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I believe it would be unethical for me to take a job that I did not want to do or feel qualified to do. I do not know how to romantically pose subjects of the same sex.

Artistic work is not like selling groceries or used cars. It is not discrimination for an artist to choose the subject and medium that inspires them. I am not anti-gay or homophobic. However, I am not inspired by same sex couples. For me to take the commission of doing a gay wedding would be unethical and an injustice to the gay couple. The gay couple deserve to have someone who wants to, likes to and feels qualified to capture the most important day of their lives. I would not be able to provide that service adequately in the same way that a photographer who does not do baby pictures would be short-changing the baby's parents. He is not anti-baby or pedophobic.

I, however, would be subject to a lawsuit. This is wrong. It is not a service to gay couples. I strongly urge a no vote on the bill. This should be put to a vote of the people in the 2014 election.

Respectfully,

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I believe it would be unethical for me to take a job that I did not want to do or feel qualified to do. I do not know how to romantically pose subjects of the same sex.

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I, however, would be subject to a lawsuit. This is wrong. It is not a service to gay couples. I strongly urge a no vote on the bill. This should be put to a vote of the people in the 2014 election.

Respectfully,

Rick Thompson

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I want to remind you who gave you the job you now hold and the fact that you are suppose to vote the way the majority of your constituents want you to vote. Too many of you have been non-responsive to us or not available to hear us. I will remember you on election day.

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I want to be able to teach my children according to the Bible. I want to be able to vote on this very personal issue.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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I believe that as part of the whole gay dilemma, homosexuals continually seek affirmation and recognition without finding real satisfaction. And this is because they seek various types of societal and legal approval to meet a deficit in their own personality which is never adequate. This is because a symptom ends up being treated in the social arena, and the disorder itself in the person is not treated. Caught in a cycle, a gay individual seeks more and more attention and validation for special rights and recognition, without getting their real issues resolved.

I believe also that homosexuality is related to other sexual and gender dysfunctions such as transgenderism. Mayo Clinic has stopped doing gender change surgeries because of the poor outcomes for the people who wanted it to help them. There is the recent case in Europe where an individual asked to be euthanized after three unhappy sex changes.

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I am 18 1/2 years old. All my life I have only know marriage as being between an man and a woman and this is and always will be my belief! I humbly ask you to please help me keep my beliefs safe. I feel like...no...I KNOW that I will be torn apart if my society and community, the place where I have been born and raised!, takes away this values of mine that I deeply cherish. I plead with you to help me!

I am AGAINST same sex marriage. I feel strongly that this bill should be killed. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE listen to the people and let us vote. Redefining marriage not only affects the estimated 5% of Hawai'i residents who identify themselves as Gay or Lesbian, but will change society forever for the other 95% of 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.

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 require the perpetuation of any marriage that is against their religious beliefs would be infringing on their religious rights.

I plead with you and I hope and pray that you will help me as my representatives and as my voice that you will do what I want and help stand up for my beliefs and the beliefs of that 95% of society. PLEASE help to keep my cherish beliefs as they are without me having to deal with and worry about them being redefined. Please allow me to be able to grow up, get married, and someday raise my own family as I have grown up, with my beliefs. I beg this of you, please help me! Please help stand up for me and be the voice of those that you were elected to be the voice of.

For these reasons, I humbly request that you VOTE IN OPPOSITION to Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

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Sincerely,
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The reason why I love Hawaii (and America) so much is because of the freedom it gives me- two freedoms especially: the freedom of speech and the freedom of religion. I am able to declare what I believe without fear. This bill will change this freedom.

I can see it happening already. Florists, pastors, and others have been sued for standing up for their beliefs and respectfully declining to service the marriages of same sex couples. They have been called bigots, close-minded, and hateful. They have been relentlessly persecuted for "discriminating." What happened to the freedom of religion now? Where is the protection of religious institutions and religious people?

I don't want to live in fear. I don't want to be sued for my beliefs, and who knows what will come next? I could be thrown into jail in a couple years, because this bill offers no protection for me and for other Christians.

For those of you voting "NO," thank you. For those of you voting "YES," please reconsider.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I appreciate your service in our government.

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4. Mr. Hee and Governor Abercrombie, let the people decide in regards to this issue. We have voted for you as our representatives and we are asking respectfully to listen to our voices. The gay community have all the rights given to them by the Civil Unions Law.

I respect the people in the gay community. I am asking them and you to respect the rights we have to protect our religion, our marriage, a marriage between a man and a woman.

MARRIAGE IS A DISTINCT LEGAL AND LOVING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN.

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The United States of America, of which Hawai'i is a part of, has always been a democratic government. It is concerting to me that the government running Hawaii is considering passing a law that will not only affect the entire state of Hawai'i but supports the desires of the minority. I have two major concerns regarding the proposed bill #SB1.

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If you as the Leaders of our "Hawaiian Paradise" should elect to take this decision upon your shoulders, I ask that you do not infringe upon the rights of others in order to make some happy.

For these reasons, I humbly request that you VOTE IN OPPOSITION to Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

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I believe redefining Marriage is harmful to Children, Families and Society. The legal definition of marriage embodies what we as a society value most in marriage. Changing it will result in moral harms. Numerous empirical studies over many decades establish that children develop best when raised by a father and a mother in a stable marriage relationship.

Communities that have abandoned traditional marriage as the center of family and child-rearing have experienced dramatic increases in every category of child-development problems, including depression, drug abuse, teenage pregnancies, school dropout rates, and crime. That has resulted in huge social costs in those communities.

Redefining marriage to include same-sex couples will change the focus of marriage from ensuring that a child is cared for by his father and mother to accommodating adult relationships. When the focus of marriage is no longer on

children but rather on adults, the protection of children will be eroded and society itself will suffer. This has already occurred with easy divorce and will worsen further with same-sex marriage.

Redefining Marriage Will Reduce Religious Freedoms. The definition of marriage is essential to the beliefs of many religions and people of faith. If marriage is legally redefined to include same-sex couples, enormous legal and social pressure will mount against churches and religious people who believe in the traditional definition of marriage. Even scholars who strongly support same-sex marriage agree that serious religious freedom problems will arise.

Schools will teach children the new definition of marriage and correct or ostracize children who openly disagree based on their family's religious beliefs. Health and sex education courses will also reflect a new reality of marriage.

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Religious groups that provide family-related services, such as adoption, will be stripped of their State licenses for being unwilling to treat same-sex marriages as equal to traditional marriages.

Society will increasingly view and treat those who support traditional marriage for religious reasons as bigoted or ignorant.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to share my thoughts,

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Dear Chair Rhoads of the House Committee on Judiciary and Chair Luke of the House Committee on Finance:

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Mahalo for your kokua for human compassion and doing what Jesus would do.
Love one another.

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I am writing to you as a wife, mother, daughter, and educator. As I have researched the effects of this type of law in Canada and Massachusetts, I have come to realize that the rights of a very small minority have inflicted on their whole community, an unhealthy prejudice towards those who do value traditional families and the rights of parents to shape their children's own value system. It would be reckless and unjust to try and push this bill through and not consider the voices of the majority of the people of our state. Let the people decide during the next elective process!

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Our families and homes need protection.

Please wake up to the reality and implications of where this Bill would lead and the ramifications for our society and our families.

I don't know of one person who condones this bill and I work with hundreds of people.

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for the sake of my family and children, do not allow this

evil to pass. Hawaiians have already lost their lands,

the people of this now state cannot afford to lose

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As the wife of a pastor, I speak to our church and community members often. I am not a clergy member but I do speak often. We have a transgendered individual who attends our church and while I do love him/her dearly, I completely disagree with his/her lifestyle choice. My fear is that my free speech rights will be trampled on if I were to say that homosexual behavior is sin. Will this end up being hate speech? **The religious exemptions within this bill do not work.**

As a wife, In the Requisites of a Valid Marriage Contract (572-1) there is no mention of marriage between adopted children (not related by blood) and their adopted parents. Under the provisions of this bill a 16 year old boy can marry his adopted father if his parents are no longer together since this bill gives no description in regards to age. My concern is that this will leave children vulnerable. **The marriage contract exemptions within this bill do not work.**

As a mother, I am deeply concerned about what will be taught in the classroom. With educators forced to teach homosexual practices and no opt-out rights for parents we are wrongfully forcing a belief-system onto impressionable youth. We are making public what should be private. In the State of California the State legislature approved a bill signed by the governor mandating pro-homosexual teaching in schools, with no parent 'opt-out'. The bill also prohibits any school material or instruction that reflects adversely on homosexuality, bisexuality or transgenderism, while prohibiting parents from removing children from classes over offensive material. And in the state of Connecticut a new law now permits male cross-dressers to serve as public school teachers and orders that they must be permitted to teach, coach, mentor, and advise young children without objection by parents or school boards. Also, cross-dressers will have full access to women's and girls' bathrooms, public restrooms and locker rooms statewide. How does this protect the children from sexual predators who could pose as a cross-dresser to have access to female locker rooms? If this bill gets passed, won't similar legislation pass here in Hawaii, as well? **The implications for educators and the educational system within this bill do not work.**

I am opposed to this bill because there are too many things in it that do not work. A topic like this deserves further scrutiny. What is the rush?

Legislators,

I strongly oppose same-sex marriage and SB1. Marriage has always been defined as one man and one woman. To change this now because of an alternative lifestyle is not fair to those of us who are married traditionally. Homosexuality is not natural under any circumstances. There is not a species in all of the earth in which this behavior is found. How will DNA be passed down through generations if homosexuality is allowed to go on and now be given equal rights? Some compare this lifestyle to the civil rights movement of the 1960s. There is no comparison. Those people were fighting for basic rights and fighting off dogs and water hoses. These homosexuals do not qualify for marriage. There are many things in this world that one has to meet certain requirements in order to do. For example, in order to be a part of a local government or State government, there is a requirement to be a resident. Just because someone feels like being the President of the United States, they must be a resident and be over age 35. This has not been determined to be illegal. These homosexuals choose their lifestyle. If they want marriage then they need to choose to be heterosexual. Otherwise, they need to stick with their alternative lifestyle and find an alternative to marriage.

I do not want my children to think that homosexuality is okay or that it is normal. I don't want my sons to think that they can be a girl if they want to or that they can go and be with a man. I don't want my daughters to think that they can be raised by two men. This goes against all natural things. A house needs a man and a woman and a child needs a father and a mother.

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Sincerely,

Lavinia Bartlett

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The House Finance Committee

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Though I steadfastly believe that same sex marriage is not what God desires, the purpose of this letter is not to debate the issue with you, nor is it to ask for you to vote against the bill. The purpose of this letter is express some concerns that I have about the wording, provisions and lack of provisions within the bill and to humbly ask for your serious considerations of my concerns.

CONCERNS:

1. Under the section on religious facilities, that the term “for profit” is not clearly defined.
2. No provisions are made to protect for profit type businesses that provide wedding type services from refusing to service same sex marriages.
3. Problems being experienced by some States and Countries that have already legalized same sex marriages are not addressed.
4. Wording on page 13 of the bill be more closely scrutinized so that it does not become a Pandora’s Box.

DESIRED CONSIDERATIONS:

1. In reference to concern #1. That the wording used in the States of Washington and New York be strongly considered.
2. In reference to concern #2. My wife provides bridal preparation services for profit. As the bill is written, should she refuse to provide services for the bride of a same sex marriage based upon her religious beliefs, she would be offered no protections and thus, could be subject to legal repercussions. I believe that this is unfair. I understand the point about “public domain”, but there currently are businesses that are legally operating with similar type of restrictions. You have businesses that currently restrict service based upon dress codes. You also have businesses that restrict service based upon social status, financial affordability and membership criteria. These types of businesses though discriminatory in nature face no legal repercussions. Why is it okay in some situations and not for others? In addition, I believe that it is highly unfair that as a result of this bill, that my wife will be faced with the decision of compromising her religious beliefs and providing service or no longer being able to offer these services. As legislatures, your responsibility is to develop laws, rules, policies and the like that are equitable to all. Though the purpose for this bill is to provide equal rights for all, as it is designed, is it in reality providing rights for some while taking away the rights of others? For the sake of the freedom to live our personal rights and beliefs and for the sake of our financial well-being, I humbly ask that you carefully consider this area.

3. In reference to concern #3. My research has found that without a doubt, some States and Countries that have legalized same sex marriages are experiencing problems, some major. I ask that you take the time to research this for yourselves. As you craft this bill, you have the luxury of examining the benefits and problems that 13 other States may be experiencing. For example, should homosexual teaching become part of the educational mainstream as it has in the State of Massachusetts, would I be prohibited from opting out my child or grandchild from this kind of learning without repercussions? I believe that it is your responsibility as a lawmaker to take into account potential problems and provide us with the necessary provisions and protections of them. I humbly ask that you take the time to thoroughly research and if my concerns are found to be valid, that you provide within the bill the provisions and protections necessary.

4. In reference to concern #4. As I read this section, I have problem with the statement, "Therefore, the legislature believes that certain rights and benefits presently available only to married couples should be made available to couples comprised of two individuals who are legally prohibited from marrying one another." Exactly what is this statement saying? In the effort to provide marriage equality for same sex couples, are you also saying that a mother and son who is currently unable to legally marry will now be able to do so? Will all forms of incestuous marriages now be allowed? Please take the time to carefully reread this section and make the necessary corrections.

Thank you so much for your time in allowing me to voice my concerns. I pray that you will find the time to seriously consider my concerns and take the appropriate actions.

Sincerely,
Robin Takahashi
300 Terrace Drive
Hilo, HI 96720

Inequality has been slowly fading away through the past century and treating people who are LGBT as equals is the next big hurdle that society will face. People used to believe that interracial marriage was evil until they realized that preventing people from being able to share love is evil in itself.

God would believe that all people should be able to love and be given equal rights. People who prevent other people from enjoying the same rights that they have embody the meaning of evil. It is unacceptable to treat people as lesser than and eventually justice will be served. The same people that said African Americans were lesser than and that Hawaiians were savages that don't deserve the same rights as themselves are the same people brainwashing the Hawaii community into believing their hate filled beliefs. Inequality is unacceptable and as long as there is good on this Earth it will never be accepted as permanent.

-Jacob M.



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Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 2:11 PM
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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
Paul Chinen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Let the voters decide on Same Sex Marriage. Exempt Churches from Same Sex Marriage. Paul Chinen

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My name is Miriam Wasden. I am 11 years old and I oppose SB 1

It is really important that people decide their laws. If the government does it they'll do some things random.

People do what they think is best.. We won't just vote anything. We will vote honestly for people.

There shouldn't even be a law to change what marriage means.

Please vote NO to SB1

Thank You,
Miriam Wasden

My name is Emily Amadori, and I live on the Island of Hawaii. I vote NO to SB1

Let the people vote, this bill will penalize religious groups for beliefs they've held for hundreds of years. We shouldn't be forced to concede gay marriage is correct, least of all by a government whose very implementation was conceived though and by those seeking to provide and religious and intellectual freedom.

