal action being brought against those who deny access to their businesses or places of worship. That is not right and I fear that this legislation will allow for this infringement.

Thank you for your service to our community and your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Jamee Adams  
734 Lahou St.  
Hilo, HI 96720

Oct 31, 10:00a  
House Judiciary and Finance Committees  
Re: Bill #SB1  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Subject:** Testimony in **Opposition** of Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees:

As a concerned citizen of the state of Hawaii, I am submitting my testimony **against** SB1, which would legalize same sex marriage.

I oppose this bill because on page 6 starting on line 4, the definitions of church exemptions are too weak and too poorly written to guarantee our first amendment rights to the free exercise of religion. Many churches serve the community by allowing the usage of facilities for AA groups, parenting and/or marriage classes and sports and exercise classes that are open to the public. The language in SB1 is not strong enough to protect the churches that offer these services for free to the public (many of whom don't attend church), from lawsuits or other challenges.

I oppose this bill because I have serious concerns and questions regarding page 15 beginning at line 1 – 9. This section allows couples that do not live in Hawaii and are not taxpayers to pursue an action for annulment, divorce or separation in our state. I have serious and valid concerns about the impact this will have on our already weak economy. The additional cases would increase the burden in our family court system, which is already overtaxed and often unable to meet the needs of our families. As it is now families often have to wait several months for their cases to be addressed. Allowing out of state non-taxpayers can only cause more burden to our family court system.

On page 12 beginning at line 15 of Hawaii Revised Statutes - Section 572C-2 states that “the legislature finds that the people of Hawaii choose to preserve the tradition of marriage.....as one man and one woman.” This was only two years ago. We have not voted nor had town hall meetings to find out if this has changed. In 1998, the people only voted to allow the “legislature to have the power to reserve marriage to opposite sex couples” because we had no other choice. To not have accepted the poorly worded measure would have left the decision to our state judiciary, which had the Baehr v, Miike case pending. Voting to grant the power into the legislatures hands in 1998 was the lesser of two evils. A ‘yes’ vote in the special session is a ‘no’ vote to democracy because you are clearly not listening to the voices of the people of Hawaii, whom you have been elected to represent.

These are just a few of the concerns I have about you voting into law possibly the most controversial issue of our time. The short time allowed for the special session and the extra issues that the governor has added prevents you the representatives of this great state from justly and adequately addressing the concerns to the people of the state of Hawaii. I request that you vote no or table this issue and bring it to a vote of the people.

Sincerely,

Jason R. K. Adams  
734 Lahou St.  
Hilo, HI 96720

Wednesday, October 29, 2013

Mr. Karl Rhoads, Chair  
House Judiciary Committee

Ms. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Finance Committee

**Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY**

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees:

As a registered voter in the State of Hawaii I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to SB-1 at the upcoming Joint House Hearing scheduled for October 31, 2013. Pleased receive the following as my written testimony:

1. The Same-sex marriage should not be addressed in a special session for the following reasons:
  - A five-day special session is not enough time to discuss one of the most controversial issues of our time, the amount of time to debate and discuss the issue is far too limited.
  - A yes vote during a special session will reflect the will of the governor, the legislators and special interest groups but not necessarily the will of the people of the State of Hawaii.
  - The proposed religious exemption language is rendered invalid because of Hawaii public accommodations laws.
  - The proposed legislation provides inadequate protection of Christian clergy and houses of worship and constitutes a violation of the first half of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech"
  - The proposed religious exemption does nothing to protect individual business owners, teachers or other citizens' rights to the free exercise of religion and potentially abridges their freedom of speech.
2. Legislators are elected to respect the fundamental Democratic principles provided for in the State of Hawaii and the United States constitutions.
  - The people of the State of Hawaii believe that they addressed the issue of same sex marriage in 1998, if there is concern that the will of the people has change in the past 15 years they should be given the opportunity to vote on the issue again.
  - Marriage is not a civil right and no court, including the Supreme Court, has ever said that it is.
  - The governor and legislators are elected to represent the people and as a result should respect the process that allows their voices and opinion the greatest opportunity to be heard.

It is my belief that the current bill and the pursuit of it's passing in a special session called by the Governor circumvents my rights as a citizen, violates my right to religious freedom guaranteed

by the first amendment of the US Constitution and jeopardizes social fabric of the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

John H. Brangenberg III  
112 S . School Street #112  
Honolulu, HI 96813

October 29, 2013

Dear Chair Rhodes, Chair Luke & Members of the Judiciary & Finance Committee,

I stand in opposition to SB1.

First of all, while the revised SB1, does provide more protection for religious organizations, it still fails to protect individual First Amendment Rights to Religious Freedom.

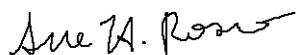
I am asking you to please, vote NO on this bill and place this issue as a constitutional amendment placed on the ballot so that we the people can make our voice heard on this important issue. In 1998, the majority of the people in Hawaii voted to uphold the definition of marriage to opposite-sex couples. Allow the people to make this decision, once again.

Secondly, by addressing this bill during a special session it is circumventing the democratic process. There is no legal reason why this bill must be addressed now instead of during a general session. No other state is calling a special session to address this topic in reaction to the United States Supreme Court ruling in the United States v. Windsor case.

In addition, the special session limits the amount of public hearings and therefore, limits the opportunity for your constituents to weigh in on the bill. Such an important bill should go through the same process of vetting and amendments as all other bills go through. The Governor has based this bill on SB1369 from the 2013 Legislative Session. SB1369 never had a public hearing.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue H. Rosco". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sue H. Rosco  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

Dear Chairman Clayton Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing to express my opposition to SB1.

I have served my beloved state of Hawaii as a social worker for over 23 years, primarily in the field of Child Welfare as an investigator and case manager. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in pre-med Chemistry and a Masters Degree in Child and Family from UH. I held the ACSW national certification until I retired in 2007.

As a social worker I have sought to understand why people behave and function the way they do. This includes trying to understand homosexuality and how it impacts the family. This is a very complicated issue and any laws made by our government will have a huge impact on our multicultural society which values family very highly.

One widely misunderstood issue is what causes homosexuality. Many believe it is genetic and thus God created. However, science has recently completed the mapping of the human genome and no "homosexual gene" has been found. But there is a genetic basis for hermaphrodites because they receive an extra sex chromosome. This should not be confused with homosexuality which is related to a sense of rejection by the father who has failed to bond with his child. Interestingly, this applies to both male and female progeny. There are, of course, other factors including sexual abuse by another person of the same sex adding to the damage.

Rejection is an emotion that runs very deep in our human psyche and generates anger. When it comes from a parent, it is serious neglect, which, outside of murder, is the most damaging form of child abuse. Failure to meet a child's need for acceptance then becomes a handicap reflected in dysfunctional behaviors. The real quest for homosexuals is not just marriage or equality but acceptance. Homosexual unions cannot produce children of their own and any children in their care are deprived of one parent's gender.

Just as we give equal rights to handicapped people so I would like to see all people treated equally under the law. But marriage is not a civil right determined by law but an institution created by God. This bill will severely curtail our first amendment rights while doing nothing to help homosexuals to be accepted in society.

Any legislation on this issue needs to be heard in general session where all the aspects of the issue may be considered. Not rushed through a special session where full testimony cannot be given. Two minutes is not enough.

Thank you for considering my testimony and for your service to our state,

Bernard W. Hvidding, MSW, ACSW  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

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

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

I want to sincerely thank you for considering my opposition to Bill SB1.

A bill of this nature should be allowed a great deal of public input and debate, and should not be voted on without very careful consideration, and I don't believe that this will be possible within the confines of this special session. I believe that the rights of religious freedom of expression and conscience may not be adequately protected, as there are contradictory opinions about this being given by credible sources.

I also have grave concerns about the ramifications that SB1 would have on the well being of our children, families, culture, and community. After all, it is redefining a foundational institution of civilization that has existed exclusively as opposite-sex since inception, for many thousands of years, and across all established cultures and major religions. In addition, it goes against the law of nature that has applied to mammals for millions of years, and of which marriage has at its core. Contrast this to the concept of same-sex marriage that only entered the public consciousness for perhaps the last few decades. With marriage's firmly established history and construction, redefining it is an extremely "slippery slope." Analogously, requiring that oil be called a "water" does not make it water, and if you force this requirement, it becomes much less defensible to prevent requiring that other liquids also be called "water." It attacks the truth, creates confusion, and will result in the total breakdown of any system that relies on "water" being water.

Another consequence of same-sex marriage that concerns me is that the worth of a mother or a father in the healthy psychological development of a child will be greatly devalued or eliminated. It appears to me that proponents of same-sex marriage are implying that a mother is not important for a child in a family of male-couple parents, and likewise, a father is not important for a child in a family of female-couple parents. I think everyone agrees in principle that having opposite-sex parents is healthy for a child, but I know that there is much disagreement, including amongst experts in the child development field, with regard to same-sex parents. It seems prudent to have much more confidence that same-sex parents would not be detrimental to a child, before passing a bill of this nature.

Please postpone this bill until the regular session at which time it can be given the due process it deserves. Ultimately, I believe that a decision on legalizing same-sex marriage should be left to the will of the people of Hawaii via a vote by us.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Paul Kimura  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821



Aloha members of the committee,

My name is James Palicte. I wish to express before you now, my concerns, about this bill that stands before you now.

"The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness." RIGHTEOUSNESS. The bill that stands before you now to allow same-sex marriage is anything BUT righteous. I am troubled by the fact that this bill proposed was voted on by the house WITHOUT letting the people have a TRUE say in this matter. Why couldn't the people decide? We say that we are a democracy, a government FOR the people, BY the people, and yet, we the people, have had no real say in this matter. Undoubtedly, there have been members from both sides of this issue trying to sway you this way and that, and to a degree, yes they can sway you. But the weight of this decision (and it's repercussions) rests wholly on you, and your decision to vote in favor or against it. And that responsibility and burden is something that should NOT be placed squarely on the shoulders of a few. I am a bible-believing, God-fearing Christian, so yes, you can understand where I am coming from. I fear God more than man. I do not wish to waste your time with fancy statistics, or passionate arguments. But I do wish to ENCOURAGE you, to not pass this bill, and to let the people of our state decide. Mahalo for your consideration, know that myself, as well as countless others in this state are praying for you.

God bless,  
-James A. Palicte

Please support marriage equality. Everyone should be able to make a legal commitment to the person they love. It is neither fair nor just to discriminate against some of our citizens.

This bill involves equality, not personal behavior, religious practices or educational policies. There is no reason for this bill not to be passed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Arthur Seu	Individual	Oppose	No

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

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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

From: Sharon Yamada

City, State: Aiea, Hawaii

Subject: **TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION AND SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL, SB1 RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS**

**Dear Chair Rhoads & Chair Luke:**

I am in strong opposition of SB1. My name is Sharon Yamada, I have lived in Hawaii for 55 years and now live in Aiea with my husband, and one of our son.

