

# **Petitions**

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Sincerely,  
The Undersigned

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3	Raphael Kama	41-569 Hihimanu St	Waimanalo	259-8116
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5	Patricia Kauhane	2085 Puowaina Dr.	Hon 96813	538-6584
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8	Elean Keohokapu sr.	41-286 Kaai ai Pl	Waimanalo, HI 96795	259-0092
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To: Senate Judiciary Committee

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, beg you to vote NO on HB444.

This is not a union such as a man and a woman becoming one and producing a child. This is two separate individuals, never becoming one, living together in lust. To grant them union would be a travesty.

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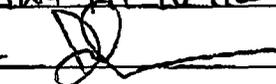
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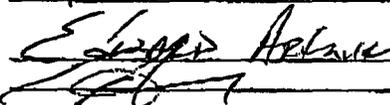
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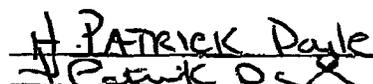
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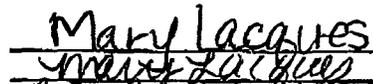
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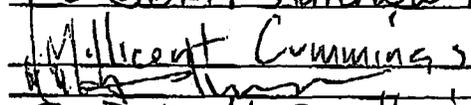
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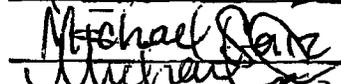
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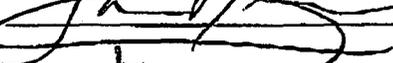
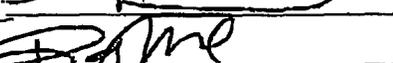
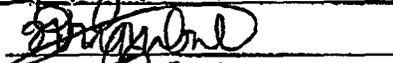
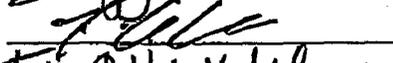
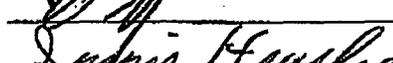
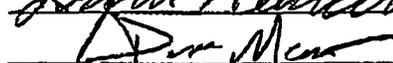
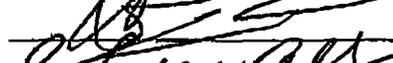
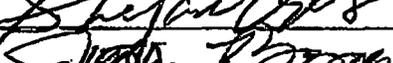
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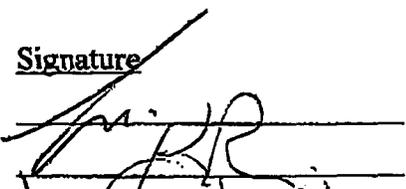
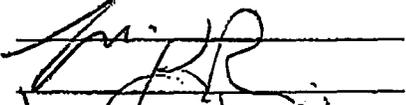
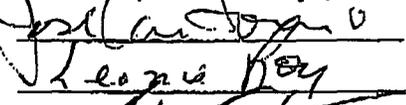
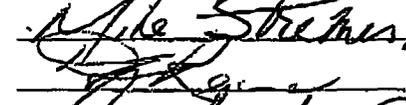
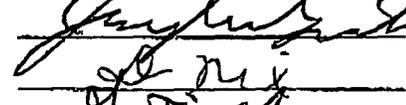
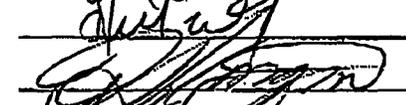
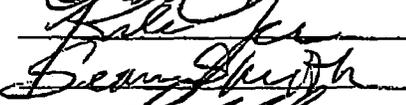
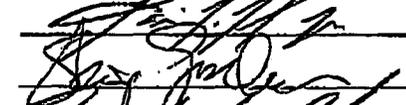
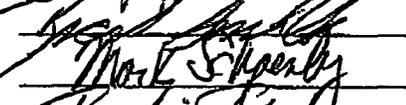
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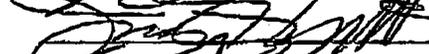
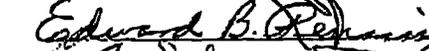
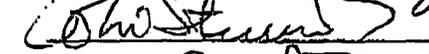
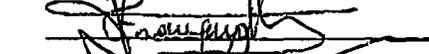
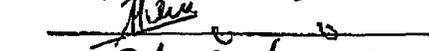
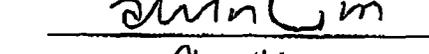
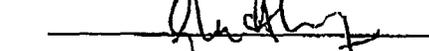
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I wish to express my support for House Bill 444 - Civil Unions. I believe that all people should be treated equally under the law and this is something required by our Constitution. HB 444 extends the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union.

Civil unions are supported by the majority of the public based on a recent QMark Research study done in 2007. It is part of the Democratic party platform and has President Obama's full support as well as the support of a large majority of the Hawaii House of Representatives.

The issue of equal treatment for same-sex couples is the civil rights issue of this generation. Equality is a simple concept yet sadly has been out of reach to so many. I ask that you support HB 444 and appreciate your careful consideration.

Mahalo,

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**STOP HB444 / SB458****Main Issue: Civil Unions = Same Sex Marriages****TO: HAWAII STATE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

We the undersigned oppose all Bills related to Civil Unions, including but not limited to HB444, SB458, and HB878.

The people have in 1998 spoken overwhelmingly against such measure. The people do so once again.

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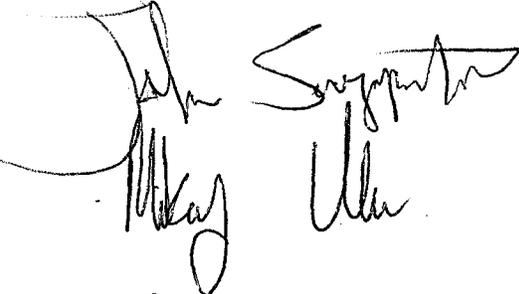
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3 \* *Jaimame Benemerito*

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5 \* *Sisau Lesta*

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7 \* *Thomas Lee*

8 \* *Alimau Lesta*

9 \* *Maakua Det*

10 \* *Catalina Porcell*

11 \* *Daisy Benigo*

12 \* *Asopolo Asuega*

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5. Jaques Siaso
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15. Emari Kit
16. ~~Bob~~ Zafah
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30. Masani Tayai

31. Marlene Sema

32. Iina Juamanda

33. Maevasea Letuli

24. Popo Letuli

15. Alai Tayai

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3. SYIA TAPU44CA

4. Kalopa "

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7. Iina Vava Naea

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* Malakhi Samoa 2.	* Sepas Lofaula 8
* Myeah Samoa 3	* Jabara, Luma ki. 9.
* Justen Samoa 4	* Delia 10.
* Amazing Sala 5	* Jonathan Lofaula 11
* Valbrade Luma 6	* Christina Luma 12.

1. Rose K. Fah
2. ~~Agumellise~~
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 Daniel Coffin 31. Johnny James  
 Johnnie Coffin 32. Thamar D. Pli  
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 Daisy Asuega 34. Ther Pli  
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 16. Wendy Asuega 44. \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. Amanda Asuega 45. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 22. Jessica Asuega 50. \_\_\_\_\_  
 23. Isaiah Asuega 51. \_\_\_\_\_  
 24. Ezekiel Asuega 52. \_\_\_\_\_  
 25. Exodus Asuega 53. \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Mark Inman

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Virginia Domligan  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

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To: Senator Brain Taniguchi (Chair)  
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**Re: Opposition to HB 444 HD 1 Civil Union**  
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Attached are signatures from all over our Island these are people that could not be present to testify due to their work schedule and obligation to provide for their families. **There signatures expresses their opposition** please make the time to review them.

Thank you,  
Virginia Domligan

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*Please submit as testimony 106 pages*

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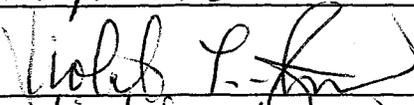
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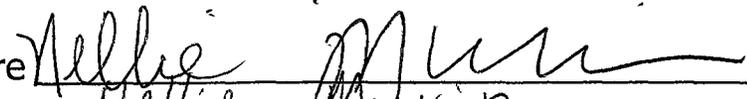
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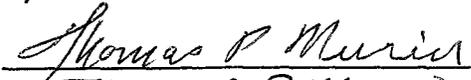
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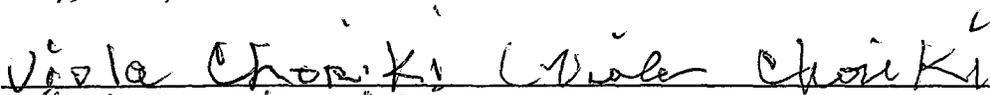
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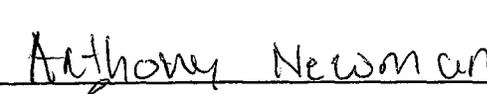
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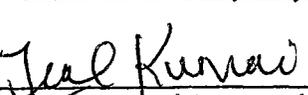
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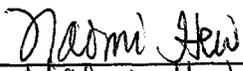
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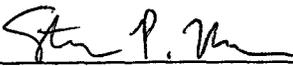
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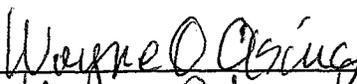
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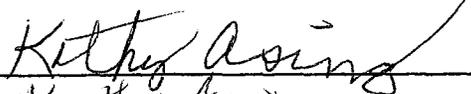
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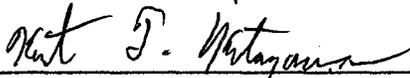
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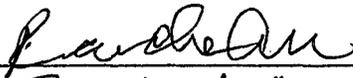
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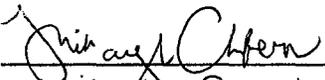
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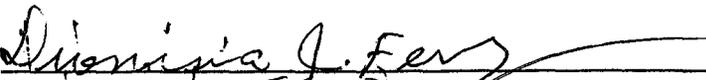
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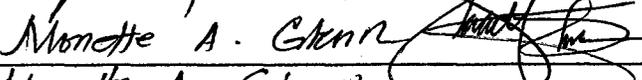
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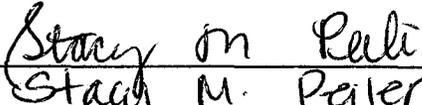
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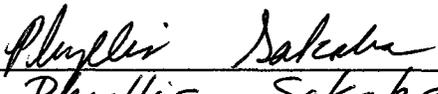
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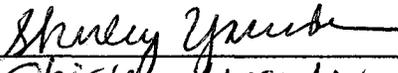
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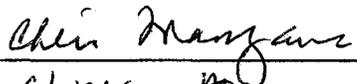
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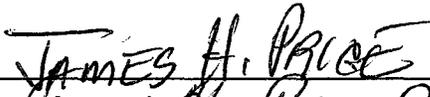
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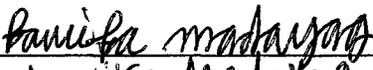
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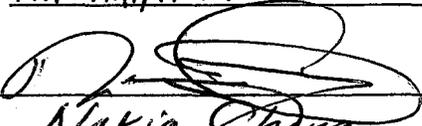
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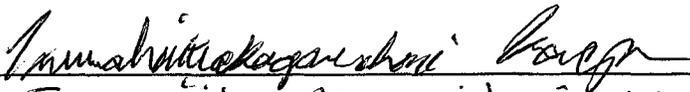
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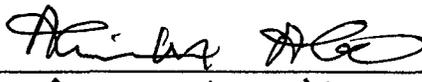
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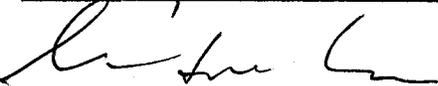
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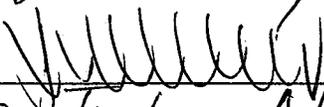
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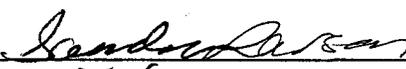
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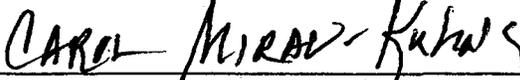
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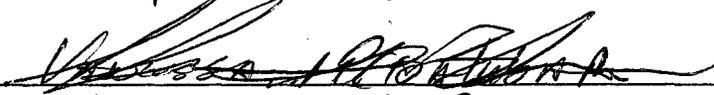
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*I am glad*  
**PETITION AGAINST CIVIL UNIONS**  
**Civil Union Bills (HB-444, HB-878, SB-458)**

February 12, 2009

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**I OPPOSE** HB-444, SB-458 & HB-878 Civil Unions Bill. Hawaii has already voted for Traditional Marriage with a clear and resounding 70%. Please listen to the voice of Hawaii's people and vote against these bills.

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**PETITION AGAINST CIVIL UNIONS ~~AND THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL~~  
Civil Union Bills (HB-444, HB-878, SB-458)  
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February 12, 2009

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**Civil Union Bills (HB-444, HB-878, SB-458)**

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February 12, 2009

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**PETITION AGAINST CIVIL UNIONS**

**Civil Union Bills (HB-444, HB-878, SB-458)**

February 12, 2009

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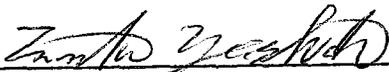
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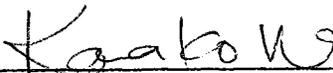
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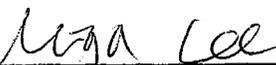
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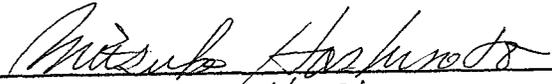
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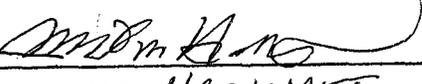
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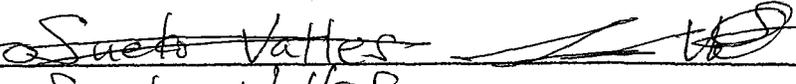
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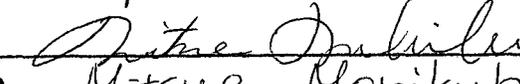
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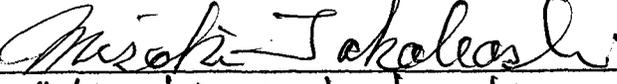
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**PETITION AGAINST CIVIL UNIONS & ~~DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP~~**  
**Civil Union Bills (HB-444, HB-878, SB-458)**  
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**PETITION AGAINST CIVIL UNIONS**

**Civil Union Bills (HB-444, HB-878, SB-458)**

February 12, 2009

Dear Representatives and Senators,

**I OPPOSE** HB-444, SB-458 & HB-878 Civil Unions Bill. Hawaii has already voted for Traditional Marriage with a clear and resounding 70%. **Please listen to the voice of Hawaii's people and vote against these bills.**

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**PETITION AGAINST CIVIL UNIONS ~~AND THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE BILLS~~**

**Civil Union Bills (HB-444, HB-878, SB-458)**

~~with Dignity, HB-878, and HB-444~~

February 12, 2009

Dear Representatives and Senators,

**I OPPOSE** HB-444, SB-458 & HB-878 **Civil Unions Bill** ~~and The Physician Assisted Suicide Bill HB-878 & HB-444~~. Hawaii has already voted for Traditional Marriage with a clear and resounding 70%. ~~With the people who oppose The Death with Dignity Bill.~~ **Please listen to the voice of Hawaii's people and vote against these bills.**

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**PETITION AGAINST CIVIL UNIONS & DEATH WITH DIGNITY**

**Civil Union Bills (HB-444, HB-878, SB-458)**

**~~Death with Dignity Bill (HB-806, and HB-505)~~**

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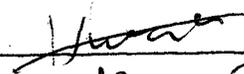
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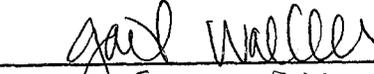
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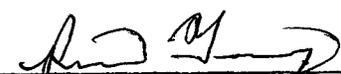
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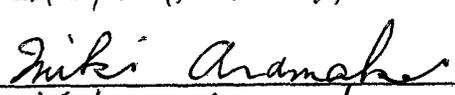
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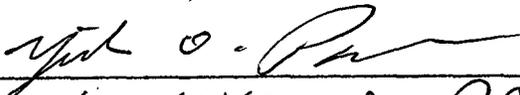
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**PETITION AGAINST CIVIL UNIONS & ~~DEATH WITH DIGNITY~~  
Civil Union Bills (HB-444, HB-878, SB-458)  
~~Death with Dignity bills (HB-800, and HB-987)~~**

February 12, 2009

Dear Representatives and Senators,

**I OPPOSE** HB-444, SB-458 & HB-878 **Civil Unions Bill** and ~~The Physician-Assisted Suicide Bill HB-800 & ~~HB-987~~~~. Hawaii has already voted for Traditional Marriage with a clear and resounding 70%. ~~We the people also support The Death with Dignity Bill~~ **Please listen to the voice of Hawaii's people and vote against these bills.**

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**PETITION AGAINST CIVIL UNIONS & ~~ASSISTED SUICIDE~~ ~~DEATH WITH DIGNITY~~**

**Civil Union Bills (HB-444, HB-878, SB-458)**

**~~Death with Dignity Bill (HB-808) and HB-878~~**

February 12, 2009

Dear Representatives and Senators,

**I OPPOSE** HB-444, SB-458 & HB-878 Civil Unions Bill ~~and HB-808 Assisted Suicide Bill~~ ~~and HB-808~~

~~and~~ Hawaii has already voted for Traditional Marriage with a clear and resounding 70%. We the people also ~~oppose~~ ~~the~~ ~~Death with Dignity Bill~~. Please listen to the voice of Hawaii's people and vote against these bills.

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**PETITION AGAINST CIVIL UNIONS**

**Civil Union Bills (HB-444, HB-878, SB-458)**

~~and The Physician Assisted Suicide Bill HB-800 & HB-507~~

February 12, 2009

Dear Representatives and Senators,

**I OPPOSE** HB-444, SB-458 & HB-878 Civil Unions Bill ~~and The Physician Assisted Suicide Bill HB-800 & HB-507~~. Hawaii has already voted for Traditional Marriage with a clear and resounding 70%. ~~With the people's~~ ~~opinion~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~Physician Assisted Suicide Bill~~. Please listen to the voice of Hawaii's people and vote against these bills.

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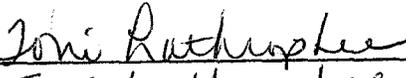
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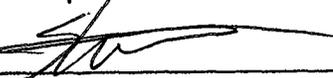
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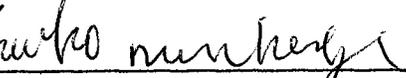
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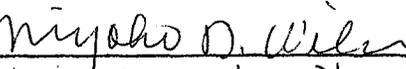
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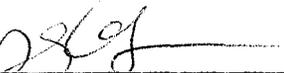
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February 12, 2009

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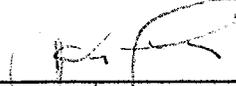
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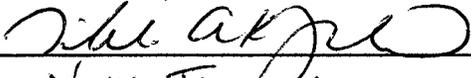
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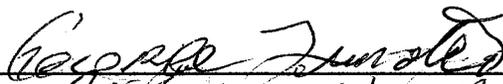
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**I oppose HB-444 & SB-458, HB 878 Civil Unions and The Death with Dignity Bill HB-806 & HB587**  
Hawaii has already voted for Traditional Marriage with a clear resounding 70%. We the people oppose The Death with Dignity Bill. **Please listen to the voice of Hawaii's people and vote against these bills.**

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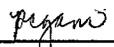


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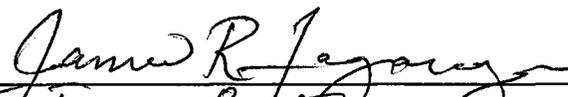
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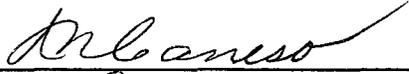
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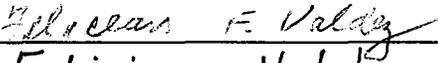
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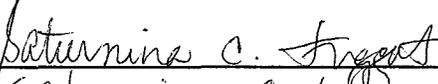
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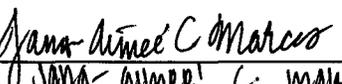
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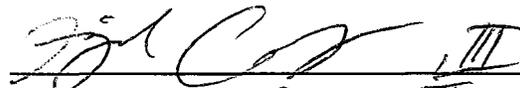
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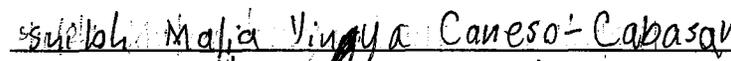
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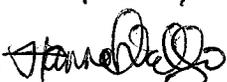
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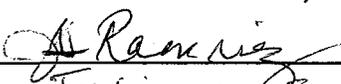
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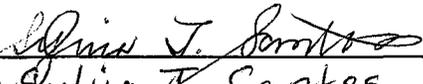
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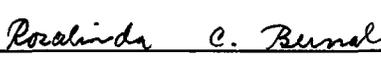
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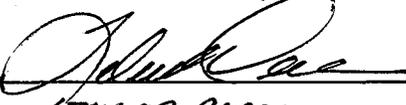
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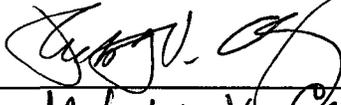


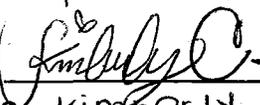
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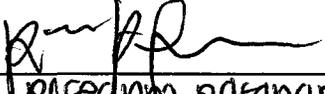
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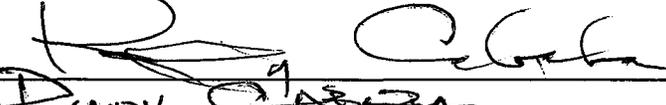
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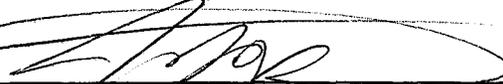
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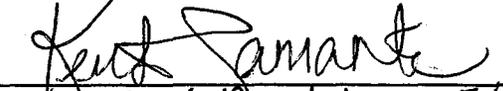
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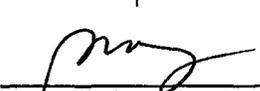
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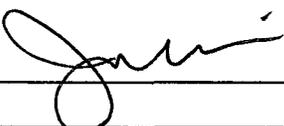
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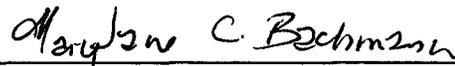
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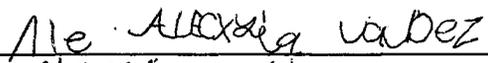
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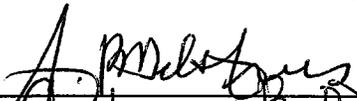
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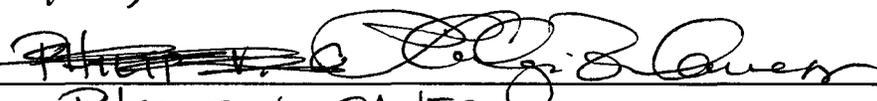
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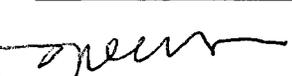
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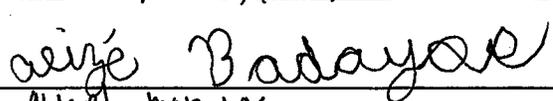
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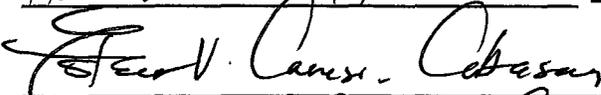
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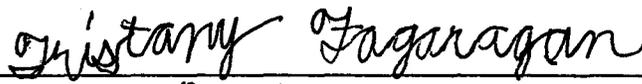
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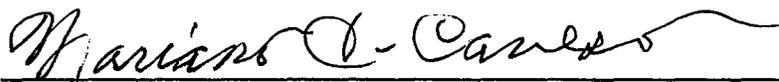
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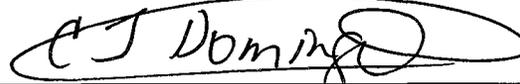
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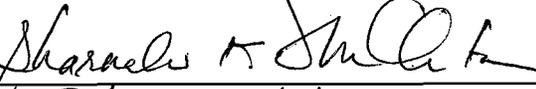
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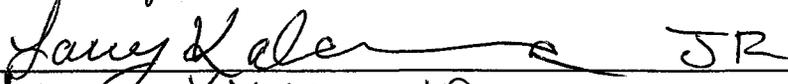
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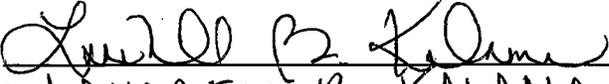
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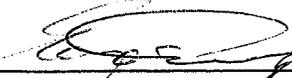


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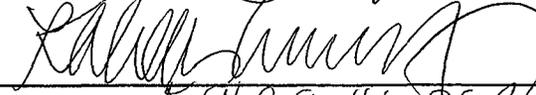
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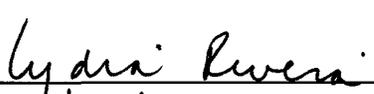
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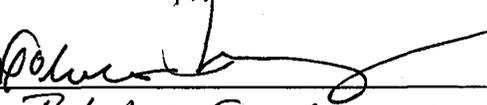
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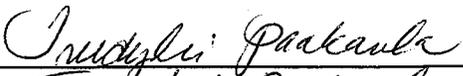
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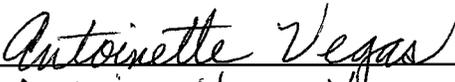
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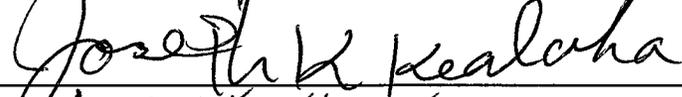
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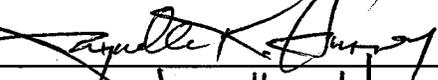
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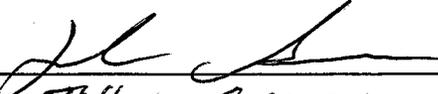
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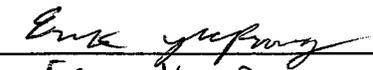
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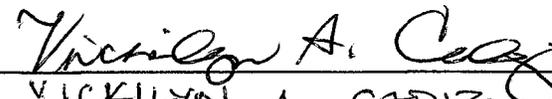
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*Colleen Hanabusa*

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**NOW** is the critical time to make your voice heard. When calling your Representative or Senator, here's a suggestion of what to say. **Be brief, respectful and pleasant.**

*Good morning,*

*This is Gladys Ryede (your name). I live on 87-572 Farrington hwy. (street) in Waiānae (city).*

***Please let Representative/Senator Karen Awana (his/her name) know that I strongly oppose all bills related to Civil Unions (HB 444, SB 458, HB 878) including Death with Dignity Bill (HB-806, HB-587)***

*Please protect traditional marriage and say "NO" to civil unions. The people of Hawaii have already spoken overwhelmingly against same-sex marriage. Also, let him know you strongly oppose Death with Dignity bill and that you are unhappy that the Health Committee is not going to hear the bill.*

*Thank you very much.*

**PETITION AGAINST CIVIL UNIONS & DEATH WITH DIGNITY**  
**Civil Union Bills ( HB-444, HB 878,SB-458)**  
**Death with Dignity Bills ( HB 806, and HB 587)**

February 11, 2009

Dear Representatives and Senators,

**NEW WINE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

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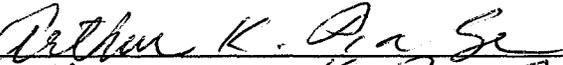
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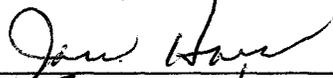
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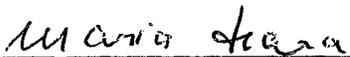
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February 11, 2009

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**PETITION AGAINST CIVIL UNIONS & DEATH WITH DIGNITY  
Civil Union Bills ( HB-444**

February 11, 2009

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# PETITION AGAINST CIVIL UNIONS & DEATH WITH DIGNITY Civil Union Bills ( HB-444

February 11, 2009

Dear Representatives and Senators,

**I oppose** HB-444 **Civil Unions**

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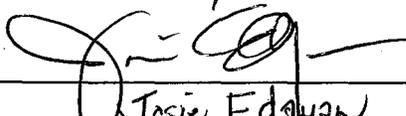
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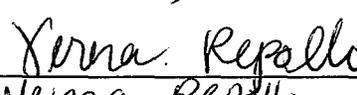
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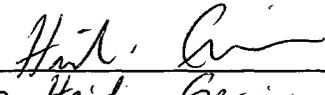
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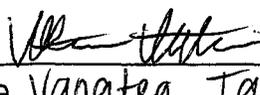
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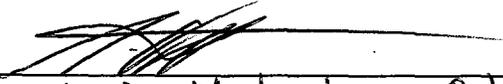
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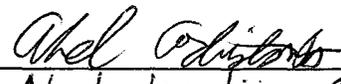
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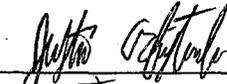
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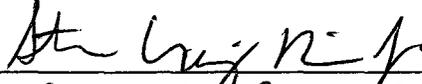
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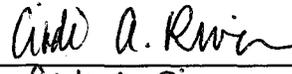
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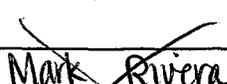
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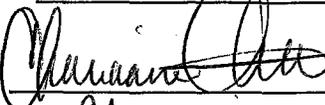
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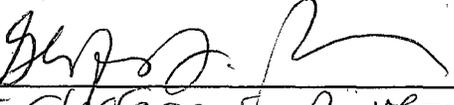
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# PETITION AGAINST CIVIL UNIONS (BILLS HB-444, HB 878, SB-458)

The Physician – Assisted Suicide Bill ( HB 806, and HB 587)

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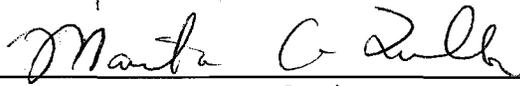
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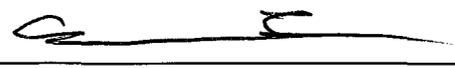
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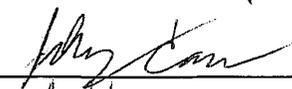
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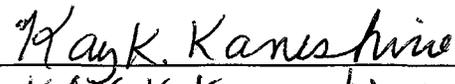
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February 10, 2009

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**PETITION AGAINST CIVIL UNIONS (BILLS HB-444, HB 878, SB-458)**

**The Physician – Assisted Suicide Bill ( HB 806, and HB 587)**

February 10, 2009

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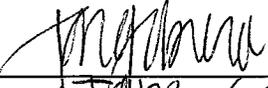
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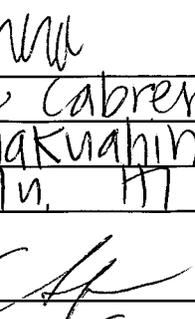
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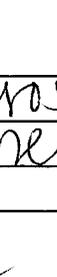
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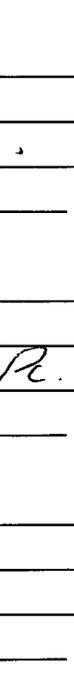
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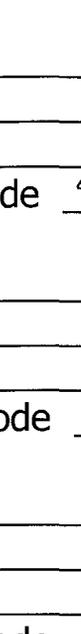
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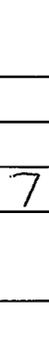
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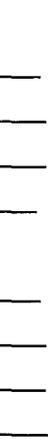
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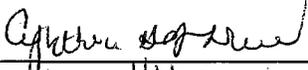
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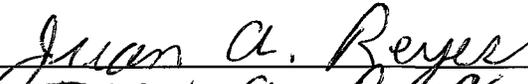
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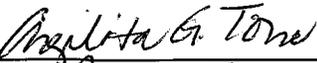
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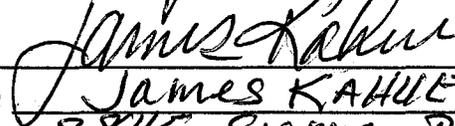
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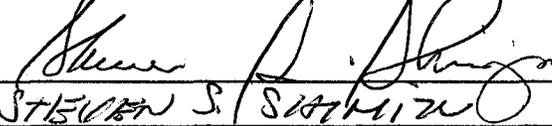
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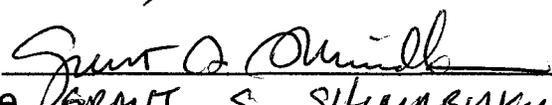
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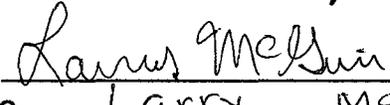
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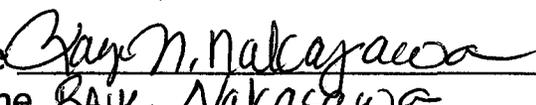
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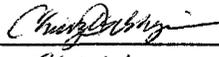
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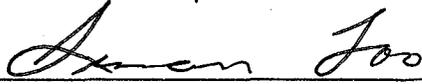
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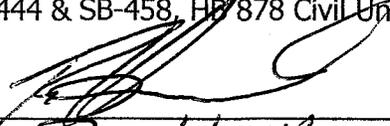
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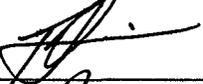
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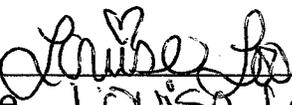
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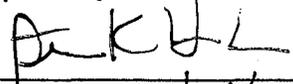
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**FOUR COOPERATING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES**

Petition against the passage of HB 444, RELATING TO CIVIL UNIONS  
to the  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

February 24, 2009

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine, and members of the committee:

Enclosed is a petition signed by members of our Four Cooperating Congregational Churches urging this committee to oppose HB 444. You will find that constituents from senatorial districts from across the island of O'ahu among the undersigned.