My name is Rebekah Wasden. I am a citizen of the United States of America and as such know that I have the right granted to me, which is the right to voice my own opinions and state my own reservations freely. This right is granted not only by God but also by the Declaration of Independence AND the Constitution of that same government of the United States. I am therefore appalled to know that there are those in this country that feel not only the right but the wrong, to take that from me with this slipshod and poorly executed excuse for legislation. I personally believe that all people no matter what their own moral convictions are should be allowed to live in such a way that protects them from harm and from want, but this bill will not do that.

The fact is, no one, NO ONE can see what the actions of today will cause the world of tomorrow to be. But we have seen too many historical evidences to so blithely march into territory that has NO solid foundation that is cause heartache and more tears than God would have us shed. There are many people who live contrary to what I would think leads to happiness, and yet I would never dream of forcing my own opinions and more especially, my own practices on them in a way that would mortally impede their lives. Which is why I wonder that there is such arrogance to suggest that because I do not believe as you do or as they do, I am in the wrong. I am bigoted. I am after you and I hate you. All I know is that I know where my morals are. I have convictions that tell me not to support this bill, that have nothing whatsoever to do with trying to hurt anyone. When I see the people who are most likely to be affected by this bill, be they for it or against it, my heart feels heavy.

There is a saying that goes something like "The man who does not know his own past is doomed to repeat it." There is so much in the Human past that is wrong. That is painful. That we wish we could erase. Why make this bill one more thing that we wish never happened.

I strongly OPPOSE SB1 and would oppose any life changing bill if it's handled like SB1. Where is the democracy? OPEN YOUR EYES AND EARS!! As elected officials you should be listening to all of us. Many of us are saying STOP!! A SIX day special session is not enough time to discuss the most controversial issue of our time. The House of Representatives can't make amendments, so I ask again...Where is the democracy? A "yes" vote during the special session is a 'no' vote to democracy because the voice of the people is NOT heard in a SIX-day special session. Hear our voice on SB1 and let us decide. If not, you will hear our voice during the next election and you see the answer to the question of – Where is the democracy??

Thank you,

Mark Higashi

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.

Wade M. Kaneshiro
Hilo, Hawaii

I am writing to express my opposition to the Proposed Marriage Equality Act. I do not feel my religious freedoms are protected. The proposed law does nothing to protect religious individuals from being forced to solemnize same-sex marriages or facilitate, promote, or host same-sex weddings. Most states that have recognized same-sex marriage legislatively have adopted much broader protections.

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82-1020 Meli Road
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82-1020 Meli Road
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Committee on Judiciary and Finance Bill and Title: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013

Time: 10:30 A.M.

Place: Auditorium State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Position: Opposed to SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Dear Members of the Judiciary and Finance Committees,

Aloha and mahalo for the opportunity to testify in regards to SB1. As President of Transformation Hawaii, I represent a large network of pastors, ministry leaders, church members, and community leaders representing tens of thousands of people who are committed to praying for the welfare of the people of Hawai'i.

With aloha for all the people of Hawai'i, we, the people of Transformation Hawai'i, are committed to serving the people of Hawai'i and to bring consensus, unity, and to make a difference for the sake of our island heritage, for the common good of all. We are fully committed to God's plan found in Genesis 1:27-28 and elsewhere in the Bible that marriage is a lifelong commitment between one woman and one man and believe that positive transformation can only be achieved this way.

We also declare that The Bible is God's Word and that is the highest law which helped frame The Treaties of Two Governments by John Locke, the Declaration of Independence and our First Amendment Rights guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States of America.

1. What's the rush? What about us?

This bill has widespread implications that are bound to affect the entire fabric of Hawaii. With so much at stake, how can the people of Hawaii be denied the right to vote on this issue? We affirm that people with same-sex attraction are a part of our community and they deserve dignity and respect. This is a very important discussion and deserves to be

expounded upon in greater detail in the Legislature, in the public square, and in homes all across our State.

2. Will SB1 lead to another Molasses Massacre for our children and families?

It is clear that wherever homosexual 'marriage' is established, it is followed by the implementation of policies that negatively affect children and families.

- In the State of California the State legislature approved a bill signed by the governor mandating pro-homosexual teaching in schools, with no parent 'opt-out'. The bill also prohibits any school material or instruction that reflects adversely on homosexuality, bisexuality or transgenderism, while prohibiting parents from removing children from classes over offensive material.
- In the State of Minnesota Using the force of the federal court system, pro-LGBT groups including the National Center for Lesbian Rights are suing the Minnesota education system to force schools to 'positively' discuss homosexuality in the classroom, since current Minnesota school policies establish curricular "neutrality" about LGBT issues.
- Iowa's United State Senator Tom Harkin has introduced legislation (a sequel to "No Child Left Behind") which imposes a Federal policy across all schools in Iowa and schools nationwide which mandates pro-LGBT education in the guise of safety. The policy would cut off federal funding to schools which don't obey the national policy.
- A new law in the State of Connecticut now permits male cross-dressers to serve as public school teachers and orders that they must be permitted to teach, coach, mentor, and advise young children without objection by parents or school boards. Also, cross-dressers will have full access to women's and girls' bathrooms, public restrooms and locker rooms statewide.
- And in Maine State officials have been pushing guidelines to guarantee that 'transgender' students (e.g. a boy who identifies himself as a girl) can access to public school bathrooms, locker rooms and sports teams. That means a cross-dressing boy would be legally allowed to use girls bathrooms, locker rooms and participate on girls sports teams.

3. Will GMO(Government Modified Ohana) infringe on our Constitutional Rights? In States where Homosexual 'Marriage' is established citizens are being denied the right to refuse service based on religious objections or those of conscience.

- In the State of Washington businesses are forced to support homosexual ‘weddings’ and are being sued by government when refusing to comply; and judges are being forced to officiate same-sex marriages.
- New York taxpayers are being forced to pay millions for the creation of a homosexuals-only high school in a joint venture with a homosexual ‘rights’ organization. The new Harvey Milk High School is a pilot program for more homosexuals-only schools with its principal declaring it as “a model for the country and possibly the world.”
- Vermont’s public accommodations laws are now being used to punish small companies and even put them out of business for refusing to service homosexual weddings. Recently, Catholic innkeepers were sued for refusing to host a lesbian ‘wedding’. The owners had to pay a settlement of \$30,000 and leave the reception business.
- The New Hampshire state legislature refused to pass legislation which would have protected wedding service providers -- including reception facilities, florists, photographers, and caterers -- from lawsuits and government officials by allowing them to refuse to perform gay weddings if an individual or business had religious or conscience objections.

We are faced with one of the most divisive issues of our time with Same Sex Marriage. Although our hearts are broken by the strife and conflict caused by this controversial debate, we are also compelled by our love to perpetuate God’s original design, marriage between one woman and one man, which best promotes healthy families and a stable society.

Therefore, we humbly request that you vote NO against SB1 more importantly, vote NO to being the only legislative body in the entire world that will destroy centuries of Hawaii’s traditions, cultures and values in a matter of days.

Mahalo,

Allen Cardines
President
Transformation Hawaii

Please do not approve this bill. I ask as a concerned parent and Hawaiian. This bill is more about imposing and taking the rights of others than it is about granting equal rights.

First, I have read about the repercussions concerned parents have faced in states that have legalized same sex marriage such as Massachusetts. As a result, the rights of parents and students who uphold and believe in heterosexual marriage have been marginalized. Parents not being able to opt their children out of sexual education or having the right to be notified, as well as graphic depictions and illustration of sexual acts being touted as educational. Parent's being told that they don't have the right because "it's legal". When the government begins to put in place legislation that supersede the rights of parents, I believe those in office have lost touch with the people.

Second, I am troubled with section 572-C Rights of parents particularly in regard to Hawaiian blood right claims. This section implicitly states that even if a child has no Hawaiian blood, because of who they acquired the sperm from and who actually gave birth to the child, if one of the same-sex couples has Hawaiian, that child will be considered Hawaiian and able to claim blood rights. This is offensive and a blatant disrespect to the Hawaiian people. We work very hard to prove our actual genealogies, our Hawaiian blood is not the right of the government to "grant" to people. Some things should actually be based on natural biology.

§572-C Right of parents. Parentage rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities based on marriage shall be the same for all married spouses regardless of the gender of the spouses. These rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities shall include paternity, maternity, and parentage presumptions based on marriage.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimonial, I trust that my concerns will be taken into account.

Taunalei Wolfgramm
Kaneohe Hawaii, 96744

October 28, 2013

Attn: Hawaii State House of Representatives
Judiciary and Finance Committees

From: Kenny Jackson
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Re: Hearing for SB1 "Relating to Equal rights"
(same sex 'marriage' in the State of Hawaii)

Written Testimony by - Big Island (Kailua-Kona) resident,
Kenneth A. Jackson.

Distinguished Representatives - Aloha,

I have spent a good portion of the past 24-months or so educating myself on the topics of homosexuality and same-sex marriage. The conclusions that I have come to, although informed by my faith-based values, are also shaped by common sense.

My aim is to offer you a perspective that is as objective and fair as possible. As you and your colleagues prepare to vote, in response to the Governor's call for this Special Session. I strongly ask you to seriously consider the following:

1. Encourage the Governor to cancel this special session immediately, or
2. Postpone a vote on this matter until more comprehensive hearings can be conducted state-wide, especially for citizens who are unable to make their way here to Honolulu.

While there are decades worth of reliable data available to guide decisions regarding conventional expressions of marriage, accurate data on this new variety of "marriage", such as what is outlined in SB1, is actually too sparse and recent to be able to confidently make such a sweeping and comprehensive change to this fundamental component of civilized culture.

The United States of America has long been admired as a nation that enjoys the freedom to make laws that are fair to the broader population. By the way, according to a Gallup Poll published in 2012, only 3.4% of the total population in the U.S.A. identified themselves as LGBT. 3.4%. Among other inequities, the facts revealed by this poll would make the idea of framing this same-sex "marriage" discussion in "civil rights" language an apples and oranges comparison.

Because same-sex "marriage" is too recent of a societal phenomenon, not enough time has elapsed to accurately assess (by professional social science research) what THE LONG-TERM IMPACT ON CHILDREN OF ***DIVORCED*** HOMOSEXUAL PARENTS will be.

Since the Netherlands was the first country in the world to legalize same-sex "marriage" in 2001, that means IN THE ENTIRE WORLD, **age 12 or so is the oldest age child of HOMOSEXUAL DIVORCE that even exists anywhere!** This risky social experiment called "marriage equality" is a shot in the dark! It's guess work, at best. While I concede that results of a proper study conducted maybe 30-years from now may be entirely benign, the studies that I mention below scream a entirely different prognosis.

I am certain you are already familiar with the overwhelming body of research that underscores the devastating impact of divorce on the lives of children of divorced (heterosexual) parents. (The link below highlights a few of the disturbing facts*.)

* <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2357192/Divorce-The-terrible-toll-making-divorce-easier-Children-likely-violent-drugs-underage-sex.html?printingPage=true>

Consequently, if children of HETEROSEXUAL DIVORCED PARENTS, as the British study referenced above indicates, are

- (a) Three times as likely (THAN CHILDREN OF MARRIED, HETEROSEXUAL PARENTS) to have poor mental health, no job and be morbidly obese
- (b) Four times as likely to be involved in a teenage pregnancy
- (c) More likely to smoke or drink heavily
- (d) Five times as likely to be dissatisfied with their life
- (e) Five times as likely to use cannabis or have been assaulted in the past year,

and in one particular category, are

- (f) Eight times more likely to experience violence
- (g) Nine times more likely to spend time in police custody
- (h) Ten times more likely to use crack cocaine
- (i) 30-times more likely to contract sexually transmitted disease,

then let us juxtapose those outcomes of heterosexual divorce with the following findings from a 2004 study of THE **INCREASED** LIKELIHOOD OF HOMOSEXUALS to divorce:

... "Homosexual couples were 50% more likely to divorce than married heterosexual couples, and lesbian couples were 167% more likely to divorce than heterosexual women."

As quoted in *Strained Relations* by Bill Muehlenberg.

Gunnar Andersson, et al, "Divorce-risk: attrerns in same-sex 'marriages' in Norway and Sweden", paper presented at the 2004 annual meeting of the Population Association of America (April 3, 2004).

No financial advisor would recommend their client enter a deal that is almost garranteed to fail! Even the FDA requires that a drug be tested on lab rats several years before it is tested on humans.

Please, do not simply breeze past these facts and carry on with any intention of supporting the so-called "Marriage Equality" legislation. The first outcome of this legislation's passage would mean unfettered "adoption rights" for married homosexuals. Are you truly willing to risk Hawaii's future generations on a roll of the dice? Put the discussion, at the very least, before a general session, this "special session" is too fast!

Although the title of the bill includes the term, "Marriage Equality," THESE DIVORCE STATISTICS ARE NOT EQUAL!

Thank you for your consideration. Posterity will assess our wisdom and judgement, or lack thereof.

Sincerely,



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Roger Castillo Testimony.txt

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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.

As a father of two young girls, ages 4 and 2, my girls are about to start going to school. I believe a 'Yes' vote to this bill will result in Educators being forced to teach a lifestyle of homosexuality to my children as normal. People keep saying "this won't happen in Hawaii" but 3 weeks ago a teacher in Kauai was required to go to an all day seminar under the guise of "Anti-Bullying" when really it was a pro-homosexual training. When asked, the teacher informed us there aren't even gay students in her school and no one is bullying homosexuals there. We have also seen in many of the other states that have passed SSM this is the norm. In Massachusetts hundreds of schools have 'Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Days' where they take an entire school day to focus on the Homosexual Lifestyle and some schools even encourage cross dressing and transsexuality among their students and their government has passed bills to make sure parents don't have to be informed of these types of activities.

This bill is not just about allowing homosexual couples to get married. This bill is about redefining what marriage and family is and this bill will take away my basic constitutional rights and my rights as a parent to decide what my kids are taught in the area of relationships and sexuality.

I don't understand how an issue that will have giant ramifications like this is being pushed to be decided in just 5 days.

What's the rush?

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Roger Castillo
Waikiki, HI

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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 you as a citizen of the state of Hawaii, a concerned teen, and an
eligible voter. Based on my personal moral beliefs, I am in opposition to the
legalization of same sex marriage.

I believe we, as Christians, deserve to fend for our rights just as much as any other
religion is able to do so. I do not think anyone should be forced to believe something
or perform anything that is against his or her will. If my church or my school poses a
problem for homosexuals who wish to be married, how does that protect us?

Without considering the negative effects or pondering upon the repercussions the
passing of this bill will have, it is easy to be in favor of the bill because "homosexuals
deserve equal rights as heterosexuals." I do earnestly believe a person should not be
discriminated for his belief or personal persuasion, but there are certain things that
should remain traditional.

I am concerned that the passing of this bill will affect my future and the world my
future children will live in. Will they be forced to learn about homosexuality and
forced to be acceptant of any desire a person may have? Will this lead to possible
acceptance of pedophilia or polyamory? Please consider the thoughts before you
vote.

Thank you for taking the time to hear the thoughts of the people of Hawaii. I
appreciate your work as our authority.