I am 59 years old and I am a wife, a mother of two adult sons as well as a “mother” to our blended family of sons and daughters; a total of five and also have ten wonderful young grandchildren.

My parents and grandparents have taught me to value and love all people without discrimination. And I care deeply about this issue, and I am all for people being treated equally. But, I strongly disagree with redefining marriage.

If this legislation is truly about equality of federal rights and benefits for same-sex couples, then let's address it at the proper level of government, with the U.S. Congress. Pass legislation that gives same-sex couples in civil-unions all the rights and benefits that heterosexual married couples have at the federal level, not by redefining the institution of marriage at the state level. By doing so, you will avoid bringing about more divisiveness and unrest in our great State of Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and thank you for the opportunity to testify against this special session and against this bill.

Mahalo,

Sharon Yamada

October 29, 2013

Aloha!

My name is Shayne Guthrie and I am a resident of Hawaii and a registered voter. I am a father, a husband, a small business owner and a productive citizen of this state.

I strongly oppose SB1 and urge you to vote NO. I believe that this matter should be left for the people of Hawaii to decide by vote. Please remember that as an elected official, you represent the people of Hawaii.

I watched the proceedings yesterday for most of the entire day and was extremely disappointed when I heard our Hawaiian Senator Clayton Hee say we had 1000+ votes in favor of SB1 and 2000+ votes against SB1 and still he voted yes. In my humble opinion, it is a disgrace that an elected official would vote against the wishes of the people he serves. Please allow democracy to take place and allow the people of Hawaii to vote on this critical issue. Please do not rush through this matter and betray the people of Hawaii by making a hasty decision without allowing the people and the leaders to thoroughly research the ramifications of such an important issue. To do so would be a grave injustice and disservice.

**I implore you to vote NO to SB1.**

Mahalo,

Shayne Guthrie

*Ua mau ke ea o ka 'aina I ka pono*

*The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness*



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Hans Sin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am submitting my testimony in opposition of the same sex marriage proposal. Please do not pass this bill, I have gay friends but believe that this covenant should remain between a man and a woman otherwise there would be long lasting effects in our communities with negative ramifications. Thank you and God bless you in all things.

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The House Finance Committee

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Place: Capitol Auditorium

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I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





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Wai Lun Siu	Individual	Oppose	No

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Charlemagne K Spencer

Laie, Hawaii

## To The House Judiciary and the House Finance Committees

I strongly urge the House **NOT** to approve the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 and to respect our sacred democratic process. How many of our 1,400,000+ residents support legalizing same-sex marriage in Hawaii? For such an important and sensitive topic as this, has our elected officials reached-out or engaged it's voters on this topic? Why is this Act being presented in a five-day special session?

Per our state's preamble, has our legislators sought for Divine guidance for this major issue? Our motto declares, "The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness". If we do what's morally right then we will continue to have life and peace in our State. You are our elected officials and we its citizen rely on you for proper representation. John C. Maxwell well-known author of The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership foreword states, "Everything rises or falls on the decision and actions of our leadership". If the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 is passed, as leaders are you prepared for its consequences?

Next, this Act will violate the Clauses of my 1st Amendment rights. If my Christian beliefs teaches me that same-sex marriage is wrong and it's expressed in a loving and peaceful manner will my state government protect me from opposition? Marriage was instituted by our Devine Creator. Having a heterosexual marriage establishes and fosters a man's and woman's identity and purpose in life. If H.B. No 2569 is incorporated in the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act, it will create a larger separation between the community, church, and government. Churches should not be given ultimatums or stipulations on the solemnization of marriages by our state government.

I urge our lawmakers to look at the outcomes of same-sex marriages in other states. In Massachusetts the public schools have enforced immoral curriculums on elementary, middle, and high students. And parents no longer have any protection from their state to shield their children from taught homosexual-related subjects. In fact federal judges have ruled that the schools now have a DUTY to portray homosexual relationship as normal to children. Churches that exercises their 1st amendment rights are being demonized, harassed and threatened. Corporate and government worker can now get fired from their jobs for expressing their religious objections to same-sex marriage. Will this Act give equality to all of its citizens?

I urge you **NOT** to approve the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013. Thank you for your audience.

Sincerely,

Richard Long



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Latesha Stephens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I humbly plead with you NOT to pass this same sex marriage bill!!! For the future; For our precious children; For the protection of our Constitutionally guaranteed freedom of Religion which you promised to uphold; For the simple fact that this is far too important an issue to just rush through and not allow amendments; for so many important reasons, we must NOT pass the same sex marriage bill!!!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Latesha Stephens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Marriage is NOT a Civil Right. No court has ever declared it to be so, including the Supreme court. We must not be bullied into accepting something that simply defies all nature and godly law.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Latesha Stephens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to the proposed legislation on same sex marriage. There are two reasons for my opposition: First, it attempts to redefine marriage. I firmly believe that marriage as the union of a man and a woman is essential to the well-being of children, families, and society. Second, the protections offered in the current draft are completely inadequate to safeguard constitutionally guaranteed religious freedoms. Traditional marriage and religious liberty are among the most cherished and historically vital elements of society, and both deserve careful protection. My opposition to this legislation does not reduce my regard for all children of God, including individuals who choose to live by other values. It does confirm my conviction that traditional marriage and robust protections for religious freedom are fundamental to successful families and a strong society.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Latesha Stephens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I implore you NOT to pass the same sex marriage bill. How many nations have to fall under this evil?!!! You wouldn't know because the truth was stricken many years ago from our public history books. Children aren't taught to learn from history anymore. They are taught to indulge in the lusts of the flesh. They are lead by a 'Pied Piper' to the devastation of ALL!!! We must put a stop to the madness. We must think of our children and the future. Innocent children being raised to be blinded to things of the spirit. Wickedness will never equal eternal happiness.

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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.

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 whom 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 their 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.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. Mahalo for always listening and aloha,

Renea C. Stewart  
215-6 Kawaihae Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96825



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Mele Stoner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Let me begin by I am a citizen of this wonderful state and great nation. We were founded upon religious freedoms and that is what has kept us as a great nation. I have many gay/lesbian family and friends whom I love with every fiber of my being. No, I do not believe in same sex marriage. I do not believe that marriage should be redefined. The very definition that marriage is between a man and a woman shows the sanctity and sacredness of this very act. Between a man and a woman a gift from our Heavenly Father was given, the power of procreation. This power is only able to occur between a man and a woman. This is a sacred union where life is able to be created. I do believe that everyone is equal and should have the same rights. But with this bill and how it is stated it shows that the State of Hawai'i will be giving "civil rights" to a small percentage (LGBT population) and taking civil rights AWAY from the majority of the population. I do not see the equality in this. It is doing the reverse of what this country was founded upon, religious freedom. If this bill were to pass our religious freedoms would be changed and we would not have the freedom to do things that as of today we are allowed to do. I as a taxpayer and voter would like to keep my religious freedoms the same for our tomorrows as they are today and yesterday. I belong to a nonprofit church organization, so some of this bill will not change my freedoms that I was born into. But this bill is lacking information that can obstruct our freedoms at a later date and can be in the very near future. I would like affiliations/services of churches to also be protected from this such as educational systems, services such as Catholic Charities and Social Services through these churches. Celebrations (receptions) are also not stated in this bill. It only talks about the solemnizing of the marriage can be refused if the church does not believe in this. After a wedding, a huge part of this is the reception. This bill may force my religion to hold celebrations that we do not believe in solemnizing. We would like the protection of this for us. Not only will this bill take away the sacredness and sanctity of marriage but it will then start to diminish the purity of lineage, genealogy and family history. With this act, it states that all documentation will be changed to neutral gender wording. If there is a father/father couple put onto a birth certificate how can it truly be proven what is the lineage of that child. If that child would want to go to Kamehameha or receive Hawaiian scholarships how can this child's true "ethnicity" and lineage be proven. With this bill monies that are appropriated to certain ethnicity may be obstructed and change who may really receive these monies in scholarship forms and other such benefits. Everyone has the right to their own opinions. That is something that is beautiful about this country. If I have a differing opinion than someone else it does not mean that I am a bigot, against equality, or showing discrimination. People have become so afraid to state their true beliefs due to this word discrimination. We have put too much power in this word and people now believe that if they state any sort of opinion that they are showing discrimination. We

must be able to state our opinions and be able to civilly come up with a resolution. By letting the people decide as a legislative body you are helping out with this resolution. We need to go back and remember that we are ALL children of God and we are ALL brothers and sisters and it is okay to disagree. We just need to come to some conclusion in a peaceful, respectful, and non-prejudice manner from BOTH sides. I ask and pray that you will vote NO on the Hawai'i Marriage Equality Act of 2013. Mahalo for your time, Mele Stoner

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Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House  
Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

We are writing to voice our opposition to Bill SB1

We believe that a decision on legalizing same-sex marriage  
should be decided by the people of Hawaii. We have seen  
over the last few weeks how passionate people are on both  
sides of this issue and believe that this is something that  
should be brought to the people of our state to decide. We  
believe that rushing this bill into law would not allow the  
people of Hawaii to have a voice in this matter.

Thank you for allowing us to give testimony on this issue.

Mahalo & God Bless,  
Leonard & Sandra Suan

## Support for SB 1 Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

We, former educators, leaders and advocates for teacher rights, have met and worked with same gender parents in our schools. Based on our experience we know for sure that same gender parents are not a determinant of how well children fare in school cognitively and emotionally. Instead, here's what really matters: children respond positively when their parents come to school and show an active interest in their progress--worried when their children did something wrong or beaming with pride when teachers report on their children's accomplishments. (Source: SB 1 Testimony from June Motokawa)

Opponents of same sex marriage have raised many concerns about education if SB 1 passes the legislature. What is the truth?

### **Misleading Claim**

The approval of same sex marriage in Hawaii will change the educational system and school curriculum.

### **Fact**

This bill is about marriage and not about school curriculum. It does not mandate any change in the curriculum. Furthermore, any school curriculum changes would need to be approved by the state board of education.

### **Misleading Claim**

The Massachusetts education system changed when marriage equality became law in 2004. The same will happen in Hawaii.

### **Fact**

We contacted educational experts in Massachusetts and they informed us that there were no changes.

- a. There is no Massachusetts state curriculum that requires any teaching on homosexuality or gay marriage. The only changes to the curriculum were Science and Technology (October 2006) and Vocational Technical Education Frameworks (September 2006).
- b. There is no teacher resource guide on homophobia in Massachusetts. Mass. has almost 400 school districts governed by their own local boards that make basic curricular decisions.
- c. There is no state directive to put pro-homosexual courses in the schools.