We strongly believe that this bill provides for same-sex marriage under a different name. This is inconsistent with the desire of a majority of Hawai'i's voters who affirmed that marriage is between one man and one woman. We respectfully ask that you preserve this definition of marriage.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure and we look forward to your vote to ~~indefinitely defer HB 444.~~

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To: House Judiciary Committee  
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Chair

From: Felisa Miner  
94-302 Pānuā St. 611  
Waipahu, HI 96797

Feb. 19, 2009

Re: Strong Opposition to SB458

I would like to encourage you to protect 'Traditional Marriage' & say 'NO' to civil unions. Just a reminder that the people of Hawaii have already spoken overwhelmingly against same-sex marriage.

Thank you very much.

February 20, 2009

Senate Judiciary Committee Member  
Senator Brian Taniguchi

Aloha,

This is Esther Poor. I live on 59-056 Kupaoa Place in Haleiwa.

Senator Clarence Nishihara in 1998 I voted aganist same-sex marriage. And, I now strongly oppose all bills related to Civil Unions including, HB 444.

I would like to encourage you to protect traditional marriage and say "NO" to civil unions. Just a reminder that people of Hawaii have already spoken overwhelmingly against same-sex marriage.

Thank you very much.

Esther Poor



Kelsi Chun  
6400 Moanalua Road  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

To: Senate Judiciary Committee  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Fax (808)586-6461

Date: February 18, 2009

RE: Strong Opposition to HB 444

Dear Senator Taniguchi,

I have been informed about HB 444, and I would like to have you know that I am strongly opposed to this. I hope that you, as the chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, will not pass this. I am strongly opposed to it for two reasons.

First of all, a home with a couple of the same sex is highly detrimental to the children living there. Studies have shown that in other states, children who live with gay couples are more likely to develop emotional detachments, social disabilities and psychological disorders. This means that the rate of seniors who will graduate from high school and attend college will decrease, and the crime rate will increase. Also, the rate of teenage pregnancy, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, prostitution and date rape will increase highly among teens.

Also, in 1998, the people of Hawaii voted to have marriage remain as a sacred institution that should only occur between one man and one woman. By proposing HB 444, you are assuming that the people of Hawaii support civil union. If the Legislature is certain that the people of Hawaii support civil union, please put it on a vote as a constitutional amendment.

Sincerely,

Kelsi Chun

Josephine Barayuga  
1687 Ala Amoamo Street  
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To: Senate Judiciary Committee  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Fax (808) 586-6461

Date: February 19, 2009

RE: Strongly Opposed to HB 444 HD1

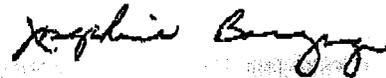
Dear Senator Taniguchi,

As Honorable Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I hope you will stop the bill from passing out of committee. As a professional nurse I strongly oppose HB 444 for two reasons.

I voted in 1998 for the constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman. The vote of the people has not changed. The voice of the majority must be heard. The voice of the minority will not promote righteousness in our state. The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness, our state motto.

The health community will be compromised by keeping records of who was the partner before or after, and if legally part of that union is missing the DNA of their union. We need a real marriage and not a counterfeit marriage. If the Legislature is positive that the people of the state of Hawaii support civil unions, please put the matter to vote as a constitutional amendment.

Respectfully,



Josephine Barayuga

**Christopher Ahn  
95-384 Paikauhale St.  
Mililani, HI, 96789  
February 18, 2009  
To: House Judiciary Committee  
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Chair**

**RE: Strong Opposition to HB 444**

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**Studies done by many have shown that children of same-sex marriages are statistically worse off then those of heterosexual parents. The Canadian Psychological Association showed that 29% of children of same-sex parents have experienced molestation by adolescents. This, and other statistics prove that sustaining to a drug attic, regardless of how persuasive they are, more drugs will only cause hurt, not healing.**

Amber Acedo  
2338 Anini Place  
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February 18, 2009

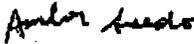
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**RE: Strong Opposition to HB 444**

I am opposed to HB 444 because it goes against all morality and against what we, the people, already voted against in 1998. This bill is simply another avenue to allow same sex marriages in our state. Having same sex marriages will gravely affect our society by going against a standard that has existed from the beginning of time. With the current divorce rate increasing every year and children suffering through the hurt, anger, and confusion, this bill will only allow for more confusion in our children and consequentially deteriorate our society. How will this bill begin to benefit our society? Are we simply going to give in to the minority to support their immorality?

I strongly urge to reconsider your stand and vote against HB 444.

Sincerely,



Amber V. Acedo

Katherine Park  
3075 Ala Poha Place  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

To: Senate Judiciary Committee  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Fax (808)586-6461

Date: February 18, 2009

RE: Strong Opposition to HB 444

Dear Senator Taniguchi,

With all due respect, I believe that HB 444 should be prevented from passing. In 1998, the people of Hawaii have already voted that marriage should only be between one man and one woman. The people have already spoken so why is the Legislature re-opening this issue?

I believe that this bill is unnecessary because Hawaii already has the reciprocal beneficiary law that already gives civil rights to the people of Hawaii. Marriage is essential to a thriving society and history proves that a nation cannot survive if there is same-sex marriage. Marriage is recognized by many cultures around the world as being sacred and only between a man and a woman.

As a student, I strongly oppose the HB 444 and hope that you will reconsider about passing this bill out of the committee.

Sincerely,

*Katherine Park*

Katherine Park

Jason Ko  
98-1960 Kaulahao St.  
Aiea, HI 96701  
February 17, 2009

To: House Judiciary Committee  
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Chair

RE: Strong Opposition to HB 444

I strongly disagree and oppose HB 444. This bill if passed will affect our society and schools around this island. This bill should not be passed because we as humans were distinctively made for man and woman. It was stated 1998 that 70 percent of the people opposed same sex marriage. Therefore it is not right to take away the peoples voice, which has been already spoken. I believe that traditional marriage keeps families together and also makes them stronger. But as for a homosexual family, if they were to adopt, I think the child will be abused and taken advantage of. Therefore, it would affect the next generation in the way of living, and therefore I strongly oppose this bill.

-Jason Ko



Lexi Adres  
98-1129 F Moanalua Road  
Aiea, Hawaii 96701

To: State Judiciary Committee  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Fax (808)586-6461

Date: February 18, 2009

RE: Strong Opposition to HB 444

Dear Senator Taniguchi,

As chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I hope you will not allow this bill to be passed out of committee. I am very opposed to this bill.

In 1998, the people of Hawaii sent the message that marriage must remain between one man and one woman. Within the wording of HB 444, civil unions are equated with traditional marriage. By allowing this bill to pass, you are going against what voters have previously decided on. I ask you to respect and represent the voice of the people of Hawaii as you swore to do and vote not to pass HB 444.

Respectfully,



Lexi Adres

To: Senator Brian Taniguchi

RE: Strong Opposition to HB 444

Ty Tamagawa

1430 Lanakila Avenue

Honolulu, Hawaii, 96817

I strongly oppose HB 444. Marriage is not something to change. Since the beginning of civilization, marriage has become an Institution, and this means it also has influenced our modern day laws. Marriage has been a special bond between a man and a woman from the start, there is no reason to change it now. The only qualification people say that is needed for marriage is "love". Then polygamy should be legalized and being a pedophile should be "okay" as well. Marriage is not something one can just change, it is not an invention. Also, this issue has been answered already in 1998, when the people decided that marriage should be between a man and a woman. The civil union agreement is just another way of bringing this issue up again.

A Regular marriage is also important in society. Both sexes are made for each other, both physically and emotionally. A child needs both a mom and dad to maintain a healthy family relationship, since both parties have different views and experiences to offer. Gay marriage is unacceptable, both socially and morally. Marriage should be something only between a man and woman, because that is how it's supposed to be. The very fact that a man cannot bear a child shows that it is wrong, and if one were to look at it logically, this type of "marriage" would not make sense. Marriage must stay the way it is, for our modern day society and future generation's sake.

*Ty Tamagawa*

Miss Angelica Traya  
95-328 KAAONA PL  
MILLANE HI 96789

Hawaii House Senate  
House Judiciary Committee  
Mr. Sen Brian Taniguchi, Chair

February 17, 2009

Senator Brian Taniguchi, my name is Angelica Traya and I am opposed to HB 444. I feel that the "Civil Union" is extremely incorrect, for this, I have two reasons: the family will be affected, and the reciprocal beneficiary law is already in fact.

The first reason is the family. In many ways the family will be affected. In what ways you might ask? First off, it is clear through psychological studies that children who grow up in a home with a mother and father are well rounded and have less problems. With this being said, as the children of our society grow, each generation gains more and more problems, especially when coming to the family. My reasoning for opposing HB 444 is because putting children in this situation truly is a big deal. The children of our community are the leaders of tomorrow. Now, with this bill being passed, we must put into consideration our children. Children will grow up confused, and will be taught not only in those of homosexual homes, but in the public schools that this is okay. <sup>We need to understand that</sup> It is okay for us to love our neighbor as ourself, but it is not okay to love the wrong sex. It is a given that children cannot be produced woman-to-woman or man-to-man, but that children can only be created through a male and a female's parts. If our leaders of tomorrow grow up learning homosexuality is alright, in the near future it could be possibly favored,

as homosexuality being the RIGHT way which we all know, is not.

Second, the reciprocal beneficiary law is already in tact. Why does this law need to be passed for the sake of those who just want the "name" of being a married couple. We already have the reciprocal beneficiary law that takes care of this.

Senator Brian Taniguchi, I hope that my letter will in some way help you to recognize that male & female are the only way, the only right way to be married; together. Thank you for reading my letter.

Respectfully,

Angelica A. Traiger  
Angelica A. Traiger

February 19, 2009

Dear Senator Taniguchi:

We seek your wisdom and courage to oppose HB 444 to legalize Civil Unions in Hawaii. In our hearts and in our minds, we affirm the overwhelming mandate of the vote in 1998. The people of Hawaii will know that Civil Unions are just another term for Same Sex Unions/Marriage. Please do not put the people of Hawaii through this divisive debate once again, especially during these difficult economic times. Be mindful, that the people of Hawaii are tolerant as a society because we learn to accept our differences. But we are held together by sharing common values that strengthen our family bonds. Please vote against HB 444, or better yet, do not even give it a hearing.

With grace and respect,  
Beverly Miram-Chu  
miramb001@hawaii.rr.com

98-2039 B Kaahumanu Street  
Aiea, HI 96701

February 15, 2009

Honorable Judiciary Chairman Brian Taniguchi  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Honorable Judiciary Chairman Brian Taniguchi:

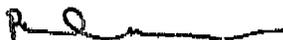
We would PLEASE like to ask for your help in OPPOSING HB444 to legalize Civil Unions in Hawaii. The people of Hawaii overturned the same sex marriage issue in 1998 and we remain firm in our stance with regard to this issue. 'Civil Unions' is just another way of saying 'Same Sex Unions/Marriage'. Please do not place such a highly controversial issue in front of your people when we are all suffering during these difficult economic times. The people of Hawaii are tolerant as a society because we learn to accept our differences. But we are held together by sharing common values like traditional marriage, which strengthen our family bonds.

My 11 year old son, Brandon was upset by the possibility that homosexual or lesbian lifestyles were being equalized to that of a marriage between a husband and wife. If this bill passes, this kind of lifestyle will be allowed to be taught in schools. Brandon was absolutely disgusted about this possibility. Our families are too precious to be compromised by a bill such as this one.

This issue is of foremost importance to our ohana and extended ohana. We are typical Hawaii voters who usually do not take issue with things going on and bills being passed, but this bill is far too important for us to let it slide by. I am certain that if this bill passes, a cry and shout will arise from the people of Hawaii like none that has ever been heard before. Your constituents will be noting who voted for and who voted against this bill, and your decision on this bill will play an important role in determining their vote.

Please vote against HB444, or better yet, do not even give it a hearing.

Alpha,



Paul Nakamura



Donna (Harada) Nakamura

Gavin Morita  
1638 Hooheke Street  
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February 17, 2009

To: Hawaii Senate  
Senator Brian Taniguchi  
RE: Strong Opposition to HB 444

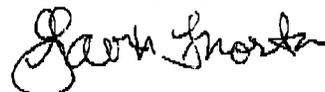
Dear Mr. Brian Taniguchi,

*I am not pleased with some of the decisions that are being made by our representatives in the state of Hawaii concerning HB 444. It is the duty of a representative to represent the people and back in 1998 the people of the state of Hawaii clearly voted against the union of two people of the same sex. I would like to recommend that this issue (HB 444) should be voted upon again just as the people did back in 1998. Some of the things that were not pleasing to me was that this bill (HB 444) is being pushed 1) without the consent of the people 2) decisions are being made on assumptions 3) it is immoral and 4) the representatives are not representing the voice of Hawaii.*

*One of the affects of legalizing civil unions are the rising cost in health care for gays and non-gays. Another affect is that if a gay couple were to adopt a child the child's mindset would be warped on top of the fact that they are already emotionally inflicted with a status of rejection and an unloving background. Another reason would be that back in 1998 when the polls were taken for or against the bill, 70% of Hawaii did not support civil unions but supported traditional marriage between a man and a woman. Therefore, if the senate is saying and making assumptions on what the people of Hawaii really meant then there should be another opportunity to vote on this issue. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter I am grateful for your hard work that you are doing for our state and nation. Your efforts do not go unseen.*

Sincerely,

Gavin Morita



**Christopher Ahn  
95-384 Paikauhale St.  
96789, Mililani, HI  
February 18, 2009  
To: House Judiciary Committee  
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Chair**

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Ivan Hung  
1548 Ala Aolani Street  
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To: Senate Judiciary Committee  
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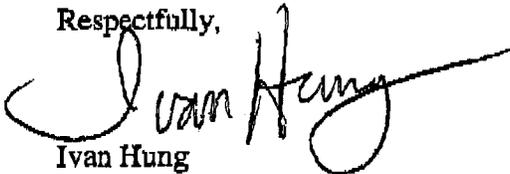
Dear Senator Taniguchi,

As chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I hope you will prevent this bill from passing out of committee. HB 444 should not be made into law. I am strongly opposed to HB 444 for two reasons.

First, this bill is unnecessary because Hawaii already has a reciprocal beneficiary law. This provides a method for those unable to be married under state law a means of obtaining many of the same tangible benefits offered to those under marriage.

Second and more importantly, this civil union bill would effectively circumvent the will of the people of the state of Hawaii with regard to the institution of marriage. In 1998, the people of the state of Hawaii voted overwhelmingly in support of a constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman. However, by proceeding with HB 444, the state legislature is presuming that the intent of the people of Hawaii who voted in favor of the definition of marriage amendment was that they merely intended to restrict the name of "marriage," but not the concept. This view is flawed. The very wording of HB 444 equates civil unions with marriage, and thus, the effect of HB 444's passage would be to legalize same-sex marriage under the name of civil unions. This stratagem for trying to accomplish what the people of Hawaii have clearly indicated they oppose is outrageous for our elected representatives to consider. If the Legislature is positive that the people of the state of Hawaii support civil unions, please put the matter to vote as a constitutional amendment.

Respectfully,

  
Ivan Hung

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To: Senate Judiciary Committee  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Fax (808)586-6461

Date: February 17, 2009

RE: Strong Opposition to HB 444

Dear Senator Taniguchi,

I am in strong opposition of the HB 444 Bill for several reasons. By trying to pass same sex marriage by simply renaming it "Civil Union" does not change its meaning. Same sex marriage has been voted down time and again, but by changing its label to "Civil Union" should it get passed? Those who redefine marriage often insist that the only necessary qualification for marriage is "love." We love many people that we do not marry and if this bill is passed, there will be a large percentage of the population who will take advantage of it. Who is to say that one person does or does not love another? By basing the major premise on this, people will be able to take advantage of the benefits of being married. I strongly urge you to oppose this bill because of the affects that it could have on our society when people take advantage of it.

Marriage has been defined as between one man and one woman. The HB 444 is trying to change that and is the first step toward same sex marriage. Same sex marriage will have negative long term effects, especially on the next generation. Children growing up with parents of the same sex will be growing up either without a father figure or a mother figure. Statistics about single parent families can somewhat be applied to this because the emotional effect would be the same. This would drastically change our society from the schools to the workplaces. By allowing same sex couples to be married or receive the same benefits of marriage, what is stopping people like pedophiles from speaking out against discrimination against them? If they can't control who they love then technically it would be discriminating against them if the Senate allowed the HB 444 bill to pass.

I am writing this letter to strongly urge you to oppose the HB 444 bill. The above are just a few of the consequences that we as a state and eventually a nation will face if this bill is passed. If we are to avoid these consequences, the bill must be turned down.

Respectfully,



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Dear Senator Taniguchi,

My name is Carol Anne Fagaragan, and I strongly oppose HB 444. This should not be made into law. My hope is that you will prevent this bill from passing out of committee. This bill is unnecessary and can be taken advantage of if it is passed.

I understand that one of the reasons for the bill is to be able to give those who are prohibited to be married by law, benefits of a legal marriage. However, in 1997, the Reciprocal Beneficiary Act became law. Because of this law, those who are unable to be legally married can obtain certain benefits that legal married couples have.

If this law is passed, the only necessary qualification for marriage would be "love". This definitely leaves much room for many to take advantage. Also, there would be no way to prove otherwise. Some may be able to say they are 'in love', but in actuality they may just want all the benefits of being a legal, married couple. The benefits of a married couple will be able to be accessible to any two persons regardless of their relationship. There would be no logical boundaries to what constitutes marriage. Love is not the definitional element of marriage. The people of Hawaii have made it clear that marriage should remain between a man and a woman.

Respectfully,

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Micah Shimabukuro  
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Senator Taniguchi,

Please oppose this bill and not let it pass. I oppose the bill for two reasons.

First, the reciprocal beneficiary law allows those who are not married to obtain certain rights that were previously reserved for spouses. The HB 444 does not need to be passed because of this law.

Second, in 1998, the people in Hawaii have spoken out that marriage in Hawaii must remain between one man and one woman. If this bill passes, it is going against what the people have decided on what the institution of marriage is. Why punish the majority and cater to the few?

Sincerely,



Micah Shimabukuro

Micah Yamada  
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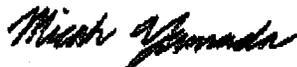
Dear Senator Taniguchi,

I would like to inform you that I am strongly against HB 444. I respectfully recognize your position in regards to HB 444 but I would like to address two specific reasons of why I believe that HB 444 should not be made into a law.

First of all, this bill has the potential to destroy families. With families already broken and falling apart today, the institution of HB 444 would only place children in even more unstable homes. Statistics have shown that children are best raised when they have a mom and a dad. If this necessity is deprived from them, we run the risk of having a very unstable and morally confused generation. Examples of this tragedy can be found in countries like Scandinavia where marriage has become so loosely defined that children no longer know who their real mother or father are because either the mother or father have had multiple partners.

Secondly, if this bill is passed, it holds the strong potential of redefining the definition of marriage. HB 444 clearly states that anyone in a "Civil Union" can receive the same benefits and rights as those who are married. Respectfully, even though HB 444 states it is not redefining marriage, ultimately, it is redefining Civil Union and marriage as the same thing. As you may know, in 1998 the state of Hawaii voted in support of the constitutional amendment that stated that marriage is a relationship between one man and one woman. If HB 444 were to be passed, it would erase the logical definition of marriage therefore, opening the gates to the possible acceptance of "other" types of relationships. On top of that our representatives would be overstepping their boundaries by trying to accomplish something that the people of Hawaii have undeniably opposed. However, even if the legislature believes that this is what the people of Hawaii truly want, they should still ask the people to voice their opinion, instead of having the representatives decide the outcome of this important issue.

Sincerely,



Micah Yamada

Pastor Virginia Domlgan  
The Prayer Center of the Pacific

Date: February 18, 2009

To: House Committee on Judiciary  
Sen. Brain Taniguchi (Chair)

Dear Sen. Brain Taniguchi,

Re: **OPPOSITON TO HB 444 HDI RELATING TO CIVIL UNIONS**

Dear Representatives of the Judiciary Committee & Government Operations

I appeal to you as a citizen, a register voter and a community servant.

I am strongly opposed to the proposed Civil Union HB 444 I come today in behalf of the families of Hawaii. We live in a democratic nation our government is for the people and by the people. The people have spoken in 1998, **70% of the people made their voice heard marriage in Hawaii must remain between a husband and a wife.** Since the beginning of civilization in every know society a man and a women becomes an institution through marriage. This is only obvious being that only a male and a female can reproduce. Every other way is unnatural and unproductive and is a breeding ground for diseases. Men who have sex with men account for the majority of Hawaii's aids cases.

The median age of homosexual men dying of AIDS is thirty-nine the median age of lesbians at death is forty five. The population at large the median age of death is seventy five and for women is seventy nine Only one percent of homosexuals die of old age. This statistics speaks for it self.

In Hawaii we have a population of 1,283,388 in 1997 The department of Health has a registry of approximately 1,577 Reciprocal-beneficiary relationships. Obviously this is a minority group that desires to change the very fabric of our traditional families. In 1977 the reciprocal Beneficiary Act became law this law allows two persons **who are legally prohibited from marrying one another under state law** to register beneficiary relationships by filing a notarized declaration with the State Director of Health.

**This reciprocal benefits is distasteful to the gay couples because it clearly states it is for those who are legally prohibited to marry and you and I know that is their ultimate goal according to their verbal and written testimonies they desire to be married legally. Be not deceived they have an agenda.**

I took the time to testify because I am very concern about our children. Once you allow this gay lifestyle to infiltrate our society our educational system will be forced to teach our children that this is a normal.

We as parents are responsible to raise up our children is a way of morality teaching them other wise would infringe on our rights as citizens of this great nation. Remember we are the majority and the **majority has spoken Marriage in Hawaii must remain between a husband and a wife.** In closing my testimony as a Christian 27 years and an Ordain Pastor it is my responsibility before God to speak His truth in Love. In the book of Ezekiel 3:18 When I say to the wicked, you shall surely die, and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, his blood I will require of your hands. Your decision will forever effects the fabric of our families. You have seen our heart and heard the voice of our Island people Is not about rights is about doing what is right since the being of civilization. God Bless you He loves you and we pray for you sincerely daily.

Please Submit for testimony in the Judicial Committee and Government Operations hearing

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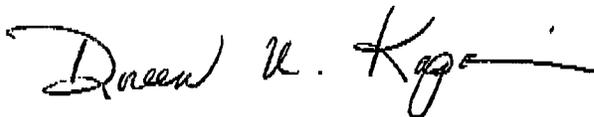
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To: House Judiciary Committee  
Sen. Brian Taniguchi

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I strongly oppose bill HB 444 because I truly believe in traditional marriage. Do we want our school children to be taught about homosexuality? Do you want your child's teacher to explain to him or her about what it is to be homosexual? Do you want to impose this on them? Although homosexuality is more prevalent in society now; I still believe that traditional values should be at the forefront of all of our teachings.

Thank you and God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doreen U. Kapanui". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Doreen U. Kapanui

**CHERYL TOYOFUKU**  
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February 19, 2009

Senator Brian Taniguchi  
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**RE: STRONG OPPOSITION TO CIVIL UNION BILL HB444 HD1**

Dear Senator Taniguchi,

Thank you for your service to Hawaii as a legislator. I am seeking your wisdom and courage to oppose HB 444 to legalize Civil Unions in Hawaii should it reach the full Senate. I am a citizen of this beloved state, the proud mother of a beautiful daughter and precious four year old granddaughter. I am also a Registered Nurse, graduating from the University of Hawaii with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing in 1978. Providing health services and consultation to the people of Hawaii in a variety of ways has been both challenging and rewarding.

As a parent, grandparent and health care professional, I am deeply concerned with the legislative process, especially as it pertains to the present issues surrounding HB 444. In 1998, the people of Hawaii already voted that the marriage institution must be protected and remain between one man and one woman. We have spoken and this issue has already been settled by the people of Hawaii. To usurp the people's voice through the passage of a Civil Unions bill is a travesty that our legislators will be accounted for.

I am deeply concerned over the blatant ignoring of the majority of our residents. Favoring a small group of minority with special privileges will overlook the rights of the majority of the people of Hawaii who have already voted for Traditional Marriage. The 1997 Reciprocal Beneficiary Act was instituted to protect a number of rights for same sex partners (i.e. standing to sue for wrongful death, authority to make health care decisions, etc.) Yet, the careful reading of the language in HB444 is a clear attempt to establish same-sex marriage. Redefining marriage in this way is not in our best interest and the foundation of the traditional nuclear family should not be undermined. There is substantial evidence that our children develop best in a home with a father and mother role model.

As a Registered Nurse, I am also concerned with the potential increase in diseases to our already burdened health care system. For example, according to the Hawaii State Department of Health website, "As of December 31, 2007, a total of 3,011 AIDS cases were reported by health providers. Men who have sex with men (MSM) account for the majority of AIDS cases (73%), followed by injection drug use (IDU) (8%), MSM/IDU (7%), and heterosexual contact (6%)." Other similar STD statistics are listed on the website.

The negative impact on health care providers is also a grave concern. Enacting Civil Unions in our state will open the door to additional law suits when a healthcare provider decides, based on personal conscience, not to provide elective services to a same-sex couple. Such was the artificial insemination case in August 2008, when the California Supreme Court ruled "that patient demand for nonessential care trumps the freedom of conscience of physicians and their ability to practice medicine in accordance with their religious or moral beliefs."

Historical research confirms the negative consequences of Civil Unions and governmental elevation of same-sex relationships. State-sanctioned Civil Unions will have devastating implications on adoption, parental and family rights, health care provider rights and individual religious rights. I believe that you will continue to hear the voice of Hawaii's people in the coming weeks if HB 444 proceeds to legitimize the destruction of our most basic belief of traditional marriage in a family unit. I respectfully request that you preserve Hawaii's desire to protect traditional marriage, therefore please oppose HB 444.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Cheryl Toyofuku

DEAR SENATOR ,

Thank you for your willingness to work tirelessly in behalf of the people of our district. We seek your wisdom and courage to oppose HB 444 to legalize Civil Unions in Hawaii. In our hearts and in our minds, we affirm the overwhelming mandate of the vote in 1998. The people of Hawaii and our district will know that Civil Unions are just another term for Same Sex Unions/Marriage. Please do not put the people of Hawaii through this divisive debate again, especially during these difficult economic times. Be mindful, that the people of Hawaii are tolerant as a society because we learn to accept our differences. But we are held together by sharing common values that strengthen our family bonds. Should it ever come to a vote please vote against HB 444.