Same Sex Marriage Bill:

Hey guys,

I am opposed to the passage of this bill. I do not feel it is right to have same sex people marry. Why is such a small group of you trying to rifle this bill thru? You do not protect the people who opposes this, this law will force opposition to do things that they do not want to do. Why must you pass this flawed law?

Please do not pass this bill.

Thank you,

Bartt Tsuruda

Palolo

Dear Sirs:

My name is Bryan Ashpole and I am writing in opposition to the Same Sex Marriage bill.

This is not a matter of homophobia or the nice same sex couple down the street. Rather, it is about chipping away at one of the foundations of our society. From the beginning, marriage for the vast majority of mankind has been about one man and one woman.

Some might respond that this is the 21st century and it is time to move on, stop discriminating, and include the same sex couples who are currently being excluded. Dante Carpenter, chairman of the Hawaii Democratic Party, has termed it “the defining Civil Rights Issue of our time.” I disagree. What about all the others who would say they are not being included and want to be part of it also? What about multiple partners (polygamy or polyamory) and couples who are closely related, to name a few? Though they are not currently accepted by most of society, what will the next years bring? Will they be included in the next re-definition? (Such cases have already been introduced in Europe. For examples, see <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/opinion/will-incestuous-couples-want-marriage-rights/story-e6frgd0x-1226372990649> [2nd paragraph], <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/germany/9200876/German-loses-Human-Rights-appeal-over-incestuous-relationship-with-sister.html>, or <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1339108/David-Epstein-Homosexuals-want-INCEST-different.html#ixzz2Pas52aRB>.) Once the definition of marriage is changed, where does it stop?

Thank you.

I find that in this issue of gay marriage and equal rights, like the majority of other issues brought before our government, that we are focused on being so politically correct that we lose sight of what is truly equal. It appears as though we are ok with infringing on the beliefs of one group to appease that of another. Religious institutions and citizens believe that marriage should be between a man and a woman. Same sex couples believe they have the right to marry. Where is the middle ground and why cant we meet there? Why is it that in today's politics we are becoming a "Take all or nothing" type of political system. When will our politicians as a whole show the integrity and initiative to please both sides of an argument instead of only trying to please the side that helped fund their campaign?

So why does it seem like religious people claim marriage as their own? Marriage is specifically outlined in the bible as the cornerstone of the family foundation. The bible has been around for a LONG time and was the book that brought the very first people to America to start a new life. So I think its safe to say that practices originating from the bible deserve some respect and protection. But we as a country have been on a path of losing our identity as it gets drowned in the hogwash of what's politically correct and popular in Congress. Most Americans probably know nothing about the Pilgrims and their reason for coming to America because we don't hold any of our original values anymore. We as a country are only identified with war, debt, and intrusiveness.

The flip side to this argument is simple. Whether you are homosexual or not, a human being is a human being. And all humans should have the right to pursue happiness in their life. But as a civilized country, we should understand that pursuing our happiness is not something that should come at the expense of another persons' happiness. It's called consideration. We are so quick to be considerate of other country's religious practices but we can't even show the same respect to our own at home. For example, when Osama Bin Laden was killed did we not give him a proper burial in accordance with his religion? And this was a guy that made it his mission to kill thousands of Americans indiscriminately! The answer to why we did that is simple though. We did it because of international perception. We care more and more about what the rest of the world thinks of us; which is one of the reasons why the issue of same sex marriage has become such a hot button issue.

So, alas, a compromise is proposed. Same sex couples should be allowed to unify in some way to make a happy life for themselves. Religious groups should not have to worry about the institution of marriage being distorted and forced upon them. So lets allow same sex couples to unify under a different name other than "marriage". Having it called something else other than marriage shows the consideration and respect for religious groups. Also, under this different name for unification, there can be provisions made to protect religious groups or people from having to participate or serve in the unification of same sex couples. At the same time same sex couples can unify and enjoy the life of having a spouse and enjoying those benefits that come along with it.

There would be many quirks to work out with this proposal. And not all the people in each party will be pleased. But we have to start somewhere and we have to get back to compromising. It's what our country needs. Not only on this issue but on all of our issues that are grid-locking our government today.

-Daniel A. Ramirez

The people have spoken in the past and showed that we believe Same Sex Marriage is immoral and has negative effects on society. This is not just about religious beliefs but democracy. The people have spoken through a democracy in the past and same sex marriage was banned. Now, you are getting paid under the lobbyist and enforcing a special hearing for your own personal gain. Allow the people of Hawaii to vote on the issue since we are the ones being affected by it. Restore the faith of democracy to the people by vote instead of by your swayed opinions influenced by the pay roll. You have the influence to improve moral fiber of society by preventing same sex marriage. If you don't want to think about morals but think about rights, think of the rights of the voters. Allow the voters to decide on such an important issue. For those who vote for this same-sex marriage bill, I will always vote for your opponents going forward. If you wish to have a life time voter from me, select No to Same Sex Marriage.

Aloha

Micah

Karl Rhoads, Chair
House Judiciary Committee

Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Finance Committee

Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 1 RELATING TO EQUALITY

October 30, 2013

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

Thank you all for the endless hours of reading, emailing and other work you do for the people of Hawaii that is often unseen; it can be hard work!

I understand that proponents for this bill mainly want to acquire both the state and federal rights guaranteed to married heterosexual couples, and see the bill as a venue of equality, and only that. While this bill seemingly pertains to and affects only those who are seeking a marriage outside of the current definition of marriage as between one man and one woman, I am deeply concerned about the potential unspoken outcomes of this bill.

In Canada, where same sex marriage has been legalized for eight years, drastic changes have been implemented in the public school system that I would not like to see implemented here. From what I know, all schools in Ontario now must offer Gay Straight Alliance Clubs and affirm the LGBT lifestyle by integrating the topic in all classrooms and grades through the reading of books on homosexual relationships, performing mock same sex wedding ceremonies, and including references to homosexual sex in sex ed curriculum, even de-emphasizing the importance of differentiation between genders. Parents are not allowed to opt their children out of this curriculum, as the state has made it mandatory that every child go through what I deem an unnecessary hyper-normalization of the LGBT lifestyle. As a young lady in my early 20s who has grown up in the islands, I think it is important to be open-minded about all kinds of people with all kinds of differing lifestyles, but to force impressionable children to learn about this topic is deeply disturbing because they do not all have developed judgment to choose for themselves which lifestyle fits them. What may result is children adopting the LGBT lifestyle when they do not have an inclination for it. This may seem like a big leap to make, as SB 1 does not mention anything about changes in curriculum, so it can seem unfair to presume that Hawaii will adapt the same policies as Ontario has. The verbiage in SB 1 does not indicate that Hawaii will change anything in statewide curriculum, but it also does not guarantee that Hawaii will not make changes in the future to its educational program.

Much in the same way that the passing of this bill *could* lead to change in Hawaii's curriculum, the interpretation and enforcing of civil rights could change in the future as well, to the detriment of Hawaii's people. Although SB 1 clearly exempts religious solemnizers and certain religious organizations from any civil liability upon failure or refusal to solemnize or accommodate marriages delineated in the bill, it does not

exempt other parties such as religious organizations that “make its facilities or grounds available to the general public for solemnization of any marriage celebration for a profit,” business owners offering marriage-related services who would like to retain the right to refuse service to those in opposition to their personal and business’s values, government employees who would be processing same sex marriage applications, and judges who are asked to officiate same sex marriage ceremonies. People who are not exempt under this bill could potentially be embroiled in discrimination lawsuits they did not bargain for, per the stipulations set forth in SB 1. This bill could bring up many conflicts between the ideal of equality and individual rights that Hawaii’s residents and legal system are not well equipped to handle.

Please consider cancelling this special session and letting the people of Hawaii vote on this very important issue. The implications of this bill are not as simple as they seem, and I would like to see much more thorough dialogue amongst the public, perhaps through state-sanctioned open forums or polls, before making any decision that will greatly affect the present and future of Hawaii’s residents and children. The public needs to be well-informed and should be allowed to have the power of input on issues of this magnitude.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Ka Yu Chan

Hello...

My family and I are vehemently opposed to this bill and are vehemently requesting that it be placed on the ballot for the people to decide...Our founding fathers and Kapuna would be displeased at the current process and where this is heading...

Sincerely,

Jeff Riewer

Honolulu, HI...

SB1 Testimony

Aloha.

I would like to thank you in advance for the use of your valuable time and hopefully your attention.

The issue of Gay and Lesbian marriage is not about equality, as represented in the recent pro-Gay-and-Lesbian Marriage groups' radio messages, but about the changing of Society's traditional definition of marriage. The resultant of the passage of this bill would be the change of Society's rules of marriage.

Changes to a Society's norms should be made by the society itself and not by their representatives. Only the citizens should vote for these changes. Therefore, I ask the Legislature to not pass this bill, but defer to a vote of the citizens.

The importance of this issue became clear to me recently after listening to a pair of pro-Gay-and-Lesbian marriage support groups' radio messages.

During the first radio message, an elderly gentleman stated that this law would not affect the definition of marriage in the religions. If the passage of this law does not change the marriage definition for the entire state, then doesn't this law only become a special interest attempt by the Legislature to make gay and lesbian marriage legitimate and not about equality for all citizens at all? Additionally, if the religions don't accept the new definition of marriage, then they will probably not perform these marriages. If this is the case, then all Gay and Lesbian marriages would be performed by the civil authority. Wouldn't these marriages be considered civil unions and don't we have a law already establishing civil unions. So why is the Legislature wasting their valuable time passing another law? Also, how will this change the love and commitment that the Gay and Lesbians are seeking by establishing marriages as opposed to the civil union? In this case, marriage and civil union seem to be the same thing.

During the second radio message, a woman states in her message that an increasing majority of the Hawaiian People support Gay and Lesbian marriages. My response to this message is to put the question of Gay and Lesbian marriages on the ballot for the next election and let the people decide this issue.

Please do not pass SB1 and let the People make their own decision on whether they want to recognize Gay and Lesbian marriage.

Thank You.

Honorable Representative,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen regarding S.B 01, *“Relating to Equal Rights.”*

I am writing to you in the hopes that you consider the outspoken will of the people to NOT redefine marriage according to cultural moral shifts. The definition of marriage between “One Man and One Woman” has served as bedrock for all nations under civil guiding principles. Placing these limitations on the definition of marriage is not discriminatory in any way. Many such limits exist in a variety of forms within our society, most of which are not purposely, nefariously, designed to discriminate. Rather, these laws, such as the current definition of marriage, were set to be a moral bar to which our civil society should operate. The definition of marriage as limited to “One Man and One Woman” sets this bar as the optimal moral standard for a society which is built upon this norm, not only biologically, but ethically as well.

Additionally, S.B 01 was drafted to correct inequality. Sadly to say, this is not the case with this bill. While this bill grants legalized marriage to same sex couples, SECTION 3: Section 572-1 explicitly denies similar rights to those who practice polygamy, polyandry, or any variety of fraternal or varied-aged relationships. If the legal definition of marriage as it currently stands, between one man and one woman, can be changed by an unsupported act of legislation, then why can't it be redefined to include these groups and others as well? Do not these groups deserve equality in their relationships? Please keep in mind that even relationships considered taboo today can also be changed by legislation, since all such laws prohibiting those various relationships are socially constructed and can be rescinded, just as reflected in S.B 01.

The point I am making is to please keep marriage defined as it has been traditionally, between “One Man and One Woman.” While I do believe that same-sex couples should be treated with utmost respect and graciousness, this bill will do great moral damage to the thread of our society. I know a lot of pressure is placed on state representatives and civil servants by many of these special interest groups, but this is a time to stand up for what is right. It is also what I believe the majority of citizens want. Sometimes the toughest road is the right one. The easiest road is usually the most destructive.

I leave you with two things. According to **ARTICLE XIV, CODE OF ETHICS** of the *Constitution of the State of Hawaii*:

“The people of Hawaii believe that public officers and employees must exhibit the highest standards of ethical conduct and that these standards come from the personal integrity of each individual in government.”

Giving in to the pressure to redefine marriage for the benefit of a single sexually-defined group may be the easiest decision to make, but it is NOT the right one. Standing to preserve the time-tested pillar of traditional marriage is the highest ethical act of conduct an elected official can perform. What path will you choose? Will you be upholding Hawaii's Constitution by your choice?

Secondly, according to S.B. 01 Page 12, Line 15-18 of Section 572-C2 (text crossed out):

"The Legislature finds that the people of Hawaii choose to preserve the tradition of marriage as a unique social institution based upon the committed union of one man and one woman."

Let the people of Hawaii decide if this is true. Do not legislatively alter laws that do not represent or reflect the vote of the public. In our great nation, once elected representatives begin to create or amend laws that the majority of the public does not support, those officials are no longer fit to represent the people.

Please consider all that was said in this letter and support what is right, not what is convenient. Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY AND LABOR

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Executive Director

DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2013

RE: S.B. 1 – RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS

PERSON TESTIFYING: WIL OKABE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Honorable Karl Rhoads and The Honorable Sylvia Luke and Members of the
Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) **supports S.B. 1 related to Equal Rights.**

HSTA is the exclusive representative of more than 13,500 public and charter school teachers statewide. As the state affiliate, of the 3.2 million member National Education Association, HSTA believes in equality of all individuals.

HSTA also believes that any type of discrimination and stereotyping based on such factors such as race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identification, and religion must be eliminated.

As such, these factors should not affect the legal rights and obligations of the partners in a legally recognized domestic partnership, civil union, or marriage in regard to matters involving the other partner, such as medical decisions, taxes, inheritance, adoption, and immigration.

In light of the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in *United States v. Windsor*, 133 S. Ct. 2675 (2013), which held section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, Public Law 104-199, which unlawfully discriminated against married same-sex couples by prohibiting the federal government from recognizing those marriages and by denying federal benefits and protections of those couples.

It is clear that based on this decision, all provisions of law regarding marriage be applied equally to same-sex couples regardless of any provisions that may refuse to solemnize a marriage.

Until we exhaust all prejudices, stereotyping, and discrimination, we must move forward towards recognizing Hawaii's law to reflect newly enforced federal laws.

As such, we ask that S. B. 1 reflect the language as stated in the Defense of Marriage Act, Public Law 104-199.

Teachers as well as the public cannot speculate on how the legislature will determine marriage, however, we hope the legislature will consider the harm caused to teachers and potentially all public employees if this bill is not passed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** on S. B. 1.

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:

Section 1 of SB1 states that the reason for the bill is to:

(1) Ensure that same-sex couples are able to take full advantage of federal rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities granted to married opposite-sex couples by allowing same-sex couples to marry under the laws of this State;

I do support allowing same sex couples to “take full advantage of federal rights ...” **The definition of marriage does not need to change to do this. CHANGE THE FEDERAL LAWS to give civil unions these rights.**

(2) Ensure that there be no legal distinction between same-sex married couples and opposite-sex married couples with respect to marriage under the laws of this State by applying all provisions of law regarding marriage equally to same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples regardless of whether this Act does or doesnot amend any particular provision of law;

A change at the Federal level as noted above would make this section unnecessary.