### **Misleading Claim**

Parents do not have the right to know about sensitive curriculum taught in the classrooms, even if it conflicts with their family and faith values.

**Fact**

The courts have ruled that parents' rights to exercise their religious beliefs are not violated because of contrary ideas in school. There are only two examples of Massachusetts's parents issuing complaints about the materials taught in their children's classrooms. One of the children was given a "diversity book bag" that included the book, *Who's in a Family*, which depicts a variety of non-traditional families, but the book was not required reading. Another involved a child being read *King & King* in a second-grade class. After two rulings that were favorable to the schools, the Supreme Court refused to hear the couples' joint case. Kris Mineau, executive director of the Massachusetts Family Institute, couldn't cite incidents other than in Lexington when he was pressed to do so. He said, "I don't have documentation of everything going on."

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10/29/13

Aloha Judiciary Chair Rep. Karl Rhoads and Vice Chair Rep. Sharon Har, and Finance Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke and Vice Chairs Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson and Rep. Scott Nishimoto,

Thank you for receiving my testimony today.

My name is Antonia Alvarez and I'm a Licensed Master of Social Work (LMSW) in the State of Hawai'i testifying in STRONG SUPPORT of the Marriage Equality Bill (SB-01).

I work with youth around the state who are at-risk of bullying and suicidality, and I am the Director of the GROW A RAINBOW program, to educate service providers in the community about creating safe, equal spaces for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth. I am also a trainer for the Gay, Lesbian, Straight, Education Network (GLSEN) Hawai'i Chapter, the local branch of the national educational organization that promotes safety and equality for all students.

At the Senate hearings on Monday we heard a lot about the “unintended consequences” of passing the bill—opponents suggested that there would be “curricular reforms” that prevent teachers in public schools from mis-informing their students, that there would be mandatory trainings for teachers that would give them more information about gay and lesbian issues, and that teachers would have to refrain from sharing their personal religious beliefs with their students about these issues. I think it is very important to clarify a few things. First, this bill has NOTHING TO DO WITH EDUCATION. This bill is about marriage equality and the civil

rights of gays and lesbians in the state of Hawai`i. Second, it is important to note that teachers in public schools who share their religious beliefs about gays and lesbians are violating the establishment clause which limits a teacher's religious expression due to the separation between church and state (<http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/teachers-religious-liberties>). Third, in 2012 the Hawai`i State Department of Education has already agreed to—and, in fact requested resources from GLSEN for their faculty, staff, and administration to raise awareness about LGBT youth and families in order to implement the Department of Education “*Strategic Plan Student Priority of “Safety and Well-Being,” to promote students’ physical, emotional, and social health in a secure and supportive environment,*” (cited from a letter from the Office of the Superintendent to all Middle and High School Principals, dated April 20, 2012). This bill will do nothing to change that.

Instead, I would like to discuss some of the INTENDED CONSEQUENCES of not passing this bill. NOT passing this bill means that the Legislature of State of Hawai`i does not believe in marriage equality, but *inequality* and *unequal rights* for the gay and lesbian families, individuals, and couples in our state. The consequences of this determination will be the sanctioned discrimination against gay and lesbian families, individuals, and couples all over Hawai`i.

What happened in another state that supported discriminatory policies and failed to legislate equal rights and protections?

Children from communities that promote anti-gay, discriminatory policies are at higher risk for bullying, harassment, isolation, and even suicide. Nine children in two years died by suicide in one of the largest school districts in Minnesota and the State Representative failed to pass anti-



bullying legislation or to condemn the homophobic policies in the school district’s curriculum [“Michele Bachmann Silent On Teen Suicides In Her School District, Opposed Anti-Bullying Bill”, *Huffington Post*, July 26, 2011, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/07/26/michele-bachmann-silent-on-teen-suicides-in-her-school-district-opposed-anti-bullying-bill>]; and, “One Town’s War on Gay Teens”, *Rolling Stone Magazine*, February 2, 2012, <http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/one-towns-war-on-gay-teens-20120202>]. Research conducted in the United States and abroad indicate that *all children*—gay, lesbian, straight, or otherwise—who are exposed to high levels of bullying, harassment and isolation face higher rates of depression, absenteeism, truancy, and suicidality (“Effects of Bullying,” <http://www.stopbullying.gov/at-risk/effects/index.html>; and “Bullied Children at Greater Risk for Self-Harm,” <http://health.usnews.com/health-news/news/articles/2012/04/27/bullied-children-at-greater-risk-for-self-harm-study-finds>).

On the other hand, GLSEN ([www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)) has fourteen years of research that documents the improved behaviors, attitudes, and actions of youth who attend schools with policies that emphasize safety, equality, and respect for all students. These schools have documented less bullying and less harassment against *all students* than other schools. Teachers, administrators, and service providers in Hawai`i would like to see such positive changes in our schools. In April 2012 the Superintendent of the State of Hawai`i Department of Education, Kathryn Matayoshi distributed GLSEN “Safe Space Kits” to every secondary school in the State to demonstrate Hawai`i’s commitment to safer, healthier schools for all youth. Additionally, out of the 800 teachers, administrators, social workers, and principals that I have trained in the last three years about the impact of anti-gay bullying and harassment on the youth and families in our state, *not*

*one* has indicated that they wished to see this discrimination continue in their schools and classrooms.

The INTENDED CONSEQUENCES of discrimination against the youth, individuals, couples and families of Hawai`i are unacceptable. We MUST pass this bill.

The children and youth of Hawai`i need to see their law makers take a stand to reduce the discrimination and harassment in our communities. They gay and lesbian youth need to see healthy, respected, EQUAL role models among the adults in our communities—from gays, lesbians, and allies alike. The Family Acceptance Project (<http://familyproject.sfsu.edu/>), the longest running research project on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth in the country, has shown that the risks facing LGBT youth are *exponentially reduced* when they are accepted by their families. The youth have lower documented rates of drug and alcohol abuse, fewer sexually transmitted diseases, lower rates of depression and lower rates of suicidality.

These are the unintended consequences of passing this bill and creating a more equal, just, pono Hawai`i.

We've seen the actions from Superintendent Matayoshi-- our schools are ready. We've heard from the HSTA-- our teachers are ready. We heard from the NASW—our social workers are ready. We've even heard from the youth—marriage equality was the number one priority identified by the young people of Hawai`i who attended the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Children and Youth Summit hosted by the State Legislature's Keiki Caucus. The youth are ready!

We must be brave enough to join them.

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees:

I am testifying in favor of traditional marriage in Hawaii.

Before I begin, let me say “thank you” for your service to our State. I recognize that being a legislator is challenging, especially when dealing with issues of this nature.

There are two key points I would like to make in my brief testimony.

The first point is regarding the issue of civil rights. The Hawaii homosexual community is not considered a lower class and denied basic human rights. They are free to participate fully in society. Thus, the issue of preserving traditional marriage is not about civil rights.

My second point has to do with the term “marriage equality”. This is a compelling moniker since equality is an important value of American society. However, a same sex marriage can never be equal to a traditional one. The “equality” argument falls short in a key aspect of natural law – same sex couples cannot procreate.

As a licensed engineer I am trained to work with principles of natural law - not against them – in order to avoid catastrophe. Being that the fabric of traditional marriage is the bedrock of our society, redefining marriage in a manner contrary to natural law will have dire consequences.

As to those consequences.... Including “same sex” in the definition of marriage will legitimize a lifestyle choice with the force of law in order to force those that do not agree with that choice to not only accept it, but to be prevented from expressing their dissent with it. Businesses, schools and families will all be hugely affected. Schools, public and private, will be forced to teach non-traditional lifestyles as normal, and parents who disagree will not be able to “opt out” of such teaching for their children. Above all, the label of “bigot” will be freely applied to anyone that disagrees with gay, lesbian or transgender lifestyle choices, even if they respect others that choose such. There are many, many more ramifications that will ensue and there is no way to legislate around these effects.

This is not far-fetched. This is reality. As engineers we pay attention to the mistakes of others who have violated natural laws and reaped the consequences. We would do well to learn from States such as Massachusetts who have redefined marriage and are seeing these very problems.

I am convinced that this direction is not good for Hawaii and plead with you to uphold the definition of marriage as being between one man and one woman. By doing so, you will retain the fabric of Hawaii society for our keiki.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Ayman El-Swaify  
Aiea, Hawaii



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**SB1**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
PJ Long III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Good morning ladies and gentlemen, I am unable to appear in person before this hearing due to my job requirements. But I do stand with the many thousands of Hawaii citizens that rallied in front of the capital Monday evening. I stand with those who define marriage as a covenant between one man and one woman. Redefining "marriage" this way opens the door to ambiguity and the whims of the times. Who's to say that, at some point in the future, married couples won't want to add yet another partner to the "marriage"? There are other possibilities that are not appropriate to speak of in this setting but that can be left to the imagination. Changing societal standards in this way, in my opinion is a very slippery slope. I also believe that the liability exemptions in this bill are far too weak and have been inserted into the bill with the idea that they will be removed, amended, or completely gutted at a later date. I believe the whole reason for the Governor's call for this Special Session was to get around the will of the greater majority of the people of Hawaii and to ram through an unpopular bill with the help of Senators and Representatives with an agenda regardless of the peoples' will. It seems as if the only priority is to simply get the bill passed with the idea that it can be tweaked to perfection at a later date. This is a wrong course of action for this state and I respectfully urge you to cast your vote AGAINST passage of this bill. Thank you very much for your time. PJ Long III

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October 29, 2013

For October 31, 2013 10 am

House Judiciary and Finance Committee

Re: Bill #SB1

Hawaii State Capitol

415 S. Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Subject:** Testimony in **Opposition** of Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

I oppose SB 1. I believe that if marriage between homosexuals would exist, then traditional marriage will mean nothing! Please kill this bill!

For this reasons, I humbly request that you **VOTE "No"** to Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

Sincerely,

*James T. Oyama Jr.*

*Naalehu, 96772*



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elston takayama	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am opposed to the Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013. The people should be allowed to decide this issue. Aloha.

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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

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders.

I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Kell Tanabe

Kihei, Maui, Hawaii



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Leni Tanabe

Kihei, Maui, Hawaii

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees

I am opposed to SB1 because this issue is not about rights or equality. The issue behind SB1 is about redefining the institution of marriage between a man and a woman.

This challenge is in direct opposition to what the bible says. We will be guilty of replacing what God has established here on earth with something that man is seeking to undermine. I realize that these words may hold little consideration before a legislative body due to the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment and as a result, even of lesser value in the political process today. Yet, I believe in a higher authority, a Supreme God, who speaks to the hearts of men and women like you who were given authority by God to make wise decisions for the good of the people of this state. This is not a road that we will want to venture into for it will lead to unwanted and undesirable ends. It will be a road with no U-turns allowed. It will set the course of our future down a path that we will regret.