With grace and respect,

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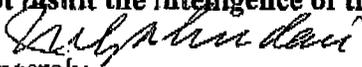
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Dear Chair Sen. Brian T. Taniguichi:

I am appalled that this committee is even considering this bill since 70% of Hawaii voters passed an amendment to the Constitution giving the legislature the power to define marriage as between a man and a woman. This is the law. By using the word "civil" instead of the word "marriage" the will of the 70% Hawaii voters is being thwarted. **Please do not support HB444** Hawaii law already allows Reciprocal Rights for gay and lesbian couples with such rights as family and bereavement leaves, probate rights and hospital visitation. The Reciprocal Rights include other domestic relationships such as mother and daughter, father and son, etc. The civil union rights belong only to homosexual partners. It is clear that the civil union legislation promotes a homosexual life style over other domestic relationships and an equality to that of male/female married couples. **Hawaii already has amended the Constitution that marriage is between a man and a woman...this is the law. Same sex marriage lobbyists think they can fool the people of Hawaii by trying to get this bill passed under another name. Please do not insult the intelligence of the Hawaii voters by supporting this bill.**

  
Sincerely,  
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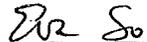
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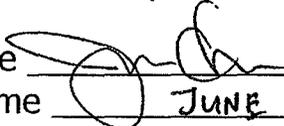
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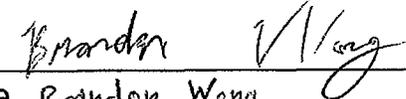
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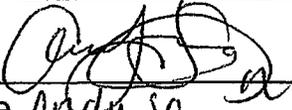
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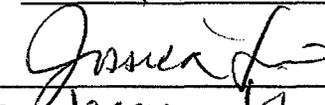
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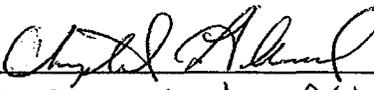
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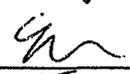
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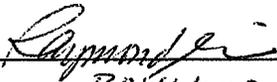
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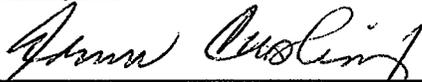
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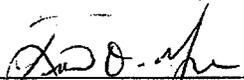
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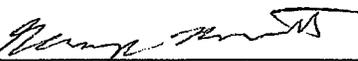
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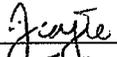
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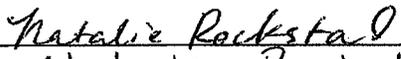
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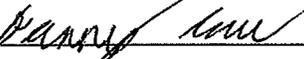
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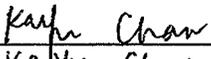
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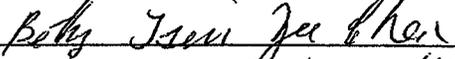
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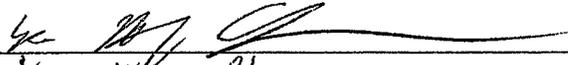
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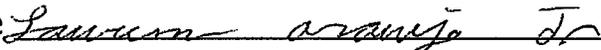
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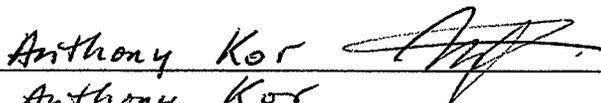
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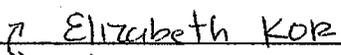
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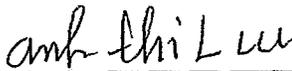
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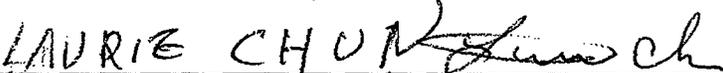
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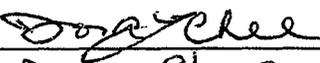
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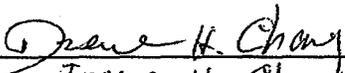
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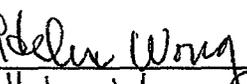
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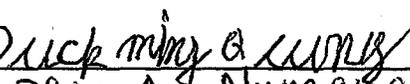
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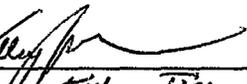
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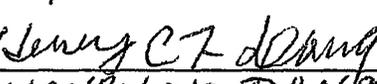
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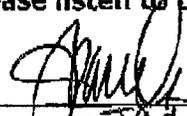
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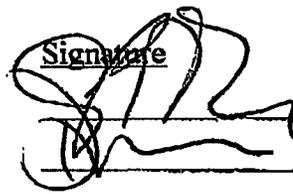
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Mahalo,

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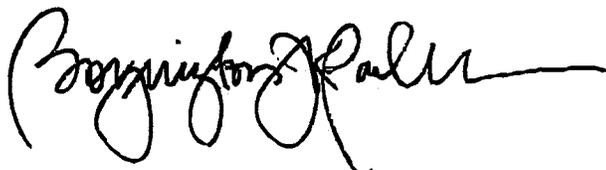
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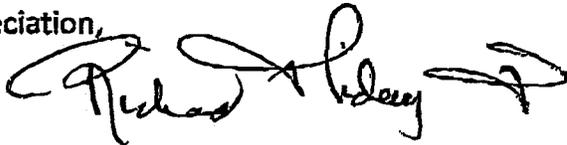
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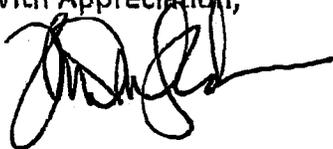
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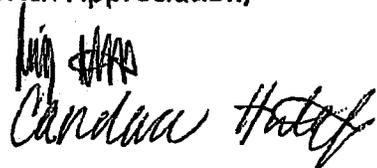
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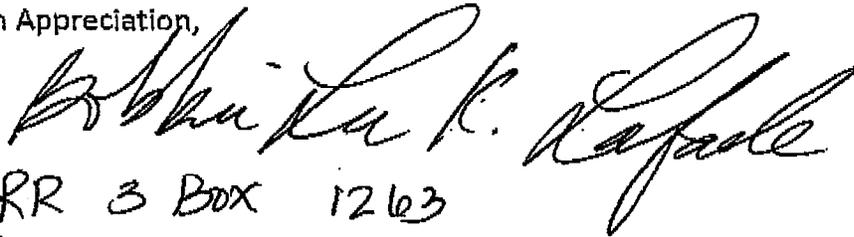
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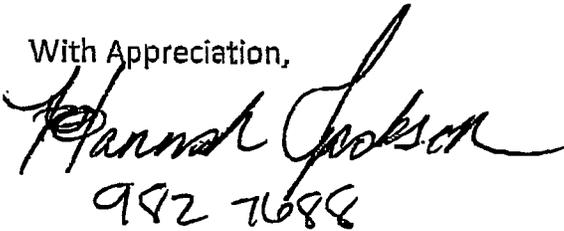
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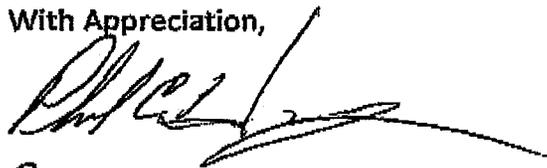
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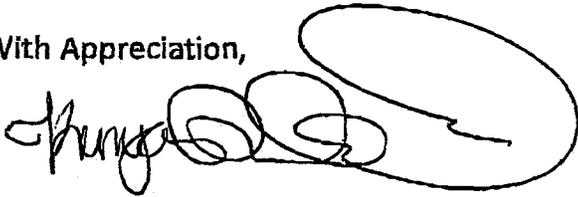
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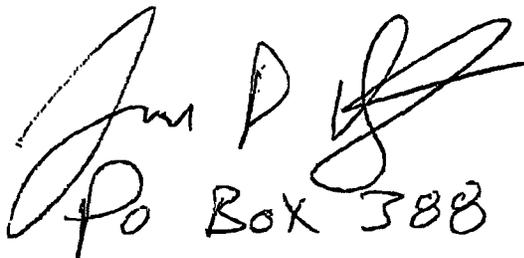
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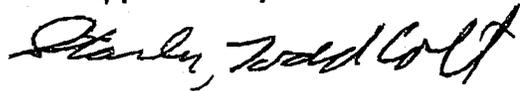
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Honolulu, HI 9681

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**LATE**

The Committee Clerk  
Committee on Judiciary & Gov't Ops,  
Room 219  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Committee Chair Tamiguchi,  
Vice-Chair Takamine & Committee members,

This is to indicate support of HB 444 hd1  
regarding CIVIL UNIONS. Civil Unions  
are consistent with my beliefs and  
values as a member of the Religious  
Society of Friends (Quakers). All  
citizens of the State of Hawaii, and  
of the USA, should have equal civil  
rights.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Eagar Fyfe, Clerk  
Peace & Social Concerns Cttee.

Now, apparently, many in the Legislature do not consider those actions final and believe the 30% minority view should prevail. In 2003, 2004, 2007 and now here again in 2009, we have another Legislative effort to allow homosexuals to marry through a sleight of hand "civil union" designation. Passage of HB 444 HD1 would eliminate any legal distinction between homosexual civil union marriages and traditional marriage. Except for the marriage license, a civil union would be treated in the same way as a traditional marriage. Supporters have admitted their next goal is to exert pressure to legalize same-sex marriage. HB 878 confirms that intent, as it would redefine marriage in State documents from a relationship between a man and a woman to a relationship between *two people*.

Some of our House members stated that Hawaii's people have changed their minds. However, there is no corroborating evidence to substantiate that claim. The few churches, labor leaders, and community groups, such as the league of Women Voters, who testified before the House Judiciary Committee, are the same ones who supported homosexual "marriage" in '98.

When I lead the grassroots effort to preserve traditional marriage I spoke before forty-two different groups, and a common concern was a fear of homosexual sex being taught in schools. This fear is not unfounded, considering what was happening in our schools then and what has transpired in several states since then.

For example, then I was told that an Ewa high school sex education teacher told students that they needed to try both lifestyles before deciding what they were. At McKinley H.S. homosexuals were invited to speak to students in sex education classes, and in some private

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preschools, the books "Heather has Two Mommies" and "Daddy's Wedding" were in the classrooms - much to the shock of parents.

Indoctrinating students exists across the country. On March 25, 2000 the Massachusetts Depart. of Education sponsored a workshop for high school students. A description of it can be found at <http://www.massnews.com/maygsa.htm>. Please be advised that the contents are extremely graphic.

The statewide conference, called "Teach-Out," was sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Education, the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth, and the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network. Homosexual activists from across the country were also there. One of their goals was to expand homosexual teaching into the lower grades. Parents who allowed their children to attend believed they would learn about AIDS. Instead, teenagers and children as young as 12, were taught how to perform homosexual sex.

More recently a federal judge in Massachusetts, where homosexual "marriages" were judicially imposed upon its citizens, ruled that homosexual issues must be taught and parents have no opt out options.

If you pass HB 444 HD1 parents in Hawaii should be even more concerned and ever more vigilant with what their children will be taught in school, as the pressure is already there to teach homosexual sex to children. Is this really the environment you want for your children and grandchildren?

It has been asserted that within the U.S. Constitution there is a right for homosexuals to marry. I have searched that document and can find no such right. Nor is there a right to have multiple spouses.

Homosexual "marriage" is not a God-given right. Scripture in the Old Testament and Jesus' own words in the New Testament affirm unequivocally God's design for marriage is between one man and one woman only.

The people of Hawaii strongly expressed their views that marriage is an institution to be protected. Creating counterfeit parallels to marriage, such as civil unions, diminishes the institution of marriage. The right of the people to govern themselves must be honored. Please vote no on HB 444 HD1. Mahalo.

Michael Colajuan, Jr. 672-2050

**LATE**

Good Morning thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of House Bill 444 House Draft 1.

This bill is a great example of why you and all of our elected officials need to follow the Constitution, the founding tenets of our country. The one tenet I want to focus on today is the Separation of State and Church.

Every person that has spoken out against this bill today, in the paper or at that fear rally on Sunday has used their religious beliefs to support their position of discrimination. When you remove religion from the equation each and every one of their arguments crumbles. The only thing that rises from the dust of their argument is what they are truly fighting for and that is just plain old, nasty, dirty discrimination.

The opposition to this bill says that being gay is a choice and we are asking for "special" rights. This would be laughable if it was not so sad, since they are the ones that are always clamoring for their special rights because of their CHOICE of an evangelical religion. That is right religion is the only protected category that is a choice.

So why is it wrong to use your religious beliefs in making laws? Well the number one reason is that it violates the Constitution and therefore your oath office. Another reason is that religion is so malleable; just look at Duke Aiona and myself both raised catholic and products of St. Louis. He came out thinking that discriminating against someone for the way that they were born is a good thing and I learned that it was wrong, a crime against humanity in fact.

Another example of this malleability is that both sides of this fight can quote the bible to justify their position. The fact is that you can find a bible quote to justify any stance from slavery to murder to the rape of this planet. That is why I use secular data to justify my support of civil unions.

Never in all of recorded history has when a government stopped discriminating against any minority have we seen that society crumble.

From recent history just look at Canada, they have had equal rights for their gay community going on six years and they are not crumbling. Then there is Massachusetts, Vermont, New Jersey and Connecticut none of these states are crumbling because they granted same-sex couples all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of marriage.

True their economies are suffering like the rest of the economies are suffering, but not because of granting equal rights to the gay community. All of our economies are suffering because of the failed policies of the last eight years. The same people that brought this suffering upon us all, also supports discriminating against the gay community.

New Hampshire

That is why November 4, 2008 is so special to me and everyone else that supports equality and justice. Because on that day America said: NO to the failed policies and philosophies of the Bush years and yes to hope and equality.

Change has come to America but has it come to Hawaii? That is why what you do here today, by voting yes on HB 444, you can show that true change has come to Hawaii. President Barack Obama supports Civil Unions as anyone can see by looking at the official policies on the White House website.

Remember that Hawaii voted for President Obama by a 3 to 1 margin.

For those of you out there that do not believe in the Separation of State and Church, prove it when you leave here today. Walk right on over to the Fed and State Departments of Taxation and then to Honolulu Hale. When you get there make sure that your church is not listed as a non-profit and that you are no longer counting your payments to your church as a tax-deductible donation. Also you will want to make sure that your church is paying its property taxes. I am sure the Feds along with the State and the City will be willing to put you and your church on a payment plan so you all can pay your back taxes. This would definitely help balance our state and city budgets.

In closing I would like to leave you with this quote from Coretta Scott King "Like Martin, I don't believe you can stand for freedom for one group of people and deny it to others", she told this to black civil rights leaders angered when gays and lesbians were comparing their struggle to their own. So do you in your official elected position today stand with us that support equality like the slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. did and as President Obama does, who is just one of the millions of Americans that supports Civil Unions. I hope you choose to stand, stand up for freedom and equality by voting yes on HB 444 HD 1. Or will you choose to stand on the wrong side of history in this fight for equality?

Testifier: Sai Tagovailoa-Amosa  
Bill Number and Title: HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions  
Committee: Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee  
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Hearing Location: Auditorium

**LATE**

**SUBJECT: STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1**

**ALOHA CHAIR BRIAN TANIGUCHI AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

My name is Sai Tagovailoa-Amosa and I strongly oppose House Bill 444 & Senate Bill 458 (Civil Union Bill). In 1998, Hawaii's people voted by an overwhelming 70% to affirm marriage as being between a man and a woman. I understand that the title "Civil Unions" is an attempt to stop the will of the people by legitimizing gay marriage using another title. This is not a civil rights issue and should not be used in an attempt to go against the will of the people who overwhelmingly voted against it in 1998.

The people have also spoken through their representatives in reaching the artful compromise that established Hawaii's reciprocal beneficiary law. The law achieved the goal of providing benefits to the same sex couple—without basing those benefits on the ill-advised sex-partner status test. However, these same sex couple wants more than what the reciprocal beneficiary law has to offer them, they want the same benefits as a married couple, and they want equal footing! Please understand that the people of Hawaii have put the issue behind them. The legislature should not re-open divisive, controversial battles that have already been settled by the people.

The passage of this bill will require Hawaii to recognize same sex marriage & Civil Unions from other states and countries. Providing equality to same sex unions may result in these couples suing churches for refusing to allow weddings; It may also result in gay couples asking schools for equality in any teaching materials related to marriage. In other words, teachers will be forced to teach children at a vulnerable age that it is okay for a man to marry man and a woman to marry woman.

**OUR CHILDREN WILL ONLY KNOW THE VALUE OF MARRIAGE IF THE DEFINITION REMAINS CLEAR AND CONSISTENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO THE CHANGING WHIMS AND LEGISLATION OF MAN.**

Chair Taniguchi and Judiciary Committee members. Today, you have been chosen for such as a time as this. If you pass House Bill 444, you will find that this is a stepping stone to legalizing same sex marriage in Honolulu, Hawaii. The reciprocal beneficiary law already exists to give the same-sex couples rights & benefits! If the objection is because they're not being treated equally, than *fix the reciprocal beneficiary law* to give them the benefits that they might seek, however, Do not let HB 444 deceive you, there's more than what is being stated in this bill. So I humbly ask, please do not devalue our long held traditions of marriage being between one man and one woman. It is one of the few unchanging truths that our young people can hold on to in this ever changing world.

Mahalo!

Sai Tagovailoa-Amosa

Alexandria Lanai  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

**LATE**

February 24, 2009

Good evening honorable senators,

My name is Alexandria Lanai, I'm a citizen of Hawaii, a voter and a taxpayer. I would like to thank you for taking this time to hear the voice of the people. I would like to testify of my strong opposition to House Bill 444 for two practical reasons:

#1) Taken under the radar out of plain sight, this bill has practically snuck through the backdoors of our knowledge and our ability to voice our concerns.

#2) This bears repeating that the people of hawaii have spoken in 1998.

I'm sure I would be in great opposition if I wrote a bill voicing my personal interests and beliefs and hiding them under the radar of those who would oppose my views. It would be uncalled for to not give everyone equal say in this matter.

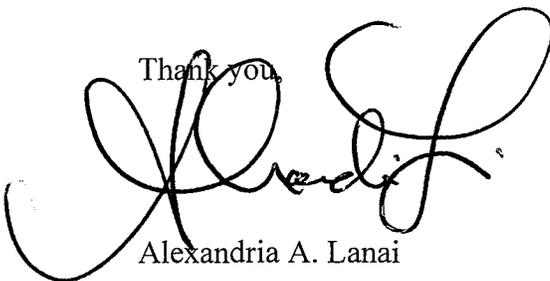
As this bill passed in the House of Representatives, all too sadly I have to say that we were not represented. If we were to have been represented, the outcome would probably have been different.

It is imperative, that we uphold the fundamental rights and privileges of the voter. A nation of the people, by the people and for the people. I would also like to remind you that you are men who uphold principles of character and integrity.

If this civil union issue is a noble cause as implied by those in support of this bill, than it needs to be processed in integrity - not a backdoor way.

I implore you, honorable members of our judiciary committee, to please refute this bill until we can ALL have a say and come to a consensus in this matter.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexandria A. Lanai', written in a cursive style.

Alexandria A. Lanai

Public Hearing on HB444 HD1  
9:00 am 24 Feb 2009

Bryan Kawika Oran  
2389 Komo Mai Drive  
Pearl City HI 96782

Oral Testimony

**LATE**

Good morning Chairman Taniguchi, Vice Chairman Takamine and members of the  
committee

My name is Bryan Kawika Oran, I am 19 years old, and a specialist in the United States  
army. Before stating my thoughts, I would like to make it clear that the views and  
opinions that I state today are solely my own and my testimony in no way represents the  
military or my commanding officers

My own experiences in life have let me work around the world and in doing so I  
recognize that Hawaii is the most diverse location yet. As they call it -Hawaii is a melting  
pot of the pacific, so here is my question - why is the world's most diverse location still  
discriminating against our homosexual brothers and sisters? The population of citizens  
who recognize them self as homosexual is growing, are they any different? They still pay  
taxes, they are an active part of the community, they work for a living, and they engage in  
long term relationships. What happens when someone loves someone? It grows, and  
eventually, they want to commit their life to one another, join as one. So here in lays the  
problem, the argument is weather to allow basic fundamental rights to these Americans

who are still facing bigotry and discrimination, And even though many are making it seem like it is, it's not about whether "god" approves of homosexual relationships or marriage. Our government is not the representative of one sole religion. ... Are we not a free country? Allowed to believe in which ever religion we deem is right? And when lawmakers make decisions based on there own religion... well what about mine? Does this mean that your religion is right and mine wrong? How would you like it if I made it illegal for u to get married because my faith doesn't allow it? As law makers... I trust you to make decisions on what is best for the people, not what is taught in your own personal faith. So today I urge you... put aside your own private matters and beliefs and make a decision based on the people you represent and our Hawaii as a whole... recognize the homosexual community as a positive force, because that's what they are. Let not only tell them know, but our country and the world know that the most diverse location can come together and promote equality, diversity, and openness among its citizens...let them know that bigotry and fear will not run our government... lets tell them that the last barrier of hate can be torn down... it will be torn down! This is not a religious issue.... It's an issue of granting civil liberties.

Chairman Taniguchi, Vice Chairman Takamine and members of the committee, I urge you to stand with us and support HB 444....

Thank you for your time

# LATE

02/23/09

Dear Senators:

By nature, I am non-confrontational...I admit that I am pretty ignorant when it comes to politics, and although I may have opinions about current issues affecting our state, overall, I trust and leave it up to lawmakers like you to make the tough decisions for us.

But as a Christian and as part of the silent majority of voters in Hawai'i, I know in my heart and in my spirit that I need to let my voice be heard on this bill. I am 'coming out of my closet of complacency,' so to speak, to humbly express my stance and concerns. Quite frankly, I am opposed to House Bill 444.

For me, this is a moral issue. What I notice today is the tendency for most lawmakers to keep the church and state separate for fear of being labeled or outcast in their political circles and affiliations or of going against their legal training, if heaven forbid, they hold true to a moral conscience or a faith-based stance...but history shows that the forefathers of our nation structured and aligned our government on a solid faith and belief in God and His Word. The Bible has not changed in defining that marriage is between one man and one woman. If the Bible isn't enough for you, then listen to the voice of Hawaii voters who already made our views known about this issue as well. This may be "simple-minded" reasoning to you, but to me, it seems unjust to impose this bill and push this through as law based solely on the decisions of, up to this point, only 57 people--51 representatives and 6 senators--especially when the people already voted against this.

This brings me to some of my concerns. I am a bit skeptical and leery as to the swift process of how this bill has made its way hurriedly through the hands of our representatives and now on to the Senate. Also, from my understanding of the priorities of how bills are introduced, this bill (HB444) was 'low on the totem pole' of the sequencing and priority of bills to be read during this 2009 session. How did this bill make its way up so quickly in the prioritization process? How was it that the 400+ proponents for the bill knew about it and were able to organize themselves so quickly and showed up in the first few readings at the legislature? Who had the inside scoop? Whose agenda is being pushed here?

I truly hope that this bill will not be the focus of some political circus arena, where people like me are jumping through hoops to be heard for a moment, only to be sent backstage when the "show" is over. To be really honest, it makes me wonder if this Senate decision has already been made behind closed doors, and my efforts are all for naught at this point.

Prove me wrong of my suspicions and doubts. I want to believe in a just and fair government for our state. I want to believe that our lawmakers are really sensitive to the needs and concerns of **ALL** the people in Hawai'i, including the shy, non-violent ones like me. Although I am not a gifted writer/speaker, I hope that by me calling, writing to you, taking time out from my business will really impress upon your spirit that this issue is near and dear to my heart as I know it is in yours. Will you be my voice on this issue?

With all sincerity and respect as you serve the people of Hawai'i,



Lisa Inouye  
Fax: 808-597-8588

**LATE**

## **Senate Testimony on House Bill 444**

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Senate Judiciary Government Operations Committee:

My name is Marty Guerriero. I come to you from Maui to speak to you as the President of Both Sides Now and as a concerned citizen.

Formed in 1981, Both Sides Now is an organization dedicated to the education and celebration of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community and their many friends and supporters on Maui. It is our opinion that all people should have the right to the equality afforded by Civil Unions no matter what their sexual orientation. This country was founded on the principle that we are all created equal. House Bill 444 is a recognition of and agreement with that foundation of America.

I have many gay and lesbian friends who have lived their lives as partners. Like any relationship, they have gone through good times and bad, but they have one thing that holds them together. That is their love for one another.

By having House Bill 444 pass, these partners will have the same legal rights as any couple in Hawaii. I ask you to give equal rights to all the people of this State. I ask for myself and I ask for my friends.

Rob Boettner and Don Bradstord committed for 24 years

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Joseph Bella (age 26) and Michael Percello (age 25) committed for 8 years

We thank you for your attention to this matter and ask you to vote YES on House Bill 444.

Martin Guerriero

President

Both Sides Now

**February 23, 2009:** To the Honorable T. Taniguchi, Chairman and Members of the SENATE JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE; Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair; Senator Robert Bunda, Senator Mike Gabbard, Senator Clarence K. Nishihara; and Senator Sam Slom

From: DeGray Vanderbilt, Molokai, Hawaii

Re: **SUPPORT OF HB 444**

**LATE**

Aloha Chair Taniguchi and Members

My name is DeGray Vanderbilt. I have lived on Molokai for 30 years. Molokai is tough island. But it is also an incredibly tolerant island, especially towards those who are true to themselves.

I am in full support of the well intended good authored into HB 444. I am unable to support the denial of basic civil rights that ANY AND ALL loving couples should be able to enjoy.

All of my children are married. Each of the married couples have children. And I am proud to say that my children have provided me with a tremendous array of dynamic grandchildren. They are all individuals in their own right and come from several ethnic backgrounds, popolo, hispanic and hauole.

Though my grandchildren all have their own unique individual spirits, one thing that they share is a strong love and compassion for each other, their aunts and uncles, their parents and me, Grandpa Digger. I am both fortunate and blessed.

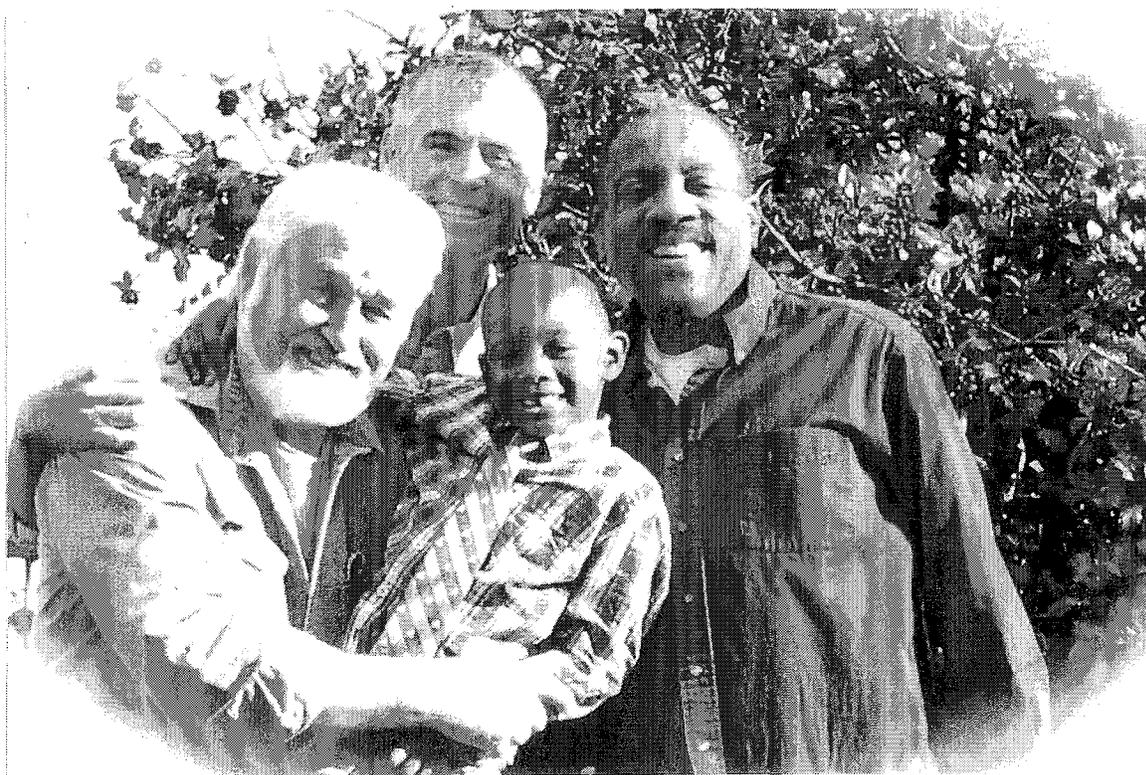
They say that a picture is worth a 1,000 words.....so Senators..... in order to save time, I will end my testimony by sharing a few thoughts about the picture below. It reflects me with my oldest son, Will, who is a veteran, caring elementary school teacher, along with his partner in life Ed, and their 5-year son Kemoni, who leaves his Grandpa Digger in the dust on the basketball court.

Will and Ed both are full of love and compassion, and I truly believe they would support Hawaii's state legislature providing the same basic civil rights to all couples striving to sustain a loving relationship.

Please support HB 444. If words need to be adjusted in the bill to heal those who believe the intent of the bill is to threaten same sex marriages, then complete that task and establish equality for all compassionate couples.

Respectfully supported.

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February 3, 2009

House Judiciary Committee  
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By Fax and E-mail

### House Bill 444 A Bill for an Act Relating to Civil Unions

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

At the request of the vestry of Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Lahaina, Maui, I am enclosing a letter of testimony in support of the passage of legislation creating civil unions (HB 444) by your committee and the entire legislature. This letter was written in 2007 when this matter last came before your committee and the vestry reaffirms its previous testimony.

We reaffirm that our support of this legislation is based not only on what we perceive to be the best interests of the citizens of Hawai'i but also on our religious faith that we are called to respect and support the dignity of every human being. It is a matter of justice and respect for all of our citizens.

Our priest and his partner were married at their home in Massachusetts and living there when we called them to serve our parish in Lahaina. We are keenly aware of the fact that by answering our call and moving to Hawai'i, they gave up significant legal protections. We are aware that if one died they would suffer significantly higher tax consequences that would jeopardize the financial security of the survivor. This is unjust and unwise. Such disparity in the recognition of civil unions among the states puts Hawai'i at a significant disadvantage in attracting qualified people.

In the past five years or so, we have seen civil unions recognized in many States. We are unaware of any instance in these States where families or the institution of marriage have in any way been "hurt or destroyed". Quite the contrary! We recognize that failure to provide legal

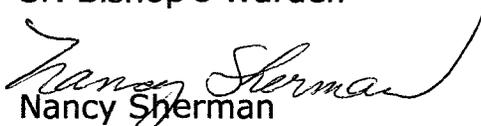
recognition and protection for the committed relationships of our gay and lesbian members is what can and does hurt families by such things as denying children health care coverage or denying survivors pension benefits.

We believe that HB 444 supports families and is beneficial to Hawai'i and **all** its families. We believe that HB44 in no way impinges upon the free exercise of anyone's religious beliefs or compel them to do anything contrary to those beliefs.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sr. Bishop's Warden



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Jr. Bishop's Warden

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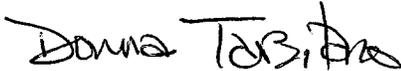


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February 18, 2009

Senate Committee on Judiciary  
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### **Civil Unions Legislation**

Dear Senators:

As the leadership of Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Lahaina, Maui, we urge you to approve the upcoming civil unions bill and move it to the full Senate for a vote. We further respectfully ask each of you to vote in favor of this bill when it reaches the full Senate. We enclose the testimony we presented to the House Judiciary Committee this year and the testimony we presented when this issue was last considered in 2007.