(3) Protect religious freedom and liberty

I believe that the First Amendment to our Constitution affords the right of free exercise of religion to individuals. **SB1 does not offer individuals protection under the First Amendment.**

Your challenge as legislators is to consider how we can care for people without destroying the very foundation of our society: the family - which has its foundation on marriage. This is a monumental challenge, not one to be taken lightly. Please consider the effects on not only those would obtain benefits like those mentioned in this paragraph but consider the unintended consequences already being experienced in other states and countries when same-sex marriage has been legalized. Consequences like changes in school curriculum. In Hawaii, we love and cherish our keiki. We should not have to expose them views in direct opposition to our religious beliefs

During, the hours upon hours of Senate testimony that I watched, the people speaking were overwhelmingly, not just a small majority, but overwhelmingly against the bill and the special session. Please listen to the will of the people. Please, please, find a way to car for people without redefining marriage. We have elected you to use your power wisely.

Mahalo for your time and service!

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UNWAVERING SUPPORT of SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

I am a 28 year old heterosexual woman from Kāneʻohe. Mahalo for accepting this testimony showing my support for this bill.

I bought this magnet when I visited the Holocaust museum in DC two weeks ago. The Nazi concentration camps used different emblems to identify people by their “kind.” This pink triangle was for the “gays,” other colors representing Jews,

political prisoners, Jehovah’s Witnesses and others deemed undesirable by the Nazis. The parting messages at the museum were focused on how we could apply lessons from the Holocaust to issues of injustice and intolerance today. The parting words were many, but here’s one: “Today, hatred, incitement, and intolerance present the most dangerous threat to our common future. It is our moral obligation to confer the lessons of the Holocaust from one generation to the next, to ensure the brighter future defined by promise and hope. We must use education as a shield, guarding society from ignorance and hate. Above all, we must remember—we must remember. We must never forget the tragedies of generations past.”

Many consider the Holocaust to be in a category of its own, which it absolutely is in my opinion. However, there seems to be a similar fiber that weaves its way through many of these instances/"issues" embodying hate, judgment and intolerance. Here’s what’s familiar to me: you have a group of people who get to define good, qualify “the other,” and then pass heinous judgment on them, and exclude them from rights and privileges. A bunch of people who “made the cut” all celebrate together and wave signs and carry out their grim work of making sure those “others” don’t get what they have.

As others have been pointing out on Facebook, this is eerily similar to historical attempts to exclude Chinese, intern Japanese, prevent miscegenation, keep women from voting, segregation, and extinguishing Jews, gays and people with disabilities during the Holocaust. How is it that one group of people get to decide what love counts and who qualifies for marriage? How is this different from Nazis deciding that Jews aren’t good enough and a threat to Germany society? Or from men deciding that women aren’t good enough and should be excluded from voting? I bet you those men would still say “oh don’t get me wrong, we love our wives, but let’s just agree to disagree about their ineligibility to vote.”

People don’t want to draw these comparisons saying that all this gruesome historical hate is related to the current issue on marriage equality because that would somehow undermine the undisputed evil that fueled undisputed evil like the Holocaust. I beg to differ. The museum proclaims its work to inspire action. “As a living memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, the Museum aims to inspire leaders and citizens worldwide to

confront hatred, prevent genocide, and promote human dignity.” I bought this magnet at the museum as a reminder of the lessons I re-learned from my visit to speak up against intolerance and the “dangers of unchecked hate.” And quoting good ole Macklemore who makes me cry every time I hear it: “And a certificate on paper isn’t gonna solve it all, But it’s a damn good place to start” (song “Same Love” by Macklemore).

Dear Honorable Chair Rhodes and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

In 1998, we the people of Hawaii voted for what we understood would be defining marriage between one man and one woman. 70% of the people of our state voted for this definition of a marriage between one man and one woman. It is now 15 years later and this definition is still in question even as the people of our state have already voted to define marriage between one man and one woman.

If you want to redefine marriage, please let the people you represent decide by a constitutional amendment. One that means what it says, not a legal loophole.

"Should the State of Hawaii define marriage as solely between one man and one woman."

It seems that our elected officials are taking upon themselves to undo what the voters in Hawaii have already decided.

I ask that you take the issue back to the people of Hawaii and allow us to vote for a clearly worded constitutional amendment and to decide on the definition of marriage we choose for our state. Please do not take away our right to vote. Please do not decide for us.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Josephine Araki
Registered Voter and Concerned Citizen
Pearl City

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Representatives Rhoads and Luke, Chairs
Representatives Har, Nishimoto, and Johanson, Vice Chairs

DATE: Thursday, October 31, 2013

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Auditorium, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

RE: SB 1 RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS - STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha, Chairs Rhoads and Luke, Vice Chairs Har, Nishimoto, and Johanson, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Kristine Crawford and I am writing in strong support of SB1: Relating to Equal Rights. Bill SB1 recognizes marriages between individuals of the same sex and extends to them the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of marriage that opposite-sex couples receive.

I remember when Hawaii State Supreme Court Justice Steven H. Levinson ruled in *Baehr v. Lewin* (20 years ago!) that Hawaii needed to show a “compelling state interest” to deny marriage licenses to same-sex couples. No one in any state or country has been able to provide a rational, reality-based reason for same-sex couples being denied their civil rights. There have been arguments that dehumanize gay and lesbian persons and arguments “for the children” that willfully ignore the existing interests of existing children parented by gays and lesbians. We can pretend that Hawaii does not have gay and lesbian citizens and we can pretend that their children do not exist and continue to dehumanize them by our civil laws, or we can do the right thing and recognize the humanity and rights of gays and lesbians and their children.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of SB1.

Sincerely,

Kristine Crawford

Honolulu

October 30, 2013

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

My name is Aaron Okimura, and I am opposed to SB1 to legalize same sex marriage. I believe marriage should be reserved for a relationship between one man and one woman. I do not believe this tradition that has been followed for centuries should change, and I do not understand why this bill is being pushed all of a sudden and why there is a rush to legalize same sex marriage in a matter of a few days.

Please value and take into consideration my view as a Hawaii resident and registered voter. Thank you.

Aaron Okimura
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Hello...

My family and I are vehemently opposed to this bill and are vehemently requesting that it be placed on the ballot for the people to decide...Our founding fathers and Kapuna would be displeased at the current process and where this is heading...

Sincerely,

Jeff Riewer

Honolulu, 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.

The promotion and legal recognition of homosexual unions is not in the interest of the common good. That may sound benighted, if not bigoted. But we must say it in love: codifying the indistinguishability of gender will not make for the “peace of the city.” It rubs against the grain of the universe, and when you rub against the grain of divine design you’re bound to get splinters. Or worse. The society which says sex is up to your own definition and the family unit is utterly fungible is not a society that serves its children (who benefit most from both a mom and a dad), its women, or its own long term well being.

Marriage is not simply the term we use to describe those relationships most precious to us. The word means something and has meant something throughout history. Marriage is more than a union of hearts and minds. It involves a union of bodies—and not bodies in any old way we please, as if giving your cousin a wet willy in the ear makes you married. Marriage, to quote one set of scholars, is a “comprehensive union of two sexually complementary persons who seal (consummate or complete) their relationship by the generative act—by the kind of activity that is by its nature fulfilled by the conception of a child. So marriage itself is oriented to and fulfilled by the bearing, rearing, and education of children.” This conjugal view of marriage states in complex language what would have been a truism until a couple generations ago. Marriage is what children (can) come from. Where that element is not present (at the level of sheer design and function, even if not always in fulfillment), marriage is not a reality. We should not concede that “gay marriage” is really marriage

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Dr. Ethan Pien

Psychiatrist

Honolulu, HI

30 Oct 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 strongly opposed to SB1. I am very concerned that SB1 fails to protect my pastor from liability for refusing to solemnize a same sex marriage or to decline any kind of marital counseling for a non-traditional marriage. Since our church rents space from a public facility, I am also concerned that this will require my church to either provide support for same sex marriages. There appears to be no exemption for churches to refuse to perform a same sex marriage under these conditions.

Lastly, I am concerned that the Hawaii educational system will be required to follow the same curriculum that the Canadian & Massachusetts school systems have begun to follow in regards to non-traditional marriage.

Please vote NO on SB1.

Regards,
Keith Abe

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

I oppose SB1. This bill will have a significant impact on Hawaii's future. I do not believe this bill will adequately protect the rights of Hawaii citizens to live their faith. Please do not pass this bill. Can you honestly say your vote will represent your constituents' choice? Please find it in your hearts to let the people choose the path of our State's future.

Thank you.

Victoria Slovak

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October 17, 2013

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Re: Religious Liberty Implications of Proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

Dear Senator Baker:

Aloha! Aware of the historic role played by your State in the national discussion on marriage equality, we recognize that it is highly likely that you and your colleagues in the Hawaiian State Legislature will enact legislation legalizing same-sex marriage. We write as professors of constitutional law to urge you to ensure that any bill legalizing same-sex marriage maintains respect for the religious liberty of individuals and organizations that have a traditional view of marriage. Providing religious protections in any same-sex marriage bill honors America's long and rich tradition of religious freedom.

With the possible exception of Mr. Trump, no mainlander needs to remind you that President Obama is a Hawaiian. At this moment in our history, however, it might be helpful for you to hear from law professors who have grown up in the mainland that our president spoke for all of us—the signatories are Democrats and Republicans, Protestants and Catholics—when he stated on the day the Supreme Court overturned the Defense of Marriage Act last June:

I've directed the Attorney General to work with other members of my Cabinet to review all relevant federal statutes to ensure this decision, including its implications for Federal benefits and obligations, is implemented swiftly and smoothly. On an issue as sensitive as this, knowing that Americans hold a wide range of views based on deeply held beliefs, maintaining our nation's commitment to religious freedom is also vital. How religious institutions define and consecrate marriage has always been up to those institutions. Nothing about this decision—which applies only to civil marriages—changes that.

We echo President Obama's view that it is possible to achieve marriage equality without violating our nation's vital commitment to religious freedom. In this letter we urge you to consider our view that the current version of the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 comes up short in this regard. And we offer you a friendly amendment that can turn this moment into a win-win situation for all Hawaiians, of all faiths and none.

The contentious debate in Maryland, New York, Delaware, and elsewhere surrounding same-sex marriage proves the wisdom of constructive, good-faith attempts both to grant legal recognition to same-sex marriage *and* to protect religious liberty for conscientious objectors.¹

This letter analyzes the potential effects of same-sex marriage on religious conscience in Hawaii and proposes a solution to address the conflicts: a specific religious liberty amendment that should be an integral part of any legislation. This proposed amendment clarifies that individuals and organizations may refuse to provide services for a wedding if doing so would violate deeply held beliefs, while ensuring that the refusal creates no undue hardship for the couple seeking the service. We write not to support or oppose same-sex marriage in Hawaii. Rather, our aim is to define a “middle way” to address the needs of same-sex couples while honoring and respecting religious liberty.²

As this letter details, the conflicts between same-sex marriage and religious conscience will be both certain and considerable if adequate protections are not provided. Without safeguards, many religious individuals will be forced to engage in conduct that violates their deepest religious beliefs, and religious organizations will be constrained in crucial aspects of their religious exercise. We urge the Hawaii State Legislature to take the time and care to ensure that the legalization of same-sex marriage does not restrict the inalienable right of religious liberty. Doing so is entirely consistent with the text of the Hawaii State Constitution that each member of the State Legislature has sworn to uphold and protect. Since its adoption in 1950 and ratification in 1959, the Hawaii Constitution has always protected religious freedom in the strongest of terms.³

Part A of this letter proposes a specific religious conscience amendment that will defuse the vast majority of conflicts between same-sex marriage and religious liberty. Part B provides examples of precedent for the protection we propose. Part C details the sorts of legal conflicts that will arise if same-sex marriage is legalized without reasonable protections for religious liberty. Finally, Part D explains the need for robust religious liberty protections, now lacking in the proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013.

¹ Appendix A below summarizes the core religious liberty protections afforded by jurisdictions that currently recognize same-sex marriage by legislation.

² While we have a range of views on the underlying issue of same-sex marriage, we wholeheartedly share the belief that when same-sex marriage is recognized, it should be accompanied by corresponding protections for religious liberty.

³ *See* HAW. CONST. art. 1, § 4 (“No law shall be enacted respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof[.]”); HAW. CONST. art. 1, § 5 (“No person shall be . . . denied the enjoyment of the person’s civil rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of race, religion, sex or ancestry.”).

A. Proposed Religious Conscience Protection

The conflicts between same-sex marriage and religious liberty are avoidable.⁴ But they are avoidable only if the Hawaii State Legislature takes the time and effort to craft the “robust religious-conscience exceptions” to same-sex marriage that leading voices on both sides of the public debate over same-sex marriage are calling for.⁵

Any proposed marriage bill can provide reasonable, carefully tailored protections for religious conscience by including a simple “marriage conscience protection” modeled, in part, on existing conscience protections in Hawaii’s nondiscrimination laws, which provide important but limited religious liberty protections.⁶ The “marriage conscience protection” we propose is as follows:

⁴ See, e.g., Douglas Laycock, *Afterword* in SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: EMERGING CONFLICTS, Douglas Laycock, Anthony R. Picarello, Jr. & Robin Fretwell Wilson, eds. 191-97 (Rowman & Littlefield 2008) [hereinafter Laycock] (detailing the scope of “avoidable” and “unavoidable” conflicts).

⁵ See David Blankenhorn & Jonathan Rauch, *A Reconciliation on Gay Marriage*, N.Y. TIMES, Feb. 22, 2009, at WK11, available at <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/02/22/opinion/22rauch.html>?r=1 (arguing for recognition of same-sex unions together with religious conscience protections). Though conscience protections should also extend to existing civil unions, we do not address civil unions here.

⁶ See, e.g., HAW. CONST. art. 1, § 5 (“No person shall be . . . denied the enjoyment of the person’s civil rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of race, religion, sex or ancestry.”); HAW. REV. STAT. § 378-3(5) (2012) (“Nothing in this part [governing employment practices] shall be deemed to . . . [p]rohibit or prevent any religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, that is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization, from giving preference to individuals of the same religion or from making a selection calculated to promote the religious principles for which the organization is established or maintained[.]”); HAW. REV. STAT. § 515-8 (2012) (“It is not a discriminatory practice for a religious institution or organization or a charitable or educational organization operated, supervised, or controlled by a religious institution or organization to give preference to members of the same religion in a real property transaction, unless membership in such religion is restricted on account of race, color, or ancestry.”). Haw. Rev. Stat. § 515-4 (b) “Nothing in section 515-3 shall be deemed to prohibit refusal, because of sex, including gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or marital status, to rent or lease housing accommodations: (1) Owned or operated by a religious institution and used for church purposes as that term is used in applying exemptions for real property taxes; or (2) Which are part of a religiously affiliated institution of higher education housing program which is operated on property that the institution owns or controls, or which is operated for its students pursuant to Title IX of the Higher Education Act of 1972.”). For analysis of why these exemptions are insufficient to address the full range of developing conflicts over marriage, see *infra* pp. 19-20.