I am asking you today to listen not merely with your mind but with your heart as well. I know that you were elected to represent your constituents. I ask that you listen carefully to what they are saying. The future of this state lies in your hands. You have an incredible responsibility, but one that does not have to remain in your hands alone. I am asking you to vote NO on this SB1 and to release your authority to the people to make the choice on this issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
IRMA GRAZIA TANGONAN	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: i strongly oppose SB1. I plead with you to please oppose this bill. This isn't about civil rights. Marriage is a sacred covenant between a man and a woman. It doesn't make sense to me why the government wants to change the definition of marriage. Hawaii is a special and unique state. We need not be the next state to pass this bill. It really saddens me that this is happening here. Please oppose this bill for the sake of Hawaii's future. Mahalo for taking the time to read our testimonies.

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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

I will not be able to be present to testify.

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

I am opposed to S.B.1, The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, because it...

1. It denies business owners their First Amendment right of freedom of religion.
2. It re-defines the most core institution of society, marriage.
3. It fails to protect churches, religious groups and temples from lawsuits.
4. It fails to protect church-affiliated organizations (universities, hospitals, adoption agencies, housing agencies, etc.) from lawsuits.
5. It will introduce new educational curriculum for K-12 grades that will present same-sex marriages and relationships to school children and youth.
6. It is in utter opposition to the will of Hawaii voters who voted in 1998 to define marriage exclusively between a man and women in the Hawaii constitution. More than 250,000 Hawaii voters expressed their resolute position on the definition of marriage as exclusively between a man and women. The language "reserve marriage" indicates that the people of Hawaii recognize that the institute of marriage deserves and demands special consideration and criteria, one man and one woman exclusively.
7. It's effective date of November 18, 2013 does not give sufficient time for the State of Hawaii to change processes, policies and practices to abide by the new law and puts the State at risk for lawsuits because it will not be able to comply with the new law.
8. It will not be referred to other appropriate legislative committees who are responsible to the citizens of Hawaii to vet legislation. It should be referred to the following committees: Hawaiian Affairs, Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs, Human Services, Finance. Education and Consumer Protection and Commerce. Citizens and stakeholders will not be able to testify in these committees to inform lawmakers about the far-reaching societal, economic and operational impact of the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.
9. It does not provide a way to finance implementation costs to the State nor individual counties if the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.
10. All else being equal, children do best when raised by a married mother and father. It's within this environment that children are most likely to be exposed to the emotional and psychological experiences they need in order to thrive.

Men and women bring diversity to parenting; each makes unique contributions to the rearing of children that can't be replicated by the other. Mothers and fathers simply are not interchangeable. Two women can both be good mothers, but neither can be a good father.

- a. So here are five reasons why it's in the best interest of children to be raised by both a mother and a father:
  - i. First, mother-love and father-love—though equally important—are qualitatively different and produce distinct parent-child attachments. Specifically, it's the combination of the unconditional-leaning love of a mother and the conditional-leaning love of a father that's essential to a child's development. Either of these forms of love without the other can be problematic. Because what a child needs is the complementary balance the two types of parental love and attachment provide.
  - ii. Only heterosexual parents offer children the opportunity to develop relationships with a parent of the same, as well as the opposite sex. Relationships with both sexes early in life make it easier for a child to relate to both sexes later in life. For a girl, that means she'll better understand and appropriately interact with the world of men and be more comfortable in the world of women. And for a boy, the converse will hold true. Having a relationship with "the other"—an opposite sexed parent—also increases the likelihood that a child will be more empathetic and less narcissistic.
  - iii. Secondly, children progress through predictable and necessary developmental stages. Some stages require more from a mother, while others require more from a father. For example, during infancy, babies of both sexes tend to do better in the care of their mother. Mothers are more attuned to the subtle needs of their infants and thus are more appropriately responsive. However, at some point, if a young boy is to become a competent man, he must detach from his mother and instead identify with his father. A fatherless boy doesn't have a man with whom to identify and is more likely to have trouble forming a healthy masculine identity.
  - iv. A father teaches a boy how to properly channel his aggressive and sexual drives. A mother can't show a son how to control his impulses because she's not a man and doesn't have the same urges as one. A father also commands a form of respect from a boy that a mother doesn't—a respect more likely to keep the boy in line. And those are the two primary reasons why boys without fathers are more likely to become delinquent and end up incarcerated.
  - v. Father-need is also built into the psyche of girls. There are times in a girl's life when only a father will do. For instance, a father offers a daughter a safe, non-sexual place to experience her first male-female relationship and have her femininity affirmed. When a girl doesn't have a father to fill that role she's more likely to become promiscuous in a misguided attempt to satisfy her inborn hunger for male attention and validation.
  - vi. Overall, fathers play a restraining role in the lives of their children. They restrain sons from acting out antisocially, and daughters from acting out sexually. When there's no father to perform this function, dire consequences

often result both for the fatherless children and for the society in which these children act out their losses.

- vii. Third, boys and girls need an opposite-sexed parent to help them moderate their own gender-linked inclinations. As example, boys generally embrace reason over emotion, rules over relationships, risk-taking over caution, and standards over compassion, while girls generally embrace the reverse. An opposite-sexed parent helps a child keep his or her own natural proclivities in check by teaching—verbally and nonverbally—the worth of the opposing tendencies. That teaching not only facilitates moderation, but it also expands the child’s world—helping the child see beyond his or her own limited vantage point.
  - viii. Fourth, same-sex marriage will increase sexual confusion and sexual experimentation by young people. The implicit and explicit message of same-sex marriage is that *all* choices are equally acceptable and desirable. So, even children from traditional homes—influenced by the all-sexual-options-are-equal message—will grow up thinking it doesn’t matter whom one relates to sexually or marries. Holding such a belief will lead some—if not many—impressionable young people to consider sexual and marital arrangements they never would have contemplated previously. And children from homosexual families, who are already more likely to experiment sexually, would do so to an even greater extent, because not only was non-traditional sexuality role-modeled by their parents, it was also approved by their society.
  - ix. There is no question that human sexuality is *pliant*. Think of ancient Greece or Rome—among many other early civilizations—where male homosexuality and bisexuality were nearly ubiquitous. This was not so because most of those men were born with a “gay gene,” rather it was because homosexuality was condoned by those societies. That which a society sanctions, it gets more of.
  - x. And fifth, if society permits same-sex marriage, it also will have to allow other types of marriage. The legal logic is simple: If prohibiting same-sex marriage is discriminatory, then disallowing polygamous marriage, polyamorous marriage, or any other marital grouping will also be deemed discriminatory. The emotional and psychological ramifications of these assorted arrangements on the developing psyches and sexuality of children would be disastrous. And what happens to the children of these alternative marriages if the union dissolves and each parent then “remarries”? Those children could end up with four fathers, or two fathers and four mothers, or, you fill in the blank.
- b. Certainly homosexual couples can be just as loving as heterosexual couples, but children require *more* than love. They need the distinctive qualities and the complementary natures of a male and female parent.
  - c. The accumulated wisdom of over 5,000 years has concluded that the ideal marital and parental configuration is composed of one man and one woman. Arrogantly disregarding such time-tested wisdom, and using children as guinea pigs in a radical experiment, is risky at best, and cataclysmic at worst.

- d. Same-sex marriage definitely isn't in the best interest of children. And although we empathize with those homosexuals who long to be married and parent children, we mustn't allow our compassion for them to trump our compassion for children. In a contest between the desires of some homosexuals and the needs of *all* children, we can't allow the children to lose!

I urge you to vote NO on S.B. 1.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,  
David Tateyama

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**SB1**

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Randall Okimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Randall & Melanie Okimoto 1423 Ahiahi Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96817 October 27, 2013  
To: Karl Rhoads Chairman, Re: Opposition of SB 1 Dear Honorable Chairman Rhoads and members of the committee, We are a family in Christ and we do not believe in this bill being called to hearing. We love and accept all people the way they are, but we also believe that sex between two people of the same gender is a sin. We are both proud educators in the public school system. We believe it will affect education and the curriculum we teach. Honestly, right now in our personal curriculum we do not teach about the specific topic of "marriage" and that it SHOULD be between a man and a woman; however, with this new bill, if it passes, we feel that we may be FORCED to teach that marriage can be between people of the same gender. Is that what we want our children to learn? Don't get us wrong, we should and are teaching our children to love and accept others for who they are but we shouldn't have to teach tolerance of sinful behavior, which we believe is sex between two or more people of the same gender, just like premarital sex and incest. Our first amendment right of freedom of religion is in direct conflict with this new law. If we refuse to perform any service because of the sexual sin (that we believe is a sin) then we would be thought of as discriminating. That is NOT what we believe! The institution of "marriage" is reserved for the sacredness of sex between a man and a woman. In the Bible, Genesis 1:26-28, God created human beings in His image, a man and a woman. He blessed them and said, " Be fruitful and multiply", which means to have many babies, thus the sacredness of marriage between A MAN AND A WOMAN. In 1998, the people of Hawaii decided to define marriage as between "a man and a woman", and this should be upheld today. When we vote our Senators and Representatives into office, we do so with the belief that they will do their jobs with our (those that voted them in) best interests at heart. Please take this testimony and others like it into kind consideration. Let Hawaii know that you are working for THEM! Our tax-paying dollars will be spent for an issue (traditional marriage vs. same-sex marriage) that should be given more time and consideration. Words like equality, love, fairness, good for the economy, etc. have all been used to defend same-sex marriage; all these words used to persuade people (legislators) who have been given the authority to make decisions for the State of Hawaii. But what does the Bible say? Mark 10:8, Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:5, and Ephesians 5:31 all point us toward traditional marriage. I emailed every Senator and Representative on this issue and voiced my stance and humbly asked them to vote no for same-sex marriage. Three people responded: Senators Mike Gabbard, Donna Mercado Kim, and Representative Mark Takai. Mike Gabbard and Donna Mercado Kim both said they will vote against same-sex marriage. Mark Takai said he was unsure. Of all the legislators (77) only three responded and I emailed them about a month ago. Whatever happens I want to do my part in this fight against powers and principalities. Sincerely, Randall and Melanie Okimoto Sent from my



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**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/29/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
James Marquez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. James Marquez Waipahu, HI 96797