We believe that this is an issue of civil rights and equal justice for all of Hawaii's people. There are many gay and lesbian couples living in Hawaii who have created long standing committed relationships with their partners. We believe such stable relationships benefit society and should be accorded the respect and protection of the law. We believe supporting these stable relationships is good public policy and would benefit not only the couples affected but also the businesses, government agencies, hospitals and other entities that deal with such couples by providing legal certainty about the status of such civil unions.

As a faith community we also support the civil unions bill since it is in accord our baptismal promises to respect the dignity of every human being. We are pleased that our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, Bishop of Episcopal Church in Hawai'i, has also written to you in favor of the civil unions bill. As Bishop Fitzpatrick noted, this bill would in no way infringe upon the religious beliefs of any religious body nor compel anyone to perform any act that is contrary to their beliefs.

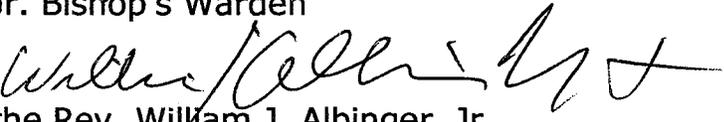
There are thousands of gay and lesbian couples in Hawai'i who are also our sons and daughters, sisters and brothers. The reality is that they are not single and we see no rational social purpose in treating them as single

under the law. Their concerns about inheritance issues, pensions, health care decision making powers, and other such matters are legitimate. We believe it is both unjust and poor public policy to continue to ignore these claims.

Respectfully submitted,

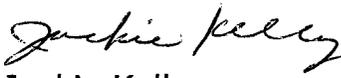
  
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**February 24, 2009**

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate and fellow Citizens:

I am grateful for the opportunity to express my opposition to HB 444. I lead an International group called ACTS Foundation, Inc. that has as its main focus is "Wholesome and Righteous Living". We have attended meetings just like this one in the House of Commons in London.

For three and a half years we have been actively involved with Hawaii and have many people here who have joined us in our movement to call communities to a higher moral and spiritual standard.

I am grieved and saddened that you leaders have to spend your valuable time on issues like this one! We all know that this is not just a minority or an equality issue. It is a physical pleasure issue to exclude natural attraction and reason. It is not about family and future. It is about what feels good today.

Before any judge me, let me say that I have worked with and had a number of friends who were or are gay. Let me underscore FRIENDS. I have watched two of them die of AIDS. I was at a friend's bedside to bring water and cold compresses. I was involved and cared for them when most of their friends abandoned them.

Let me just say, If you travel to places like England, Holland, even San Francisco where this life-style is condoned, it is not just allowed to be... rather it becomes an aggressive force to proselytize others. When living in California, I had to shield my three young sons from the gaze of one gay man who used to come to events at our home.

I appeal to you to not put a stamp of approval upon this beyond giving each person the rights we already enjoy under the laws of this great nation.

Sincerely,

Rev. Ralph E. McIntosh

Psalm 10:15 says "He gave them the desires of their hearts, but sent leanness to their soul."

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JGO Testimony @ Capitol, Hawaii Gov. February 24, 2009  
Attention: Senator Taniuchi

**LATE**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate and Residents of the Aloha State of Hawaii--

I am Susan McIntosh, I am currently not a resident of Hawaii but over the last three and a half years my husband and I have spent much time here and we are currently considering becoming residents of this great state.

I encourage you, vote NO on HB444.

If this law is passed, the whole of Hawaii will not live in equality, but, be governed by the philosophy of a small minority who have chosen an alternate lifestyle.

Because my husband and I travel worldwide, we have seen firsthand what happens to states and nations when laws such as HB444 are sanctioned in a society. We encourage you to think of the future of your state. At the moment, scores of advocates for same sex union have come from outside of Hawaii to join the now small minority of this great state who are advocates for same sex union in an attempt to over through the laws of this land which have, until now, stood for righteousness and the protection of families and traditional marriages.

Today the issue is HB444; tomorrow, if this bill passes, the homosexual philosophies will have freedom to dominate every aspect of this society.

I have seen firsthand what happens after legislation like this is made the law of the land.

Recently we sat in committee meetings in London's Parliament and listened while homosexual educators told of the sex education classes being taught to elementary students throughout the United Kingdom. One leader of the department of education shared how she had assigned elementary children homework over the weekend. The assignment was to go and practice the different sexual behaviors and return on Monday to report to the class. These were elementary students!

Now, in the United Kingdom, newspapers and magazines on homosexuality and pornography are blatantly displayed in every grocery store and convenient store on shelves low enough for small children to easily see. It is as though the whole society forfeited the wholesomeness of its moral fiber, giving way to the lifestyle of a minority. A lifestyle that is contrary to the family structure God designed, on purpose, so children could grow up in peace.

For many years we lived in California. My sister and her husband adopted 15 children out of the California foster care/adoption programs. I wish some of my adopted nieces and nephews were here with me today to share with you the horrible sexual abuse they endured, some even from infancy, at the hands of practicing gays and lesbians. Young boys especially are prime targets.

What would happen if a lifestyle that has had wise and protective restraints maintained on it was suddenly turned over to the rule of a minority?

Not only could tradition families stop coming to Hawaii to live and vacation, but, the Hawaiian children and young people in this Aloha state would soon be exposed to a propaganda and social behavior that is absolutely incongruent to what God still calls **RIGHTEOUSNESS**. Righteousness is not up for debate, ever.

A few years back my husband and I met a same sex union couple—two lesbian women—who were the first, and highly publicized same sex marriage partners in the UK allowed to adopt children. They adopted five high-risk children. Just a few years into the “marriage” the couple realized what havoc and confusion even the mentally challenged children were going through because of trying to deal with having two mommies. God did not design families for same sex parents.

I am thankful to say that though the women are still under the same roof caring for all five children, but, they no longer practice the lesbian life-style. The whole dynamics of the household has drastically been transformed. It is hard to explain, but, once things were put in righteous order, the children began to thrive.

Vote NO on bill 444 while there is still a chance to keep in Hawaii State law the protection our society needs in order to continue enjoying healthy, God designed and ordained family structure.

Righteousness in the State of Hawaii has long been the very foundational fiber of this great State. Law makers, think of the bigger picture. Don't be pressured to give in to the philosophies of the minority whose agenda could turn these beautiful islands into a place, if HB444 passes, where only a minority of the world we will want to live and raise a family or even vacation.

Lastly, there is scientific proof that our body chemistry was not designed to support same sex unions. Two of our good family friends died horrible deaths from AIDS. Both of them, before dying, openly testified that the deadly disease prematurely taking their lives was due to the gay lifestyle they had practiced.

Sad to say, one of the men, during the final days of his life, befriended an innocent and healthy young man and passed along the AIDS virus to him. A death warrant was handed to one too young to understand he was being taken advantage of by a man who was thinking only of his own momentary pleasure instead of the young man's future.

Rise up, citizens of Hawaii, the world is watching you. Elected leadership, remember the masses throughout Hawaii who look to you to protect traditional marriage. Think about the future of this great State, its households, their children, and their grand grandchildren.

For the sake of a bright, bless future, stay strong against such bills as GH444. See the bigger picture, in this case, the healthy tradition of marriage as God designed it—union between one man and one woman. Voting for GH444 could bring great heartache to the people of the now lovely and beloved by all, Aloha State of Hawaii.

Thank you,

*Susan G. McIntosh*

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TESTIMONY OF ALAN R. GAND  
HAWAII SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

02/24/09

MY NAME IS ALAN R. GAND. I AM A RESIDENT OF MAKAKILO, AND HAVE RESIDED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU FOR 43 YEARS. I'M A RETIRED FEDERAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR FOR U.S. CUSTOMS AND FOR THE AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, IN THE AIR FORCE RESERVE. AS A SPECIAL AGENT FOR AFOSI, I HAD TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGATIONS OF HOMOSEXUALITY, WHICH I ACTUALLY DETESTED PERFORMING, BUT IT WAS MY SWORN DUTY, AND I ACCOMPLISHED IT IN THE MANNER DESIRED AND DICTATED BY THE AIR FORCE. I AM TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF HB 444. I BELIEVE THAT THE RECENT AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION, THAT MARRIAGE IS ONLY BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN IS IN SERIOUS CONFLICT WITH THE PREVIOUS HAWAII CONSTITUTIONAL PRIVACY AMENDMENT. I BELIEVE IN THE GOLDEN RULE, "DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU." WE HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO ME THAT MEANS THAT THE MAJORITY SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FORCE THEIR RELIGIOUS VIEWS ON THE MINORITY. OUR STATE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES HAVE A HIGHER DUTY THAN GETTING RE-ELECTED. THEY HAVE A DUTY TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE MINORITY. THAT IS WHAT THIS COUNTRY IS ABOUT. TO THOSE OF YOU FROM ALL RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS WHO OPPOSE HB 444 BASED UPON YOUR RELIGIOUS VALUES. I SUGGEST THAT IF YOU WANT TO REALLY OBSERVE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE DETERIORATES, PERHAPS YOU SHOULD LIVE IN A MIDDLE EASTERN ISLAMIC COUNTRY WITH SHARIA LAW FOR A FEW MONTHS.

*Alan R. Gand*  
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Testimony of Tom Adams

Senate Judiciary Committee HB444

February 24, 2009

Mr. Chairman and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Tom Adams and I am writing to you to express my opposition to HB444. The Judiciary Committee has the opportunity and in my judgement the responsibility to stop this bill from becoming law. We as a state have spoken our opposition to same sex marriage i.e. civil unions, and the state has provided for benefits of same sex couples to assure their rights.

Thousands of years of culture have promoted marriage as the union of one man and one woman. In cultures where other unions were permitted (polygamy) we have moved towards the norm of one man and one woman. If we do not hold the line on what marriage is and what it stands for then we are inviting other types of marriages or unions in the future.

I do not look forward to having to explain to my children why two men or two ladies are marrying each other. Raising children is difficult enough without throwing this into the mix. Passage of this bill would confuse our children and add strife to our families.

The definition of marriage is fixed, the standard is set, and 70% of Hawaii's residents uphold that view. In my circles of business, social, and personal life I find very few people who would like to see this passed. Most of the people I deal with are just hard working people doing the best they can to raise their families and instill values and morals that will take them through life. Most of the people I deal with are extremely opposed to this bill but just don't have the time to sit down and write or call to express their opposition. Many people are not comfortable calling and expressing their opinion. I'm sure you know that and I'm sure you are aware the vast majority of people are opposed to this bill and are hoping that our elected officials pass legislation that will reflect what they believe will be beneficial to our community.

This bill does not benefit our community - it is detrimental and again I urge you not to forward this bill out of the Judiciary Committee.

Please don't make our jobs harder by allowing HB444 out of committee. I view each and every person as fundamentally equal and individually unique. However, we can not change the definition of an institution as critical as marriage to make people feel better. Society sets, with good reason, the norms of what is accepted and what is not accepted. Same sex marriage or civil unions have been rejected around the country when put to the vote of the community. No one wants to deny rights to these couples and they are covered under benefit laws but the majority of Hawaii's residents do not want to degrade the definition of marriage. Thousands of people rallied to oppose this bill on Sunday. Dozens of people rallied to support the bill yesterday. I ask you to vote to reflect the will of the people of Hawaii, the will of the people you were elected to serve.

I appreciate the job you and your fellow senators do for our state. You have a difficult job trying to determine what is right and what is beneficial for our Island community. I do not believe this to be beneficial and again, I sincerely ask you to take a stand against HB444.

Thank you for your consideration,



Aloha,

Tom Adams

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**From:** Deborah Winter [winterd@whitman.edu]  
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DATE: February 24, 2009

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Joy K. Morioka

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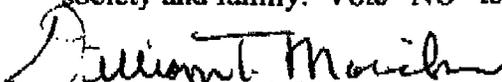
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Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
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Submitted on: 2/23/2009

Comments:

To Members of the State Legislature,

The description of HB444 states that its purpose is to, **“extend the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union.”**

In 1998 the voters of the State of Hawaii chose to amend our Constitution by a large margin of victory to specifically define marriage as a union between couples of the opposite sex. HB444 has only changed the name from "marriage" to "civil union" without changing the definition at all. Our constitution does not allow for this even if you simply change the name. The legislature should not attempt to override the popular vote and the State Constitution. Is that even legal? I thought the Constitution and its Amendments were the highest authority in our state. Overriding the Constitution will set a dangerous precedent. I urge you all to vote NO on HB444.

In addition, this bill, in combination with HB878, which changes the definition of marriage from “between a man and a woman” to “between two persons” effectively makes same-sex marriage legal. This is an attempt to circumvent the legal process and override the popular vote, which will seriously undermine the democratic process in our state and the people’s trust in this government.

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Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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To Members of the State Legislature,

The description of HB444 states that its purpose is to, “**extend the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union.**”

In 1998 the voters of the State of Hawaii chose to amend our Constitution by a large margin of victory to specifically define marriage as a union between couples of the opposite sex. HB444 has only changed the name from "marriage" to "civil union" without changing the definition at all. Our constitution does not allow for this even if you simply change the name. The legislature should not attempt to override the popular vote and the State Constitution. Is that even legal? I thought the Constitution and its Amendments were the highest authority in our state. Overriding the Constitution will set a dangerous precedent. I urge you all to vote NO on HB444.

In addition, this bill, in combination with HB878, which changes the definition of marriage from “between a man and a woman” to “between two persons” effectively makes same-sex marriage legal. This is an attempt to circumvent the legal process and override the popular vote, which will seriously undermine the democratic process in our state and the people’s trust in this government.

**LATE**

HB 444 HD1  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
Opposition to HB 444 HD1

My name is Deborah Barbour

I am a life long resident of Hawaii and do not want Hawaii to legalize civil unions. If you are thinking that homosexual tourism will be healthy for Hawaii I ask you to do more research in the State of Massachusetts and their health costs since legalizing man to man/ woman to woman marriage.

Please do not make our State an unsafe place for our keiki. Most of the homosexual couples who want civil unions will not stop until they have full marriage rights. Then they will invade our schools with education to say that their sexual practices are perfectly healthy and normal.

If you pass this legislation you will be responsible for legitimizing a lifestyle that is unnatural and unhealthy for the people of Hawaii. A majority of Hawaii residents do not want this lifestyle legitimized.

Vote NO on this bill.

Mahalo for your time.

Deborah Barbour  
Resident of Kaneohe, Hawaii

**Dr. Suzanne M. Zeng**  
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**LATE**

Brian T. Taniguchi, Chairman  
Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol

February 9, 2009

RE: WRITTEN TESTIMONY in OPPOSITION to HB 444 HD1 Relating to CIVIL UNIONS  
Hearing: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM –AUDITORIUM

Dear Senator Taniguchi (my representative) and the Senate Judiciary Committee,

As my representative and the Chairman of the Judiciary committee, I believe you and your fellow committee members will want to know my thoughts on the bill on Civil Unions. Hawaii went through a long debate on this issue, and marriage for same-set partners went on the ballot in 1998. I would like to remind you that the vote of the people of Hawaii was an overwhelming NO when over 70% of the citizens of Hawaii voted AGAINST this. I am extremely disappointed that the majority of House representatives chose to are ignoring the voice of the people. A change of semantics is not going to change the meaning of the law, as it states in the bill itself:

*SECTION 3. Except for part I of chapter 572, every reference in the Hawaii Revised Statutes to "marriage", or any aspect thereof, shall apply equally to "civil unions"...*

This is NOT an issue of EQUALITY, since same-sex couples enjoy benefits for their partner under the *Reciprocal Beneficiary Act HRS §572C* (RBA).

As representatives, perhaps it is difficult for you to represent your constituents, even when it goes against your own beliefs. However, my understanding of a representative is a responsibility to represent and support the favor of the majority of your constituents.

With this in mind, I am urging you to either vote NO since almost 3/4ths of the people of Hawaii voted no to same-sex marriage in 1998, or, if you are not comfortable with voting no, then put this on the ballot for the people of Hawaii to once again vote on. This is a BIG ISSUE that will affect the very fabric of our society. Pushing this matter through congress in a matter of a few weeks without the majority of people getting their say, is NOT democratic and is not right. This is not an issue for Hollywood, nor is this a Democrat issue, it is an Hawaiian issue and needs to be a decision of the Hawaii people.

The people of Hawaii have already spoken. Please do not go AGAINST their voices.

I URGE YOU to VOTE NO to this bill, or encourage that it goes once again onto the ballot. That will at least help you and your fellow senators hear the true voice of the people, and as our representative, I do hope you represent the people of your district and of Hawaii.

Thank you,  
Suzanne M. Zeng (e-signature)

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 7:13 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** everlasting807@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Erin Matsuda  
Organization: Individual  
Address: Honolulu, Hawaii  
Phone:  
E-mail: [everlasting807@yahoo.com](mailto:everlasting807@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/23/2009

**Comments:**

I am writing to urge you to use your vote on HB 444 to vigorously oppose civil unions. The people of Hawaii have spoken clearly about this in 1998, affirming that a clear majority of Hawaii residents believe that marriage should remain between one man and one woman. We do not need this new law to re-open divisive and controversial battle already settled by the people.

You are aware that we already have a reciprocal beneficiary law, passed in 1997. HB 444 is unnecessary to protect rights, and Civil unions will simply be a tool to re-define marriage.

Data is irrefutable: children do best in stable, healthy homes with both a mom and a dad. We must think of our keiki, and not indulge in selfish catering to the desires of a small sector of adults by rewriting our most basic marriage laws.

Please do the right thing and oppose this with your voice and your vote. Please reflect the voice of Hawaii and vote against HB44.

Mahalo for your consideration of your constituencies.

**From:** jiajie li [jiajie\_l@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 7:16 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Attachments:** stat2262.jpg; stat2886.jpg

**LATE**

Greetings! Lately I have received the news of the Civil Union Bill. Through what I have heard about this bill, I would have to say that I highly oppose. Not only is it not beneficial to society, but it is also destroying the meaning of what God wants. With this Bill passed allowing gay marriage, there will be a fewer chance of families to fulfill what God wants.

God wants us to multiply and have families take good care of this earth and with gay marriage legalized, having families are impossible. Many things have already done great damage to the earth such as wars, hunger, thirst, and even diseases around the world, therefore by approving the Civil Union Bill, not only will you make the earth worse than it is now, but you will also be doing something that God does not want.

As a Christian we are taking this issue very seriously, therefore we would like to request that this bill will NOT be approved. God is already disappointed and I do NOT want to know how He would look like if you approve the bill. I would rather have God smile than frown. Wouldn't you? I would want Hawaii to still have families, but through gay marriage, it is impossible. So let us all do something God would want right now. Through rejection of the bill, God will surely bless you.

With the bill being passed, how will same gender marriages have kids? By adoption? Even so, how will the kids who have same gender parents be treated? How will the family be treated? I am not just fighting for God, I am fighting for his future children and OUR future generations. This is a bill that CANNOT BE PASSED. Our future generations rests in your hands, DO NOT FAIL US! For if you do, many childrens will be abused and am very sure GOD nor THE PEOPLE would want that.

**DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR HE KNOWS YOUR EVERYTHING**

I thank you for taking your time to read this message.

Mahalo and God

Bless!

### **Romans 1: 18-32**

<sup>18</sup>The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, <sup>19</sup>since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. <sup>20</sup>For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

<sup>21</sup>For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup>Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup>and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. <sup>25</sup>They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

<sup>26</sup>Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. <sup>27</sup>In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

<sup>28</sup>Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup>They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup>slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; <sup>31</sup>they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. <sup>32</sup>Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

### **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

<sup>9</sup>Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders <sup>10</sup>nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup>And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

### **1 Timothy 1:9-11**

<sup>9</sup>We also know that law<sup>(a)</sup> is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup>for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine <sup>11</sup>that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

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**From:** Sister Burley Sr. (Estrellita) [jesuscares53always@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 7:21 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Fw: HB 444 HD1, Civil Unions

**LATE**

--- On **Mon, 2/23/09, Sister Burley Sr. (Estrellita)** <[jesuscares53always@yahoo.com](mailto:jesuscares53always@yahoo.com)> wrote:  
From: Sister Burley Sr. (Estrellita) <[jesuscares53always@yahoo.com](mailto:jesuscares53always@yahoo.com)>  
Subject: HB 444 HD1, Civil Unions  
To: [JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)  
Date: Monday, February 23, 2009, 6:58 PM

Aloha To All Concerned,

I would like my voice to be heard. I firmly disagree with HB 444 HD1, Civil Unions. Please do not put on to our family and children something that is not normal. It breaks my heart to see how we are so willing to accept the things that is not normal and yet make things that should be a given are now taboo or unnatural. We are getting so carried away with "RIGHTS". What about our right to not be subjected to something that is not natural or normal. What about my right to not to be subjected to people around me swearing and talking about sex or making comments about someone (sexually), while I have my children around. I personally don't enjoy hearing it and don't enjoy being subjected to other people's sick minds. What's going to happen when people start to say they have a "RIGHT" to go anywhere I want naked? It's equal right's, right?

When do we draw the line? This is one of the reasons our schools are in so much trouble. Student's and parent's have become so disrespectful and feel they have a right to disrespect their teachers and other staff in schools. Parent's feel they have a right to undermine their children teacher and encourage/enable their children behavior.

I'm asking you to please work on the "**RIGHT**" Rights. Please don't pass HB444 HD1. Please don't try to fix something that is not broken.

Sincerely and Deeply,  
Mrs. Estrellita A. Burley Sr.

**LATE**

Dear Honorable Senators and Judiciary Committee Members:

I am sure you are inundated with calls, mail, and email regarding the civil unions issue. I also assume that you are receiving more requests to not support the Civil Unions legislation. It is a very hard decision, I am sure.

You are well aware of the issues on both sides given the public's response. I will not elaborate on any of them, instead I wish to address the role of our elected leaders in this issue. I am hoping you will take the high road in this case and protect this minority group from the dominance (oppression) of the majority. Our wonderful democracy is not only based on "majority rule" but also on protecting the minority from the "tyranny" of the majority. The minority in this case, the gay community, is asking for the right to be treated just like the majority. If equal treatment under the law is not granted, no matter how repulsive it might seem, we fail in honoring our wonderful system of government. The law needs to be applied with fairness and equality. Not different laws and policies just for the majority. The same laws and policies should be for all groups of law abiding citizens. That position is the high road, and so logical and easy to defend.

Thank you for your work as effective public officials. Best wishes as you deliberate this important issue to all of us in Hawaii.

Aloha,  
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Honolulu, Hi. 96815

808/923-4060

(Email sent on 2/21/09)

**LATE****Testimony in Support of HB444 HD1 (Relating to Civil Unions)**

To:            Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee  
                Senator Brian Taniguchi; Chair  
                Senator Dwight Takamine; Vice Chair  
                Senator Bunda  
                Senator Nishihara  
                Senator Gabbard  
                Senator Slom

From:         Michael Caputo

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

I am a Filipino-Italian gay young man from the city of Waipahu, currently attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Growing up, I have never been confronted with the harsh discrimination against homosexuality. I've always been in a very accepting environment – my family and friends were behind me when I came out, and til this day they still support me in my endeavors 100%. It was not until HB444HD1 surfaced, and the equal rights that I do not have were within reach, did I see people who strongly disagreed with my lifestyle.

Ever since HB444HD1 passed at the house, I've been becoming a more active member in the pursuit of equal rights; I've had people say to my face their opinions on my lifestyle. I know no other way of living. I was born being attracted to what I am attracted to. I was raised to have strong family values; my mother has put a great head on my shoulder because I strive for success, and I know that one day when I have children, that I will be a great father. I currently attend school because I want to make something out of my life. I want to be to grow up and be able to start, support, and love a family, just like anyone else. I want the right to have a meaningful recognized relationship with someone I love. I want the right to be equal with any heterosexual couple, because I am just as much of a citizen and I deserve just as many rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities as any heterosexual. So today, I ask you to please support HB444HD1 which would give me the equal rights that I deserve as a citizen.

Again, thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

Michael Caputo  
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Waipahu, HI, 96797

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**From:** phaeds [phaedra.ranges@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:35 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Support House Bill 444!!

**LATE**

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

I write in strong support of H.B. 444, HD1 Relating to Civil Unions.

This bill would extend full relationship protections and responsibilities - giving couples greater ability to care for those they love. Further, it represents a substantial step forward toward ensuring that gay and lesbian couples are afforded equal treatment under the law.

It is just and appropriate to extend more protections to lesbian and gay couples than those currently provided under Hawaii law. H.B. 444, HD1 will further extend rights to gay and lesbian couples in several significant ways. To identify a few, current Hawaii law does not permit same-sex couples to adopt jointly a child in a single court proceeding. Current law also fails to protect members of a same-sex couple in the event the couple chooses to separate - there are no provisions in the law for judicial dissolution of the relationship or for support of a former partner. Additionally, adopting this law would provide a vehicle for private employers to offer health benefits to same-sex couples.

I believe that it is incumbent upon our elected officials to ensure that all residents of Hawaii are treated equally. H.B. 444, HD1 represents significant progress in attaining that goal. Thus, I urge you to vote yes.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Phaedra Elisabeth Ranges, M.Ed  
Special Educator  
Lanikai, HI

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Phaedra :)

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**From:** Wm Lawson family [lawsons@ilovejesus.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:10 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Civil Union Bill HB444 to be heard 9 a.m. Feb. 24th

**LATE**

(I resent this because the note said I needed to add the date and time of the hearing which is Feb. 24th at 9 a.m.)

My name is Laurie Lawson. I have been a resident of Hawaii since 1977. I am a wife of 29 years and a mother of 3 children. I am submitting my testimony today to urge the legislature to vote against the passage of HB444. Your vote against HB444 is not a vote to deny civil unions to homosexual couples. Your vote against HB444 is a vote to support and uphold and protect the institution of marriage and to affirm the will of the Hawaii people who overwhelmingly voted to amend the constitution in 1998 to define marriage as between one man and one woman. I was one of those voters who voted for the marriage amendment in 1998 and it concerns me that the will of the Hawaii people is now in jeopardy.

There was a rally at the State Capitol on Sunday, Feb. 22 in support of marriage between one man and one woman. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as I was flying back from the mainland and due to flight delays, didn't arrive in Hawaii until 3 a.m. Monday morning. The newspaper had a feature article about the Interfaith Alliance and estimated there about 75 people who showed up in favor of civil unions. However, several paragraphs below, the newspaper reported there were over 2000 people who came out against HB444 and in support of traditional marriage. That should have been the headliner, the fact that there were over 2000 people who came out against the civil union bill and in support of traditional marriage. This proves that the people of Hawaii are indeed, overwhelmingly in support of traditional marriage and are urging the Legislature to not allow HB444 to be passed.

The group that is supporting the Civil Union bill is a small minority. They are vocal, they are relentless and that's why they get the headlines. They claim this is a civil rights issue, but it is not. They are not being harmed because they can't be married or have civil unions. Homosexual people have the same rights as everyone else. They are afforded due process under the law, they can vote, they can own property, they have the right to an education, they have legal rights where they can write wills and give their property to whomever they wish. There are laws on the books to protect homosexuals against discrimination in housing and employment. The Reciprocal Beneficiary Law was passed in 1997 to afford same sex couples even further protections, most notably the workplace medical insurance benefit. So I ask, why are homosexuals demanding a civil union bill (which is really gay marriage)? What do they want except to redefine marriage and demand that their way of cohabitating is the same as a heterosexual couple. It is not, and even biology proves it is not.

So I ask the Legislature today, to please, take note of your constituents, those who have written you, asking you to please, not pass HB444. Your vote against this bill is a vote in favor of Marriage, for preservation of an institution that has proved the test of time. It is sacred, it is honorable and should be protected.

Thank you  
Laurie M. Lawon

**TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 444 HD 1  
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO  
CIVIL UNIONS**

**LATE**

**Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice-Chair  
Senator Robert Bunda  
Senator Mike Gabbard  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara  
Senator Sam Slom**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
9:00AM., Capitol Auditorium**

Good morning Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am here before you to publicly show my support for House Bill 444, relating to civil unions.

I would first like to begin by briefly highlighting five factual points that are known to date.

1. The Reciprocal Beneficiaries Statute is grossly inadequate in providing equal legal protection for same-sex relationships and their families.
2. Civil unions are supported by all major labor unions in Hawai'i, several religious denominations, civil rights and ethnic groups, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and the current President of the United States.
3. Homosexuality has existed in society for as long as society has existed.<sup>1</sup>
4. All current scientific literature states that one's sexual orientation is not a choice; that is, individuals do not choose to be homosexual or heterosexual.<sup>2,3,4</sup>
5. Ten years ago, the rights of the LGBT community were put up for a public vote and 70 percent of the public decided to extinguish their rights.

Now here we are today. And here I am before you. To persons who oppose civil unions, I ask this question: Why are you fearful that civil unions will afford some people the same rights as

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<sup>1</sup> Friedman RC, Downey JI. Homosexuality. *New England Journal of Medicine* . 1994; 331 :923 –930

<sup>2</sup> Rowlett JD, Patel D, Greydanus DE. Homosexuality. In: Greydanus DE, Wolraich ML, eds. *Behavioral Pediatrics*. New York, NY: Springer-Verlag;1992:37–54

<sup>3</sup> Savin-Williams RC. Theoretical perspectives accounting for adolescent homosexuality. *Journal of Adolescent Health Care*. 1988; 9 :95 –104

<sup>4</sup> Frankowski BL, and Committee on Adolescence. *Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics*. 2004; 113 :1827-1832

marriage? Why do you feel that only you are entitled to those benefits? Why do you feel that civil unions will threaten traditional marriage between a man and a woman? Why do you fear someone who loves differently than you?

To those who support civil unions, I implore you to make your voices heard. If not for me, do it for your neighbor, your colleague, your classmate, your family member, so that they no longer have to feel ashamed and scared. Do it for the many families who are still held together by love, despite the ridicule and discrimination.

And for my dear Senators before me, I pray that you have the courage to provide the change that we need in this world. Please ensure our civil liberties, regardless of whether or not we attend your church.

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Lasha-Lynn Hā'awinalani Salbosa  
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**From:** Drew Kapp [dkapp@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:38 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Support Civil Unions in Hawai'i

**LATE**

Aloha kakou,

I am writing to request your support for the measure to allow Civil Unions in Hawai'i. This is a human rights issue, and I am counting on the long and wonderful legacy of tolerance and acceptance of diversity in Hawai'i to continue, and be enhanced.

I ask that you support Civil Unions not only for myself (so that my relationship with my same-sex partner of over ten years can be recognized by the State of Hawai'i), but also for my students and colleagues in the UH system, as well as my friends, and everyone else who does not yet have this privilege.

Hawai'i will be an even better place if this proposed legislation become enacted.

Mahalo a nui loa for your consideration of conferring basic human rights to our community.

Aloha,  
Drew

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**From:** Hitoshi Hida [hhida@group70int.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:39 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB 444 HD1

**LATE**

My name is Hitoshi Hida,  
To senate Judiciary Committee  
Date of Hearing: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 9:00am  
Measure Number: HB 444 HD1

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee members, I respectfully ask you not to pass the bill HB 444 HD1. I think it is very important to keep the marriage between a man and a woman. Thank you very much.