Section ____

(a) Religious organizations protected.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no religious or denominational organization, no organization operated for charitable or educational purposes which is supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization, and no individual employed by any of the foregoing organizations, while acting in the scope of that employment, shall be required to

- (1) provide services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges for a purpose related to the solemnization or celebration of any marriage; or
- (2) solemnize any marriage; or
- (3) treat as valid any marriage

if such providing, solemnizing, or treating as valid would cause such organizations or individuals to violate their sincerely held religious beliefs. This subsection shall not permit a religious organization engaged in the provision of health care, or its individual employees, to refuse to treat a state-recognized marriage as valid for purposes of a spouse's rights to visitation or to surrogate health care decision making.

(b) Individuals and small businesses protected.

- (1) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2), no individual, sole proprietor, or small business shall be required to
 - (A) 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; or
 - (B) provide benefits to any spouse of an employee; or
 - (C) provide housing to any married couple

if providing such goods, services, benefits, or housing would cause such individuals or sole proprietors, or owners of such small businesses, to violate their sincerely held religious beliefs.

- (2) Paragraph (b)(1) shall not apply if

- (A) a party to the marriage is unable to obtain any similar good or services, employment benefits, or housing elsewhere without substantial hardship; or
 - (B) in the case of an individual who is a government employee or official, if another government employee or official is not promptly available and willing to provide the requested government service without inconvenience or delay; *provided that* no judicial officer authorized to solemnize marriages shall be required to solemnize any marriage if to do so would violate the judicial officer's sincerely held religious beliefs.
- (3) A "small business" within the meaning of paragraph (b)(1) is a legal entity other than a natural person
- (A) that provides services which are primarily performed by an owner of the business; or
 - (B) that has five or fewer employees; or
 - (C) in the case of a legal entity that offers housing for rent, that owns five or fewer units of housing.

(c) No civil cause of action or other penalties.

No refusal to provide services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges protected by this section shall

- (1) result in a civil claim or cause of action challenging such refusal; or
- (2) result in any action by the State or any of its subdivisions to penalize or withhold benefits from any protected entity or individual, under any laws of this State or its subdivisions, including but not limited to laws regarding employment discrimination, housing, public accommodations, educational institutions, licensing, government contracts or grants, or tax-exempt status.⁷

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⁷ Some have expressed concern that the proposed text would permit objections to interracial marriage. Although such objections are likely to be rare, if not non-existent, this concern is readily addressed by a simple proviso that would read: "Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions, this section does not change any provision of law with respect to discrimination on the basis of race."

This proposed amendment has several important benefits. First, this text parallels existing protections in Hawaii's nondiscrimination laws for a "religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, that is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization."⁸ The text also significantly mirrors, in part, the express protections provided in the Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington same-sex marriage laws for religious organizations. Many of these laws protect, among other things, the conscientious refusal "to provide services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges . . . related to the solemnization of a marriage."⁹

⁸ See HAW. REV. STAT. § 378-3(5) (2012) ("Nothing in this part shall be deemed to . . . [p]rohibit or prevent any religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, that is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization, from giving preference to individuals of the same religion or from making a selection calculated to promote the religious principles for which the organization is established or maintained[.]"). See also HAW. REV. STAT. § 515-8 (2012) ("It is not a discriminatory practice for a religious institution or organization or a charitable or educational organization operated, supervised, or controlled by a religious institution or organization to give preference to members of the same religion in a real property transaction, unless membership in such religion is restricted on account of race, color, or ancestry.").

⁹ See CONN. PUBLIC ACT NO. 09-13 (2009) §§ 17-19, available at <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2009/ACT/PA/2009PA-00013-R00SB-00899-PA.htm> (exempting religious organizations from "provid[ing] services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges . . . related to" the "solemnization" or "celebration" of a marriage, and providing separate exemptions for religious adoption agencies and fraternal benefit societies); 79 DEL. LAWS 2013, ch. 19, § 8 ("Religious Freedom. Nothing in this Act is intended to, nor shall this Act be construed in a manner that would, violate any person's rights under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or § 1, § 2, or § 5 of Article 1 of the Constitution of this State, including protected rights of freedom of religion thereunder. Nothing in this Act shall interfere with or regulate the religious practice of any religious society. Any religious society is free to choose which marriages it will solemnize."); see DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 13, § 106 (West 2012); Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act of 2009, D.C. LAW NO. L18-0110 (enacted Dec. 18, 2009, effective Mar. 3, 2010), available at <http://www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/lims/legislation.aspx?LegNo=B18-0482> (exempting religious societies and religiously affiliated non-profits from providing "accommodations, facilities, or goods for a purpose related to the solemnization or celebration of a same-sex marriage, or the promotion of same-sex marriage through religious programs, counseling, courses, or retreats"); MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§ 2-201, 2-202 (2012), 2012 Maryland Laws Ch. 2 (H.B. 438) §§ 2-3 (exempting religious organizations from the "solemnization of a marriage or celebration of a marriage that is in violation of the entity's religious beliefs" or "the promotion of marriage through any social or religious programs or services, in violation of the entity's religious beliefs"); MINN. STAT. ANN. § 363A.26 (West 2013) (providing that a religious organization need not take "any action with respect to the provision of goods, services, facilities, or accommodations directly related to the solemnization or celebration of a civil marriage that is in violation of its religious beliefs."); N.H. REV. STAT. § 457:37 (exempting religious organizations from "provid[ing] services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges . . . related to" the "solemnization," "celebration," or "promotion" of a marriage); N.Y. DOM. REL. LAW § 10-b (1) (2011) ("a religious entity . . . benevolent [order] . . . or a not-for-profit corporation operated, supervised, or controlled by a religious corporation . . . shall not be required to provide services,

Second, this model provision addresses the primary areas of Hawaii law where the refusal to treat a marriage as valid is likely to result in liability, penalty, or denial of government benefits (laws regarding employment discrimination, housing, public accommodations, educational institutions, licensing, government contracts or grants, or tax-exempt status).

Third, this text provides protection only when providing services related to a marriage, solemnizing a marriage, or being forced to treat a marriage as valid would "violate . . . sincerely held religious beliefs." This phrase is drawn from numerous court cases discussing the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and ensures that the religious conscience protections will apply only to a "violation" of "sincere" beliefs that are "religious" not to situations that merely make religious people uncomfortable, not to insincere beliefs asserted as a pretext for discrimination, and not to non-religious moral beliefs.

Fourth, this text provides vital protections in subsection (b) for individuals of religiously informed conscience who own sole proprietorships and small businesses. We explain the need for such protection in Parts C and D below.

Finally, this model provision recognizes that religious accommodations might not be without cost for same-sex couples, such as the need to find a different wedding photographer or caterer if their original choice must decline for reasons of conscience. In order to address this issue, paragraph (b)(2) ensures that a same-sex couple can obtain the service, even from conscientious objectors, when the inability to find a similar service elsewhere would impose a substantial hardship on the couple. But because this hardship exception could force organizations or individuals to violate their religious beliefs, it should be available only in cases of substantial hardship, not mere inconvenience or symbolic harm. Paragraph (b)(2)(B) also ensures that no government employee or official (such as a county clerk) may act as a choke point on the path to marriage. So, for example, no government employee can refuse on grounds of conscience to issue a marriage license unless another government employee is promptly available and willing to do so. These sorts of override protections are common in other laws protecting the right of conscientious objection, especially in the health care context.¹⁰

accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges for the solemnization or celebration of a marriage"); R.I. GEN. LAWS ANN. § 15-3-6.1 (West 2013) (exempting religious organizations from "provid[ing] services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges to an individual if the request for such services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges is related to [t]he solemnization of a marriage or the celebration of a marriage, and such solemnization or celebration is in violation of its religious beliefs and faith; or § the promotion of marriage rough any social or religious programs or services, which violates the religious doctrine or teachings of religious organization, association or society"); 9 VT. STAT. ANN. § 4502(1) (2009) (exempting religious organizations from "provid[ing] services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges . . . related to" the "solemnization" or "celebration" of a marriage); WASH. REV. CODE § 26.04.010(2)(5) (providing that religious organizations need not "provide accommodations, facilities, advantages, privileges, services, or goods related to the solemnization or celebration of a marriage").

¹⁰ See, e.g., IOWA CODE § 146.1 (2005) ("An individual who may lawfully perform, assist, or participate in medical procedures which will result in an abortion shall not be required against that individual's religious

B. Precedent for Religious Conscience Protections

There is ample precedent for the type of conscience protection we propose. As noted above, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington have already enacted religious exemptions as part of their legislation recognizing same-sex marriage.¹¹ Similarly, Hawaii's existing nondiscrimination laws on employment and housing provide a categorical exemption for religious organizations in certain circumstances.¹² And federal nondiscrimination statutes provide protection for religious and conscientious objectors in many different contexts.¹³ In short, protecting religious conscience is very much a part of America's and Hawaii's tradition. We urge the Hawaii State Legislature to continue its historic commitment to a "middle way" accommodation of interests.

The religious conscience protection that we have proposed would alleviate the vast majority of the conflicts between same-sex marriage and religious liberty, while still allowing for equality of treatment and respect for same-sex marriages. It has ample precedent in both Hawaiian and federal law. And it represents the best in the American and Hawaiian constitutional tradition of protecting the inalienable right of conscience.

C. Conflicts Between Same-Sex Marriage and Religious Liberty

beliefs or moral convictions to perform, assist, or participate in such procedures. . . . Abortion does not include medical care which has as its primary purpose the treatment of a serious physical condition requiring emergency medical treatment necessary to save the life of a mother.); S.C. CODE ANN. §§44-41-40 (2002) ("No private or non-governmental hospital or clinic shall be required . . . to permit their facilities to be utilized for the performance of abortions; *provided*, that no hospital or clinic shall refuse an emergency admittance."); TEX. OCC. CODE ANN. §103.004 (Vernon 2004) ("A private hospital or private health care facility is not required to make its facilities available for the performance of abortion *unless* a physician determines that the life of the mother is immediately endangered.") (emphasis added).

¹¹ See note 9 above and Appendix A below.

¹² See HAW. REV. STAT. §378-3 (1998) ("Nothing in this part shall be deemed to . . . [p]rohibit or prevent any religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, that is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization, from giving preference to individuals of the same religion or from making a selection calculated to promote the religious principles for which the organization is established or maintained[.]"); HAW. REV. STAT. §515-8 (2012) ("It is not a discriminatory practice for a religious institution or organization or a charitable or educational organization operated, supervised, or controlled by a religious institution or organization to give preference to members of the same religion in a real property transaction, unless membership in such religion is restricted on account of race, color, or ancestry.").

¹³ See, e.g., 32 C.F.R. §1630.11 (accommodating conscientious objectors to military service); 42 U.S.C. §300a-7 (accommodating health care professionals who conscientiously object to participating in medical procedures such as abortion or sterilization); 42 U.S.C. §2000bb *et seq.* (Religious Freedom Restoration Act lifts federal-created burdens on religious exercise).

In the only book-length comprehensive scholarly work on same-sex marriage and religious liberty,¹⁴ legal scholars on both sides of the same-sex marriage debate agreed that codifying same-sex marriage *without* providing robust religious accommodations will create widespread and unnecessary legal conflicts—conflicts that will work a sea change in American law—and will reverberate across the legal and religious landscape.¹⁵ The conflicts between religious conscience and same-sex marriage generally take one of two forms. First, if same-sex marriage is legalized without appropriate statutory accommodations, religious organizations and individuals that object to same-sex marriage will face new lawsuits under the existing state nondiscrimination acts and other similar laws. So will many small businesses owned by individual conscientious objectors. Likely lawsuits include claims where:

- Individuals of conscience, who run a small business, such as wedding photographers, florists, banquet halls, or making wedding cakes in one's home, can be sued under public accommodations laws for refusing to offer their services in connection with a same-sex marriage ceremony.¹⁶

¹⁴ SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: EMERGING CONFLICTS, Douglas Laycock, Anthony R. Picarello, Jr. & Robin Fretwell Wilson, eds. (Rowman & Littlefield 2008) (including contributions from both supporters and opponents of same-sex marriage). See Thomas Berg, *What Same-Sex-Marriage and Religious-Liberty Claims Have in Common*, 5 NW. J.L. & SOC. POL'Y 206 (2010); Marc D. Stern, *Liberty v. Equality; Equality v. Liberty*, 5 NW. J. L. & SOC. POL'Y 307 (2010); Robin Fretwell Wilson, *Insubstantial Burdens: The Case for Government Employee Exemptions to Same-Sex Marriage Laws*, 5 NW. J. L. & Soc. Pol'y 318 (2010).

¹⁵ Marc Stern, *Same-Sex Marriage and the Churches* in SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: EMERGING CONFLICTS, Douglas Laycock, Anthony R. Picarello, Jr. & Robin Fretwell Wilson, eds. (Rowman & Littlefield 2008) at 1 [hereinafter "Stern"]. See also Laycock at 191-7 (detailing the scope of "avoidable" and "unavoidable" conflicts); Robin Fretwell Wilson, *The Calculus of Accommodation: Contraception, Abortion, Same-Sex Marriage, and Other Clashes between Religion and the State*, 53 B.C. L. REV. 1417 (2012) available at <http://scholarlycommons.law.wlu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1130&context=wlufac>.

¹⁶ See HAW. REV. STAT. §489-3 (2012) ("Unfair discriminatory practices that deny, or attempt to deny, a person the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of a place of public accommodation on the basis of race, sex, including gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, color, religion, ancestry, or disability are prohibited."); *Elane Photography LLC v. Willock*, 309 P.3d 53 (N.M. Aug. 22, 2013) (New Mexico photographer fined for refusing on religious grounds to photograph a same-sex commitment ceremony); Stern at 37-39; see also *Issues Brief: Same-Sex Marriage and State Anti-Discrimination Laws* at 3-5, available at <http://www.becketfund.org/files/34a97.pdf> [hereinafter "Issues Brief"]; Alyssa Newcomb, *Bakery Denies Same-Sex Couple Wedding Cake*, ABC NEWS Feb. 2, 2013 available at <http://abcnews.go.com/business/2013/02/bakery-denies-same-sex-couple-wedding-cake/>

- Religious day care centers, counseling centers, meeting halls, and adoption agencies could be sued under public accommodations laws for refusing to offer their facilities or services to members of a same-sex marriage.¹⁷
- A church or other religious nonprofit that dismisses an employee for entering into a same-sex marriage can be sued under employment discrimination laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of marital status.¹⁸

The second form of conflict involving religious organizations and individuals (or the small businesses that they own) that conscientiously object to same-sex marriage is that they will be labeled unlawful “discriminators” under state or municipal laws and thus face a range of penalties at the hand of state agencies and local governments, such as the withdrawal of government contracts or exclusion from government facilities. For example:

- A religious college, hospital, or social service organization that refuses to provide its employees with same-sex spousal benefits can be denied access to government contracts or grants on the ground that it is engaging in discrimination that contravenes public policy.¹⁹
- A religious charity or fraternal organization that opposes same-sex marriage can be denied access to government facilities, such as a lease on government property or participation in a government-sponsored employee charitable campaign.²⁰

¹⁷ *Bernstein v. Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Ass’n*, Num. OAL Dkt. No. CRT 6145-09 (Off. of Admin. Law decision issued January 12, 2012.) available at <http://www.adfmedia.org/files/OGCMA-BernsteinRuling.pdf> (finding that a Methodist organization likely violated public accommodations law by denying same-sex couples use of its wedding pavilion); *Butler v. Adoption Media*, 486 F. Supp.2d 1022 (N.D. Cal. 2007) (administrators of Arizona adoption facilitation website found subject to California’s public accommodations statute because they refused to post profiles of same-sex couples as potential adoptive parents); see also Stern at 37-39; Robin Fretwell Wilson, *A Matter of Conviction: Moral Clashes Over Same-Sex Adoption*, 22 *BYU J. PUB. L.* 475 (2008) (describing clashes over adoption by same-sex couples).