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**SB1**

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Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
rebecca stoner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Members of the Committee: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. The biggest issues I have with Bill SB1 are the threat to our society by changing the definition of marriage as well as the undermining of the Democratic process by putting this issue to special session. I recognize that same-sex attraction exists and believe that homosexual individuals should be treated with love and respect. This does not however mean that they should be allowed to be married under the same laws as a man and a woman. I believe marriage to be correctly defined as a union between a man and a woman as it has been for thousands of years. This is a deeply rooted religious matter, which is essential to many peoples' beliefs. Therefore, why is the state trying to define what marriage is, when it is not the state's right to do such things. This bill is limiting religious freedoms of many to grant a marriage license to a much smaller minority. Recognizing marriage between same-sex couples will also have a profound impact on our culture and society. The effects are far-reaching and will go beyond just the homosexual couples involved. Children will be the greatest casualties by being denied the opportunity to be raised in homes by a mother and father. Our society will face more confusion and problems than it currently faces if Bill SB1 is passed. In 1998 the people of this state voted and decided that legal marriage should be reserved for opposite-sex couples. I am asking you to again allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I am opposed to one of the most contentious social issues in our history being decided virtually in one week and by only those who hold office. I ask that you uphold the principles of democracy which are being disregarded by putting this Bill SB1 to special session. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousands of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Rebecca Stoner Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Roland K Perez Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Every decision you make in life yields consequences. The consequences for choosing to live a homosexual lifestyle are you are unable to produce children naturally and you give up your right to be married, since the TRUE definition of marriage is between ONE MAN and ONE WOMAN. If our State Government CHOOSES to pass this Bill SB 1, please have another special session to change our state motto, because passing this bill is nowhere close to being PONO I STRONGLY urge you to join the majority of Hawaii and oppose this bill or vote to let the people decide Thank You for your time

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Gail H. Kuba	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Āina i ka Pono our State's motto was brought about to reflect Hawai'i's relationship to Ke Akua as the absolute standard. The First Constitution of Hawai'i states the belief in an Absolute God guiding the Kingdom. When we remove this belief, anything goes and we lose our Religious Freedom to worship and follow God as He calls us to. The issue of this bill making it to be a Civil Right is not correct. For instance, I may like Bach, but you like Jazz, I'm going to make a law to say you have to like Bach. Civil Unions has already been approved in previous years and medical benefit, etc are available to Partners by employers already, now, it is only Marriage (between man and woman) that is being made into a law to bestow on LGBT. This is what is being forced through our Legislature. Please allow the people of Hawai'i to vote for themselves in private to share what they really feel is Pono/Right!! Mahalo for hearing me. Aloha ke Akua, G. Kuba

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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

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

I am writing to voice my STRONG OPPOSITION to Bill SB1.

I AM ASKING YOU TO ALLOW THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE ON THE ISSUE OF MARRIAGE AS I BELIEVE THE LEGISLATURE IS GOING AGAINST THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. The people believed they addressed the issue in 1998, and should be the ones consulted again.

I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. Just the fact that such a controversial, polarizing issue as this is being rushed through a special session is a travesty!

Last night, tens of thousands of concerned citizens petitioned our Senators at the State Capitol. But, unless you were there you wouldn't know it, as it barely received coverage from the media. Last night's testimony process went from bad to worse, ending with the Committee leaving the auditorium, while the concerned citizens who waited hours to testify, did so only to empty chairs. This is very disturbing. Looking at some of the Senators I wondered to myself if they were actually paying attention, giving credit to each one testifying. Or, were their minds already made up, causing the entire testimony process to be a farce.

AT THE VERY LEAST, THIS BILL SHOULD BE GIVEN DUE PROCESS DURING THE REGULAR SESSION WHERE IT CAN PROPERLY BE VETTED AND EXAMINED AS ALL OTHER BILLS. Why is this bill receiving special treatment? Why is there such an urgency to stop everything to address this right now? Hawaii is the only state rushing into special session as a result of the Supreme Court decision. If the need was truly dire, then why haven't the other 34 states that do not permit same-sex marriages done so? Marriage is NOT a civil right, and no court (including the Supreme Court) has ever said that it is. A constitutional amendment would better address same-sex marriage AND allow for ample public input.

The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousands of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

I beseech you with all earnestness to please vote NO to Bill SB1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Paul Higa  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 that will be discussed in your Special Legislative Session beginning on October 28, 2013.

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My husband and I have been married for 7 months now, and with our first child on the way we can't help to imagine the lasting effects this bill may have on our children if passed through legislation. We both are disciples of Christ and we can strongly say that we believe in God the Eternal Father and in His Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

This decision will not be easy I'm sure, no matter the outcome. But first and foremost please know that we appreciate your time and efforts concerning this matter. We are not against gay people, we try our best to love all our fellow men no matter the circumstance, because thankfully we were both raised by goodly parents. It is our religious and moral freedoms that we are trying hard to protect. We hope that you may be able to hear our voice and know that we care.

We have tremendous faith that you, our government leaders, will make the decision that is best for our future children and leaders to come.

May all be well, and once again thank you for your time and all your efforts in making Hawaii a place we can call home.

Mahalo Nui,  
Brandon and Skye Narvaez  
1560 Kikaha St.  
Hilo, HI 96720

10/31/13

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees

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

I am particularly concerned that the religious exemption clauses are so sparse. Priest, pastors and churches are exempted under only very limited circumstances. There is no exemption for religious organizations, charities or fraternal societies, nor are there any exemptions for individuals. I am concerned that my First Amendment rights be protected in the process.

Finally, since we voted 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!

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

  
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(Signature)

(Printed name) DOMINIC BADIS, SR.

(address) 87-708 MANUAIHUE STREET, WAIANAE, HI 96792

(phone number) 808-778-1335



Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

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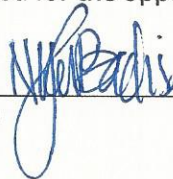
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To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Capitol Auditorium  
Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1.

I am opposed to same sex marriage because it goes against God's design. If the issue is to be addressed by our state, it should be voted on by the public just as it was back in 1998 when the majority of citizens in the State of Hawaii voted to approve a constitutional amendment against same sex marriages. The use of a special session limits the opportunity for the people's voice to be heard on this issue, and may result in legislation that does not represent the will of the people you have been elected to represent. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people as well as the will of God. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. . Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a no vote to democracy.

It is said: "The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness." For our state to continue in God's highest blessings we must follow His design. His design for marriage was for "a man to leave his father and mother and be joined unto his wife (Mk. 10:7).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen  
Ninole, HI 96773

TESTIMONY

On the following measure:

S.B. NO. 1, RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS

OCT 30. 2013

To Whom This May Concern:

I would like to testify my support for the S.B. NO. 1 that will recognize marriages between individuals of the same sex. Hawai'i being a part of the state-wide movement to recognize equal rights is significant and timely. I am in full support of rights extending to same-sex couples the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of marriage that opposite-sex couples receive.

Sincerely,  
Billie Lee

October 30, 2013

Testimony in Strong Support of SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

It is with much honor that I submit testimony in strong support of marriage equality legislation. For far too long, members of the LGBT community have been marginalized and oppressed by the absence of legislation that would otherwise provide recognition for their status as a “loving unit.”<sup>1</sup>

I respect the opposition’s freedom of religion but take issue with their position that the proposed legislation infringes upon their rights. Such a statement ignores the very fact that in denying members of the LGBT community to benefit from the enactment of this legislation, they too will also have their rights infringed upon. These members of the LGBT community are my friends, my family and colleagues alike. They are upstanding citizens. They are educators. They are the wait staff at our favorite restaurants. They are churchgoers. They are the strangers sitting next to us on the bus. They are human beings, so why then, should they not also be entitled to benefits afforded to heterosexuals?

It is extremely disheartening if not disturbing to hear the opposition speak of them in such archaic terms as not being worthy of God’s love. Their disdain for my friends is intolerable and goes against everything I was taught throughout my Christian upbringing.

I have always believed that the goal of humanity is to progress, move forward. This bill, if passed, will not simply move us, but will allow us to leap forward and into a world fueled by love, compassion and tolerance.

I respectfully request that you pass Senate Bill 1.



Renee Leotele Togafau

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<sup>1</sup> Mari J. Matsuda, *Love, Change*, 17 Yale J. L. & Feminism 195, 198 (2005)

Lance Takai  
PO Box 5236  
Hilo, Hi 96720

To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee

Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

My name is Lance Takai a registered voter in Hawai'i and a husband and father to a great family. I am a registered Hawaiian with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and was born and raised in Hawai'i. I am OPPOSED to SB1.

*My first issue with SB1 is from page 6 sections 14-18.*

For purposes of this section, a religious organization accepting donations from the public, providing religious services to the public, or otherwise permitting the public to enter the religious organization's premises shall not constitute "for a profit".

Our church holds many community programs, which include AA, marriage classes, divorce care, youth camps, youth sports, and major community programs like a Ho'olaulea and Pumpkin Party. Last years major community programs drew thousands of families and created a safe place for families to bring their children. Although we charged for something's, the amount was only the cost of what the product was charged to us. Is this a presumption of "for profit"?

When asking a representative, they expected us to change, up to stopping programs that would have the presumption of "for profit". May I remind the committee that churches and their onsite programs make up for City, County and State shortfalls for adult and youth programs. Ask yourself where the people of Hawai'i will look to for help. Will the State of Hawai'i open programs to help the community through mental illnesses? Will the State open more programs to keep the Keiki off the streets and off drugs. These are the programs that we question going away.

*My second issue with SB1 is that it does not speak of the protection of the church and it's teachings.*

Many religions consider a same sex relationship a sin. Will churches be able to still preach about the sin? Will churches be able to share teachings of the bible if the same sex couple disagrees? If the same sex couple disagrees on non-same sex topics from the bible, will that be discrimination?

*My third issue with SB1 is that it is in a Special Session.*

If SB1 is passed in a Special Session, we cannot make amendments to this bill. I ask that you look at your track record of life changing laws and ask if they were amended at one time or another? Nothing is ever perfect, but by waiting 2 months until the regular session you would be able to amend SB1 at the protection of both sides of this issue anytime after. We would be the first state in the world to pass a bill with life effects in just 5 days. We will also be the joining only a handful of states to join same sex marriage, did we ask why the other states have not talked or passed it?

Thank you for allowing me to share my testimony and thank you for your service,

Lance Takai

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees

I am a recent high school graduate and currently enrolled in college to obtain an Associate of Arts in Teaching degree. As a concerned citizen, I am submitting testimony against this special session and the bill that would legalize same sex marriage. I oppose the special session because it rushes the legislative process and does not give we, the people, sufficient input into the process. I recently have submitted my registration information in order to become a registered voter. As an 18 year old, I would appreciate being able to exercise my right to vote.

I am highly concerned about this bill because if this bill passes, it will directly change the educational system and force me to go against my beliefs. I have seen some of the drastic affects on the educational system due to bills on this topic passing in other countries and states; I do not wish to see the educational system change in that way for the sake of my desirable career and for the future generations. I will be forced to teach my future students in ways that will restrict individual beliefs; the ones I have and more importantly the beliefs of the students (not just in the context of same-sex marriage).