Sincerely  
Hitoshi Hida

**LATE**

**From:** Dimai@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:38 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony; Rep. Angus McKelvey; Rep. Joe Bertram III; Rep. Mele Carroll; Rep. Joseph Souki; Rep. Kyle Yamashita; Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran; senbaker@Captiol.hawaii.gov; Sen. J. Kalani English; Sen. Shan Tsutsui  
**Subject:** STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1

Testifier: Diane Countryman

Bill Number and Title: HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

Committee: Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee (JGO)

Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.

Hearing Location: Auditorium

I am deeply distrubed about HB444 and urge you to search your heart and vote against this bill. The will of the people of Hawaii is being denied. Remember ten years ago we passed a Constitutional Amendment to keep marriage as between a man and a woman. I would much prefer to be in Honolulu in person to voice my oppostion, however, this email will have to suffice.

Mahalo to Maui Representative Angus McKelvey for taking a stand and voting in opposition to this bill. Let's keep marriage as God intended.

Mahalo,

Diane Countryman

PS. I would very much like to know where Senator Rozalyn Baker stands on this issue as she represents West Maui where I have been a full-time resident for the past 22 years. I would greatly appreciate your response.

UA MAU KE EA O KA AINA I KA PONO

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**From:** Nicholas Aiello [nick.aiello@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:40 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Please Support Civil Unions

**LATE**

I am writing this letter first and foremost as an American. I am a resident of Hawaii, and an individual who just happens to be Gay. I am writing this letter with no political, or religious agenda. I am writing this letter as a testament to the importance of this issue, because I have never been more inclined to be politically involved. My name is Nicholas Aiello, and I am a social worker by trade who has spent my career dedicated to social justice of those who cannot always advocate for themselves. This issue is one where I am grateful to adamantly advocate for myself, and for every individual whose rights will be limited by opposition to this bill.

As a Christian citizen who was raised Catholic, I understand the importance of tradition and specifically the sacrament of Marriage between two individuals who love one another. This bill will not force religious organizations to perform Civil Union ceremonies, as they will continue to define marriage in whatever way their religious organization chooses. I can say with great voracity and certainty that the passing of this bill will not take anything away from the "Sanctity" of marriage. Sadly, the love between two same sex individuals, is not valued as equal by those in the opposition. I simply ask that you recognize that my rights are not worth any less than those who were born Heterosexual, just as I was born homosexual.

I value familial rights, and hope to raise my own children with my partner in the upcoming years. We will go through the process of adopting, and fostering children and begin to build our family in the very near future. I do not want the rights of myself, my partner or our future family to be compromised by this bill not passing. There is no evidence that shows that the love between two committed Gay and Lesbian partners infringes on, or negates, the love between our heterosexual counterparts. My partner and I, amidst millions of others across this country, are dedicated to our monogamous relationships. Unfortunately, the opposition does not recognize our similarities and hopes to crush our spirit by ending this bill.

If this bill does not pass, it will not change my relationship. I will be just as committed to my partner and love him just the same. If this bill does not pass, I will not deplete or demean heterosexual relationships and try to begrudge my fellow heterosexual neighbor who just happens to hold more legal rights than I do. I will be the same law abiding, tax paying, citizen living happily with my male partner, waiting for the day where we are recognized as equals to our heterosexual neighbors.

Thank you very much for your time,  
Sincerely,  
Nicholas Aiello  
2464 Prince Edward St. #510  
Honolulu, HI 96815

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I ask that you support Civil Unions not only for myself (so that my relationship with my same-sex partner of over ten years can be recognized by the State of Hawai'i), but also for my students and colleagues in the UH system, as well as my friends, and everyone else who does not yet have this privilege.

Hawai'i will be an even better place if this proposed legislation become enacted.

Mahalo a nui loa for your consideration of conferring basic human rights to our community.

Aloha,  
Drew

Drew Eric Kapp  
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**From:** Mansoor [godeanna@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:42 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Strongly Opposed HB444

**LATE**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Regular Session of 2009

Monday, February 23, 2009

3:46 pm

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NUMBER 444, RELATING TO CIVIL UNIONS

TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN TANIGUCHI, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Please recognize and honor our decision on this issue once and for all. We, the people of Hawaii still say no. Please protect our children, protect our Ohana, and keep Hawaii traditional marriage.

Thank you,

DeAnna Mansoor

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**From:** Sherri Navares [sherri@kingscathedral.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 3:50 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB444

**LATE**

Aloha and good morning the Senators and committee. Aloha and good morning the people of Hawaii. My name is Lewellyn Dennis Ipo Hoopii Jr. and I speak against HB 444 Civil Union. I was born and raised in the island of Maui in 1980. I now live in the beautiful island of Oahu. I currently am in the Tapers Union. I currently serve in ministry at King's Cathedral in Honolulu. I have 7 beautiful children, 4 of which are in elementary school, and 1 that will be in preschool. I am married and have been with my wife for 10 years.

I would like to say our state motto is "Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono" and I really believe that if we do pass this bill we should take down that plaque that hangs above the capitol. I really believe and stand firm on God's word, which is a lamp unto our feet and a light upon our path. This is not made men with men, women with women. That's why God created Adam and Eve not Adam and Adam. I pray that you will take this into consideration and I will be praying for you guys. Please vote NO on 444.

Amen,

Lewellyn Dennis Hoopii Jr.

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**From:** Mansoor [godeanna@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:37 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Strongly Opposed HB444

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Thank you,

DeAnna Mansoor

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:44 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** sasouza@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Samson Souza  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 811 Ahuwale St Honolulu, HI  
Phone: 8082587808  
E-mail: [sasouza@hawaii.edu](mailto:sasouza@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/23/2009

**Comments:**

I support aloha and equality for all of the human race- a simple concept that ignorance blinds. One's personal beliefs should never dictate another's life.

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**From:** chris [emailcaldwell@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:38 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Fw: Testimony in SUPPORT for HB444 HD1

**LATE**



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**From:** chris <emailcaldwell@yahoo.com>

**To:** senslom@Capitol.hawaii.gov

**Cc:** senbaker@Capitol.hawaii.gov; senbunda@Capitol.hawaii.gov; senchunoakland@Capitol.hawaii.gov; senenglish@Capitol.hawaii.gov; senespero@Capitol.hawaii.gov; senfukunaga@Capitol.hawaii.gov; sengabbard@Capitol.hawaii.gov; sengaluteria@capitol.hawaii.gov; sengreen@capitol.hawaii.gov; senhanabusa@Capitol.hawaii.gov; senhee@Capitol.hawaii.gov; senhemmings@Capitol.hawaii.gov; senhooser@Capitol.hawaii.gov; sendige@Capitol.hawaii.gov; senihara@Capitol.hawaii.gov; senkidani@capitol.hawaii.gov; senkim@Capitol.hawaii.gov; senkokubun@Capitol.hawaii.gov; sennishihara@Capitol.hawaii.gov; sensakamoto@Capitol.hawaii.gov; sentakamine@capitol.hawaii.gov; sentaniguchi@Capitol.hawaii.gov; sentokuda@Capitol.hawaii.gov; sentsutsui@Capitol.hawaii.gov

**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:04:24 PM

**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT for HB444 HD1

**Aloha,**

**I am a black man and it brings me great shame that I must write an appeal such as this. Every time I hear these words or phrases: "tolerant", "opposition", "abomination", "separate but equal", "deviant", "No Coloreds Allowed". I am reminded of how my and my families dignity was daily stripped away. Discrimination is a daily reality for those to whom it is directed. It is the knowledge that not only your neighbors abhor you but that your government does not support you. Knowing that you are merely tolerated is no comfort. Discrimination is never "out of sight out of mind".**

**When I saw the thousands of people that showed up downtown in "opposition" to HB444 I could only think of lynch mobs past that were motivated by a staunch belief that being black was an "abomination" and a curse from God. These were good people and good politicians and yet what they believed cut lives short and destroyed generations of black families...but today the good people and politicians of Hawaii would not think of denying any right to an African American.**

**I beg you, as many black men, women, and children begged for their right to live and**

**love...**

**As a black child I always questioned what my future would bring. Please give hope to the Gay kids watching what you do with your vote.**

**As an elected official it is never right to allow the rights of any group of people to be denied. Please take a stand for the future generation of Gay kids and people in Hawaii.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Chris**

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**From:** DC [jomaster35@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:18 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** Sen. Robert Bunda; Sen. Mike Gabbard; Sen. Clarence Nishihara; Sen. Sam Slom; Sen. Brian Taniguchi  
**Subject:** Support of HB 444

**LATE**

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee:

I will not be able to attend the meeting tomorrow. Here is my statement below.

My name is Derrick C. (DC) Benn and I am here to express my support for House Bill 444 - Civil Unions.

Not only am I a tax-paying African-American U. S. citizen, but I am a gay man. As a U. S. citizen, I follow the state and federal laws and also pay taxes regardless of my race and sexual orientation.

Since my elementary education, I was taught that I have equal protection under the law. However, reality shows me differently. If I am in a loving, intimate relationship with a person of the same sex, as married heterosexual couples do, I do not have the same tax and spousal benefits as them because marriage is currently defined by law as a relationship between a man and a woman. I do not want to be married to a woman because not only do I need to be true and to be honest with myself, but also because I will neither ruin nor lie nor use any woman in order to do be heterosexual. It is against my morals.

Furthermore, as a U. S. citizen, I do not discriminate against anyone who has the different beliefs than me. Every U. S. citizen has the right to believe whatever he/she feels. It is not my function to create laws and/or policies that make life unequal and unfair for others. Many opponents against this bill want to make life harder for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender U. S. citizens based upon their beliefs about sexualities different from heterosexuality. Justice for all means justice for all citizens regardless of their race, political beliefs, religion, creed, disability, sex, and sexual orientation.

With your approval of HB 444, you will make the idea of equality and justice for all a better reality. Please pass this bill so that all citizens of Hawaii can have true equality and justice. Thank you!

Derrick C. (DC) Benn  
1459 Pele Street  
Apartment 209  
Honolulu, HI 96813

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**From:** Nicholas Aiello [nick.aiello@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:46 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Support Civil Unions

**LATE**

Testifier: Nicholas Aiello,  
Measure Number: HB 444 HD1  
Date of Hearing: February 24th, 2009. 9 a.m.

Attn: Senate Judiciary Committee on Government Operations

I am writing this letter first and foremost as an American. I am a resident of Hawaii, and an individual who just happens to be Gay. I am writing this letter with no political, or religious agenda. I am writing this letter as a testament to the importance of this issue, because I have never been more inclined to be politically involved. My name is Nicholas Aiello, and I am a social worker by trade who has spent my career dedicated to social justice of those who cannot always advocate for themselves. This issue is one where I am grateful to adamantly advocate for myself, and for every individual whose rights will be limited by opposition to this bill.

As a Christian citizen who was raised Catholic, I understand the importance of tradition and specifically the sacrament of Marriage between two individuals who love one another. This bill will not force religious organizations to perform Civil Union ceremonies, as they will continue to define marriage in whatever way their religious organization chooses. I can say with great voracity and certainty that the passing of this bill will not take anything away from the "Sanctity" of marriage. Sadly, the love between two same sex individuals, is not valued as equal by those in the opposition. I simply ask that you recognize that my rights are not worth any less than those who were born Heterosexual, just as I was born homosexual.

I value familial rights, and hope to raise my own children with my partner in the upcoming years. We will go through the process of adopting, and fostering children and begin to build our family in the very near future. I do not want the rights of myself, my partner or our future family to be comprimised by this bill not passing. There is no evidence that shows that the love between two committed Gay and Lesbian partners infringes on, or negates, the love between our heterosexual counterparts. My partner and I, amidst millions of others across this country, are dedicated to our monogamous relationships. Unfortunately, the opposition does not recognize our similiarities and hopes to crush our spirit by ending this bill.

If this bill does not pass, it will not change my relationship. I will be just as committed to my partner and love him just the same. If this bill does not pass, I will not degrate or demean heterosexual relationships and try to begrudge my fellow heterosexual neighbor who just happens to hold more legal rights than I do. I will be the same law abiding, tax paying, citizen living happily with my male partner, waiting for the day where we are recognized as equals to our heterosexual neighbors.

Thank you very much for your time,  
Sincerely,  
Nicholas Aiello  
2464 Prince Edward St. #510  
Honolulu, HI 96815

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**From:** Kathleen Elliott [kathleen.elliott808@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:46 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB 444

**LATE**

Thank you for considering my testimony. My name is Kathleen Elliott and I am in support of HB 444. I am a deeply religious person and this is consistent with my religious beliefs.

My father and grandfather have written dozens of books on the Christian walk with God, and living a personal life with Jesus Christ. My grandfather started Christian family camps in 1935 that now number over 200 in the United States as well as internationally. I have spoken at several of these camps sharing my spiritual journey.

I believe it is right and moral to allow legal same sex equality and civil unions.

I am married and have 2 children in college. I have family members and close friends who are gay or lesbian. I am not a person who has ever been involved in gay rights, or deeply involved in the gay and lesbian community, but I feel so strongly about this that I am here today to speak in support of civil unions for non-traditional, non-heterosexual, same sex couples and their families.

We need more love and inclusiveness in our world, not exclusion and divisiveness. These are loving couples who deserve equal rights under the laws of our country.

Kathleen Elliott

2045 Alaeloa Street

Honolulu, HI 96821

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**From:** Michael Rollins [notlitotes@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:53 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** 444, HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

**LATE**

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

I write in strong support of H.B. 444, HD1 Relating to Civil Unions.

I write not as a straight man--though I am, and not as a citizen of Hawaii--though I am that as well. On a more basic level, I write as a human who believes in love. Protecting love is basic, and the government should not be in the business of keeping loved ones apart.

It is just and appropriate to extend more protections to lesbian and gay couples than those currently provided under Hawaii law. H.B. 444, HD1 will further extend rights to gay and lesbian couples in several significant ways. To identify a few, current Hawaii law does not permit same-sex couples to adopt jointly a child in a single court proceeding. Current law also fails to protect members of a same-sex couple in the event the couple chooses to separate - there are no provisions in the law for judicial dissolution of the relationship or for support of a former partner. Additionally, adopting this law would provide a vehicle for private employers to offer health benefits to same-sex couples.

Civil rights apply to everyone, or they apply to no one.

I thus believe that my elected officials are morally obligated to ensure that all residents of Hawaii are treated equally. Vote yes.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rollins

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**From:** hughey2000@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:54 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB444HD1

**LATE**

- Justin Hughey-Teacher-Lahaina
- HB 444 HD1
- Date and time of the hearing, Feb. 24 at 9 a.m.
- Senate Judiciary and Gov't Operations Committee.

To live in a free society, means we must liberate the right to recognize love between two human beings. True freedom, in itself suggests freedom from some restraining power. A vote against civil unions does not allow all Americans the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness! It is your choice to be a legislature of cowards or progressive patriots of true freedom! Do the right thing, vote for civil unions!

Mahalo!  
Justin Hughey

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**LATE**

Name: Pamela DaGrossa, PhD  
Address: 327 Keaniani St., Kailua, HI 96734  
Email: dagrossa@hawaii.edu  
Title: Instructor of Anthropology  
Measure: HB 444 HD1 (in support)  
Hearing: Feb. 24, 9:00am  
Committee: Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee

**I write in support of HB 444 HD1.** I support equality under the law, and am ashamed that our State continues to discriminate against same-sex couples. The State has no compelling interest in depriving a same-sex couple of the ability to care for each other as has been deemed necessary and appropriate for differently-sexed couples. Couples' needs and interests are the same, whether same-sexed or differently-sexed.

Marriages and similar unions are one way to ensure that people are cared for and looked after, which presumably helps to make for a healthier society. Other cultures have other ways of ensuring this level of care, and contrary to ignorant statements saying otherwise, monogamous marriage between a man and woman is not a universal human construct.

It is irrelevant that the majority of voters may not be comfortable with same-sex unions or wouldn't choose a same-sex union for themselves. The State is obligated to protect the rights of all. I believe the State is especially obligated to protect the rights of minorities, particularly when the will of the majority threatens to deprive them of their rights. Elected legislators who deny that obligation support the tyranny of the majority.

I ask that our legislators be willing to assume the risk of doing the right thing and allow same-sex couples the opportunity to care for each other in the manner as would be possible under HB 444 HD1. Please support this measure.

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**From:** Alex Rau [mailto:alexrau.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:33 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 444

**LATE**

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

I write you in regards to the Public hearing on Measure Number HB 444 on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 9AM

I am NOT in favor of Civil Unions between same sex partners. I oppose Measure HB 444 and ask you to STOP HB 444. This Measure is NOT the heart of the Hawaiian People and surely not mine.

Please do not ignore my voice.

Thank you,

**Alexander Rau**

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**From:** nicsugi@excite.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:42 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Stop Civil Unions

**LATE**

Attention: State Senator Robert Bunda:

My name is Lily Sugimoto and I live in Wahiawa. I'm writing in regards to the [JGOTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:JGOTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov) on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 9:00 A.M measure number HB 44. I am apposed to this bill.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 5:02 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** kelskamauu@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM  
**Attachments:** I oppose House Bill 444.docx

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Kelsey Kamaau  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone: 808-779-6259  
E-mail: [kelskamauu@gmail.com](mailto:kelskamauu@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/23/2009

Comments:

I oppose House Bill 444. The definition of civil union and marriage should not be the same. Marriage is only between a man and a woman and is a specific act that grants specific rights. Please vote no on HB 444.

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**From:** Joyce Kawakami [Joyce@FeedMySheepMaui.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:57 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Oppose HB 444, to the senate Judiciar Committee

**LATE**

To the Senate Judiciary Committee

From: Donna Kawakami

For Hearing Tuesday Feb. 24, 2009, 9:00 AM

Measure Number **HB 444 (OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD)**

I am writing to express the I am strongly opposed to HB 444. This is the beginning. of the end for the family unit, and in my opinion, bad for the community and for Hawaii. In Hawaii we take pride in our Ohana. We need to preserve and strengthen it.

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**From:** Tianni Craig [tiannic@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 5:03 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 444

**LATE**

I support HB 444! Please pass this critical civil rights and equality legislation.

Tianni L. Craig  
Kailua, HI 96734

**LATE**

Testifier: CAROLYNN B. REEVES

Bill Number and Title: HB 444 HD1 RELATING TO CIVIL UNIONS

Committee: JGO

Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Hearing Time: 9:00 AM

Hearing Location: STATE CAPITOL AUDITORIUM

### **STRONG OPPOSITION TO CIVIL UNION BILL (HB444)**

We are currently wrestling with a mighty controversial issue. Not only with the "Image" that has represented "Aloha," but the "teachings" of traditions, and traditions yet to come.

The traditions of the American people, originally formed were not meant to discriminate against those who chose certain lives or lifestyles. But on the contrary, it was designed to promote the following:

**1. "Form a more perfect union.."**

A union for all peoples, from every walk of life to live harmoniously, regardless of race, origin, religion, or gender. This Civil Union bill (HB444 HD1), is clearly not in the same category as those listed, but the category of "sexual preference" which refers to "One's Own Sexual-desired Preference."

**2. "..Establish justice.."**

Not to make rules that "Force" others to be as participants of "One's Own Sexual-desired Preference," but to create limitations, restrictions and boundaries for each group mentioned in the Constitution to prevent the affects of discomfort

inflicted upon others, who normally do not practice such lifestyles. Ministers will be forced to perform ceremonies that are not part of their religion or be fined by the state.

**3. “...Ensure domestic tranquility..”**

We have come to live with removing prayers from our schools. We have come to live with removing God from the State. We have come to live with removing the fundamental laws, or the 10 commandments out of everything this country was established by. The solid Rock we once stood upon is becoming crushed by our own Self-Centered Wants and Lustful Desires.

**4. “...Provide for the common defense,..”**

The defense for our children’s future, and their children’s future. If we teach how man and man, or woman and woman can produce a “God fearing family,” we cannot say that we have “Raised them well.” Instead, we are failing them. We are failing our own future. School campuses will have educational courses that will promote individual sexual preferences. What teaching of the Reproduction system will that fit in? We cannot project something that our children have no voice to object to today. We are the voice for them.

**5. ...Promote the General Welfare, ...”**

How is this going to reflect the Wellbeing of our nation, our people. Not only of Hawaii, but of a Nation and of the world? Is this Promoting something that is considerate to the best interest of All the people? Or is this promoting the Bias prejudice of a particular people who live a Self-Pleasing, Sexual-preference Lifestyle? This is NOT shared by a Nation, nor by a State. This Civil Union bill is the Individual voice of Sex. This is not the sex of Gender which we are born with;

This is not the sex that is educated and taught for purposes to continue the human race. This is not the right and wrong of sex that is taught through religious beliefs. This is Sex wanting more of what makes It feel good, and these individuals are attempting to call what is wrong, something right and equal.

**6. “...and Secure the Blessings of Liberty...”**

Freedom comes with a price. What blessings will be secured? What is Liberty versus Liberated? We are not blessing our nation of people with security. On the contrary, we are subjecting them to become victims; not only the victims of education, but also victims of people who may prey upon their innocence. Television and movies now show more same-sex offensiveness with the “acceptance” of gay lifestyles.

**7. “...To ourselves and our Prosperity...”**

The prosperity that we as a people of the United States of America, and the citizens of Hawaii deserve is the freedom to choose the lifestyle that we feel suitable and right according to our own beliefs, upbringings, and teachings that have been passed onto us, as individuals and as families united.

Our prosperity should not be construed as a favoring of another’s sexual preference.

**“ WE THE PEOPLE IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION,  
ESTABLISH JUSTICE, ENSURE DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY, PROVIDE  
FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE, PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE,  
AND SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY TO OURSELVES AND OUR  
PROSPERITY.”**

This is my plea and I ask for your vote to say, "NO" on the Civil Union bill (HB444  
HD1)

Thank you,  
Carolynn Reeves

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**From:** parakaki@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 5:11 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony

**LATE**

Members of the Senate Judiciary committee

Dear Senators,

My name is Paul Arakaki. I reside at 99-668 Halawa Drive.

I am against HB 444 which is to be discussed at the Public Hearing scheduled on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at the State Capitol Auditorium.

I am sending this e-mail, late as it may be, to voice my objection of HB 444. As a family man, I am thinking of our little children who may come to think that civil union which is similar to same sex marriage is normal behavior.

What parent or grand parent would want their offspring to think that. I request, No, urge you to kill HB 444 in the Committee.

Paul Arakaki February 23, 2009

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 5:15 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** auntyguava@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: VALERIE ENGLISH  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/23/2009

Comments:  
VOTE NO ON THIS BILL.

HOW IS IT THAT PEOPLE WITH DIFFERING SEXUAL APPETITES GET MORE CONSIDERATION THAN PEOPLE WHOSE GOVERNMENT, LANDS AND LIVELYHOOD GET TAKEN AWAY.

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**From:** Mary Ikagawa [mikagawa@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 5:17 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB444, civil unions

**LATE**

I SUPPORT this measure. Most of the testimony against it is weird, vague or archaic in reasoning, and not representative of an informed or compassionate populace.  
Thank you.

Mary Ikagawa  
325 Iliwahi Loop  
Kailua HI 96734

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**From:** howardl@nikingcorp.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 5:19 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Please Do Not Pass HB 444

**LATE**

**TO: JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM - STATE CAPITOL AUDITORIUM  
FOR HB 444, HD1**

**DEAR CHAIR BRIAN TANIGUCHI AND JGO COMMITTEE,**

Please do not pass out HB 444, HD1 from your committee. Society's stake in marriage is based upon the family and the need for its stability. It is the family that is the bedrock of any civilization and of any community. One of the obvious purposes of marriage, from time immemorial is the procreation and formation of children. Such procreation is not possible in a same sex union and therefore should not be given the dignity or protection as marriage. Children grow best in a stable environment with a mother and father. Although this is obviously not always possible, our laws should express the ideal structures that are best for children. For the sake of Hawaii's future, please vote no on this measure.

**WITH ALOHA,**

**Howard Leung**

**94-125 Kuaie Place**

**Mililani, HI 96789**

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**From:** don [russelld013@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 5:25 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Queer Unions

**LATE**

To Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee,  
My wife Delores and I, Donald Russell, strongly object to our state even considering the passage of HB444 HD1 Relating to civil unions. We will certainly never vote for any Senator or Representative who votes in favor of this bill. And if it comes to a vote in the Senate, we will be watching!

Thanks,  
Donald Russell, Lahaina Maui.

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**From:** Caleb X. Cheng [calebxcheng@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 5:22 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444, HD 1

**LATE**

**TO: SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM  
STATE CAPITOL AUDITORIUM FOR HB 444, HD1**

IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444, HD 1

**ALOHA CHAIR BRIAN TANIGUCHI AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**In 1998, the people of Hawaii sent a clear message that marriage in Hawaii must remain between one man and one woman. Civil Unions are just another attempt to thwart the will of the people. This civil union proposal is an attempt to legitimize gay marriage simply by using another title. The people have also spoken through their representatives in reaching the artful compromise that established Hawaii's reciprocal beneficiary law. The law achieved the goal of providing benefits—without basing those benefits on the ill-advised sexpartner status test. The people put the issue behind them. The legislature should not re-open divisive, controversial battles that have already settled by the people.**

**We are residents of Hawaii and I asked that you please vote NO on HB 444, for our citizens.**

**Thank you,**

**Caleb Cheng, 808-392-3150**

**Jiahe Cheng, 808-523-7701**

**Shufang Guo, 808-523-7701**

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**Subject:** Testimony for House Bill 444 HD1

**LATE**

Kimo Stowell of Honolulu Hawaii hereby submits for the public record the following testimony:

- The following testimony refers to **HB 444 HD1**
- Public testimony to be given on **Feb. 24 at 9 a.m. 2009**
- Testimony to be given before the **Senate Judiciary and Gov't Operations Committee**.

Dear Senate Judiciary and Gov't Operations committee,

Civil rights have had a storied journey in our country's history and the story continues with the House Bill 444 HD1 concerning Civil Unions here in the State of Hawaii. Regardless of your personal opinions concerning the matter, this bill like others that came before it, strive to bring true equality and justice to this country and the State of Hawaii.

Religious dogma, disinformation, and stereotypes, should not be the basis for creating laws in this country. Equal rights, which should include the right to civil union, should be extended to all of it's citizens regardless of race, creed, religion, sex, or sexual orientation.

The time has come to expunge the rhetoric of hate from our government and bring about true equality for all peoples. The Civil Rights Movement has come along way since the days of slavery and many of the legislators voting on this issue today would have been denied that honor if our national conscience had not been so ingratiated by the likes of Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, Martin Luther King, Harvey Milk, and others.

In closing I would like to remind our legislature that this bill is about equality and civil rights. House bill 444 HD1 is undoubtedly a civil rights issue, it will go down in history as such and so will your vote.

Mahalo nui loa for your time,

Sincerely with Aloha,

Kimo Stowell  
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**Subject:** HB444

**LATE**

Aloha:

History records the votes that have come before on the civil rights bill, the voting rights bill etc. What is history's judgement of those who voted against? Your vote on Hawaii's Civil Union bill is such a vote. I urge you to vote for civil rights and justice Support HB444 HD1.

Sincerely,  
Tim Bynum  
Kapaa, Hawaii

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**From:** Donn Yonemitsu [dsyonemitsu@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 5:49 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Oppose HB444 HD1 Relating to the establishment of Civil Unions

**LATE**

Dear members of the Senate JGO Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 444, relating to the establishment of Civil Unions in Hawaii.

In 1998, Hawaii convincingly voted to reserve marriage between one man and one woman. HB 444 makes me feel that our vote was not heard. I feel that the Legislature is circumventing 1998's constitutional amendment reserving marriage for opposite-sex couples. I did not vote for the state Legislature to determine if civil unions would create equality.

I fully understand the economic climate that we are currently experiencing and the passing of HB 444 may offer Hawaii some financial rewards, but I am not willing to defile our great State for short-term fixes or any other ulterior motives.

Please vote NO on HB444 HD1 and preserve the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman.

Thank you,

Donn S. Yonemitsu

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**From:** Robert Dinelli [rmdhawaii@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 5:51 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Support HB 444

**LATE**

My Name is Robert Dinelli from Kailua and i support House Bill 444

Nov. 21, 2008 was the day I presented my partner a gold band, purchased from the wedding ring shop in Honolulu. Fortunately he accepted my symbol of love and now we are in the beginning stages of planning our wedding day and establishing the correct state in which to hold this event.

Our family is located all over the globe but has planned to attend our gathering where ever we decide to have it.

Currently, we are planning to take our hard earned dollars to Massachusetts for this major event but have now considered having our family & friends meet us here on Oahu for our wedding and reception, that's if the state of Hawaii will grant us permission and not discriminated against us taxpaying citizens anymore.

There's one last point I'd like to make.

As you may know, lots of gay people love to travel and love to shop, myself included, if bill HB444 HD1 passes I can see a significant financial opportunity for the state of Hawaii and considering the current economy we are in now and for who knows how long, it just seems like the right time for all parties

involved to benefit from passing this bill because it will not only bring equality to an unrecognized minority, it could also help the state of Hawaii's financial status in many ways.

Furthermore, wouldn't be fantastic if the future inhabitants of this planet could look back through history at the beginning of the millennium and say that's when it started, that's when peace and acceptance finally started to grace the land for all.

Aloha

Robert Dinelli

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**LATE**

To the members of the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

I, Mara Stewart, submit this testimony in support of HB444 HD1.

Has civilization as we know it come to an end because we know that there are gay couples living among us, some with children? Have their marriages to their opposite sex partner been undermined, in any way, by a gay couple's professed love for and commitment to each other? Has the family been eroded as a cornerstone of our society? Does any sane, reasonable person truly believe that legally committed couples threaten the state or the society or heterosexual marriages in any way?

For all their strident buzzwords about "morality," "think of the children," and "tradition," **the opposition to HB444 has utterly failed to bring forth one shred of evidence as to how they and their families will be harmed by the passage of this bill.**

Should HB444 pass and become law, not one family will be harmed. No one's children will be taken away based on the passage of HB444. No church or faith organization will be coerced into performing or blessing a same-sex union. Not one opposite-sex couple will be forcibly divorced by the passage of this bill. (Would that we could say the same for 18,000 couples legally married in California last year!) This bill harms exactly no one.

The opposition has attempted to convince the American people in all 50 states of many disingenuous falsehoods about gay people. They have trotted out the tired lies that all gay people are pedophiles, that children are not safe in homes with gay parents, that homosexuality is unnatural and immoral, that gay people are a threat to society, et cetera et cetera ad infinitum ad nauseam. They have been pandering the same lies for years, and it is getting tiresome.