¹⁸ See HAW. REV. STAT. § 378-2(a)(1)(2012) (“It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice . . . [b]ecause of race, sex, including gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, religion, color, ancestry, disability, marital status, arrest and court record, or domestic or sexual violence victim status if the domestic or sexual violence victim provides notice to the victim's employer of such status or the employer has actual knowledge of such status[.]”); Stern at 48-52; Issues Brief at 3-5.

¹⁹ See *Catholic Charities of Maine v. City of Portland*, 304 F. Supp.2d 77 (D. Me. 2004) (upholding ordinance forcing religious charity either to extend employee spousal benefit programs to registered same-sex couples, or to lose access to all city housing and community development funds); Don Lattin, *Charities Balk at Domestic Partner, Open Meeting Laws*, S.F. CHRON., July 10, 1998, at A-1 (describing how the Salvation Army lost \$3.5 million in social service contracts with the City of San Francisco because it refused, on religious grounds, to provide benefits to the same-sex partners of its employees).

²⁰ See *Evans v. City of Berkeley*, 38 Cal.4th 1 (Cal. App. 2006) (affirming revocation of a boat berth subsidy at public marina due to Boy Scouts’ exclusion of atheist and openly gay members); *Boy Scouts of*

- Doctors, psychologists, social workers, counselors, and other professionals who conscientiously object to same-sex marriage can have their licenses revoked.²¹
- Religious fraternal organizations or other nonprofits that object to same-sex marriage can be denied food service licenses, adoption agency licenses, child care licenses, or liquor licenses on the ground that they are engaged in unlawful discrimination.²²
- Religious colleges and professional schools can have their accreditation revoked for refusing to recognize the validity of same-sex marriages.²³
- Church-affiliated organizations can have their tax exempt status stripped because of their conscientious objection to same-sex marriage.²⁴

America v. Wyman, 335 F.3d 80 (2d Cir. 2003) (holding that the Boy Scouts may be excluded from the state's employee charitable contributions campaign for denying membership to openly gay individuals).

²¹ See Stern at 22-24 (noting that a refusal to provide counseling services to same-sex couples could be considered a breach of professional standards and therefore grounds for the loss of a professional license); see also Patricia Wen, "They Cared for the Children": Amid Shifting Social Winds, Catholic Charities Prepares to End Its 103 Years of Finding Homes for Foster Children and Evolving Families, BOSTON GLOBE, June 25, 2006, at A1 (explaining how Massachusetts threatened to revoke the adoption license of Catholic Charities for refusing on religious grounds to place foster children with same-sex couples); Robin Fretwell Wilson, *A Matter of Conviction: Moral Clashes Over Same-Sex Adoption*, 22 BYU J. PUB. L. 475 (2008) (describing dismissals and resignations of social services workers where conscience protections were not available).

²² See 489 Haw. Atty. Gen. Opinion No. 91-01 (Jan. 3, 1991), 1991 WL 489765 (responding that a holder of a class 5 liquor license ("Dispensers' licenses, which authorize licensees to sell specified liquors for consumption on the premises") is subject to Haw. Stat. Ann. §489's nondiscrimination provisions "since establishments holding class 5 licenses are explicitly included in the definition of the term "place of public accommodation"); Stern at 19-22 (noting that many state regulators condition licenses on compliance with nondiscrimination requirements).

²³ See Stern at 23 (describing how religiously affiliated law schools have unsuccessfully challenged diversity standards imposed by the American Bar Association as a condition of accreditation); D. Smith, *Accreditation Committee Decides to Keep Religious Exemption*, 33 MONITOR ON PSYCHOLOGY 1 (Jan. 2002) (describing a proposal of the American Psychology Association to revoke the accreditation of religious colleges and universities that have codes of conduct forbidding homosexual behavior), available at <http://www.apa.org/monitor/jan02/exemption.html>.

²⁴ See Jill P. Capuzzo, *Group Loses Tax Break Over Gay Union Issue*, N.Y. TIMES, Sept. 18, 2007 (describing the case of *Bernstein v. Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Ass'n*, in which New Jersey revoked the property tax exemption of a beach-side pavilion controlled by an historic Methodist organization, because it refused on religious grounds to host a same-sex civil union ceremony); Douglas W. Kmiec, *Same-Sex Marriage and the Coming Antidiscrimination Campaigns Against Religion* in SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: EMERGING CONFLICTS 107-21 (describing attacks on tax exemptions for religious organizations with objections to same-sex marriage); Jonathan Turley, *An Unholy Union* in SAME-SEX

All of these conflicts either did not exist before, or will intensify after, the legalization of same-sex marriage. Thus, legalizing same-sex marriage without new adequate protections for religious liberty will have at least two unintended consequences: It will harm religious organizations and individuals of conscience, *and it will spawn costly, unnecessary conflicts, many of which will lead to litigation.*²⁵

D. The Need for Robust Religious Liberty Protection

The Act known as the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, most recently revised September 9, 2013, seeks to enact same-sex marriage in Hawaii. This bill fails to provide sufficient protections for religious conscience. Sections 572-F and G currently read as follows:

§ 572-F Refusal to solemnize a marriage. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require any minister, priest, officer of any religious denomination or society, or religious society not having clergy but providing solemnizations that is authorized to perform solemnizations pursuant to this chapter to solemnize any marriage, and no such minister, priest, officer of any religious denomination or society, or religious society not having clergy that fails or refuses for any reason to solemnize any marriage under this section shall be subject to fine, penalty, or other civil action for the failure or refusal.

§ 572-G Religious organizations and facilities; liability exemption under certain circumstances. (a) A religious organization shall not be required to make a religious facility owned or leased by the religious organization available for solemnization of a particular marriage; provided that: (1) The religious facility is regularly used by the religious organization for its religious purposes; (2) For solemnization of marriages pursuant to this chapter, the religious organization restricts use of the religious facility to its members; (3) The religious organization

MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: EMERGING CONFLICTS 59-76 (arguing for same-sex marriage but against withdrawal of tax exemptions for religious organizations with conscientious objections).

²⁵ Filed lawsuits are often just the tip of the iceberg with respect to conflicts over a given law and a claimed right. Most conflicts get resolved before a suit is filed and comes to the attention of the public. Some employers will back down when suit is threatened. Others will pay a settlement and walk away. Some employers will be quietly “chilled” even though they would prefer another course of action. What matters is the number of conflicts rather than the number of lawsuits. These data are not available, however, and so cannot be empirically studied. Nonetheless, there need only be a few conflicts for there to be a crisis of conscience. Each conflict is a profound violation of religious liberty. Moreover, even assuming that there are a small number of actual conflicts (as some critics claim), then there will be a correspondingly few number of same-sex couples affected by the religious exemptions we recommend. Finally, discrimination lawsuits often increase dramatically over time, so an important question is how many lawsuits against conscientious objectors will be filed 20 years from now. *See, e.g., Vivian Berger et al., Summary Judgment Benchmarks for Settling Employment Discrimination Lawsuits*, 23 HOFSTRA LAB. & EMP. L.J. 45, 45 (2005) (“The number of employment discrimination lawsuits rose continuously throughout the last three decades of the twentieth century. In the federal courts, such filings grew 2000% . . .”).

does not operate the religious facility as a for-profit business. (b) A religious organization that refuses to make a religious facility available for solemnization of a marriage under subsection (a) shall not be subject to any fine, penalty, injunction, administrative proceeding, or civil liability for the refusal. (c) Nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted to exempt the owner or operator of any religious facility from the requirements of chapter 489 if the religious facility is a place of public accommodation as defined in section 489-2.

As explained below, this proposed legislation would provide less protection for religious liberty than every other state that has successfully enacted same-sex marriage legislation.

Consider first the ersatz protection received by individual clergy. Individual clergy who refuse to perform same-sex marriage receive no meaningful protection because they are already protected by the U.S. Constitution. Indeed, with or without this language, [n]o one seriously believes that clergy will be forced, or even asked, to perform marriages that are anathema to them.²⁶ Focusing on the issue of "forced officiating" is a straw-man argument calculated to distract the uninformed from real situations where religious conscience is at risk.

Like the ersatz protection received by individual clergy, religious organizations receive very narrow and largely illusory protection. Specifically, § 572-G exempts a religious organization from holding the wedding only if the organization "restricts use of the facility to its members."²⁷ This provision could be read to mean generally or usually restricts, but it does not specifically include this limitation. It is not uncommon, however, for many religious organizations to open their facilities to weddings that include a non-member. Such facilities, then, would receive no protections.

Furthermore, § 572-G provides an exemption only if the facility is regularly used for religious purposes and not as a for-profit business. Finally, § 572-G removes any protection if the religious facility is a place of public accommodation. The latter introduces considerable uncertainty given the fact that the definition of public accommodation does not on its face appear to encompass the properties owned by churches or other religious organizations.²⁸ Moreover, in

²⁶ Stern at 1.

²⁷ Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 §572-G(2) (Haw. 2013) (proposed).

²⁸ HAW. REV. STAT. § 489-2 (West) ("Place of public accommodation" means a business, accommodation, refreshment, entertainment, recreation, or transportation facility of any kind whose goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations are extended, offered, sold, or otherwise made available to the general public as customers, clients, or visitors. By way of example, but not of limitation, place of public accommodation includes facilities of the following types: (1) A facility providing services relating to travel or transportation; (2) An inn, hotel, motel, or other establishment that provides lodging to transient guests; (3) A restaurant, cafeteria, lunchroom, lunch counter, soda fountain, or other facility principally engaged in selling food for consumption on the premises of a retail establishment; (4) A shopping center or any establishment that sells goods or services at retail; (5) An establishment licensed under chapter 281 doing business under a class 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12 license, as defined in section 281-31; (6) A motion picture theater, other theater, auditorium, convention center,

other jurisdictions, it is rare for a church to be considered a place of public accommodation.²⁹ If a religious facility is not a place of public accommodation, there is a good chance that no law applies to the religious facility in which case the exemption for religious facilities is wholly illusory. In short, the proposed Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 lacks any meaningful accommodation as drafted.

What the proposed legislation leaves out is considerable:

- o It provides no protection to religious organizations from the loss of government benefits for refusing to recognize a same-sex marriage.
- o It provides no protection for individual objectors other than a minister, priest, or other officer of a religious denomination or society.
- o It provides no protection to religious organizations from private lawsuits brought under Hawaii's nondiscrimination laws other than for refusal to solemnize a marriage.

This proposed legislation is lacking as the following subparts explain in detail.

a. No Protection from Government Penalty for Certain Actions

A good deal of misunderstanding surrounds religious liberty accommodations. Accommodations serve the important function of protecting conscientious objectors from private lawsuits. But accommodations also serve the purpose of insulating conscientious objectors from penalties at the hands of the government.³⁰

lecture hall, concert hall, sports arena, stadium, or other place of exhibition or entertainment; (7) A barber shop, beauty shop, bathhouse, swimming pool, gymnasium, reducing or massage salon, or other establishment conducted to serve the health, appearance, or physical condition of persons; (8) A park, a campsite, or trailer facility, or other recreation facility; (9) A comfort station; or a dispensary, clinic, hospital, convalescent home, or other institution for the infirm; (10) A professional office of a health care provider, as defined in section 323D-2, or other similar service establishment; (11) A mortuary or undertaking establishment; and (12) An establishment that is physically located within the premises of an establishment otherwise covered by this definition, or within the premises of which is physically located a covered establishment, and which holds itself out as serving patrons of the covered establishment. No place of public accommodation defined in this section shall be requested to reconstruct any facility or part thereof to comply with this chapter.

²⁹ See, e.g., *Wazeerud-Din v. Goodwill Home & Missions, Inc.*, 737 A.2d 683 (N.J.Super.1999) (churches are not "places of public accommodation"); *Saillant v. City of Greenwood*, No. IPO1-1760, 2003 WL 24032987 (S.D.Ind. Apr.17, 2003) (a "church is not a place of public accommodation").

³⁰ Robin Fretwell Wilson, *Matters of Conscience: Lessons for Same-Sex Marriage from the Healthcare Context* in SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: EMERGING CONFLICTS at 81; Michael W. McConnell, *Accommodation of Religion*, 1985 SUPREME COURT REV. 1; McConnell, *Accommodation of Religion: An Update and a Response to the Critics*, 60 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 685 (1992).

An objector may be penalized by losing access to government grant programs or other state or local benefits. Thus, in *Catholic Charities of Maine v. City of Portland*, the district court upheld a Portland ordinance that forced a religious charity either to extend employee spousal benefits to registered same-sex couples, or to lose eligibility to all city housing and community development funds.³¹ Similarly, the Salvation Army lost \$3.5 million in social service contracts with the City of San Francisco because it refused, on religious grounds, to provide benefits to the same-sex partners of its employees.³² The Boy Scouts of America have litigated and lost numerous suits over a state's authority to deny them access to benefits that others receive, when the law was otherwise silent.³³

In another example, Catholic adoption agencies in Illinois recently lost contracts with the state because they refused to place children in the homes of unmarried cohabiting couples.³⁴ The state claimed that the Catholic adoption agencies had violated the state's newly enacted civil union law.³⁵ That law contained no exemption for religious social service agencies and thus provided no protection against government penalties for conscientious objectors. Although this case implicated a civil union law, the consequences for a religious organization in Hawaii would be indistinguishable under a same-sex marriage law that omits important accommodations that we recommend.

Church-affiliated organizations have lost their exemption from taxes as well. In New Jersey, the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, a group owned and operated by an historic Methodist organization, refused on religious grounds to host the same-sex civil union ceremonies

³¹ 304 F. Supp. 2d 77 (D. Me. 2004); *see also* footnote 19 above.

³² *See* Don Lattin, *Charities Balk at Domestic Partner, Open Meeting Laws*, S.F. CHRON., July 10, 1998, at A-1.

³³ *See Evans v. City of Berkeley*, 38 Cal.4th 1 (Cal. App. 2006) (affirming revocation of a boat berth subsidy at public marina due to Boy Scouts' exclusion of atheist and openly gay members); *Boy Scouts of America v. Wyman*, 335 F.3d 80 (2d Cir. 2003) (holding that the Boy Scouts may be excluded from the state's workplace charitable contributions campaign for denying membership to openly gay individuals).