I am also highly concerned that the religious exemption clauses are so sparse. Priest, pastors and churches are exempted under only very limited circumstances. There is no exemption for religious organizations, charities or fraternal societies, nor are there any exemptions for individuals. I am concerned that my First Amendment rights be protected in the process. Even if we exempt this bill within the church context, many religious clubs (not just the Christian ones) in schools, which are against this bill, will not be protected.

Finally, since we voted 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!

I appreciate the opportunity to testify against this special session and against this bill.

  
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(Signature)

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10/30/13

I, Victoria Sensano, a register voter, mother, and wife am writing on behalf of SB1 in which I strongly oppose.

According to the Family Research Council they state if same-sex marriage is allowed the following is likely to occur. I've included my opinion in italics.

1. Taxpayers, consumers, and businesses would be forced to subsidize homosexual relationships.
2. Schools would teach that homosexual relationships are identical to heterosexual ones.
  - *This is unacceptable. I do not want my child to be forced into being taught that homosexual relationships are normal by any teacher. I do not want my child to participate in gay pride day.*
3. Freedom of conscience and religious liberty would be threatened
  - *Although the bill mentions religious exemptions I do not believe it will fully protect those that oppose this act. I do not believe that it protects those who express their religious views in the work place or in schools or anywhere in society.*
4. Fewer people would marry
  - *Children who are brought up in this a society that allows same-sex marriages would grow up confused devaluing marriage.*
5. Fewer people would remain monogamous and sexually faithful.
  - *"A survey conducted by the homosexual magazine Genre found that 24 percent of the respondents said they had had more than a hundred sexual partners in their lifetime. The magazine noted that several respondents suggested including a category of those who had more than a thousand sexual partners" This promotes promiscuity and are harmful to society and the physical body. The human body was not designed to endure such acts.*
6. Fewer people would remain married for a lifetime.
  - No commitment
7. Fewer children would be raised by a married mother and father.
  - *The homosexual lifestyle demoralizes the family structure. It is important that children receive the nurturing of both a father (male) and mother (female) figures. Allowing same-sex marriage will restructure the family as we know it today. Everything in life depends on structure to succeed. Both parents are so important in a child's life.*
8. More children would grow up fatherless
  - Children will have no proper male figure as a guide. Did you know that most males in prison are fatherless?
  - "Fatherless children are at a dramatically greater risk of drug and alcohol abuse, mental illness, suicide, poor educational performance, teen pregnancy, and criminality.  
**Source:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, *Survey on Child Health*, Washington, DC, 1993."
  - **Sexual activity.** In a study of 700 adolescents, researchers found that "compared to families with two natural parents living in the home, adolescents from single-parent families have been found to engage in greater and earlier sexual activity."  
**Source:** Carol W. Metzler, et al. "The Social Context for Risky Sexual Behavior Among Adolescents," *Journal of Behavioral Medicine* 17 (1994).

- **High risk.** Fatherless children are at dramatically greater risk of suicide.  
**Source:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, *Survey on Child Health*, Washington, DC, 1993.
  - **Confused identities.** Boys who grow up in father-absent homes are more likely than those in father-present homes to have trouble establishing appropriate sex roles and gender identity.  
**Source:** P.L. Adams, J.R. Milner, and N.A. Schrepf, *Fatherless Children*, New York, Wiley Press, 1984.
  - **Psychiatric Problems.** In 1988, a study of preschool children admitted to New Orleans hospitals as psychiatric patients over a 34-month period found that nearly 80 percent came from fatherless homes.  
**Source:** Jack Block, et al. "Parental Functioning and the Home Environment in Families of Divorce," *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, 27 (1988)
9. Birth rates would fall
    - *Families will not be created by a naturally sterile union.*
  10. Demands for legalization of polygamy would grow.
    - No boundaries and limits. A line must be drawn.

I also wanted to point out that allowing same-sex marriage:

1. Validates and promotes the homosexual lifestyle which the majority does not want.
2. It turns moral wrong into a civil right. This is not a fight about civil rights.
3. Benefits of marriage are for those that contribute to society by providing children brought up in a normal home. This is beneficial to society and the state.
4. It attacks religious moral values.
5. It attacks religious freedom through our first amendment rights. For instance if a person goes to work in a hotel and they are instructed to assist in a same-sex marriage reception and they refuse due to their beliefs what laws will protect them from getting fired or written up? What about those who own a rental and do not want to rent to a gay couple due to their religious beliefs what laws protect them from getting sued? What about parents who don't want their children to be taught about the gay lifestyle in school what protects us?

An activist Paul Varnell wrote in the Chicago Free Press: *"The gay movement, whether we acknowledge it or not, is not a civil rights movement, not even a sexual liberation movement, but a moral revolution aimed at changing people's view of homosexuality."* I say if something is wrong isn't it right to correct it? If you don't correct it then the outcome is more problems. For instance if your house gets messy clean it if you don't then it just gets more messy. Right?

On October 28<sup>th</sup> I sat through watching three hours of testimonies in front of the senate of people totaling ~ 180 people of which ~4 people was for it and the rest opposed the bill. Although the bill should have been killed it was passed 5 to 2. Why did it pass when the majority said no? Did the cry of the people fall on deaf ears? Yes it did! Why was the gay community being overwhelming portrayed in the news and not the thousands upon thousands who was at the state capitol rallying until late at night kindly asking to let the people vote on this issue? Why was our voices silenced? I have been called a bigot and a hater. I stood holding up signs with my friends on Maui and have been flicked off by people



who were for the bill. I returned instead of hate a smile and said God bless you. I heard of those on Oahu who also held sign waiving and were called names and called haters. A couple almost got ran over.

I urge you vote "NO" for this bill and kill it. Passing this bill will bring more harm than good. The repercussions are too large to ignore. Draw the line and listen to the people. God bless you and thank you for reading my testimony. (Victoria Sensano)

I am writing to you to ask you , please vote NO on any piece of legislation that would redefine marriage. Since this issue will impact each family in Hawaii, it should be placed on the ballot next year so that everyone can make voice heard on this important issue. The reason for voting NO is

1. Same sex marriage is not a marriage.
2. It violates nature Law.
3. It is in child's best interests that children be raised under the influence of his nature father and mother.
4. The most important reason is that it offends God.

I am writing to voice my opposition to same sex marriage. I believe that marriage is ordained of God, and is and always will be between a man and a woman. I believe that the people should be able to vote on this matter for it is a huge issue that will affect everyone. So far, this whole situation is being rushed and handled unfairly. I ask that you please let the people vote on this.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

(Mahinalani Plunkett)  
(Wailuku HI 96793)

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

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance:

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I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session.

This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sarah Lagana  
Kapaa, HI

To: The House Judiciary Committee  
The House Finance Committee

Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and members of both the House Committees on  
Judiciary and Finance:

I am writing to voice my opposition on Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow we the people to vote on this issue of marriage because a democracy process has been established in this great country of ours, in selecting what we believe is best for us; and if the masses is speaking out, I can only hope you are listening. Have you ever stop to think of how the institution of marriage did come about? I have, especially lately, with all that is going on. This is a question that you might want to give some serious thought, in your quiet place, away from all the voices because your decision on this issue will have lasting consequences on the future of this beautiful state. With due respect, members of the committees, decide wisely!

Thank you for your time.



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**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/29/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Rachel Thompson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha! My name is Rachel L. Thompson. I am single mother of two beautiful little girls ages 6 and 9. I am also identify as the "B" in LGBT and I strongly urge you to support the marriage equality bill SB1. Right now, I could not marry the person I love if that person was a woman. Justice delayed is justice denied, and LGBT couples have been fighting for equal rights under the law for almost 20 years. I urge you to be on the right side of history and vote YES in support of SB1. The time is now. DOMA has been overturned. 14 other states have passed marriage equality legislation. Let's make Hawaii the 15th!!! Let the Aloha State show aloha to ALL of its citizens. Civil marriage is a right that should be guaranteed and protected for ALL couples. Religion plays NO part in the definition of civil marriage. "Traditional marriages" allowed women to become the property of their husbands. Times have change!! Women have RIGHTS of autonomy. Women can vote and own property. Interracial couples can marry. We have grown so much as a nation over the past 100 years. It's time that marriage equality passes here in Hawaii. Uphold the Constitution and the separation of church and State and vote YES for marriage equality NOW!!! Marriage is a civil right. Justice delayed is justice denied. Be on the right side of history. Please vote YES on SB1. MAHALO NUI LOA for your time and consideration in reading my testimony. Sincerely, Rachel L. Thompson

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October 29, 2013

Oct 31, 10:00a

House Judiciary and Finance Committee

Re: Bill #SB1

Hawaii State Capitol

415 S. Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition of Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

It is estimated that 5% of Hawai'i residents identify themselves as Gay or Lesbian but there are only ½ % of Hawai'i residents who are currently in Civil Unions. Which we would assume means that only 1 in 10 Gay/Lesbians are even interested in getting married. Redefining marriage will not only affect this very minute percentage of our population, but will change society forever for all Hawai'i residents. Changing the definition of marriage is changing the morals of our society. As our school system is the means to educate our children on the laws and morals of our Society, passing this bill will also greatly affect the curriculum taught to all of our children. This is something that should be decided by the people, and not by a handful of politicians. If the majority of our people feel that our children should be taught that having a Gay or Lesbian marriage is an acceptable alternative to heterosexual marriage, then so be it. But **LET THE PEOPLE VOTE!**

If perhaps the majority of people in Hawai'i do feel that they would like Same-sex marriage to be deemed as an acceptable alternative to heterosexual marriage then it would be important that **sufficient protections are put in place so that the religious rights of our people are not infringed upon.** Religious Freedom is one of the founding principles of our country. It is not uncommon knowledge that the bible teaches that Gay and Lesbian relationships are against the laws of God. It

is not a new radical philosophy but a moral principle that has been in place for thousands of years. It is a principle that even our founding forefathers believed in. Although society is changing, the bible has not changed, and many people still uphold the principles in the bible. It is their religious right to do so. To require any religious leader, organization, small business or individual to provide goods or services that assist or promote the solemnization or celebration of any marriage, or provide counseling or other services that directly facilitate the perpetuation of any marriage that is against their religious beliefs would be infringing on their religious rights.

For these reasons, I humbly request that you **VOTE "No"** to Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

Sincerely,  
*Jolyne K K Oyama*  
*Naalehu, 96772*



**For the Senate hearing:** Hearing on 10/31 @ 10:00am

**Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY**

I am opposed to a Special Session on any same-sex marriage issue.

This Special Session is not giving Hawaii residents any information about the consequence and impact that SSM will bring to our society, especially on any additional curriculums that will introduce to the education system in order to normalize same sex marriage in the society.