These people claim that they have the right to denounce and legally oppress their gay and lesbian brothers and sisters because “homosexuality is a lifestyle choice.” I say that religion and hate are lifestyle choices, ones protected under the United States and Hawaii State Constitutions.

They claim that they are merely exercising their right to free speech, but this speech is not free. It comes at a cost. We see this cost every day in the faces of our LGBT family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, children, children of gay parents, and our larger society. Every time we see another “God Hates Fags” sign, or hear another hate group scream obscenities at a same-sex couple quietly holding hands, or see another gay teenager thrown away by his or her hateful parents, we see the cost of that “free” speech. **In the state of Hawaii, every time we see a committed couple unable to qualify for the Family Medical Leave Act, for health insurance, for hospital visitation, for employment benefits such as moving family members, for retrieving the body of a loved one from the morgue, we live the cost of that “free” speech.**

We are not talking about a special right. We are talking about an EQUAL right. We are talking about a civil right so basic to the United States citizenry that convicted murderers on death row are still allowed to exercise it as they choose.

Permitting two people of the same sex to declare their love for one another and to assume the responsibilities of a civil union will affect religion in no way. House Bill 444 HD1 makes very explicit the continuing right that no religious organization or clergy person is obligated or otherwise required by law to officiate at any particular civil marriage in violation of their First Amendment freedom of religion. No denomination or faith tradition would be required to approve of the marriage of two same gender citizens.

Let's be clear. Civil marriage is a civil action which has gotten confused in our society because clergy have been permitted to act as agents of the state in signing marriage licenses and thereby enacting civil marriages.

The state affects a civil union, not the church. Civil marriage is a civil act, proven by the reality that when a marriage ends, the couple doesn't go back to the church or synagogue where the service was performed, to dissolve that marriage, but to the state and its courts. Is it right to force one set of religious beliefs on the rest of the citizens of this state? Just because one particular faith does not bless same-sex unions, does that

mean that this civil right should be denied to citizens of Hawaii? Just as we cherish our rights as religious people not to be infringed upon by the state, so the state should not be infringed upon by the particular beliefs of any Church.

The Committee has heard testimony from members of the Interfaith Alliance who are willing to perform and honor same-sex conjugal unions. To protect the religious liberty of those pastoral leaders and congregants, it is imperative that the State equally recognizes the unions of same-sex couples.

One purpose of the state is to protect equally all of its citizens, no matter their race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or family status. The state of Hawaii has done so with regard to equal opportunity housing, employment, and by including LGBT citizens in the state hate crimes statutes. And in this bill, HB444, you are merely giving all of our citizens the same and equal right to live productive lives in stable and legally recognized families. Equal protection under the law is the dream and promise of America.

Senators, members of the Committee, thank you for your consideration.

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**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

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Submitted on: 2/23/2009

**Comments:**

IT IS TIME TO END THE LAST FORMAL SIGN OF DISCRIMINATION. MY 25 YEAR RELATIONSHIP HAS NO EFFECT WHATSOEVER ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP AND VICE VERSA. EQUALITY NOW MORE THAN EVER. I VOTE.

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Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

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**From:** chrismmarsh@pol.net  
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**Cc:** chrismmarsh@pol.net  
**Subject:** Same-sex marriage bill

**LATE**

Testimony: Opposing HB 444 - HD1  
Name: Christopher M. Marsh. MD  
Committee: Senate Judiciary Committee  
Date of Hearing: 2/24/09  
Time: 9:00 AM  
Place: Capitol Auditorium

Dear Sirs:

I write in opposition to HB-444, which proposes to give "equal benefits" to civil unions as already given to married couples.

This bill has nothing to do with "equal rights": the Reciprocal Beneficiary Act (1997) provides same-sex partners with equal rights. Marriage laws apply to heterosexual as well as homosexual people: both categories are equally prohibited from marrying anyone of the same sex.

This bill has all to do with a political agenda. Please do NOT vote for an issue that the majority of Hawaii's people have actually spoken against. Please truly represent the majority of your constituents.

Thanks for your consideration.

Chris Marsh

# LATE

02/23/09

Dear Senators:

By nature, I am non-confrontational...I admit that I am pretty ignorant when it comes to politics, and although I may have opinions about current issues affecting our state, overall, I trust and leave it up to lawmakers like you to make the tough decisions for us.

But as a Christian and as part of the silent majority of voters in Hawai'i, I know in my heart and in my spirit that I need to let my voice be heard on this bill. I am 'coming out of my closet of complacency,' so to speak, to humbly express my stance and concerns. Quite frankly, I am opposed to House Bill 444.

For me, this is a moral issue. What I notice today is the tendency for most lawmakers to keep the church and state separate for fear of being labeled or outcast in their political circles and affiliations or of going against their legal training, if heaven forbid, they hold true to a moral conscience or a faith-based stance...but history shows that the forefathers of our nation structured and aligned our government on a solid faith and belief in God and His Word. The Bible has not changed in defining that marriage is between one man and one woman. If the Bible isn't enough for you, then listen to the voice of Hawaii voters who already made our views known about this issue as well. This may be "simple-minded" reasoning to you, but to me, it seems unjust to impose this bill and push this through as law based solely on the decisions of only 57 people--51 representatives and 6 senators—especially when the people already voted against this.

This brings me to some of my concerns. I am a bit skeptical and leery as to the swift process of how this bill has made its way hurriedly through the hands of our representatives and now on to the Senate. Also, from my understanding of the priorities of how bills are introduced, this bill (HB444) was 'low on the totem pole' of the sequencing and priority of bills to be read during this 2009 session. How did this bill make its way up so quickly in the prioritization process? How was it that the 400+ proponents for the bill knew about it and were able to organize themselves so quickly and showed up in the first few readings at the legislature? Who had the inside scoop? Whose agenda is being pushed here?

I truly hope that this bill will not be the focus of some political circus arena, where people like me are jumping through hoops to be heard for a moment, only to be sent backstage when the "show" is over. To be really honest, it makes me wonder if this Senate decision has already been made behind closed doors, and my efforts are all for naught at this point.

Prove me wrong of my suspicions and doubts. I want to believe in a just and fair government for our state. I want to believe that our lawmakers are really sensitive to the needs and concerns of **ALL** the people in Hawai'i, including the shy, non-violent ones like me. Although I am not a gifted writer/speaker, I hope that by me calling, writing to you, taking time out from my business will really impress upon your spirit that this issue is near and dear to my heart as I know it is in yours. Will you be my voice on this issue?

With all sincerity and respect as you serve the people of Hawai'i,

Lisa Inouye

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**From:** Shasta Taylor [fanta77717@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 6:29 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Civil Unions

**LATE**

Shasta Taylor  
Commitee: Will Espero  
February 24, 2009  
9:00a.m.  
Opposing HB444

If you think about this scientifically which is how students are taught to think in our schools. When two men or two woman come together in this so called "civil Union" their average lifespan is forty years of age, and what do they leave behind? Nothing, a man and a man or a woman and a woman cannot reproduce. So will we soon be a childless generation? So it would seem that nature itself is in opposition of civil unions. It is this way because its thats how God intended.

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**From:** Jimmy Costales [costalesjd2kd@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 11:44 PM  
**To:** All Senators  
**Cc:** PBStestimony  
**Subject:** I STRONGLY OPPOSE

**LATE**

**I am writing this because i strong OPPOSE all Civil Union Bills (HB-444, HB-878, SB-458) Also all Death with Dignity Bills (HB-806, HB-587)**

**Aloha**

**I would like to thank you ahead of time for doing what is right not just for me but for all families in the State of Hawaii. Because that is what we in Hawaii are all about OHANA!! we must stand strong together just like OHANA!! PLEASE do what is right for your Hawaii and the future of our children. This is why i'am asking and encouraging you to protect traditional marriages and say "NO" to civil unions. Just a reminder that the people of Hawaii have already spoken overwhelmingly against same-sex marriage.**

**Thank you and God Bless  
Mahalo Ke Akua**

**Jimmy Costales  
Kekaha, Kauai Hawaii**

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**From:** MALIA CEDA [mlceda@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 10:57 PM  
**To:** All Senators; PBStestimony  
**Subject:** We STRONGLY OPPOSE all Bills related to Civil Unions

**LATE**

**Importance:** High

To: Our Hawaii State Senate,

We are residents of the island of Kaua`i and we would like you to know that we **STRONGLY OPPOSE** all bills related to Civil Union including, but not limited to HB 444, SB 458 and HB 878.

We would like to encourage each of you to protect traditional marriage and say **"NO"** to civil unions. Just a reminder that the people of Hawaii have already spoken overwhelmingly against same-sex marriage.

Thank you for your time.

Colin and Malia Ceda  
Danny and Kuulei Akau  
Darryl and Delilah Pundyke  
Robert and Cheryl Orsatelli  
Jr. and Kanoë Sumeng

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**From:** Tina Marshall [tmetzgie@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:53 PM  
**To:** PBStestimony  
**Subject:** OPPOSE Civil Union Bills

**LATE**

Dear Sirs and Madams,

My name is Tina Marshall. I live on Hui Road F in Lahaina, Hawaii.  
Please know that I OPPOSE House Bill HB 444, HB 878 and Senate Bill SB 458.

I would like to encourage everyone to protect traditional marriage and say "NO" to civil unions. Just a reminder that the people of Hawaii have already spoken overwhelmingly against same-sex marriage.

Thank you very much.....

Tina Marshall

**LATE**

February 22, 2009

Dear Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee:

SUBJECT: STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1

I am asking for your support and aid to oppose bill HB 444 HD1 to legalize Civil Unions in our State of Hawaii. The term civil union is just another name for same sex marriage. The people of Hawaii have spoken and supported the vote against this in 1998, please help by representing the people of Hawaii and being our voice. I do not judge those that want this bill passed, however I believe marriage to be between one man and one woman. PLEASE vote against this bill.

With Appreciation,

Bonnie Pang  
Bonnie Pang  
541 Piliki Pl.  
Hilo, HI. 96720

**LATE**

February 22, 2009

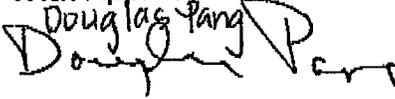
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With Appreciation,

Douglas Pang



dougsgiving@hotmail.com

54 Pili Ki Pi.  
Hilo, HI. 96720

P.S. I'd like to know why, after the people of Hawaii have voted, ~~we are~~ our votes are being denied?

it seems like voting is a waste, what we the majority, ~~are~~ coming in agreement regardless what the media reports. which is by the way one sided, own by one party.

**LATE**

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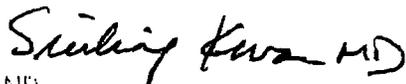
Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Siuling Kwan. I strongly oppose HB 444 for the following reasons:

1. Civil union proposal is an attempt to legitimize gay marriages simply by using another title. The people of Hawaii voted in 1998 to keep marriage between a man and woman. The legislature should not go against the will of the people.
2. Hawaii already has a reciprocal beneficiary law (Reciprocal Beneficiary Act HRS 572C) to afford reciprocal beneficiaries certain rights previously reserved to spouses. Why do we still need a civil union law?
3. Marriage is the best institution for the stability of the society, the health of our children and the future of our country. Societies deviate from this standard will inevitably deteriorate and disintegrate. Do you want this to happen to our great country?
4. Studies have shown children thrive best in stable, healthy homes with both a mom and dad. Hawaii's children must have healthy examples to grow up with. Passing a civil union law is going to further undermine the stability of our homes and our future.
5. People should not be granted special legal protection and benefits based on their sexual preferences and behaviors. Are you going to pass a law in the future to protect polygamy and child molesters? Where are you going to draw the line? Other people groups would say they have the same rights as married couples. This civil union law will open a Pandora's box for future woes.
6. Marriage between a man and a woman establishes sexual guardrails, which remains a requirement for all successful societies.
7. Marriage helps channel male sexuality and aggression in socially productive ways. Marriage and parenthood socialize men to care for and respect their wives, other women and children.
8. Marriage protects women from becoming commodities to be used and discarded.
9. Marriage provides children with a mom and dad whom contribute in unique and irreplaceable ways to their children's development. This is essential for children to grow into responsible and contributing adults to the society.
10. Marriage is not an invention of the government. It is a pre-legal institution and has existed since the beginning of civilization in every known society. It is not right to redefine marriage to adjust to people's sexual preference.
11. The major religions of the world all recognize marriage as between a man and a woman.
12. Proponents of homosexual "marriage" have yet to prove that children, families and society will benefit from redefining it.

Thank you for listening to my testimony.

Sincerely,



Siuling Kwan MD

**LATE**

**Stop HB 444  
Testimony against Bill**

**Dear Senate Judiciary Committee:**

**2/23/09**

**I am writing to express my concern that the State Legislature is considering overturning the will of the people of Hawaii. HB 444 is not a good bill as written, and will only cause this state future unrest and confusion. Please table this bill until it can be properly considered and written. Hasty, backdoor, political lawmaking is not in the best interest of this state, and is not what we the people elect and pay our representatives to do. You are better than this type of underhanded political maneuvering. Please reconsider and be the leader we have chosen to place in this office. I have lived in this wonderful state for over 20 years, am currently raising 6 of my 7 remaining children here and want only the best for this state. Lets all work together to make sure this state remains a great place for all its citizens and get this right.**

**Thank you for hearing my view point and considering the import of the decision that you are making on the future of Hawaii.**

**Sincerely,**

**Prynce Mussell/ Voter, Father, Business owner, community volunteer, concerned citizen.**

TO: SENATOR BRIAN TANIGUCHI

FEB.24, 2009.

**LATE**

SUBJ: HB 444

*Fax # 586.6659*

WHAT A WASTE OF TIME AND HARD-EARNED TAX-PAYERS MONEY TO EVEN GIVE OR ALLOW THIS BILL TO GO THIS FAR, TO HAVE SUCH A PUBLIC HEARING. I COULD NOT BELIEVE MY EARS TO HEAR THE CONTENT OF SUCH A BILL THAT HAS FIGHT TO YOUR DESK. OUR ECONOMY IS SUFFERING, MR. SENATOR, AND SO ARE SO MANY HARD-WORKING WORKERS WHO ARE LAID OFF EVEN NOT DUE TO THEIR FAULT, WE, IN AS PUBLIC SERVANTS SHOULD EXERCISE PRUDENT AND COMMON SENSE TO FLUSH OUT BILLS THAT ARE NOT WORTHY OF HEARING, WASTE TIME AND MONEY, AND WHAT MORE IF THE BILL IS A GIGANTIC VIOLATION OF "GOD'S LIFE LAW". I DON'T WANT TO SAY MORE THAT MAY HURT YOUR FEELING OR OFFEND YOUR CONSCIOUS. BUT, I JUST CANNOT SUPPORT SUCH A BILL.  
PLEASE GO THROUGH THE PROCESS QUICKLY, AND KILL IT.



THOH LEE WONG  
PRIVATE CITIZEN

**LATE**



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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair

Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

**Tuesday, February 24, 2009**

9:00 a.m.

Auditorium

HB 444 Civil Unions

**SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee

My name is Henry Curtis and I am the Executive Director of Life of the Land, Hawai'i's own energy, environmental and community action group advocating for the people and `aina for almost four decades. Our mission is to preserve and protect the life of the land through sound energy and land use policies and to promote open government through research, education, advocacy and, when necessary, litigation.

Hawai'i's history is one of overcoming inequalities, the Japanese interment, banning the Hawaiian language, etc. The Hawai'i Constitution guarantees equal rights for all.

A survey done by QMark in Nov 2007 showed that the majority of Hawaii residents agreed with the following statements: Committed couples and their families, regardless of their sexual preference or orientation, should have the same rights. That's the bottom line-we should treat people equally." (73%) "Couples of the same gender should have access=2 0to the legal privileges and protections of marriage as couples of the opposite gender - as a matter of civil rights." (62%) "Persons of the same gender who wish to enter into binding relationship should be granted the same legal rights and privileges as heterosexual married couples." (59%) "Giving rights to same-sex partners in the form of civil unions or domestic partnerships." (56%)

Please support this bill

Mahalo

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**From:** Abby [abbys411@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 1:07 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STOP HB 444

**LATE**

Abigail Valenton  
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2/24/09

To: Senate Judiciary Committee  
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Chair

RE: Strong Opposition to HB 444

Good Afternoon!

I'd like to share my opposition to HB 444 because of the way I believe families have grown and thrive as a unit; one man and one woman to procreate! Please hear the people that strongly share my views that have grown in generations & descendants into stronger generations; because of this I hope you will side with our view and keep a sovereign society one nation under God, in Hawaii and continue to speak these words in our favor for our generations and that of our descendants!

I respectfully pray for you and the Senate for the right decisions to be made in this sensitive subject and many others you will have in the future! God Bless You!

Sincerely,

Abigail Valenton

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Brad Koanui - RR [brkoanui@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 12:18 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 444

**LATE**

To whom it may concern,

I urge you not to pass House Bill 444. Marriage is to be consummated between one man and one women.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brad Koanui  
Mililani, Hawaii

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**From:** Darlene Mitchell [naneamekeakua@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 12:48 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Re: Strong Opposition to HB444

**LATE**

To: Senate Judiciary Committee  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair

I am opposed to Civil Unions Bill HB444 same sex marriage. I believe that traditional marriage is a marriage between one man and one woman. In Genesis 2:24 God tells us that a man shall leave his mother and father and shall be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. The reason I am opposed to this bill is because I have been an educator for the past 20 years and I have seen and taught children that came from homes where their adult peers were two women (lesbians) and two men (gay's) and these children had a very hard time in the classroom socially and academically. We strive in our school's that children are effective communicators, self learners, community contributor's and ethical thinker's, How will this same sex marriage be explained to our Hawaii children in our Hawaii School System. Please consider the protection of our children when making your decision in banning this bill for the sake of our children. I pray for all the Senator's today and every day that they make the right decision.

Thank You For Your Time. Yes, I am a Christian and I stand up for what I know is right by God. But I am also an Educator for 20 years, a Wife for 36 years, a Mother of three wonderful married children and a Grandmother of 5 beautiful grandchildren.

God Bless You,  
Mahalo Nui Loa,  
Darlene J. Mitchell

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**From:** VICTORIA HERNANDEZ [victoriakeahi1102@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 1:58 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Letter to OPPOSE HB 444

**LATE**

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to you because I wanted to voice my opinion towards HB 444. I'm speaking on my behalf as well as my family in opposing HB 444.

I feel that it is my duty as a christian to preach that while our sociality is ever changing in the morals and ethics in being a equal opportunity government, it is wrong in the eyes of God and his followers.

"Accepting civil unions as an indication of equality may lead others to seek the same 'equality.' Will polygamists be next to demand 'equality'? Others whose values will continue to erode the social fabric of our community?" I just hope and pray that my sons and daughters children don't have to suffer the results of our governments mistakes in the future...

May God bless you,

Victoria Hernandez

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**From:** kanek2006@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 9:47 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** I support Civil Unions!

**LATE**

Re: Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations Hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium

Signed, Kathleen O. Kane, 4559 Kahala Avenue, Honolulu 96816

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 9:56 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** jcsings2@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Joyce Lynn  
Organization: Individual  
Address: P.O. Box 861261 Wahiawa, HI 96786  
Phone: 808. 677.2031  
E-mail: [jcsings2@hotmail.com](mailto:jcsings2@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/24/2009

**Comments:**

I write to express opposition to this HS 444 concerning civil unions. The people of Hawaii have already voted on this matter concerning marriage and same sex marriage. The issue was exposed and openly defined for what it consists of. Every person who is a citizen of the United States of America, has for a long time already possessed rights and protection for the expression of their civil rights. Even as an American American citizen here, I can identify and do not believe that a secondary addendum or revision is needed. Do not support HB444.

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**From:** Ana [ana@onelove.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 10:04 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB444 hearing February 24 @ 9am

**LATE**

Senate Judiciary Committee,

This Email is to inform you know that I, Ana Chang Purdy, am opposed to HB444.

Sincerely,  
Ana Chang Purdy

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 10:32 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** richfigel@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rich Figel  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 801 Kainui Drive Kailua, HI 96734  
Phone: 262-5073  
E-mail: [richfigel@gmail.com](mailto:richfigel@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/24/2009

**Comments:**

Discrimination is discrimination, and gays deserve equal rights when it comes to civil union. "Marriage" is largely defined by religious beliefs and customs. However, if the government gives certain couples certain rights because of their marital status, it stands to reason that those same rights and benefits should be extended to other adult couples, regardless of sexual orientation, race or religion.

To deny a particular segment of society equal rights based on your individual religious beliefs is a violation of the law as defined by the U.S. Supreme Court and our Constitution. As someone who was raised a Catholic, I am ashamed and appalled that church-going "Christians" are using homophobic arguments to bully legislators into voting against this bill. That is not what true Christianity is all about.

With true aloha for all,  
Rich and Isabel Figel

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**From:** JULIE DUNSMOOR [jdunsmoor@queens.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 10:42 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Civil Unions

**LATE**

To the Judiciary Committee:

I am applaud and I am strongly against the Civil Union Marriages. It is wrong (Per many passages in the Bible ), and what a message we are giving to our children especially those children who are being brought up in a Christian home. If God intended this type of union mankind would eventually cease to exist.

Please, Please - do not approve Civil Union Marriages. This is my testimony.

Julie Dunsmoor  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
Tues. Feb 24, 09 - 9:00 a.m.  
Measure Number HB444

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**From:** Aaron [aaron@onelove.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 10:06 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Civil Unions HB 444

**LATE**

**NAME** Aaron Larson

**ADDRESS** 1906 D metcalf St

**PHONE** 212-3792

**ATTENTION:** Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee

**RE:** HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

**Hearing:** TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM –AUDITORIUM

I AM IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444, HD 1

We ask for your wisdom and courage to oppose HB 444 to legalize Civil Unions in Hawaii. In our hearts and in our minds, we affirm the overwhelming mandate of the vote in 1998. The people of Hawaii will know that Civil Unions are just another term for Same Sex Unions/Marriage. Please do not put the people of Hawaii through this divisive debate again, especially during these difficult economic times. Be mindful, that the people of Hawaii are tolerant as a society because we learn to accept our differences. But we are held together by sharing common values that strengthen our family bonds. We are confident that the overwhelming majority of people still believe in traditional marriage. Please do not devalue our long held traditions of marriage being between one man and one woman. It is one of the few unchanging truths that our young people can hold on to in this ever changing world. I am a resident of Hawaii and ask that you represent the will of the people.

Sincerely,

Aaron Larson

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**From:** Jason [jason@onelove.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 10:04 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** senate judiciary commette

**LATE**

I oppose the HB 444. I believe that this is hurtful to the state of Hawaii and also to the people. Marriage is between a man and a woman

thank you

Jason Bousseilaire

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**From:** matt@onelove.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 10:13 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** matt@onelove.org  
**Subject:** HB 444

**LATE**

NAME Matt Wigley  
ADDRESS 959 12th ave.  
PHONE 808 343-1341

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FROM:       Matt Wigley       (print name)

TO: JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM - STATE CAPITOL AUDITORIUM FOR HB 444, HD1 DEAR CHAIR BRIAN TANIGUCHI AND JGO COMMITTEE, Please do not pass out HB 444, HD1 from your committee. Society's stake in marriage is based upon the family and the need for its stability. It is the family that is the bedrock of any civilization and of any community. One of the obvious purposes of marriage, from time immemorial is the procreation and formation of children. Such procreation is not possible in a same sex union and therefore should not be given the dignity or protection as marriage. Children grow best in a stable environment with a mother and father. Although this is obviously not always possible, our laws should express the ideal structures that are best for children.

For the sake of Hawaii's future, please vote no on this measure.

WITH ALOHA,

**From:** Eduard Merc-"Eddie" [edulienko@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 10:49 AM  
**To:** Kristine Quijano Tabernilla; JGO Testimony; Rep. Della Belatti; Sen. Brian Taniguchi  
**Cc:** edulienko@yahoo.com; matka mercova; Family Merc  
**Subject:** I DON'T support Civil Unions in Hawaii-EDUARD MERC

Dear Senator Brian T. Taniguchi/Representative Della Au Bellati,

I wish to inform you that I strongly **OPPOSE** all Bills related to Civil Unions including, but not limited to HB 444, SB 458 and HB 878. Please **vote NO** on HB444 HD1. The people of Hawaii have already spoken overwhelmingly against same-sex marriage. We need your help to protect traditional marriage.

Sincerely,

Eduard "Eddie" Merc

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**From:** klee@alohalendingservices.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 11:20 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 444

To Whom It may Concern,

I wanted to express to you how shocked I was to see this bill fast tracked with little to no fanfare. I keep reading in our local newspapers how it is the will of the people. This is stark contrast to the last time this issue came up to a ballot. If the conservatively number 6-8000 people who attended the Unity Rally is not enough evidence (as opposed to the 75 who were there yesterday), and if you folks truly believe that it is the will of the people, why not allow the people of Hawaii to vote on this , AGAIN.

Our government is a representative republic. Our elected officials fiduciary duty is to vote on items that their constituency holds dear and true. I find it rather distasteful how quickly and rapidly this was sent to committee. This is a subject so polarizing, it should have at least been vetted in public forums allowing the will of the people to be expressed.

Mahalo Nui Loa,  
Kevin Lee

**From:** Kerry Kobayashi [kobayashr012@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 11:23 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Say NO To HB444

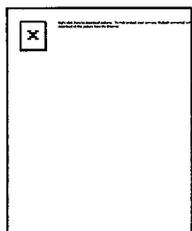
## **PLEASE SAY NO TO HB444**

Please consider your decision wisely, I believe there are serious implications regarding the passage of this bill.

If a nation or society refuses to learn the lessons of history, it is sure to repeat itself.

Concerned citizen and parent,

*Kerry Kobayashi :-)*



*"Blessed is the Nation*

*whose God is the Lord"*

*Ps 33:12*

**From:** Leinani [leinani@worldwidewindows.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 11:39 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** 'William Hoohuli'  
**Subject:** I say NO to Bill 444

Leinani Ibane

Hearing 2/25/09 @ 9:00am

Senator: Carol Fukunaga

I am a United States citizen and born and raised in Honolulu Hawaii.... I was at the rally on Sunday 2/22/09 and I am strongly against the Bill HB 444. I don't hate gays, but I don't believe in the Bill, and what they will teach our children of Hawaii. They were quick to take away God's name (our creator of all living things) in our school systems, and easy to manipulate the system in trying to teach our children that being gay is normal and that is the way of life! This is not normal and is not the way of life. If they pass the HB 444 our state will fall!

If you have any questions please contact me at 636-7874

Thank you,  
Leinani Ibane

**From:** katy white [katywhite@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 11:32 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong Support of H.B.444, HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

**Subject line: Strong Support of H.B.444, HD1 Relating to Civil Unions**

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

I write in strong support of H.B. 444, HD1 Relating to Civil Unions.

This bill would extend full relationship protections and responsibilities - giving couples greater ability to care for those they love. Further, it represents a substantial step forward toward ensuring that gay and lesbian couples are afforded equal treatment under the law.

It is just and appropriate to extend more protections to lesbian and gay couples than those currently provided under Hawaii law. H.B. 444, HD1 will further extend rights to gay and lesbian couples in several significant ways. To identify a few, current Hawaii law does not permit same-sex couples to adopt jointly a child in a single court proceeding. Current law also fails to protect members of a same-sex couple in the event the couple chooses to separate - there are no provisions in the law for judicial dissolution of the relationship or for support of a former partner. Additionally, adopting this law would provide a vehicle for private employers to offer health benefits to same-sex couples.

I believe that it is incumbent upon our elected officials to ensure that all residents of Hawaii are treated equally. H.B. 444, HD1 represents significant progress in attaining that goal. Thus, I urge you to vote yes.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted

Katy White  
Naalehu

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**From:** Lai, Steve C Mr CIV USA IMCOM [steve.lai@us.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 11:40 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** More testimony from this constituent (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

Sir, Maam

As you can plainly see, the majority of voters believe we need to leave the definition of marriage as it has always been - a man and a woman. Attempts to disguise a new definition with wordiness and guile by special interest groups is dishonest and corrupt. I am resisting the attempts of gays to hijack an institution I have had with my wife for 19yrs.

My representative is Ms Michelle Kidani and I implore her and her colleagues to help decent people keep our society decent and stop HB444.

Thank you,  
Steve Lai  
Mililani HI  
384-5537

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
Caveats: NONE

**From:** blazin7418@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 11:44 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB 444"

I appose bill 444

It's simple GOD does not recognize same sex marriage.

It's in the Bible

This country was build around " In God we trust"

Disobey it and we will all destroy ourselves.

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**From:** Joe D'Alessandro Photography Inc., Maui [joe@joedalessandro.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 11:34 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 444

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice chair Takamine and members of the Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee:

My name is Joe D'Alessandro and would like to express my support for HB 444, civil unions.

In the past, discrimination against mixed race marriages was considered fair and just. We have come a long way since then. All people should be treated equally under the law.

I believe the civil unions bill helps to strengthen families, providing stable homes for foster children, adoption opportunities and is simply the right thing to do.

We look back to the past and wonder how people could have supported Jim Crow and prohibition of interracial marriage. Let's not have the next generation look back at us the same way.

Support the Civil Unions Bill,

Mahalo.

Joe D'Alessandro  
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1-800-745-0344 o  
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Jewel Chung  
1249 Matlock Avenue, Apt. C  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

**LATE**

February 24, 2009

To: Hawaii State Senate

Re: Strong Opposition to HB 444

I oppose HB444. I was at the State Capitol on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to protest this bill. I found it amazing that everyone can come together for a common purpose and belief. It makes me wonder why it takes something so drastic for people to put their differences aside and unite as one voice. We were there to speak up, to be heard, and I hope our message was clear. I hope that those who are supposed to be representing the choice of the **people of Hawaii** see how passionate we feel against same-sex civil unions.

This has nothing to do with discrimination nor does it have to do with equal rights. I have nothing against same-sex couples or people who have a same-sex sexual preference, I interact with many people like this, and I treat them no differently than I would anyone else. The people of Hawaii have chosen to keep the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman. I wish that those in positions of power would listen to those they embody and represent their people well, rather than make decisions out of their own interests. I was raised to know Jesus, and not only to read the Word of God, but also to live it. In Jeremiah 29:6-7 the LORD says, "*Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into ...Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.*" If our city does not prosper, our people will not prosper. We must do as God willed us in order to prosper.

How is it that we cannot even talk about God, or pray for others, or even put up symbols of our faith, but people can push and urge for same-sex right of adoption, same-sex marriage (also known as civil-unions)?? How can we not allow God into our public school system, yet people are promoting implanting the idea of same-sex marriage or domestic relationships into the upbringing of the children of our future??