These results are possible because of the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Employment Division v. Smith*, 494 U.S. 872 (1990) (concluding that neutral and generally applicable laws do not violate the First Amendment no matter how much they burden an individual's or organization's exercise of religion). These outcomes demonstrate our point: legislative relief is needed to protect religious conscience.

³⁴ *Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield v. State*, 2011 WL 3655016 (Ill. Dist. 2011). In deciding a motion for summary judgment, the state trial judge held that Catholic Charities had no property right in their contracts from the state, and thus were not entitled to due process when the state decided not to extend the contract to the charities. *Id.* The judge expressly declined to address Catholic Charities' arguments that the state violated its rights under the Illinois Human Rights Act, 775 ILCS 5-1-101 *et seq.*, the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection & Civil Union Act, 750 ILCS 75-1 *et seq.*, and the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act, 775 ILCS 35-1 *et seq.* *Id.* at n. 1.

³⁵ Illinois Religious Freedom Protection & Civil Union Act, 750 ILL. COMP. STAT. 75-1 *et seq.*

of two lesbian couples in its beach-side pavilion.³⁶ Local authorities stripped the group of their exemption from local property taxes on the pavilion, and billed them for \$20,000, because the pavilion no longer complied with a state public lands program to which the exemption was tied.³⁷

The Camp Meeting Association was also investigated by the New Jersey Department of Civil Rights for an alleged violation of the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. The Department of Civil Rights has determined that probable cause exists to find a violation. Thus, the case is not only about losing tax-exempt status, but also about being penalized for allegedly violating state nondiscrimination laws.³⁸

These impacts on church-affiliated organizations, predicted by scholars,³⁹ did not result from statutory revocations of tax-exempt status in marriage legislation. Instead, these actions occurred because state laws never anticipated the problem and offered an explicit exemption.

³⁶ See Jill P. Capuzzo, Group Loses Tax Break Over Gay Union Issue, N.Y. TIMES, Sept. 18, 2007 (describing the case of *Bernstein v. Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Ass'n*).

³⁷ See Bill Bowman, *\$20G Due in Tax on Boardwalk Pavilion: Exemption Lifted in Rights Dispute*, ASBURY PARK PRESS, Feb. 23, 2008. Some exemption opponents argue that *Ocean Grove* is irrelevant to the same-sex marriage debate because the tax exemption at issue was conditioned upon the Camp Meeting Association's willingness to open the property for the entire public. That argument, however, overlooks two points. First, while the tax exemption in *Ocean Grove* was based on an open-space requirement, nothing stops governments from conditioning tax exemptions on other things, such as compliance with state and local nondiscrimination laws or, more generally, being organized for the "public interest." *Bob Jones Univ. v. United States*, 461 U.S. 574, 592 (1983). Thus, just as governments can strip a tax exemption because an organization cannot in good conscience open its property to the entire public, so also can governments strip a tax exemption because it concludes that an organization's conscientious objection to same-sex marriage violates nondiscrimination laws or "public policy" more generally. Second, when the Camp Meeting Association agreed to open its property to the entire public, it likely never contemplated the legalization of civil unions or same-sex marriage, much less that it would be asked to facilitate such a marriage in violation of its religious beliefs. *Ocean Grove* thus illustrates the fact that legalizing same-sex marriage will create significant conflicts of conscience that were never contemplated before.

³⁸ As the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit explained, "[The federal complaint arose out of the [New Jersey Department of Civil Right's] investigation into whether the Association's refusal to permit couples to use the Boardwalk Pavilion for civil unions violates the [New Jersey Law Against Discrimination]. Clearly, therefore, New Jersey's interest in eliminating unlawful discrimination is at the center of this dispute." *Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Ass'n of United Methodist Church v. Vespa-Papaleo*, 339 Fed.Appx. 232, 238 (3d Cir. 2009); See also *Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield v. State*, 2011 WL 3655016 (2011).

³⁹ Douglas W. Kmiec, *Same-Sex Marriage and the Coming Antidiscrimination Campaigns Against Religion* in SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: EMERGING CONFLICTS 107-21 (describing attacks on tax exemptions for religious organizations with objections to same-sex marriage); Jonathan Turley, *An Unholy Union* in SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: EMERGING CONFLICTS 59-76 (arguing for same-sex marriage but against withdrawal of tax exemptions for religious organizations with conscientious objections).

These experiences drive home the need for explicit protection from penalties by the government.⁴⁰

b. Needed Protection for Individual Objectors

Legal recognition of same-sex marriage can also place a real burden on *individuals* whose objection arises not from anti-gay animus, but from a sincere religious belief in traditional marriage.

The proposed legislation does not protect individuals—other than those enumerated few—who, for religious reasons, prefer no role in a same-sex marriage ceremony. Thus, a religious individual who runs a small business, e.g., a baker who makes wedding cakes; a wedding photographer; a caterer; a florist; a reception hall owner; or a seamstress or a tailor, receives no protection at all.⁴¹ The failure to protect such individuals puts them to a cruel choice: their conscience or their livelihood.⁴² Enacting protections for individual objectors is not only necessary but also consistent with the existing public policy in Hawaii's nondiscrimination statutory scheme.⁴³

Some assume that any religious objection to same-sex marriage must be an objection to providing goods or services to gays as such: in other words, that a refusal represents animus towards gay couples. Yet many people of good will view marriage as a religious institution and the wedding ceremony as a religious sacrament. For them, assisting with a marriage ceremony has religious significance that commercial services, like serving food or driving taxis, simply do

⁴⁰ Unlike many other states, Hawaii has not enacted a state Religious Freedom Restoration Act. *See, e.g.*, Eugene Volokh, *RFRA State Map available at* <http://www.law.ucla.edu/volokh/rfmap.pdf> (last visited Sept. 3, 2010) (reporting states with state constitutional amendments, statutory RFRAs, and state constitutional free exercise clauses interpreted to require strict scrutiny).

⁴¹ *See Elane Photography LLC v. Willock*, 309 P.3d 53 (N.M. Aug. 22, 2013) (fining New Mexico photographer for refusing on religious grounds to photograph a same-sex commitment ceremony); *see also Gay Couple Sues Illinois Bed and Breakfast For Refusing to Host Civil Union Ceremony*, HUFFINGTON POST, Feb. 23, 2011.

⁴² Robin Fretwell Wilson, *A Matter of Conviction: Moral Clashes Over Same-Sex Adoption*, 22 *BYU J. PUB. L.* 475 (2008) (describing dismissals and resignations of social service workers where conscience protections were not provided).

⁴³ HAW. REV. STAT. §378-3 (1998) ((Nothing in this part shall be deemed to . . . [p]rohibit or prevent any religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, that is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization, from giving preference to individuals of the same religion or from making a selection calculated to promote the religious principles for which the organization is established or maintained[.][]); HAW. REV. STAT. § 515-8 (1992) (It is not a discriminatory practice for a religious institution or organization or a charitable or educational organization operated, supervised, or controlled by a religious institution or organization to give preference to members of the same religion in a real property transaction, unless membership in such religion is restricted on account of race, color, or ancestry.[])

not. They have no objection generally to providing services to same-sex couples, but they object to directly facilitating a marriage.

In short, nondiscrimination statutes enacted years ago now take on a whole new level of significance, with a much greater need for religious exemptions. A marriage bill that provides no protection to individual objectors (other than authorized celebrants, who are already protected by the Constitution) would effectively leave any individual who refuses to assist with same-sex wedding ceremonies vulnerable to a lawsuit, whether framed as sexual orientation discrimination, sex discrimination, or, where applicable, marital-status discrimination.⁴⁴

Of course, accommodating individual objectors might not be without cost for same-sex couples. Thus, we argue only for "hardship exemptions" exemptions that are available only when there is no undue hardship on same-sex couples.⁴⁵

c. No Robust and Uniform Protection for Religious Organizations

Hawaii's law prohibits discrimination based on, among other things, marital status, sex, and sexual orientation. Such discrimination is prohibited in a variety of areas including employment,⁴⁶ housing,⁴⁷ and public accommodations⁴⁸ with only a few limited exemptions for

⁴⁴ Refusals to provide benefits to same-sex partners have been invalidated as a form of gender or sex discrimination. See *Baehr v. Lewin*, 852 P.2d 44 (Haw. 1993) (plurality op.) (discrimination by state against same-sex spouses raised difficult constitutional questions regarding sex discrimination and sexual orientation discrimination). Similar cases have occurred elsewhere. In *In re Levenson*, 560 F.3d 1145 (9th Cir. 2009) (order of Reinhardt, J.), the court found an employer's denial of coverage for an employee's same-sex partner under the company's employment benefits plan to be sex discrimination. As Judge Reinhardt explained:

There is no doubt that the denial of Levenson's request that Sears be made a beneficiary of his federal benefits violated the EDR Plan's prohibition on discrimination based on sex or sexual orientation. Levenson was unable to make his spouse a beneficiary of his federal benefits due solely to his spouse's sex. If Sears were female, or if Levenson himself were female, Levenson would be able to add Sears as a beneficiary. Thus, the denial of benefits at issue here was sex-based and can be understood as a violation of the EDR Plan's prohibition of sex discrimination.

See also *In re Golinski*, 2009 WL 2222884 at *3 (9th Cir. Jan. 13, 2009) (Order of Kozinski, C.J.) (construing the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit's benefits policy to include same-sex spouses because denial of benefits to same-sex marriage was form of sex-based discrimination); *In re Marriage Cases*, 183 P.3d 384, 436-40 (Cal. 2008) (same-sex marriage proponents pursued gender discrimination claims ultimately rejected by court); cf. WIS. STAT. §111.36(1)(d) (defining sexual orientation discrimination as a form of gender discrimination).

⁴⁵ See Part A above.

⁴⁶ HAW. STAT. ANN. §378-2 (2012) (making it unlawful "[f]or any employer to refuse to hire or employ or to bar or discharge from employment, or otherwise to discriminate against any individual in compensation or in the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of "race, sex, including gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, religion, color, ancestry, disability, marital status, arrest and court record, or domestic or sexual violence victim status").

religious organizations.⁴⁹ The current exemptions are inadequate to address the wide range of foreseeable issues, identified in part C, concerning same-sex marriage and religious objectors. One exemption protects only a religious organization's decision to favor members of the same faith in "real property transaction[s]."⁵⁰ Another applies only to employment—not provisions of services, housing, and other issues—and although it permits an organization to make decisions "calculated to promote the religious principles for which the organization is established or maintained," the scope of that language is unclear.⁵¹ And by stating that a given law does not "prohibit" certain actions by a religious organization, the exemptions may do nothing to protect against other governmental penalties such as withdrawal of licensure or tax-exempt status or withdrawal of government contracts.

Once the bill is passed, those opposed to *any* exceptions for religious communities will give the narrowest possible interpretation to all exemptions. For this reason, the legislature ought to take enough time to write legislation consonant with President Obama's sage counsel: "On an issue as sensitive as this, knowing that Americans hold a wide range of views based on deeply held beliefs, maintaining our nation's commitment to religious freedom is also vital." To clarify the sort of legal protection that should surround religious life in this country, and to foster and address a whole range of developing conflicts, further reflection on refining this legislation is imperative.

The proposed bill in Hawaii to legalize same-sex marriage provides *considerably less* protection than most *every other jurisdiction* where the legislature has considered the issue.⁵²

⁴⁷ HAW. STAT. ANN. § 515-3 (2012) (making it "a discriminatory practice for an owner or any other person engaging in a real estate transaction, or for a real estate broker or salesperson, because of race, sex, including gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, color, religion, marital status, familial status, ancestry, disability, age, or human immunodeficiency virus infection").

⁴⁸ HAW. STAT. ANN. § 489-3 (2012) ("Unfair discriminatory practices that deny, or attempt to deny, a person the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of a place of public accommodation on the basis of race, sex, including gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, color, religion, ancestry, or disability are prohibited.")

⁴⁹ See footnote 6 above.

⁵⁰ HAW. REV. STAT. § 515-8 (2012) ("It is not a discriminatory practice for a religious institution or organization or a charitable or educational organization operated, supervised, or controlled by a religious institution or organization to give preference to members of the same religion in a real property transaction, unless membership in such religion is restricted on account of race, color, or ancestry.")

⁵¹ HAW. REV. STAT. § 378-3(5) (2012) ("Nothing in this part [governing employment practices] shall be deemed to . . . [p]rohibit or prevent any religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, that is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization, from giving preference to individuals of the same religion or from making a selection calculated to promote the religious principles for which the organization is established or maintained[.]")

⁵² See Appendix A below. Delaware is the odd exception.

Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington have all enacted same-sex marriage laws, and all provide much more protection for religious liberty than Hawaii's proposed legislation.⁵³ Each of those states protects religious organizations from being forced to offer "services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges" related to a marriage when doing so would violate their religious beliefs.⁵⁴ Although the protections in Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington also fall short in key areas,⁵⁵ they still provide far more protection than Hawaii's proposed same-sex marriage legislation.

Conclusion

Without adequate safeguards for religious liberty of the sort proposed in this letter, the recognition of same-sex marriage will lead to socially divisive and entirely unnecessary conflicts between the exercise of rights pursuant to the same-sex marriage law and religious liberty. That is a destructive path leading to needless loss by both sides. A balanced "middle way" leads to a win-win solution for both sides. The Hawaii State Legislature should avoid either extreme and be the wise peacemaker. On that note, we would welcome any opportunity to provide further information, analysis, or testimony to the Hawaii State Legislature.

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⁵³ See footnote 9 above; see generally Appendix A below.

⁵⁴ See footnote 47 above.

⁵⁵ See Letter to Iowa Legislators, available at <http://mirrorofjustice.blogspot.com/files/2009-07-12-iowa-letter-final.doc>, at 6-7 (letter from the undersigned describing shortcomings of Connecticut, Vermont, and New Hampshire conscience protections).

⁵⁶ Academic affiliation is indicated for identification purposes only. The universities that employ the signers take no position on this or any related bill.

APPENDIX A:

Core Religious Liberty Protections in Same-Sex Marriage Legislation

Table reprinted from Robin Fretwell Wilson, *The Calculus of Accommodation: Contraception, Abortion, Same-Sex Marriage, and Other Clashes between Religion and the State*, 53 B.C. L. REV. 1417 (2012)
<http://scholarlycommons.law.wlu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1130&context=wlufac>.

All jurisdictions that have enacted legislation (Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington) **expressly** exempt clergy from requirements to solemnize or celebrate marriages inconsistent with their religious faith. *See* CONN. GEN. STAT. §§46b-21, 46b-150d (2009); DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 13, §106 (West 2012); D.C. CODE §46-406(c) (2010); MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§2-201, 2-202, 2-406 (2012), 2012 Maryland Laws Ch. 2 (H.B. 438) §2; MINN. STAT. ANN. §517.09 (West 2013); N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §457:37 (2011); N.Y. DOM. REL. LAW §11(1) (McKinney 2011); VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 18, §5144(b) (2010); R.I. GEN. LAWS ANN. §15-3-6.1 (West 2013); WASH. REV. CODE §26.04.010(2)(4) (2012).