Since this bill will affect all the children in Hawaii, I truly believed that being a mother, a resident of Hawaii and a citizen of the United States, I should have a right to vote on this matter.

Please say No to the bill and give this importance decision back to the people to decide.

Sincerely,

Vera Tong

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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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Yours sincerely

Ka Fai Tong



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Submitted on: 10/29/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Sunshine Topping	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I fully support marriage equality. I believe this is a Civil Right that should be afforded to all citizens. It is sad that there is so much fear and misunderstanding around this effort. I think that this would be a first step in allowing all people to be more understanding and supportive of individuals inalienable rights - even if they don't share them, or necessarily agree with them. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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I believe that a decision on something this important should be made by the people and not pushed through a special session. There should be no hurry or rush on these matters and a yes vote in this special session would not only be a disgrace to religious freedom, but freedom in general. Let the people vote!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Michael Tovey

Laie, Hawaii

October 29, 2013

For October 31, 2013 10 am

House Judiciary and Finance Committee

Re: Bill #SB1

Hawaii State Capitol

415 S. Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Subject:** Testimony in **Opposition** of Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

I am writing in opposition of SB1 on behalf of my family. We live in a rural town on the island of Hawai'i. My son was fortunate to have an amazing teacher who happened to be gay. He is still very much apart of our lives. He genuinely cares for my children and we are grateful for him and we love him as if he is apart of our family. However, we oppose this bill and believe that a man should only be married to a woman. Just because we believe this doesn't mean that we don't love this person or any other person that happens to be gay, lesbian, or whatever they choose. We love them. We just believe that changing the definition of marriage is NOT right!

For this reason, I humbly request that you **VOTE "No"** to Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

Sincerely,

*James T. Oyama Jr.*

*Naalehu, 96772*



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Jolie Cabalse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We the people have the right to vote. Do not take away our rights.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Leialoha Benson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha. I am a registered Democrat and I oppose SB1. I vote NO to the definition of "Marriage Equality" as it is written in this bill and ask the House to vote the same. I humbly submit this testimony opposing the way this bill is being voted on representing the state of Hawaii. We are known to be one of the most liberal Democratic states in the nation, yet the Governor feels he can not leave the vote on this issue to be given to the voice of the people who voted him into office. Please let democracy take it's journey and give this decision to the people of Hawaii to decide. Thank you, Leialoha Benson Waipahu, HI

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**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/29/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Vai	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: SB1 I am against "Same Sex Marriage". I am against the government putting a law into act, that will take away my rights of religion, and my rights as a parent for my children. I am against "Same Sex Marriage" in Hawaii. I am for Traditional Marriage between a "Man" and a "Woman". I want the people to decide on such a bill that will require change of my culture, my religion, my freedom, my duties to my children. Please, decline such a Bill that is just "Mean" and "Outrageous". Thank you for your time and service to our State.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Vilsima Pedro-Vesperas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing in opposition for several reasons. Religious exemption language is too vague and lame to ensure protection and preservation of religious freedoms and rights. The Governor's current Bill is insufficient to protect church facilities and houses of worship, insufficient to maintain religious core beliefs and values. The proposed bill will better serve same-sex gender groups while infringing upon 95% of Hawaii residents communities. I humbly request a vote in opposition.

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**SB1**

Submitted on: 10/29/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
fcheung	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am strongly OPPOSED to SB1. I believe that same sex marriage is bad for our Keiki and bad for Hawaii: Traditional marriage and family should not be undermined - Same-sex couples have the right to live however they wish, but nobody has the right to re-define marriage for all of society. Marriage is the union of one man and one woman, which is God designed and naturally ordered for the good of the spouses and the procreation, rearing and education of children. It is not an invention of the state, but is instead a foundation of human society that deserves special protection and recognition in the law. Same-sex relationships are fundamentally different in nature, and should not be given the same status or recognition as marriage. Studies of previous civilizations reveal that when societies deviate from the standard of marriage as the foundation of its society, they inevitably deteriorate and eventually disintegrate. For the sake of our Keiki - The data is clear and irrefutable - children do best in stable, healthy homes with both a mom and dad. Hawaii's children must have healthy examples. Today, with 25 million children fatherless, it is callous to the extreme to be rewriting our most basic marriage laws to suit the desires of a few adults. The people have spoken - In 1998, the people of Hawaii sent a clear message that marriage in Hawaii must remain between a man and a woman. Lastly, please do not take only a few days to determine one of the most controversial issues of our time. We the people deserve our voices be heard and time to build bridges and not walls between the two sides of SB1. I plead with you to do what is pono for the future of our Keiki and for the future of Hawaii. Respectfully, Freeman Cheung Honolulu, Hawaii

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
n. west	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am also asking you to please, please do the right thing, represent the will of the people who voted you into office. Do the right thing; give this bill with such far-reaching and unforeseen consequences, the proper due process that is necessary. A measure such as this needs to be appropriately examined, thoroughly thought out and meticulously written, so as not discriminate on the rights of religious freedoms as well as give proper benefits to all parties. The manner in which this session was brought about is sneaky and undermining to the democratic process that we all have a right to, as citizens of this amazing country. Thank you for allowing me a voice. Please let my vote count. Mahalo, Nicole West Honolulu, HI

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Sue Whitney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please let the people of Hawaii vote on this issue.

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## Submitted Testimony

Date: 29 October, 2013

To: House Committee on Judiciary and Committee on Finance

Measure: SB 1 – Relating to equal rights

Hearing: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00am

From: Rebecca Wolfersberger

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I OPPOSE SB 1 Hawaii Marriage Equality Act for the following reasons:

1. This debate seems to be focusing on the rights of consenting adults; but the rights of children are being ignored. Children have a right to be raised by their biological parents whose commitment to each other is attested to by the covenant of marriage. While recognising that this is an ideal, and that in practice mothers and fathers can be separated by death, by divorce or by lack of commitment, the fact remains that research supports the finding that children raised by both their biological parents who remain committed to each other do better on all measures of well-being. There will always be notable exceptions, but we should not be deconstructing the ideal of an institution which appears to be contributing to the general well-being of children.
2. Parents need to establish their relationship as a role model for their children. If the definition of marriage is altered to include same gender couples it sends mixed messages to children and contributes to gender confusion. The following is excerpted from an article entitled *Caring for Your School Age Child: Ages 5-12*(Copyright © 2004 American Academy of Pediatrics updated 30/12/2011.

“The gender-role behavior of children seems to be strongly influenced by their identification with the males and females in their lives. All children pick up characteristics from the men and women around them, incorporating these traits into their own personalities and value systems. They are also influenced by TV and sports heroes and adults in all other activities in their lives. Over time, the combined effect of these many influences may determine many of their masculine and feminine qualities. **Perhaps more than any other factor, the subtleties of every child's relationship with his or her father and mother—and the attitudes of the parents toward each other and toward the child—will influence his or her gender-related behaviors.**”

(Retrieved 15 October, 2012 from <http://www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/gradeschool/pages/Gender-Identity-and-Gender-Confusion-In-Children.aspx> )

3. The media has done a speedy job of changing public opinion on this issue in recent years. Marriage was once a sacred institution that was a clear pillar of society. To so quickly change to a new standard without examining the lasting effects it might have on society, and children in particular, is rash. Marriage as

an institution should not be altered on the whim of the media when society as a whole is affected. We look to our politicians to show moral leadership in society, rather than lead the downward charge.

4. The Judeo-Christian tradition sees marriage as being ordained of God between a man and a woman. It also calls on men and women to be chaste before marriage and faithful in marriage. It calls on parents take responsibility for the raising of their children in love and kindness. In its ideal form it is an institution worth defending and deserving of our support. If strong families are the building blocks of a strong country, and a strong society, then nothing will endanger our future more than the undermining of the family proposed in this Hawaii Marriage Equality Act.
5. The United States of America was built on Christian values that are inherent in the Judeo-Christian ethic and even though today it has become a much more secular society, and many of the Christian values have been eroded in the face of an evolving permissiveness, the influence of these values still permeates our culture. The erosion of these values and their positive moderation of human behaviour start with the idea, "I don't agree with this, but we live in a democratic country and I respect your right to think differently from the way I do." Having given way once, we become seduced by the logic of this argument and move to a tolerance which normalises practices which were previously regarded as not normal. Soon we embrace them wholeheartedly and their widespread acceptance means that those who try to remain faithful to the original premise are vilified and treated with less respect than those who lead the downward slide.

This process can be seen in a range of issues:

- (i) The abandonment of the sanctity of Sunday as the Sabbath day
- (ii) The abandonment of the notion of chastity before marriage and fidelity in marriage
- (iii) The notion of no-fault divorce
- (iv) Increasing violence and promiscuity of lifestyles promoted in the media
- (v) Lowering of the drinking age and proliferation of liquor outlets (including supermarkets)
- (vi) The decriminalisation of prostitution
- (vii) Increasing dishonesty in business, politics and indeed in all aspects of life
- (viii) The tolerance of sexually explicit material in movies and TV (and on the internet)

The results of this can be seen in:

- (i) The lack of spiritual reflection and refreshing which can accompany a day set aside for that purpose
- (ii) Increasing numbers of children born out of wedlock and raised in single parent homes
- (iii) Increasing incidence of intergenerational welfare dependency related to the above
- (iv) Increasing incidence of violence to children by partners of solo mothers (and failure of solo mothers to protect their children)
- (v) Increasing incidence of divorce with its concomitant negative impact on the lives of children

- (vi) Increasing incidence of promiscuity and incidence of sexually transmitted diseases
- (vii) Increasing incidence of violent crime
- (viii) Increasing participation by disenfranchised and disaffected youth (product of dysfunctional families) in gangs with the accompanying rise in gang related crime
- (ix) Increasing incidence of binge drinking and alcoholism (and drug use) among young people squandering the potential of their future life opportunities
- (x) Increasing incidence of theft as a servant, fraud, embezzlement, misrepresentation, political dishonesty
- (xi) Increasing incidence of pornography addiction among (particularly) males of all ages. It is interesting that we are permissive with regards to adult pornography but not to child pornography. As with any addiction, one thing leads to another. If we wish to reduce and even eliminate child pornography, we should be as strict on adult pornography.

A stand in favour of protecting the institution of marriage and against the amending of the definition of marriage to allow same sex marriage unfortunately inevitably attracts the ire of the proponents of this legislation. The Judeo-Christian ethic teaches us to strive to live peaceably with one another. I have no desire to denigrate those with same-gender attraction. In summary, I do, however, desire to reject this act because:

**Summary:**

1. It fails to take account of the rights of children to be part of a family environment which will give them the best chance of success in life.
2. It confuses the clarity of appropriate gender models for children.
3. The media has overinfluenced society into beliefs about same-sex marriage without considering the effects on society as a whole. Politicians need to show moral leadership and consider the potential for long-term negative downstream consequences that could flow from this redefinition.
4. Marriage is an institution worth protecting for the strong value it has on creating strong families, the building-block of our society.
5. Traditional values have positive worth in maintaining much that is good in society.