God doesn't put rules and laws into place to keep us from freedom or happiness, but to protect and guide us that we may bear good fruit, fruit that will last..love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. As a child coming from a broken home myself, I know first hand how important it is to have the basic principals and truths of Jesus in my upbringing.

God isn't punishing the "sinners" He loves each and every one of us alike murder, rapist, adulterer, liar, thief, or what have you. He loves us equally with a boundless everlasting love, a love that death can't even overcome. I am making a plea from God himself, "*what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?*" Deuteronomy 10:12-13.

Thank you for your time. Aloha and God Bless You All!

**LATE**

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee on  
Judiciary and Government Operations,

I would like to express my support for House Bill 444 HD1 relating to Civil Unions. I believe that *all* citizens deserve equal rights and protection under the law, regardless of sexual orientation. Allowing civil unions maintains an important separation between church and state. It allows all couples, regardless of sexual orientation, to be provided with the same government benefits and to be treated equally under the law. A person's basic civil liberties should be neither removed nor discounted because of their sexual orientation and their desire for equal rights.



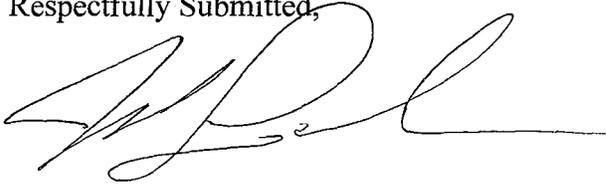
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Respectfully Submitted,

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**LATE**

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'NAT' with a stylized flourish.

**LATE**

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Respectfully Submitted,

Handwritten signature of Burt J. Lee in cursive script.

**LATE**

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Hami". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

**LATE**

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl Bal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "K".

**LATE**

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Lally". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

**LATE**

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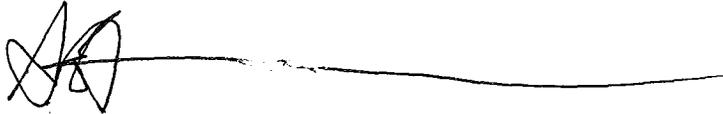
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Tom Ichniowski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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**LATE**

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Fisher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail.

**LATE**

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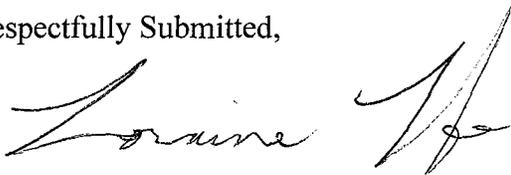
*Jessica Lenney* 

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Louane". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the text "Respectfully Submitted,".

**LATE**

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Judiciary and Government Operations,

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*Rabani Jain*

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Respectfully Submitted,

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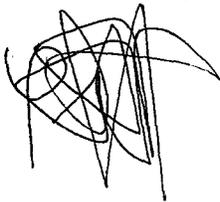
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*Katie K. Kanika*

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Maureen Maffeo

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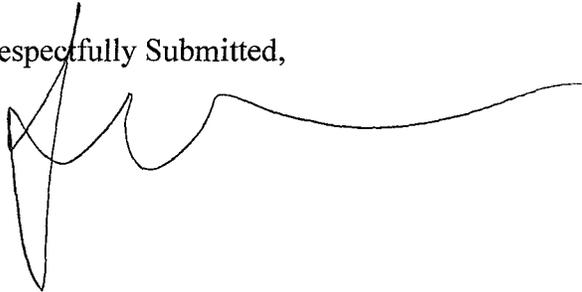
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Respectfully Submitted,

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Manuel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and "M".

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pamela Hef". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Pamela Hef".

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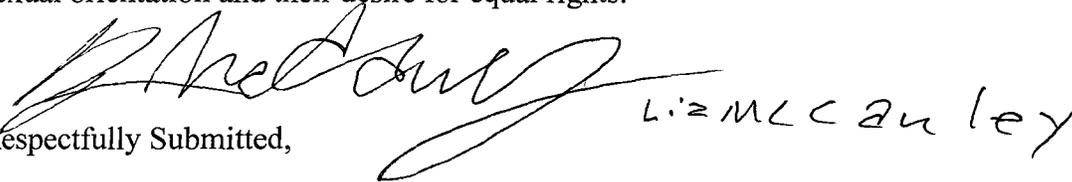
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Liz McCauley

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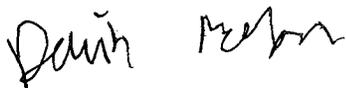
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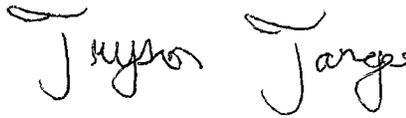
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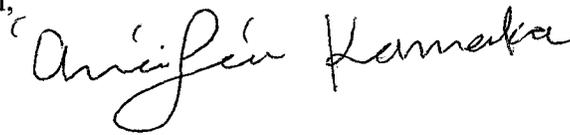
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annifer Kamaka". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'A'.

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Respectfully Submitted, Ryan Jesse

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Corey Boegus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**LATE**

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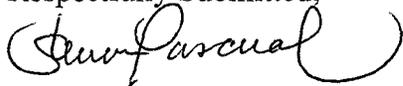
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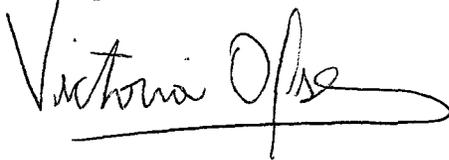
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Pascual". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria O'Neil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

**LATE**

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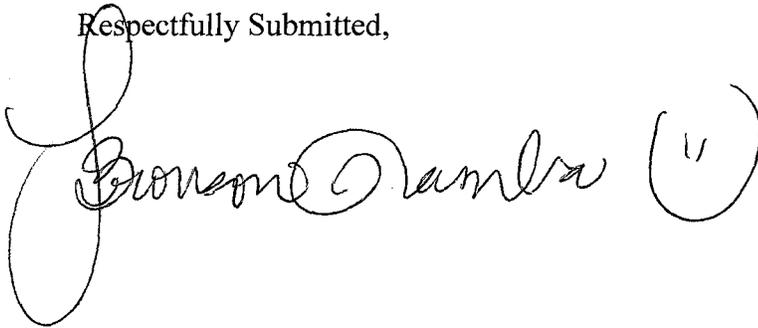
A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mavis Balthazar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "M" and "B".

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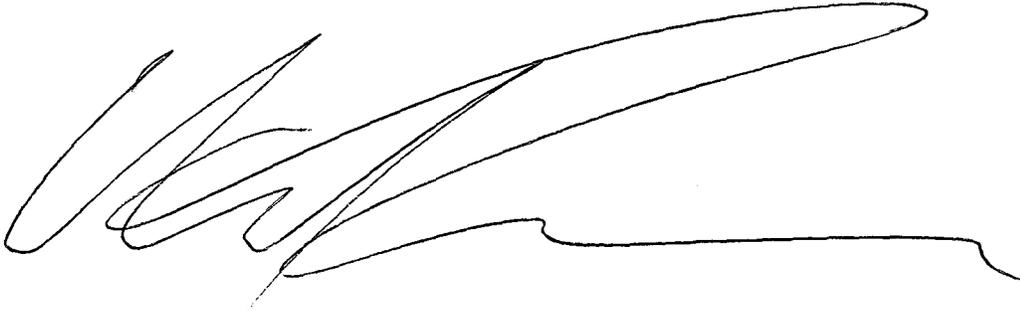
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*Devin M. Takashi*

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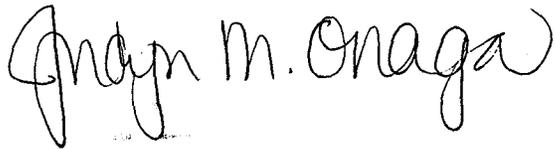


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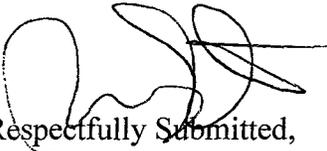
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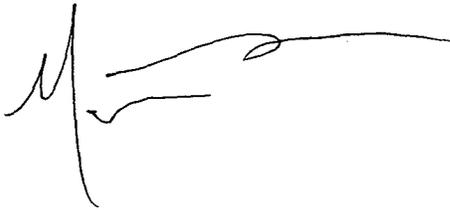
  
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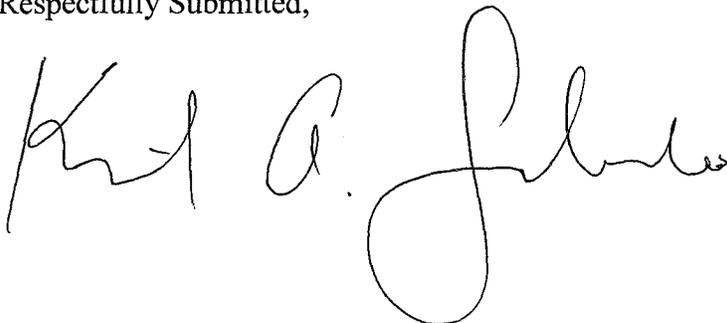
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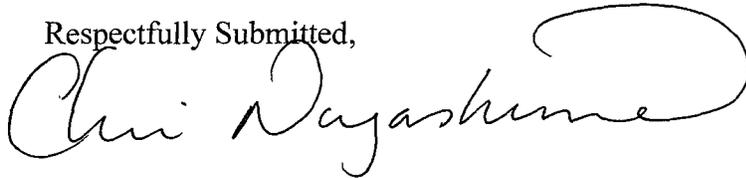
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Stephanie Anderson  
U. of Hawaii at Manoa

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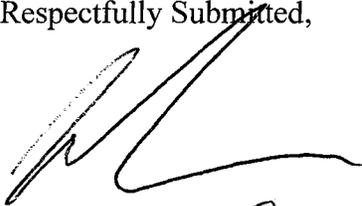
*R Foster*  
Richard Foster  
2948 East Manoa  
Honolulu HI 96822

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Amy K. Donahue  
2115 Algebrax St. #4  
Honolulu, HI 96826  
808-371-7361

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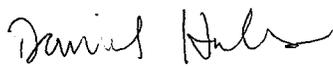
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**From:** Josh Stanbro [joshua.stanbro@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 7:37 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony; Sen. Colleen Hanabusa; Sen. Gary Hooser  
**Subject:** Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB444 hd1 (Civil Unions)

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB444 hd1 (Civil Unions)

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the entire Stanbro 'ohana (four proud voting adults) I write today in strong support of civil unions, H.B. 444, HD1. This bill is long overdue, and extends basic civil rights to many of our personal friends and loved ones here in the Islands.

HB 444 promotes community by giving loving couples the ability to fully protect and support their partners, it can benefit our economy by holding out Hawai'i as the open, accepting destination that it truly is, and keeps our state in the company of other progressive states that have long ago seen past special-interest fear-mongering and done what is right--ensuring that all of Hawaii's citizens are afforded equal treatment under the law.

Hawai'i is famous for it's compassion and aloha spirit. Polls show that the majority of our Island residents support this bill and believe that all of our residents should be treated equally and will respect. Their has been a shift in Hawai'i for the better on this issue amongst the people—and I urge you to respect the silent but open-hearted majority in this state. The gaze of history and Hawai'i voters will respect your courage. We all respectfully request that you vote yes on HB 444, HD1 and urge your colleagues to do the same.

Mahalo,  
Josh Stanbro, Maxine Burkett, Orion Stanbro & Sammie Stanbro  
2752 waiomao road, palolo valley  
(808) 737-1898

**From:** Kristine Quijano Tabernilla [kmerc@campus.hpu.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 7:37 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony; Rep. Della Belatti; Sen. Brian Taniguchi  
**Subject:** I DON'T support Civil Unions in Hawaii

Dear Senator Brian T. Taniguchi/Representative Della Au Bellati,

I wish to inform you that I strongly **OPPOSE** all Bills related to Civil Unions including, but not limited to HB 444, SB 458 and HB 878. Please **vote NO** on HB444 HD1. The people of Hawaii have already spoken overwhelmingly against same-sex marriage. We need your help to protect traditional marriage.

Sincerely,

Kristine T. Merc

**From:** Hauoli [hauolialoha@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 7:31 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

Mr. Richard Glenn and  
Mrs. Donna Glenn

91-1070F Makaaloa Street  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706-4120

808-681-5387

ATTENTION: Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee (JGO)

SUBJECT: HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

Hearing: FEB. 24, 2009, Tues. @ 9:00am

THE TWO (2) OF US STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 444, HD 1.

We ask for your wisdom and courage to oppose HB 444 to legalize Civil Unions in Hawaii. In our hearts and in our minds, we affirm the overwhelming mandate of the vote in 1998. The people of Hawaii will know that Civil Unions are just another term for Same Sex Unions/Marriage. Please do not put the people of Hawaii through this divisive debate again, especially during these difficult economic times. Be mindful, that the people of Hawaii are tolerant as a society because we learn to accept our differences. But we are held together by sharing common values that strengthen our family bonds. We are confident that the overwhelming majority of people still believe in traditional marriage. Please do not devalue our long held traditions of marriage being between one man and one woman. It is one of the few unchanging truths that our young people can hold on to in this ever changing world. I am a resident of Hawaii and ask that you represent the will of the people.

Please unanimously vote against HB444 HD1.

Sincerely,  
Richard and Donna Glenn

**LATE**

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

House Bill 444 HD1  
Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 9am  
Capitol Auditorium, State Capitol

My name is Dana Abdinoor; I am a Graduate Student at the University of Hawai'i Myron B. Thomson School of Social work. I am providing written testimony on the measure Relating to Civil Unions (HB 444 HD1). I strongly SUPPORT this bill in its effort to extend the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union.

This bill affords the Hawai'i State legislature the opportunity to show its residents and the nation the true spirit of Aloha: Akahai, Lokahi, Olu'olu, Ha'aha'a, and Ahonui. House Bill 444 will bestow upon the gay and lesbian community the rights and liberties they are entitled to as citizens of the United States and will be seen as an achievement in unity by its goal to end oppression based on sexuality. It is time to bring an end to the majority deciding for others what they can and cannot have.

Please support House Bill 444 HD1 and let Hawai'i be an example of acceptance and tolerance. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Dana Abdinoor  
abdinoor@hawaii.edu

**From:** Vic Polidoro [vicpolidoro@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 7:55 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support for HB 444 HD1, for Feb.24 at 9:00 AM

Aloha,

Thank you for hearing this important bill. I support HB 444 and the Civil Unions it creates. I urge you as members of the Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee to pass this bill and courageously stand up for equality in Hawaii. All people are equal under the law and should therefore enjoy the same rights and protections provided by our constitution, no matter their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. Counter to our state's constitution, committed same sex couples and their families are denied the basic rights and protections afforded married couples, including health care rights, property and housing rights, taxation and other benefits. Civil Unions promote stable, healthy, and loving relationships and gives Hawaii the opportunity to protect all of our families.

Discrimination does not have a place in our state. We are fortunate to live in a state where many different peoples and cultures can not just coexist, but can work together to make Hawaii a unique and wonderful home. Therefore, I ask you to pass HB 444 creating Civil Unions and to promote the equality of all Hawaii's citizens.

Thank you,

Vic Polidoro

**From:** Madeline M Reed [mmreed@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 7:55 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB444

Madeline Reed  
2126 Kaumana Drive  
Hilo, HI 96720  
[mmreed@hawaii.edu](mailto:mmreed@hawaii.edu)

February 23, 2009

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair

Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Co-Chair

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

[JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)

**Re: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB444 (Civil Unions)**

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee:

My name is Madeline Reed, and I am a resident of Hawai'i Island and a student at the William S. Richardson School of Law. I am writing because I **STRONGLY SUPPORT HB444**.

I believe that all people deserve to be **treated equally under Hawai'i Law**, regardless of their genders. Any two people should be allowed to join together as a family unit, regardless of gender and sexual orientation. Civil unions are a step in the right direction, because they allow same-sex couples to have the same rights and protections as opposite-sex couples.

I understand how controversial this subject is, and I have seen the hatred and pain it brings out. But I urge you to set the rhetoric aside and **do justice**. Uphold the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution: give **all couples in Hawai`i equal protection** under the law. Allow the full legislature to vote on this bill. Do not deny our representatives that opportunity by killing this bill in your committee.

Yours Truly,

*Madeline Reed*

Madeline Reed

**From:** lancheta@msn.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 8:01 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Very Strong opposition to HB 444

**NAME:** Sally Ancheta  
**ADDRESS:** 741 Heahea Street, Hilo HI 96720  
**PHONE:** 808 959-8718

**ATTENTION:** Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee

**RE:** HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

**Hearing:** TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM –AUDITORIUM

I AM IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444, HD 1

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**Please vote against HB 444.**

**FROM: Sally Ancheta, Hilo HI**

**From:** preslocal677@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 8:07 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in SUPPORT of HB444 HD1

Hawaii State Senate  
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Chair, Sen. Taniguchi  
Vice Chair, Sen. Takamine

Testimony in support of H.B. 444 HD1 – RELATING TO CIVIL UNIONS

The Musicians' Association of Hawaii, Local 677 is in support of House Bill 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions.

House Bill 444 HD1 will positively impact Hawaii by affording people in non-traditional relationships the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union, and will also recognize civil unions, domestic partnerships, and same-sex marriages performed in other states as civil unions here.

The adoption of House Bill 444 HD1 will be another step forward in ridding our State and our Country of lingering discrimination against a segment of our population, which will lead to greater harmony in the workplace, and a more equitable community for all types of families.

To further show our Union's support of HB444, and to illustrate that our National Organization is in support of equality for all on a Federal level, I would like to include a resolution Passed in 2007 at the American Federation of Musicians' International convention. Although the subject of the AFM resolution is different (marriage/civil union), it is plain that the spirit of support for the end of a type of gender/ lifestyle discrimination is in synch with HB 444 HD1.

### **Resolution in support of same-sex marriage Passed, 2007 Convention, American Federation of Musicians**

WHEREAS, The primary declaration of Mission Statement of the AFM identifies our collective objective to bring the forces of the AFM to bear so that "We can live and work in dignity;" and WHEREAS, The Mission Statement of the AFM states, in part, that we must commit to "Treating each other with respect and dignity without regard to ethnicity, creed, sex, age, disability, citizenship, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, or national origin;" and WHEREAS, Every class described above except one is protected under U.S. federal law, and WHEREAS, The Mission Statement of the AFM directs us to "Build coalitions and act in solidarity with other organizations that share our concern for social and economic justice;" and WHEREAS, Implied within these objectives is the imperative to lend political support to those classes relegated to second-class status; and WHEREAS, Our members are affected by this second class status, as members of society as a whole; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the 97th Convention of the American Federation of Musicians calls upon the United States Congress to enact a law, binding on all states, establishing the right of same-sex couples to enter into marriage under civil law, and thereby entitle such couples to the same benefits and obligations of marriage as are afforded to opposite-sex married couples; and be it further RESOLVED, To direct the International President's office to develop, coordinate and implement a plan to communicate the intent of this

Resolution to all U.S. Senators and Representatives prior to the next session of Congress.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 444 HD1.

Sincerely,

Brien Matson  
President, Musicians' Association of Hawaii Local 677

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**LATE**

**From:** kaimomo@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 8:09 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** opposition to HB 444

From Steve Klein to the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Chair:

Re: HB 444 public hearing, Tuesday, February 24, 2009 @ 9:00am

I am writing to you today to urge you to VOTE AGAINST measure number HB 444, for four reasons:

1. it would violate the will of the people you have been elected to represent.
2. it would fundamentally, and for all practical purposes, change the definition of marriage. This would have dire and far-reaching consequences to our society.
3. To pass this measure is to recognize a group based solely upon its behavior. There is no other way to distinguish members of the gay and lesbian community. This is a slippery slope that should be tread carefully and only after ample and careful consideration.
4. This measure has not been amply and carefully considered.

Thank you for your service to our great state of Hawai'i.

Steve Klein

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**From:** Rick Avila [avilar001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 8:10 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

**LATE**

To Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee (JGO),  
From Testifier Rick Avila, 540 Lahainaluna Road, Lahaina, Hi. 96761,  
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.

Hearing Location: Auditorium

**I have a very STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1 because our government was founded on Christian principles. I also believe that our Father loves all his creation and one sin is as bad as another. But to go against our founding fathers, read: THE CONSTITUTION, and legislate this is wrong. Marriage is between one man and one woman. Civil unions already have rights, please, please, please do not pass this bill. I would also like to publicly praise Mr. Angus McKelvey for voting with a true majority of his constituents.**

Mahalo for your consideration,

Rick Avila

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**From:** annalia [annalia@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 7:54 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong Opposition of H.B. 444, HD 1 Relating to Civil Unions

**LATE**

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

I write in strong **OPPOSITION** of H.B. 444, HD1 Relating to Civil Unions.

This bill would extend full relationship protections and benefits afforded to a lawful union of a man and a woman. Further, it provides gay and lesbian couples with equal provisions under the law such as **ADOPTION OF BABIES AND CHILDREN**.

It is just and appropriate to extend more protections to **BABIES AND CHILDREN THAN TO SATISFY AN UNNECESSARY AND UNUSUAL SELFISH DEMAND** that will do more harm to the majority of the general public, specifically innocent, unknowing children.

H.B. 444, HD1 will further **DENY** protections and rights to **BABIES AND CHILDREN**. This law will permit same-sex couples to adopt jointly a child in a single court proceeding.

Also, private employers will be required to offer health benefits to same-sex couples.

I, any many, many others (too busy to write) are for **ADULTS** having their constitutional rights of choice regarding their partners. However, I feel even stronger for children being able to live and grow in an atmosphere that gives them full opportunities to live their innate, natural 'regular' or 'straight' life and top be free from ridicule, judgments, and possibly worse such as abuse which is more likely from this type of home environment.

This bill is a **SUBVERSION** of the Equal Rights Protections. You must **ENSURE THAT BABIES AND CHILDREN HAVE RIGHTS PERIOD!**

Passing this will **DENY** the protections for babies and children and their equal rights. Would you be comfortable knowing a young boy of someone you know (or didn't know) was adopted by two male pedophiles????? **BECAUSE YOU VOTED YES?**

Possibly for the baby pedophile market, passing this bill could bring thousands and thousands of dollars for a child. Please be aware of an Organized League of Pedophiles that are wealthy and powerful which is reaching all the way to the top in this government.

Thus, I urge you to vote **NO**.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Russell, Ph.D.

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Kapa'a, Hil 96746

Terri Lynn Lum, LSW  
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**LATE**

February 23, 2009

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Judiciary and Government Operations Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Taniguchi:

I am writing in strong support of HB 444 which would extend the same rights, benefits and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union. I urge you and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee to reinforce the fact that every citizen is entitled equal rights in our State.

Just over 40 years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Virginia's "Racial Integrity Act of 1924" was unconstitutional and ended all race-based legal restrictions on marriage in our country. In its decision, the court wrote, "Marriage is one of the "basic civil rights of man", fundamental to our every existence and survival." and went on to say, "Under our Constitution, the freedom to marry, or not marry, a person of another race resides with the individual and cannot be infringed by the State."

40 years ago, there were likely many people who disagreed with this decision just as there were many that did not support desegregating schools. Yet members of our Supreme Court and legislators supported these laws because they were charged with treating everyone in our country fairly and equally. You have an opportunity to do the same. Our gay and lesbian community members/taxpayers deserve to be treated equally under the law. While I believe they deserve to have the right to marriage, civil unions would at least allow them to have the same benefits and protections. As a licensed social worker, I believe civil unions can protect and assist children of gay and lesbian parents, not harm them. It is not any more legally complicated than step-parents or children born to unmarried heterosexual parents.

Please do not be swayed by those who say this is not a civil rights issue. Whenever one group is denied rights afforded to others it is a civil rights issue. Gay and lesbian couples deserve to have the same rights and benefits as heterosexual couples.

Thank you for your attention and I hope I can count on you to support HB 444.

Sincerely,  
Terri Lynn Lum, LSW

**From:** Jason Verity [jason.keoni.verity@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 8:17 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** support of H.B. 444, HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

**Committee:** Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
**Hearing Date/Time:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Auditorium  
**Re:** Testimony of Jason Keoni Verity in Strong Support of H.B. 444, HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

I write in strong support of H.B. 444, HD1 Relating to Civil Unions.

This bill would extend full relationship protections and responsibilities - giving couples greater ability to care for those they love. Further, it represents a substantial step forward toward ensuring that gay and lesbian couples are afforded equal treatment under the law.

It is just and appropriate to extend more protections to lesbian and gay couples than those currently provided under Hawaii law. H.B. 444, HD1 will further extend rights to gay and lesbian couples in several significant ways. To identify a few, current Hawaii law does not permit same-sex couples to adopt jointly a child in a single court proceeding. Current law also fails to protect members of a same-sex couple in the event the couple chooses to separate - there are no provisions in the law for judicial dissolution of the relationship or for support of a former partner. Additionally, adopting this law would provide a vehicle for private employers to offer health benefits to same-sex couples.

I believe that it is incumbent upon our elected officials to ensure that all residents of Hawaii are treated equally. H.B. 444, HD1 represents significant progress in attaining that goal. Thus, I urge you to vote yes.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Jason Keoni Verity**  
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**From:** Barbara [bfern@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 8:17 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB444 HD1

**LATE**

Dear Members of the Senate JGO Committee-

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 444 Relating to the establishment of Civil Unions.

In 1998 the people of Hawaii, by a clear majority, voted to maintain the definition of marriage as "one man-one woman". This bill is a legislative endorsement of sex-partner civil unions as onpar with sex-partner marriage. Please do not shred the definition of marriage to include any people who practice sexually-based behavior who express their desire to call themselves "married".

Again, you have a solemn responsibility to serve your constituents and the generations to come in the decisions you make. Please vote NO on HB444 HD1, as it seeks to establish a ruinous precedent in granting special legal protection and benefits based on sexual preferences and behaviors.

Thank you,

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**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Vote Yes in Support of Civil Unions

**LATE**

**Committee:** Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
**Hearing Date/Time:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Auditorium  
**Re:** Testimony of Michelle Le in Strong Support of H.B 444, HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**From:** Kathi Pierceall [kathipierceall@yahoo.com]  
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**LATE**

I support HB444.  
Kathi Pierceall

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**From:** Dennis Klein [kleind001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 8:33 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** strong opposition to HB 444

**LATE**

From Dennis and Helen Klein to the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Chair:

Re: HB 444 public hearing, Tuesday, February 24, 2009 @ 9:00am

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Thank you for your service to our great state of Hawai'i.

Dennis and Helen Klein  
Kailua

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**From:** Richard Kaneshiro [grandmarquis85@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 8:35 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STOP CIVIL UNIONS, HB 444

**LATE**

Attn: Senate Judiciary Committee  
Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 9:00 AM  
HB 444

God created man and women to be joined together for the glory of heaven. Civil unions are the same as same sex marriages and should not be allowed to be the law of the land here in Hawaii. Please defeat this bill HB444 and never let this happen again.

God Bless You,  
, Richard s. Kaneshiro

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**From:** Richard Kaneshiro [grandmarquis85@gmail.com]  
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**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STOP CIVIL UNIONS, HB 444

**LATE**

Attn: Senate Judiciary Committee  
Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 9:00 AM  
HB 444

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God Bless You,  
Ok Yon Kaneshiro

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**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 8:47 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Sobering Consequences to States Adopting Same-Sex Marriage or Civil Unions  
**Attachments:** sam\_adams23w.jpg; MRLogo50w.gif

**LATE**

To: The Senate Judiciary Committee

Honorable Senators:

The following article expresses my feelings and is ample reason why it is imperative you vote "NO" AGAINST civil unions or same-sex marriages. The consequences for a state adopting homosexuality will be the removal of all innocence in sexual matters as the homosexual community imposes its will on traditional families and transforms our state into a gay mecca comparable to San Francisco. The following article reveals the consequences to Massachusetts which passed a same-sex marriage law a few years ago. Likewise, Hawaii will experience the same terrible cultural shift and imposition upon traditional family values. I do not believe in a few years, Hawaii will be recognized as the desirable state it is today should passage of laws favoring homosexuality occurs. Homosexuality is not a civil rights issue but a preference issue. Please vote "NO" to HB 444 HD1 and to any comparable bills.

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### What same-sex "marriage" has done to Massachusetts

It's far worse than most people realize

October 20, 2008

by Brian Camenker

Anyone who thinks that same-sex “marriage” is a benign eccentricity which won’t affect the average person should consider what it has done in Massachusetts. It’s become a hammer to force the acceptance and normalization of homosexuality on everyone. And this train is moving fast. What has happened so far is only the beginning.

On November 18, 2003, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court announced its Goodridge opinion, ruling that it was unconstitutional not to allow same-sex “marriage.” Six months later, homosexual marriages began to be performed.

### **The public schools**

The homosexual “marriage” onslaught in public schools across the state started soon after the November 2003, court decision.

- **At my own children’s high school there was a school-wide assembly to celebrate same-sex “marriage” in early December, 2003.** It featured an array of speakers, including teachers at the school who announced that they would be “marrying” their same-sex partners and starting families either through adoption or artificial insemination. Literature on same-sex marriage – how it is now a normal part of society – was handed out to the students.
- **Within months it was brought into the middle schools.** In September, 2004, an 8th-grade teacher in Brookline, MA, told National Public Radio that the marriage ruling had opened up the floodgates for teaching homosexuality. “In my mind, I know that, ‘OK, this is legal now.’ If somebody wants to challenge me, I’ll say, ‘Give me a break. It’s legal now,’” she told NPR. She added that she no longer discusses gay sex with her students as explicitly as she desires. For example, she said she tells the kids that lesbians can have vaginal intercourse using sex toys.
- **By the following year it was in elementary school curricula.** Kindergartners were given picture books telling them that same-sex couples are just another kind of family, like their own parents. In 2005, when David Parker of Lexington, MA – a parent of a kindergartner – strongly insisted on being notified when teachers were discussing homosexuality or transgenderism with his son, the school had him arrested and put in jail overnight.

**Second graders at the same school** were read a book, “King and King”, about two men who have romance and marry each other, with a picture of them kissing. When parents Rob and Robin Wirthlin complained, they were told that the school had no obligation to notify them or allow them to opt-out their child.

- **In 2006 the Parkers and Wirthlins filed a federal Civil Rights lawsuit** to force the schools to notify parents and allow them to opt-out their elementary-school children when homosexual-related subjects were taught. The federal judges dismissed the case. The judges ruled that because same-sex marriage is legal in Massachusetts, the school actually had a duty to normalize homosexual relationships to children, and that schools have no obligation to notify parents or let them opt-out the children! Acceptance of homosexuality had become a matter of good citizenship!