Nine jurisdictions (Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington) **expressly** allow a religiously affiliated group to refuse to provide services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges for the solemnization or celebration of a marriage. *See* CONN. GEN. STAT. §46b-150d; D.C. CODE §46-406(e); MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§2-201, 2-202 (2012), 2012 Maryland Laws Ch. 2 (H.B. 438) §3; MINN. STAT. ANN. §363A.26 (West 2013); N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §457:37(III); N.Y. DOM. REL. LAW §10-b(1); VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 9, §4502(1); R.I. GEN. LAWS ANN. §15-3-6.1 (West 2013); WASH. REV. CODE §26.04.010(2)(5).

Nine jurisdictions (Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington) **expressly** protect covered religious objectors from **private suit**. *See* CONN. GEN. STAT. §46b-150d; D.C. CODE §46-406(e); MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§2-201, 2-202 (2012), 2012 Maryland Laws Ch. 2 (H.B. 438) §§2-3; MINN. STAT. ANN. §517.09 (West 2013); N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §457:37(III); N.Y. DOM. REL. LAW §10-b(1); R.I. GEN. LAWS ANN. §15-3-6.1 (West 2013); VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 9, §4502(1); WASH. REV. CODE §26.04.010(2)(6).

Eight jurisdictions (Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Washington) **expressly** protect religious objectors, including religiously affiliated **nonprofit organizations**, from being “**penalize[d]**” by the government for such refusals through, e.g., the loss of government grants. *See* CONN. GEN. STAT. §46b-150d; D.C. Code § 46-406(e)(2); MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§ 2-201, 2-202 (2012), 2012 Maryland Laws Ch. 2 (H.B. 438) §§ 2-3; MINN. STAT. ANN. §517.09 (West 2013); N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §457:37(III); N.Y. DOM. REL. LAW § 10-b(1); R.I. GEN. LAWS ANN. § 15-3-6.1 (West 2013); WASH. REV. CODE § 26.04.010(2)(4).

Four jurisdictions (Maryland, the District of Columbia, New Hampshire and Rhode Island) **expressly** protect religious organizations from "the promotion of same-sex marriage through religious programs, counseling, courses, or retreats, that is in violation of the religious society's beliefs." *See* D.C. CODE § 46-406(e) (2011). *See also* N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §457:37(3) (exempting "the promotion of marriage through **religious counseling**, programs, courses, retreats, or housing designated for married individuals"); MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§ 2-201, 2-202 (2012), 2012 Maryland Laws Ch. 2 (H.B. 438) §§ 2-3. (provided **so long as the program receives no government funding**); R.I. GEN. LAWS ANN. § 15-3-6.1 (West 2013) (exempting the "promotion of marriage through any social or religious programs or service"). **New York** may protect this. *See* N.Y. DOM. REL. LAW §10-b (2) ("nothing in this article shall limit or diminish the right, of any religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, which is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization from taking such action as is calculated by such organization to promote the religious principles for which it is established or maintained").

Three jurisdictions (Minnesota, New Hampshire and New York) **expressly** protect religious organizations from "the promotion of marriage through ... **housing** designated for married individuals." *See* N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §457:37(3). *See also* N.Y. DOM. REL. Law §10-b (2) ("nothing in this article shall limit or diminish the right, of any religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, which is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization to limit employment or sales or **rental of housing accommodations** or admission to or give preference to persons of the same religion or denomination"); MINN. STAT. ANN. §363A.26 (West 2013)(providing that religious organization are not prohibited from "in matters relating to sexual orientation, taking any action with respect to housing and real property).

Three states (Vermont, New Hampshire and Maryland) expressly allow religiously-affiliated fraternal organizations, like the Knights of Columbus, expressly to **limit insurance coverage** to spouses in heterosexual marriages. *See* VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 8 §4501(b); N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §457:37(IV) (2009); MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§2-201, 2-202, Note: MD INS. LAW §8-402 (2012); 2012 Maryland Laws Ch. 2 (H.B. 438) §4.

Two states (Connecticut and Maryland) **expressly** allow a religiously-affiliated **adoption or foster care agency** to place children only with heterosexual married couples so long as they don't receive any government funding. (Conn. Pub. Acts No. 09-13 §19); *See* MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§2-201, 2-202 (2012).

Three states (Maryland, New Hampshire and New York) **expressly** exempt **individual employees** being managed, directed, or supervised by or in conjunction with a covered entity from celebrating same-sex marriages if doing so would violate religious beliefs and faith. *See* N.Y. DOM. REL. Law. §10-b (1). *See also* N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §457:37(III); MD. CODE ANN., Note: FAM. LAW §§2-201, 2-202 (2012), 2012 Maryland Laws Ch. 2 (H.B. 438) §2.

Two states (Maryland and New York) include **non-severability clauses** in their legislation. *See* 2011 Sess. Law News of N.Y. Ch. 96 (A. 8520 §5-a) (This act is to be construed as a whole, and all parts of it are to be read and construed together. If any part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remainder of this act shall be invalidated.); H.B. 438, 2012 Leg., 430th Sess. (Md. 2012) (the provisions of this Act are not severable, and if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, no other provision or application of this Act may be given effect and this Act shall be null and void).



The Cost of Marriage Inequality for Military Members

When DOMA was struck down by the Supreme Court, it opened the door for gay, lesbian, and bisexual soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coastguardsmen to receive the same benefits as their straight counterparts if they were married in a state that recognizes same-sex marriage.

However, the Department of Defense **does not recognize civil unions**. Unless Hawai'i recognizes and grants same-sex marriages, same-sex couples in the military who are stationed in Hawai'i must travel to a locality which grants marriage licenses to same-sex couples if they wish to receive the same benefits as their straight counterparts.

These benefits include:

- Medical coverage for spouses
- Dental coverage for spouses
- Permission for member to leave barracks to live with spouse
- Basic Allowance for Housing at with-dependent rate
- DoD Dependent ID cards, which grant--
 - Base and facilities access
 - Commissary and Military Exchange access
 - Morale, Welfare and Recreation services

A same-sex military couple stationed in Hawai'i **must pay an estimated \$1,400** for benefit parity, compared to the \$60 cost of a marriage license in Hawai'i for a straight military couple. This includes the average cost of two round-trip tickets to California, the cost of a marriage license and basic travel expenses.

When couples leave the state to get married, Hawai'i businesses are hurt, too – **\$15,000 to \$30,000** for the cost of a wedding, not to mention **tens of thousands of dollars in tourism revenue** from would-be wedding guests, is spent somewhere else or not at all.

OutServe-SLDN Hawai'i hopes that the Legislature will pass marriage equality legislation. This state has become home for many of our 250 members, and we want to be able to celebrate our joys with our Hawaiian 'ohana and hui.

Aloha! I am writing in strong support of SB 1 and hope that it gets approved that allows everyone, without discrimination, the right to marry. As the saying goes, Love is Love, no one can control how they feel whenever they are in love and therefore, they should be allowed to take things to the next level. If being a person who is gay, lesbian, bisexual, or a transgender is prevented from marrying whom they please because the law forbids it and there are people against it, then no one should be allowed to marry because it is simply unfair and unjust that there are many heterosexual relationships and marriages that many people are against because they feel they aren't right for the other or have other reasons such as being abusive, addict, etc.. We are all humans that live in a country that is known for freedom therefore we should be able to marry who we want. Every human, straight or gay, deserves the same rights and equality.

From my personal experience, I am a proud lesbian soldier of the United States of America and am currently engaged to the love of my life of 6 years. We are both from Hawai'i and waiting for this bill to pass to finally get married in the state where we are from. Why should we have to spend extra money and travel across the Pacific Ocean just to get married and not have all of our Ohana present when there are heterosexual couples marrying left and right on our Aina that should not even get married but yet we, LGBT citizens, can't even do that? They are humans as am I, we breathe the same air and we have the same basic features; so why can they but we can't? Last time I check, equal rights pertain to every human being, without discrimination of gender, therefore we are the same and should be treated the same by having the same rights as everyone else. I am serving for our country, even if I am not deployed, I pay my taxes, I have volunteered many hours of my times through numerous community services that range from Habitat for humanity, American Red Cross blood drives, community sports, food drives, helping the less fortunate, etc.. I know there aren't half of those heterosexual people who did half as much as I did but yet they are allowed to do the one thing that I truly want and we all live for that I can't. Now that is unfair and disrespectful that goes against what Hawai'i is known for, "The Aloha State."

In Hawaii, we don't turn our backs on family. No member of anyone's ohana – gay or straight – should have to face shame because of who they are and who they love. Plus, Hawai'i is a known tourist attraction, yet a dream wedding area, so we should allow anyone the ability to marry in Hawaii; it would even boost our tourism economy. Before being gay started being a problem, Hawai'i was always known as the Aloha state that's why we have the symbol of the Rainbow on our license plate that everyone see daily. With that, the color of the rainbow is the prime icon of the LGBT community so Hawai'i was the main advertisement that portrayed happiness and freedom. The freedom to marry the person you love is a basic freedom that should not be denied to anyone. Gay and lesbian couples get married for similar reasons as everyone else – to make a lifetime promise of love, commitment and fidelity to the person they love. The government should not be in the business of telling people who they can and cannot marry. None of us would want to be told that it is illegal to marry the person we love.

There are people who oppose of Gay marriage for the typical reason of saying it's against religion but the truth is that they are just uncomfortable with it because it hasn't been a norm back in the day. In history, yes traditional marriage was the thing because of how society was but as we live another day, the world is constantly evolving and changing in every way. Therefore, in this generation now, there are more and more homosexuals coming out and being introduced

to the world because it is part of the society today. In addition, there are a few who will say that it is a sin to be gay and to marry someone of the same sex. However, in respect to religion and stating that gay marriage is a sin, divorce, infidelity, murder, etc...are all a sin but yet we allow that. So what is the difference besides not being comfortable around gay people? There are straight people who are uncomfortable with other straight people, so why do we still allow straight marriage if we can't allow gay marriage? It is not like gay people are having special treatment such as monetary funds or being first in line at the stores or anything; so why is it a problem with who we marry? As stated throughout this testimony, we are all humans, we are all family that make up Hawai'i therefore, we should be treated with equality and allowed the right to marry.

Thank you for your time in reading my testimony as I state why it is time to make history and let Hawaii be truly the Aloha state that enables all of its citizens equal rights! I strongly support SB1 and along with many others, I am ready to see an abundance of joyous love throughout the Islands as equality is now the right movement to fight for because we are simply, all humans that deserve equality.

Mahalo,

Krystal-Carrie Gaitos

Dear Legislators,

I write to you as someone who stands in support of marriage equality, but I oppose this special session in order to achieve it.

The issue of marriage equality is one that has been discussed for quite some time now, and I do feel that it is unjust to deny those who are in homosexual relationships the rights and benefits that are conferred with marriage. For the record, I am a heterosexual male who is in a loving marriage with a heterosexual female. Neither one of us feels threatened that passing such a bill will violate the sanctity of our own marriage. I personally feel that the religious portion of marriage is just that - religious, and has almost nothing to do with changing the law to reflect equality. This issue is one that is divisive, but I also feel that if the correct procedures were followed, and all sides and interests are protected to the best ability of the law, things would run as smoothly as possible.

The fact that a special session was virtual forced upon the legislature at the behest of the Governor really denies all parties due process, and really starts to border on abuse of power. I, myself am submitting this testimony to you, knowing full well that it may never be given the same attention that an in-person testimony would, but I do it anyway because I believe that I should be afforded the right to do so. I oppose the special session because I feel that taking this matter on during the regular session, where due process is more certainly guaranteed, would have been the best way to approach this.

Should this testimony reach you, I would strongly urge the House to oppose or shelve the bill until the regular session, where proper procedure and due process can be exercised and a clean bill, protecting the rights of the religious and granting marriage equality to all, can be passed without fear of consequence. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Randall Kamisato

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! Your decision should not be made on 1 % of the population.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Shawn Reasoner
Waialua, HI 96791

October 31, 2013
Testimony in Regards to SB1
In Favor

Aloha,

I know that you have had the opportunity to listen and read thousands of testimonies in the past week but I wanted to voice my opinion as a Christian registered Republican Woman who is in support of SB1. I know that you are going to have much more eloquent and very well thought out testimonies given than this one. I simply want to make a few points I believe that my brothers and sisters of this wonderful state have been leaving out.

First, sexual orientation is not a choice. It may not be linked to a specific gene, yet, but it is absolutely not a “lifestyle choice”. For most of the 20th Century Homosexuality was considered a mental illness, however in 1974 that was changed. Studies are still being conducted to prove that Homosexuality is not in fact a mental illness. In a recent Washington Times article writer Paul Mountjoy describes the results from a 40 year study on homosexuality performed by the American Psychological Association,

Psychology recognizes people express their sexual orientation through behaviors and these behaviors designed to bond are described as holding hands, kissing and intimacy and affection. Non- affectionate behaviors include deeply felt need for love and attachment, shared goals, and values, mutual support and long term outgoing commitment.

I understand that some people do not wish to view this as scientific fact, however, just because scientists have yet to find the genetic makeup that dictates human behavior does not mean that it does not exist. Until then we are going to have to rely on the highly educated specialists of the American Psychological Association to peer into human behavior.

The second point I would like to make has to do with the issue of child rearing and procreation. Many individuals are arguing that we as humans will not be able to continue procreating if we “allow” Homosexuals to think that they are “normal”. According to the Congressional Coalition on Adoption there are 400,540 children living without permanent homes in the United States alone. Once again that number is four hundred thousand five hundred forty children. Homosexual couples not being able to “procreate” can be viewed as a blessing in a world where so many children do not have family. Another argument that I often hear is about the effects on children being raised in a Homosexual home. I am sure that you have all seen Case No. S147999 in the Supreme Court of the State of California, In re Marriage Cases Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4365(...). It states,

Although it is sometimes asserted in policy debates that heterosexual couples are inherently better parents than same-sex couples, or that the children of lesbian or gay parents fare worse than children raised by heterosexual parents, those assertions are not supported by scientific research literature.

As you can see, once again there is no scientific research to support the claim that Homosexuality harms children being raised. It instead could be the life changing moment for a child in the foster care system so desperately wanting stability and love.

The last point I would like to make has to do with religion. I know that many of you are also followers of Christ. I would like very much to recommend that you at some point read God Believes in Love by Gene Robinson. He is much more eloquent and studied than I am on scripture. In his book he speaks about many of the common verses quoted when saying that Homosexuality is a sin. For instance, the most commonly used one is found in Leviticus. However, if you are not an Orthodox Jew chances are you follow the New Testament which disregards the Holy Laws or Levitical Laws. Every time Paul writes to his brothers and sisters in Christ he writes that even the Pharisee's followed the Holy Laws but that did not bring them salvation. In Colossians, Thessalonians, Philipians, every time Paul warns his brothers and sisters that following the Holy Laws will not lead to salvation. If Paul was so adamant about warning followers then why are we disregarding his warnings now? I implore you to sincerely pray and search the scriptures with your heart un-hardened by the world and by the influence of others if you are going to deciding the fate of an entire community of people based on what so many other fellow Christ followers have been saying.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this testimony, serving our Aloha State, and the chance to grant Equality for ALL of this states citizens.

Sincerely,

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