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Amanda Wong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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 Dear Chairs Rhoads and Luke, and Members of both the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance: I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill SB1. I am asking you to allow the people to decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom, which I ask you to respect as our elected leaders. I am opposed to the most contentious social issue in our history being decided virtually in one week and ask that you please uphold the principles of democracy and the democratic process which are being disregarded in this special session. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to serve as their voices should have a say in public policy that will forever obliterate thousand of years of indigenous and non-native culture, customs and traditions. Your "yes" vote in special session is clearly a NO vote to democracy! Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Amanda Wong Kapolei, Hawaii

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The House Finance Committee

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Darren Wong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing in opposition to SB1 which proposes to legalize same gender marriage in the state of Hawaii. Legalizing same gender marriage will be harmful to families and society as a whole. The language in the proposed bill does not protect the religious liberties of churches or individuals. The process itself is incredibly unfair and does not provide sufficient time to discuss and debate the ramifications of this social paradigm shift. This bill is being pushed through without giving the people of Hawaii the chance to have their voices heard.

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**To: The House Judiciary Committee**

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**Please let the people decide on the issue of marriage as I believe the legislature is going against the will of the people. I have been an interdenominational campus pastor for 35 years and know that many college students all over the islands are in full agreement with me as I write this letter. I strongly stand for marriage only being a commitment between one man and one woman. Marriage is not a civil right and no court, including the supreme court has ever said this. I support equality for all including the rights of conscience and religious freedom. A constitutional amendment would better address same sex marriage and allow for public input.**

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**Brenda Wong**

**Waimanalo, Hawaii**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Andrea Woods	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill will force churches to carry out activities that are at odds with their beliefs; the antithesis of what our democratic society represents.

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Maika Woods	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the legislation that will make same sex marriage legal. The current legislation wording is completely inadequate to protect religious freedoms and small businesses. Please listen to the voice of the people. We need to protect the rights of religion and small businesses.

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Im Chon Wu	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Dane Gonsalves	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1 and the rights of individuals to pursuit happiness under the constitution of the United States and Hawaii State Constitution, article I, sections 2 & 6, which provide for the right of individuals and the equal protection of all citizens in the state of Hawai'i. I believe the legislature is fully empowered to ratify Article I, section 23, to include same-sex couples as being eligible for marriage. Furthermore, I do not agree with the interference by members of certain religious congregations as it violates the separation between church and state, as well as my own personal religious beliefs. As a native Hawaiian, I know that all persons in our 'ohana deserve our total love and respect. I feel that it is important that we make laws respecting the rights of all citizens and the free exercise thereof to fullest extent of the law, regardless of our own personal beliefs.

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Traci Kaopua	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I'm writing in regards to the marriage act that is to be heard in a special session. Please understand that I'm not coming from a position of hate or intolerance. I acknowledge the value of every individual regardless of lifestyle choices. I do, however, recognize my rights, freedoms, and liberties, being limited by this bill and its current wording. I am disappointed in the Senate and how they voted seemingly regardless of the hundreds of testimonies, signatures, and presence of those opposed to SB1. It is disheartening to feel that your voice does not matter, especially in a state and in a country such as ours. I OPPOSE SB1 because it denies citizens their First Amendment right of freedom of religion: a right Americans should feel proud, privileged, and secure knowing that they do. Current wording of SB 1 FAILS to protect churches, religious groups and temples from lawsuits. It fails to protect bishops, priests and other clergy members from lawsuits. The current wording would severely cripple the church I belong to, (Church of Jesus Christ of LDS) as well as other. It would also force organizations associated with these churches to restrict the way they function or be forced to shut down. Please do not violate our rights, guaranteed by the first amendment, in the name of equality. I read the bill in its entirety and while I do not understand all of the legal terminology, I consider it a slap in the face that the part where the people of Hawaii decided that marriage is between a man and a woman is crossed out. Something as influential to our communities and state as a whole MUST not be up strictly to our legislature, senate, and Governor; but must be decided wholly by the people and citizens of this state. I strongly believe that this issue needs to be approached in a different way. It terrifies me when I think of what is to come if this law goes into effect. A special session does NOT allow for the time and scrutiny that a bill such as this requires. Please reconsider all the ramifications that need to be considered. Sincerely, Traci Kaopua

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Lorie Yanuaria  
Kahului, HI

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Dear Chair Rhoads and Chair Luke:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on SB1. I urge you to vote no on the bill.

The problem with framing same-sex marriage in terms of equality is that it treats individual choice as having ultimate value. While individual choice is important, it is not true that it is more important than everything else. Individual preferences sometimes conflict with the well-being of a community. And when they do, such preferences should yield to the good of the community. In the case of SB1, defining marriage based purely on what seems right to an individual would threaten the very integrity of marriage as an institution, which is dangerous because marriage is critical to a community's well-being.

If the legislature accepts the premise that individual choice alone should govern how marriage is defined, that leaves no logical justification for the State to prohibit other types of unions that are currently illegal (such as incest and polygamy), and that SB1 recognizes should remain illegal. Taking the premise to its logical end, the State has no reason to prevent the marriage of a sister to her brother, or a father to his daughter, or of any combination of more than two individuals. So long as the individuals in these kinds of relationships are consenting adults who love each other, so the argument goes, why should they be treated differently than couples who may marry? Under this line of reasoning, it would be discriminatory for the State to forbid marriages that are incestuous or polygamous. In short, the rationale behind SB1 – that individual choice and equality are of absolute importance – paves the way for the definition of marriage to be further altered to the point that the institution of marriage becomes utterly unrecognizable. That would be disastrous, since monogamous marital relationships are one of the building blocks of a healthy society.

This possibility is not as remote as one might think. Several days ago, CNN published an article on its website entitled “Polyamory: When three isn’t a crowd.” ([http://www.cnn.com/2013/10/26/living/relationships-polyamory/index.html?hpt=hp\\_c3](http://www.cnn.com/2013/10/26/living/relationships-polyamory/index.html?hpt=hp_c3)). The article talks about individuals who embrace the lifestyle of polyamory, which they define as having simultaneous close emotional relationships with two or more other individuals. One of the proponents of polyamory explained in the article: “We’re not trying to say that monogamy is bad . . . We’re trying to promote the fact that everyone has a right to develop a relationship structure that works for them.” Another supporter of polyamory was quoted as saying: “We want to promote the idea that any relationship is valid as long as it is a choice made by consenting adults[.] In this regard, and as in most things, promoting public acceptance is the first step.” The very arguments advanced by these supporters of polyamory are the ones being cited in favor of SB1. The CNN article further reports the existence of pending lawsuits that challenge the government’s stance against polyamorous relationships.

Supporters on both sides of the issue have attempted to advance their positions with emotional appeals. However, I suggest to you that an issue with such profound implications for the community deserves to be resolved with thoughtfulness. As you study SB1, consider if you are confident that the extraordinary measure of changing a definition of marriage that has endured for centuries (if not millenia), will **not** damage the foundations of our society in the long term.

And if you are confident that the answer is yes, on what data and reasoning do you base your confidence?

Please be courageous in rising above the wave of emotions surrounding the issue of same-sex marriage. This decision is too critical for future generations to be made hastily and based on political sentiments of the moment. Make a decision that protects the long-term good of our community. Please vote no on SB1.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

- Elijah Yip



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Dorothy Yogi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to the passage of SB1 because a special session is not the proper vehicle to determine one of the most important pieces of legislation in the history of the state of Hawaii. Passage of SB1 would fundamentally change marriage as we know it today, and I believe cause great havoc to our families and most important to our children and grandchildren. Such an important, far-reaching matter should only be decided by a direct vote of the people of Hawaii. Let's slow down and let the people vote directly on this vital issue!

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Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

Dear Honorable Chairs Rhoads and Luke and Members of the House Judiciary and Finance Committees:

Aloha,

My name is Yolanda Kaulia, I am a mother of 4 and grandmother of 3. Thank you for your hearing my testimony. Please do not pass this bill for same sex marriage. Let the people of Hawaii vote on this very important matter. Marriage is an Institution and not a Civil Right. Leave it to be the way God designed it to be. And if you don't believe in God, then as an American Citizen registered to vote, do the right thing and let the people of Hawaii vote on this very important issue.

Mahalo,

Yolanda Kaulia

Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

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Testimony submitted by Eric Yuasa, Hawaii Voter District 32 and I am testifying in person.

We respectfully request that this bill be killed in your committees, as we are deeply concerned about the negative impacts of this bill on Hawaii's families, children and grandchildren, teachers, churches and small business owners. The special session does not allow enough time to properly discuss such an important issue that has strong opposition from the many Hawaii residents. This issue should be decided by a constitutional amendment so that it truly reflects the will of the people. It should not be decided by the legislature.

We believe that Marriage is a sacred, legal, and social union ordained by God to be a life-long, sexually exclusive relationship between one man and one woman. This was clearly voiced by the people of Hawaii in 1998 constitutional amendment. We do not know how this bill will affect our families, especially our children and their children, and our fragile economy, which is dependent of tourism. Based on information from Canada and other States that have passed similar measures to legalize "gay marriage" we do know that there are negative impacts on families. We also know that the normalization of the gay lifestyle has made it into the public school curriculum. This will impact our children, parents and teachers who object to the gay lifestyle.

Churches have had to change their policies to restrict public use of their facilities, and inspite of these changes have had to defend against frivolous lawsuits. We also know that small business owners, who have expressed their personnel beliefs that marriage should be between one man and one woman will be negatively impacted. The legalization of same sex marriage may negatively impact our tourism market which depends heavily on visitors from Asia, as we know that these cultures are more conservative, and may be deeply offended this action.

I am concerned that the special session is pushing forward an issue and silencing the voice of the people. We are supposed to have a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. However, the special session does not allow adequate time to discuss such an important issue that so many feel deeply about. This issue should best be decided by a constitutional amendment so that it truly reflects the will of the people.

If not this issue should be properly vetted and discussed during the regular session. Please respect democracy and do not let the democratic process be circumvented.

Sincerely,  
Eric Yuasa



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

Place: Capitol Auditorium

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I'm asking you to allow the people to vote on this issue, since it is a matter that will impact every resident. This bill should be given due process during the regular session where it can properly be examined and discussed at length. It is not just to redefine marriage within a special session, when the consequences of the decision would have ramifications beyond what most of the people of Hawaii even realize. This bill would altar education and curriculum, economy and businesses. It will change the future, but not necessarily for the better. The people should have, and need to, have a say in this, because this is OUR future. Please allow it to go to the public and put to a vote!

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