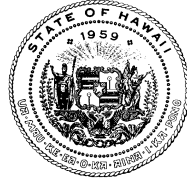


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB157
RELATING TO LICENSING.**

SENATOR KARL RHOADS, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Hearing Date: February 19, 2021 Room Number: N/A

1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports this measure that
2 authorizes non-religiously affiliated individuals to solemnize marriages, as a matter of fairness
3 and parity.

4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

5 **Offered Amendments:** N/A.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 1:52:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/19/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Golojuch Jr	Testifying for LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

The LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawaii's oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization, fully supports Senate Bill 157.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.

Chair

LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 9:46:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/19/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl B.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

With question... does this mean anyone prior to this bill having a civil marriage is not considered a marriage under law? The wording seems to need clarifying?

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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 7:45:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/19/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2021 8:52:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/19/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Smart	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Considering that Hawaii has effectively redefined marriage as simply a contract, I don't see the need to "solomnize marraiges" by a licensed official. Simply filing the needed paperwork should be sufficient for state purposes.

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Submitted on: 2/18/2021 1:29:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/19/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kristen Alice	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I **support** this bill.