**Think about that: Because same-sex marriage is “legal”, a federal judge has ruled that the schools now have a *duty* to portray homosexual relationships as normal to children despite what parents think or believe!**

- In 2006, in the elementary school where my daughter went to Kindergarten, the **parents of a third-**

**grader were forced to take their child out of school because a man undergoing a sex-change operation and cross-dressing was being brought into class to teach the children that there are now “different kinds of families.” School officials told the mother that her complaints to the principal were considered “inappropriate behavior.”**

- **Libraries have also radically changed.** School libraries across the state, from elementary school to high school, now have shelves of books to normalize homosexual behavior and the lifestyle in the minds of kids, some of them quite explicit and even pornographic. Parents complaints are ignored or met with hostility.

Over the past year, homosexual groups have been using taxpayer money to distribute a large, slick hardcover **book celebrating homosexual marriage** titled “Courting Equality” into every school library in the state.

- **It’s become commonplace in Massachusetts schools for teachers to prominently display photos of their same-sex “spouses” and occasionally bring them to school functions.** Both high schools in my own town now have principals who are “married” to their same-sex partners, whom they bring to school and introduce to the students.
- **“Gay days” in schools are considered necessary** to fight “intolerance” which may exist against same-sex relationships. Hundreds of high schools and even middle schools across the state now hold “gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender appreciation days”. They “celebrate” homosexual marriage and move forward to other behaviors such as cross-dressing and transsexuality. In my own town, a school committee member recently announced that combating “homophobia” is now a top priority.

Once homosexuality has been normalized, all boundaries will come down. The schools are already moving on to normalizing transgenderism (including cross-dressing and sex changes). The state-funded *Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth* includes leaders who are transsexuals.

### **Public health**

- **The Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health** is “married” to another man. In 2007 he told a crowd of kids at a state-sponsored youth event that it’s “wonderful being gay” and he wants to make sure there’s enough HIV testing available for all of them.
- Since homosexual marriage became “legal” the **rates of HIV / AIDS have gone up considerably in Massachusetts.** This year public funding to deal with HIV/AIDS has risen by \$500,000.
- Citing “the right to marry” as one of the “important challenges” in a place where “it’s a great time to be gay”, **the Massachusetts Department of Public Health helped produce *The Little Black Book, Queer in the 21st Century***, a hideous work of obscene pornography which was given to kids at Brookline High School on April 30, 2005. Among other things, it gives “tips” to boys on how to perform oral sex on other males, masturbate other males, and how to “safely” have someone urinate on you for sexual pleasure. It also included a directory of bars in Boston where young men meet for anonymous sex.

### **Domestic violence**

- Given the extreme dysfunctional nature of homosexual relationships, the Massachusetts Legislature has felt the need to **spend more money every year to deal with skyrocketing homosexual**

**domestic violence.** This year \$350,000 was budgeted, up \$100,000 from last year.

### **Business**

- **All insurance in Massachusetts** must now recognize same-sex “married” couples in their coverage. This includes auto insurance, health insurance, life insurance, etc.
- Businesses must recognize same-sex “married” couples in **all their benefits, activities, etc.**, regarding both employees and customers.
- **The wedding industry is required serve the homosexual community** if requested. Wedding photographers, halls, caterers, etc., must do same-sex marriages or be arrested for discrimination.
- **Businesses are often “tested” for tolerance by homosexual activists.** Groups of homosexual activists often go into restaurants or bars and publicly kiss and fondle each other to test whether the establishment demonstrates sufficient “equality” — now that homosexual marriage is “legal”. In fact, more and more overt displays of homosexual affection are seen in public places across the state to reinforce “marriage equality”.

### **Legal profession**

- **The Massachusetts Bar Exam now tests lawyers on their knowledge of same-sex “marriage” issues.** In 2007, a Boston man, Stephen Dunne, failed the Massachusetts bar exam because he refused to answer the questions in it about homosexual marriage.
- Issues regarding homosexual “families” are now firmly entrenched in the Massachusetts legal system. In many firms, lawyers in Massachusetts practicing family law **must now attend seminars on homosexual “marriage”**. There are also now several homosexual judges overseeing the Massachusetts family courts.

### **Adoption of children to homosexual “married” couples**

- **Homosexual “married” couples can now demand to be able to adopt children** the same as normal couples. *Catholic Charities* decided to abandon handling adoptions rather submit to regulations requiring them to allow homosexuals to adopt the children in their care.
- **In 2006 the Massachusetts Department of Social Services (DSS) honored two men “married” to each other as their “Parents of the Year”**. The men already adopted a baby through DSS (against the wishes of the baby’s birth parents). According to news reports, the day after that adoption was final DSS approached the men about adopting a second child. Homosexuals now appear to be put in line for adopting children ahead of heterosexual parents by state agencies in Massachusetts.

### **Government mandates**

- **In 2004, Governor Mitt Romney ordered Justices of the Peace to perform homosexual marriages when requested or be fired.** At least one Justice of the Peace decided to resign.
- Also thanks to Gov. Romney, **marriage licenses in Massachusetts now have “Party A and Party B” instead of “husband and wife.”** Romney did not have a legal requirement to do this; he did it on his own. (See more on this below.)
- Since homosexual relationships are now officially “normal”, **the Legislature now gives enormous tax money to homosexual activist groups.** In particular, the Massachusetts Commission on Gay

Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Youth is made up of the most radical and militant homosexual groups which target children in the schools. This year they are getting \$700,000 of taxpayer money to go into the public schools.

- **In 2008 Massachusetts changed the state Medicare laws** to include homosexual “married” couples in the coverage.

### **The public square**

- Since gay “marriage”, **annual gay pride parades** have become more prominent. There are more politicians and corporations participating, and even police organizations take part. **And the envelope gets pushed further and further.** There is now a profane “Dyke March” through downtown Boston, and recently a “transgender” parade in Northampton that included bare-chested women who have had their breasts surgically removed so they could “become” men. Governor Patrick even marched with his “out lesbian” 17-year old daughter in the 2008 Boston Pride event, right behind a “leather” group brandishing a black & blue flag, whips and chains!

### **The media**

- Boston media, particularly the Boston Globe newspaper, regularly does **feature stories and news stories portraying homosexual “married” couples where regular married couples would normally be used.** It’s “equal”, they insist, so there must be no difference in the coverage. Also, the **newspaper advice columns** now deal with homosexual “marriage” issues, and how to properly accept it.
- **A growing number of news reporters and TV anchors** are openly “married” homosexuals who march in the “gay pride” parades.

### **Is gay marriage actually legal in Massachusetts?**

Like everywhere else in America, the imposition of same-sex marriage on the people of Massachusetts was a combination of radical, arrogant judges and pitifully cowardly politicians.

The Goodridge ruling resulted in a complete cave-in by politicians of both parties on this issue. Same-sex “marriage” is still illegal in Massachusetts. On November 18, 2003 the court merely ruled that it was unconstitutional not to allow it, and gave the Legislature six months to “take such action as it may deem appropriate.” Note that the Massachusetts Constitution strongly denies courts the power to make or change laws, or from ordering the other branches to take any action. The constitution effectively bans “judicial review” – a court changing or nullifying a law. Thus, the court did not order anything to happen; it simply rendered an opinion on that specific case. And the Legislature did nothing. The marriage statutes were never changed. However, against the advice of many, Gov. Romney took it upon himself to alter the state's marriage licenses to say “Party A and Party B” and order officials to perform same-sex “weddings” if asked, though he had no legal obligation to do so. Technically, same-sex marriages are still illegal in Massachusetts.

Nevertheless, we are having to live with it. And furthermore, this abdication of their proper constitutional roles by the Legislature and Governor has caused a domino effect as “copycat” rulings have been issued in California and Connecticut, with other states fearful it will happen there.

### **In conclusion**

Homosexual “marriage” hangs over society like a hammer with the force of law. And it’s only just begun.

It’s pretty clear that the homosexual movement’s obsession with marriage is not because large numbers of

them actually want to marry each other. Research shows that homosexual relationships are fundamentally dysfunctional on many levels, and “marriage” as we know it isn’t something they can achieve, or even desire. (In fact, over the last three months, the *Sunday Boston Globe’s* marriage section hasn’t had any photos of homosexual marriages. In the beginning it was full of them.) This is about putting the legal stamp of approval on homosexuality and imposing it with force throughout the various social and political institutions of a society that would never accept it otherwise. To the rest of America: You've been forewarned.

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**From:** TED NAKAGAWA [naktwice@msn.com]  
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**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1

Testifier: Ted Nakagawa  
Bill Number and Title: HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions  
Committee: Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee  
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.  
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**SUBJECT LINE: STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1**

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Sincerely,  
Ted Nakagawa  
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**Subject:** HB444 HD1 Civil Unions

**LATE**

Testifier: Jan Nakagawa  
Bill Number and Title: HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions  
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**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Support for House Bill 444 - Civil Unions

**LATE**

HB 444 HD1 Feb. 24 at 9 am Senate Judiciary and Gov't Operations  
KipuKai Kuali`i Submitted by e-mail to: [JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee:

My name is KipuKai Kuali`i and I'm writing to express my support for House Bill 444 - Civil Unions. I represent Na Kama`aina `Ohana and my entire Kuali`i `Ohana here on Kaua`i.

This bill is simply about fairness and equality. It's about creating a law that allows for equal civil rights and nothing to do with limiting the religious freedoms of anyone or changing the curriculum in any of our schools.

In a free country, every citizen needs to be protected from basic discrimination especially from our own government. Citizens should be treated equally under the law as required by our Constitution. HB444 extends the same rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union.

The silent majority in Hawai`i is made up of fair-minded citizens that understand Civil Unions is about equal civil rights under the law. Basic rights regarding two people who love and/or care for each other being able to share their lives (their property, their responsibilities, their benefits and so on) in our society legally.

Yes, we can have equal civil rights with "Civil Unions" and still have free speech and freedom of religion for everyone. And, no one is being asked to change their beliefs or values by this long overdue law that only corrects an injustice in our legal civil society and does nothing else.

My partner and I have been together for 10 years and moved home to Kaua`i from Washington, DC eight years ago. While we were pleased to see that Hawai`i had a "Reciprocal Beneficiary Relationship" registration, we were disappointed to see that many of the rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities were not covered including Community Property, Joint Adoption, Health Insurance Benefits, Joint Tax Returns, Judicial Dissolution, Spousal Support and Legal Privileges.

We will make our home and spend the rest of our lives here on Kaua`i. The quality of our lives can be so much better if this unfair and unjust unequal treatment is ended once and for all.

Civil unions are supported by the majority of the public, President Obama and the majority of the Hawaii House of Representatives.

Equal treatment for same-sex couples is the civil rights issue of this generation. I ask that you come down on the "right & just" side of this and support HB444. I appreciate your careful consideration.

Mahalo nui loa,  
KipuKai Kuali`i PO Box 662061 Lihu`e, HI 96766

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**From:** Steve Lauryn, dba: Koa Moon Imports [lauryn@koamoon.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 7:17 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** civil unions

**LATE**

I support civil unions, in the interests of fairness to individuals who chose committed cohabitation (however I am opposed to gay marriage, which I believe is an institution created for a man and wife).

Steve Lauryn, HI. resident 21 yrs  
Koloa, HI

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**From:** David Ubaldo [dubaldo0831@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 9:13 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** testimony

**LATE**

To: SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
Re: HB444, Public Hearing February 24, 2009 at 9am  
From: David D. Ubaldo

Regarding HB444, I wish to state that I oppose such a bill. The family structure cannot be substituted by such an "alternative lifestyle." Allowing similar rights to same-sex couples as heterosexual couples under the institution of "marriage," although the term, "civil union" is used, jeopardizes the family structure and would only confuse our children of future generations. Society as we know will change dramatically. People would need to look over their shoulders more closely for fear of feeling "indecent" and "exposed" to sexual expressions that are unwanted. Although the heterosexual community still lives under such "fear" too, this "alternative lifestyle" of homosexuality will expand the "uneasiness" in society.

I have seen how the gay/lesbian lifestyle has been displayed both publicly and in the media such as the news, TV shows, movies, and know some people involve in this lifestyle. Although there are very few that seem "decent" or respectable, the various displays of affection have been rather careless. Granted even heterosexual displays of affection are not considered "decent" or respectable, but I cannot help but believe that there is a hidden theme underlining homosexuality, one of which is "Feels good, then it must be right. Why don't you try it?", as I have been approached by several gay men. There is a danger here in that heterosexual people too have been approached by gay/lesbians, hoping that they too will "feel good" sharing the affection of homosexuals. The "conversion" and "taunting" of heterosexuals by homosexuals is uninviting. I am sure that there are also heterosexuals too that try to "convert" and "taunt" homosexuals.

However, with respect to family and children, granting civil unions to homosexuals as an "institution" is not an option. Society will not be the same because this will unleash many more legal issues as well as social issues that tear at the heart of family and society. This lifestyle is threatening because of the possible consequences that have been seen in the other states that have passed such a bill. Legalizing homosexual unions as an institution will place an even greater burden on society by opening doors in areas that is uninviting. If same sex couples want to same rights as married heterosexual couples, what's to stop them from pursuing other areas of interest that affects the majority of society? If they choose or they say, was born into that lifestyle, that does not mean it is right for them to expose this lifestyle to us and our children. We have a right to teach our children values that will promote their well-being and not confuse them. Especially children, the concept of "What feels good is right" should not be imposed on them.

Thank you for your time.....

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Dave Ubaldo

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**From:** Sally McDermott [salgal60@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 9:20 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** In support of HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

**LATE**

**Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations Auditorium  
Tuesday, February 24, 2009 9 AM**

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

I am writing this letter in strong support of H.B.444 HD 1 Relating to Civil Unions. Why should gay and lesbian couples in our state not be treated equally under the law?

Hawaii has been a leader in championing civil rights and diversity over the years; with President Obama now in the office of President of the United States, our state needs to continue to support the civil rights of all individuals and not to pull backwards and deny our fellow citizens the rights and protections which the majority of us enjoy.

I am a married mother and grandmother, 74 years old, and I believe strongly that committed and loving gay and lesbian couples in our community deserve the same rights that my husband and I enjoy. **Please vote to reaffirm Hawaii's open and accepting spirit and to grant all of our citizens equal rights and protections.**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak my mind and to support this important piece of legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah S. McDermott

Sarah S. McDermott  
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Honolulu, HI 96821  
Tel (808) 218-7451

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**From:** Melody Watson [melodybe@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 9:20 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Support for civil unions

**LATE**

Hello, I would just like to voice my support for civil unions. As an anthropologist, I would love to inform you that there are plenty of religions that recognize gay marriage. The majority of Native American religion not only recognize gay marriage but treated gay people as a go-between to help men and women communicate. It is sad that the religious argument for gay marriage has been so completely overshadowed by right wing zealots. Please do not let ignorance of various religions be used to keep gay people from what should be their god given rights.

Thank you,  
Melody Watson

**LATE**

February 23, 2009

THE SENATE

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine, and members of the committee:

**I am in strong support of HB 444** because this is a bill about civil issues and not religious ones. This decision should be made outside of the context of religions and religious beliefs, especially since passage of this bill will do nothing to change any religious practices observed today.

This bill is not about marriage. That matter was settled a long time ago. This bill is about equality and social justice. This matter is not about whether the majority can clobber the minority with a public vote. It is about whether the legislature, our civic body, can defend the rights of all individuals and create laws to protect those rights.

WHY RELIGION IS NOT THE VOICE OF REASON

I refresh your memories of the ten commandments:

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not worship idols.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember to keep the Sabbath holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor (lie).
10. You shall not covet your neighbors' house nor anything that is your neighbor's

While these commandments are at the core of religious faith and duty, these are people the church has no problem blessing in holy matrimony:

1. Criminals, felons
2. Thieves
3. Liars and cheaters
4. Adulterers, womanizers, rapists
5. Prostitutes and pimps
6. Child molesters
7. People who cuss, swear and use profanity
8. People who are insanely jealous of their neighbors or what they have
9. People who hate their parents
10. People who believe in other gods
11. People who don't believe in any god
12. People who don't go to church and don't have any religious beliefs
13. People who drink and gamble in Las Vegas on Sunday
14. People who think God jokes and Pearly Gate jokes are hysterical

Churches marry thousands of people every day across the country and turn a blind to whether they have kept the commandments. Many of them have committed violations of the Commandments repeatedly, or have committed multiple violations, or have committed multiple violations repeatedly.

It seems the church has little respect for the Ten Commandments, even though they are God's word and fundamental to Christian religious faith and law. The church has no problem marrying people who have violated both civil and religious laws just so long as one is a man and one is a woman.

#### THE CHURCH HAS SOME SERIOUS HOUSE CLEANING TO DO FIRST

Before the church protests the Civil union of two men or two women, it needs to do a much better job of preserving the marriages it performs. Within 5 years of the wedding ceremony, 50% of marriages have ended in divorce or are seriously heading there. That is a terrible track record for a sanctified act of the church. Where is the church's protest against failing marriages, or marriages of convenience, or child abuse and domestic violence within marriages, or a hundred other outcomes of the marriages they have performed. Where is their responsibility? What is the strength of their unions? If marriage is sacred, shouldn't the church be a better steward of the people they join in holy matrimony? A 50% divorce rate is disgraceful. The church protesting a civil unions bill is like a business that fails at 50% of its projects telling us how to run our businesses.

Before the church decides who SHOULDN'T marry, they should look within, at the people they DO marry. There is a lot of cleaning up that has to be done before loudly proclaiming what a wonderful and holy institution marriage is. If the criterion is that one person is a man and the other a woman, that is a low standard indeed. I could understand the protest if the church had a 90% marriage success rate, or even a 75% success rate. Anyone who can't keep his house together shouldn't be telling others that they can't build their own houses.

## WHAT CIVIL UNIONS WILL DO

Civil unions will insure that all citizens are treated fairly and equally under the law. It grants rights to committed couples whether they are one man and one woman, or two men, or two women. It will provide the same or similar benefits and protections to same-sex partners that heterosexual married couples take for granted.

## WHAT CIVIL UNION WILL NOT DO

Civil unions will not change current marriage laws. Civil unions will not infringe on the beliefs and practices of the church nor affect the rights and benefits of married couples that exist today. Any church or any clergyman can refuse to perform civil unions. Marriages between one man and one woman can go on as before. Civil unions will not intrude into church philosophy or doctrines.

Hawaii is not a church state. Your responsibility as legislators is to represent the interests of all of your constituents, not only those with whom you align ideologically. Representation means that you uphold the civil rights of all of your constituents; that you seek fairness in all things; that you understand the principle of the separation of church and state; and especially that you first DO NO HARM. By your silence or by your objection to civil unions, you do incredible harm...every day...to hundreds of your own constituents, people who voted for you because they had faith in YOU.

## SUMMARY

When I was a young boy, I believed the church stood for understanding, tolerance, acceptance, compassion, and especially love. In time I saw that, in practice, it falters in these goals. The church craves religious freedoms while actively protesting the freedoms sought by others based on their beliefs. The Bible didn't teach me hypocrisy. The church did.

Please pass HB 444 as a demonstration of your commitment to serve the general public and extend equal rights to everyone. The church is but one voice. We wait to hear your voice.

Gary Saito  
98-1827C Kaahumanu St.  
Aiea, HI 96701

**LATE**

## **Testimony in Strong Support of HB 444 HD 1**

Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee  
February 24, 2009, 9 a.m.  
Hawai'i State Capitol Auditorium

Measure Title:  
RELATING TO CIVIL UNIONS

Description:

Extends the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union.

To: Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Sen. Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice-Chair  
Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee Members:  
Sen. Robert Bunda, Sen. Mike Gabbard, Sen. Clarence Nishihara,  
Sen. Sam Slom

From: Charlene Cuaresma, Private Citizen  
728 Nunu St.  
Kailua, HI 96734

My name is Charlene Cuaresma. I submit this testimony to strongly support this bill. With the privileges that come with being a heterosexual woman, married to a heterosexual man, I am dismayed that my other family members, friends, and others in our Aloha State are being denied their civil rights, legal rights, and privileges that are unjustly conferred only to those of married couples like me.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this bill. I encourage you to please use your legislative powers to protect all people, not just a few.

Very Sincerely,

Charlene Cuaresma  
Private Citizen

# Filipino American Citizens League

Jake Manegdeg, President  
P. O. Box 270126 \* Honolulu, Hawai'i 96827

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 444 HD 1**  
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Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Sen. Sam Slom

From: Jake Manegdeg, President, Filipino American Citizens League

My name is Jake Manegdeg. I am the president of the Filipino American Citizens League. The Filipino American Citizens League was formed over ten years ago to contribute to the advancement of civil rights and social justice for minority groups, underserved populations, and vulnerable communities through education, advocacy, and social action.

I submit this testimony to strongly support this bill. As a former legislator, father, and grandfather, and church-going community member, I believe, as does our Hawai'i-born President Barack Obama, that our nation and Hawai'i State Legislature, need to support full civil unions that give same-sex couples legal rights and privileges equal to those of married couples.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this bill. I urge you to shepherd this most important civil rights issue to its safe passage. In this day and age, isn't it time to do the right thing?

Very Sincerely,

Jake Manegdeg  
President, Filipino American Citizens League

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From: Agnes Malate, Filipinos for Affirmative Action

My name is Agnes Malate. As a member of Filipinos for Affirmative Action, a proponent of civil rights, I submit strong support for HB 444.

We believe that equal rights and responsibilities should be granted to all couples without gender-based discrimination.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes Malate

**LATE**

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From: Nicki Garces, Private Citizen  
2027 Wilcox Ln. #105, Honolulu, HI 96819

My name is Nicki Garces. I submit this testimony to strongly support this bill. I work in the legal department of a local union, and have a masters degree in political science. While I understand and respect various views of religious institutions on this issue, granting equal rights through civil unions in no way impacts marriage. The U.S. Constitution protects the freedom of religious communities to define marriage according to their respective belief systems. However, I ask lawmakers to please be clear in separating Church and State when deliberating equal protections under the law.

Thank you for having the political courage to hear this bill. All citizens of Hawai'i depend on your vigilance toward civil rights to pass this landmark legislation.

Very Sincerely,

Nicki Garces  
Private Citizen

**LATE**

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Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Sen. Sam Slom

From: Helena Manzano, Private Citizen  
2631 Namauu Drive  
Honolulu, HI 96817

My name is Helena Manzano. I have worked as a social worker for systems changes to ensure civil rights protections for underserved populations for nearly 20 years in California and Hawai'i. I submit this testimony to strongly support this bill.

We are fortunate that President Barack Obama is in support of full civil unions that give same-sex couples legal rights and privileges equal to those of married couples.

I hope that Hawai'i's lawmakers will see the wisdom and jurisprudence in protecting the civil rights of all people.

Very Sincerely,

Helena Manzano, MSW  
Private Citizen



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## TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 444 HD 1

Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee

February 24, 2009, 9 a.m.

Hawai'i State Legislature | Hawai'i State Capitol Auditorium

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To: Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair

Sen. Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice-Chair

Senate Judiciary and Government Operations

Committee Members: Sen. Robert Bunda, Sen. Mike

Gabbard, Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Sen. Sam Slom

From: Beatrice Ramos-Razon, RN, FACDONA

President, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc. (NAMI)

My name is Beatrice Ramos Razon. As the founder and president of NAMI (Nursing Advocates & Mentors, Inc.), we are in strong support of this bill. NAMI's membership is comprised of over 75 volunteer nurses, instructors, allied health care professionals, and Filipino leaders, who are dedicated to improve the health of Hawai'i's people by addressing not only a statewide, but worldwide nursing shortage through the training and mentoring of foreign medical graduate nurses, many of whom come from underprivileged backgrounds, to pass Hawai'i's nurses board exams.

As professional nurses, we are committed by oath to serve all people, and to advocate for the civil rights of all people. As nurses, we have the ethical obligation and intellectual duty to discern our personal beliefs that may differ from that of the general public, and not let that impede us from providing health care services to all who need it. Likewise, when it comes to legislative matters, I hope that you, our lawmakers, will discern the same to protect the civil rights of all people, and not discriminate who is, and who is not entitled, to the rights and privileges of couples.

Please vote yes to this civil union bill. Thank you for hearing this important bill, and for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Ramos-Razon, RN, FACDONA  
President,, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc.

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**From:** Allen, paul [USA] [allen\_paul@bah.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 9:30 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** FW: Testimony against HB 444

**LATE**

To Senate Judiciary Committee; 9:00 AM hearing on 24 Feb 09, to discuss Measure # HB 444.

I strongly disagree with the proposed measure HB 444. Our elected officials' attempt to try and secretly slide this measure through the House and Senate without listening to the voices of Hawaii voters who have previously overwhelmingly voiced their opposition to civil union's being granted equal status with traditional marriages is very disappointing and most unethical. But this attempt to grant "special" privileges not equal privileges, in a behind the scenes political deal with a vocal minority, is unsatisfactory and shows your disrespect for the people who elected each of you to office. I am especially disappointed with Senator Colleen Hanabusa and her questionable leadership in championing this measure.

Your continued efforts to ignore the voices of a majority of Hawaii voters, attempting to force us to accept a state policy based on your own personal preferences rather than that of the people that put you in office will prove to be a huge miscalculation.

Your vote on this important measure will determine how thousands of Hawaii pro traditional marriage and family voters cast their vote for your re-election. Sincerely, Paul Allen

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**From:** PRYNCE MUSSELL [pamusell@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 9:30 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony to Stop HB 444

**LATE**

Stop HB 444  
Testimony against Bill  
Tuesday, Feb 24, 2009 @ 9:00 am

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee:

2/23/09

I am writing to express my concern that the State Legislature is considering overturning the will of the people of Hawaii. HB 444 is not a good bill as written, and will only cause this state future unrest and confusion. Please table this bill until it can be properly considered and written. Hasty, backdoor, political lawmaking is not in the best interest of this state, and is not what we the people elect and pay our representatives to do. You are better than this type of underhanded political maneuvering. Please reconsider and be the leader we have chosen to place in this office. I have lived in this wonderful state for over 20 years, am currently raising 6 of my 7 remaining children here and want only the best for this state. Lets all work together to make sure this state remains a great place for all its citizens and get this right.

Thank you for hearing my view point and considering the import of the decision that you are making on the future of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Prynce Mussell/ Voter, Father, Business owner, community volunteer, concerned citizen.

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**From:** Clayton Young [clcdyoung@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 9:38 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong Opposition To HB 4441 Civil Union

**LATE**

**Dear Senators of the Senate Judiciary Committee,**

Thank you for representing the people of the State of Hawaii. I am strongly opposed to the Civil Union HB 444 Bill. It is my strongest desire that it would be killed in your committee for the following reasons:

**Health:**

It has been statistically proven that diseases such as AIDS and others have originated and spread from sexual contact among homosexual lifestyles.

**Biology:**

As a former HS Biology Teacher in the State DOE for 18 years, we taught that the male/female anatomy was designed for each other. I would not want to see Biology curriculum taught otherwise. How would you explain same-sex anatomy, reproduction, in a same sex society?

**Biblically:**

The Bible makes it clear that God created male and female distinctly. God instituted marriage as defined between one man and one woman. God designed marriage for procreation. (homosexual lifestyles would lead to an end to the human race). God designed the Family as the basic unit of society. The Bible makes it clear that homosexual lifestyles are an abomination to God and societies have been judged in Biblical History.

**Socially:**

I would not want my kids or grandkids showering in PE while their same sex teacher was getting "turned-on" watching them, much less influencing them into that kind of lifestyle.

**Legally:**

There would be more lawsuits in the State of Hawaii due to people fighting for rights and offenses related to this new lifestyle.

**Family:**

As a traditional family member, it would be confusing to my children being raised in this kind of society.

In Closing, the people of Hawaii have already voted in 1998 to shut down same-sex marriage in Hawaii. Thousands have rallied on Sunday February 22, 2009 at the Hawaii State Capitol to let their voices be heard. (As opposed to approximately 40 people rallying in favor of this bill on Monday February 23, 2009 at the State Capitol) The people of Hawaii are paying keen attention specifically towards how our Representatives and Senators vote on this issue. Please hear our concerns and do what is best for the people of the State of Hawaii for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Clayton Young

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**From:** Mary Ann Lopes [alohawahine@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 9:36 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** OPPOSITION TO BILL 444

**LATE**

Dear Members of the Senate JGO Committee-

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 444 Relating to the establishment of Civil Unions.

You were elected to serve the people's will. And the people's will has been explicitly stated on this issue when in 1998 a clear majority voted to retain the "one man-one woman" definition of marriage that has held for millennia.

This is not an issue of equality, as even those in favor of the bill will acknowledge that the legal rights purportedly denied them are already available to same-sex couples through Hawaii's reciprocal beneficiary law. No, be assured that the aim of this bill is to redefine marriage to include not only same-sex couples but also any other behavior-based group that desires civil approval of their lifestyle choice. Can others who practice currently unacceptable sex-based behavior be far behind in their demand for "equal rights" and for their right to "marry" the ones with whom they practice their preferred behavior?

This bill is a legislative endorsement of sex-partner civil unions as on par with sex-partner marriage. Please do not shred the definition of marriage to include any people who practice sexually-based behavior who express their desire to call themselves "married".

Again, you have a solemn responsibility to serve your constituents and the generations to come in the decisions you make. **Please vote NO on HB444 HD1**, as it seeks to establish a ruinous precedent in granting special legal protection and benefits based on sexual preferences and behaviors.

Registered Voter,

Mary Ann Lopes  
Kailua

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**From:** Roy Hanohano [Hanox2@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 9:38 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444

**LATE**

To: SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM - STATE CAPITOL AUDITORIUM

FOR HB 444, HD1

Dear Chair Brian Taniguchi and committee members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 444 HD 1. The people of Hawaii have already voted their clear intentions that marriage is between a man and a woman. Hawaii's reciprocal beneficiary law

already provides for equal civil rights for same sex partners. If you pass this bill, you will be turning a deaf ear to the people of Hawaii and ignoring what they voted for. It would be a travesty to our democratic

process. I urge you to at least consider all the ramifications that may come about if this bill is passed. Please look at how similar laws have affected other states. Please don't make a rushed decision that could

affect generations to come with dire consequences. I humbly ask you to represent the will of Hawaii's people.

PLEASE VOTE AGAINST HB 444.

Thank you,

Roy K. Hanohano

41-333 Waiiokeola St.

Ph : 239-4930

February, 23, 2009

**LATE**

THE SENATE

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine, and members of the committee:

I am writing to you to voice my **strong support of HB 444**.

This is a civil rights issue bill, not a religious one. The government takes taxes from homosexuals; it should grant them the same rights as heterosexuals, regardless of what those in government hold as their private religious beliefs.

Don't let anybody tell you that civil union is marriage by another name. If they think it's the same thing as marriage, I invite them to swap their marriage licenses for a civil union certificate and see if they feel it's truly the same. Or better yet, let any married couple that is in opposition to this bill swap their marriage license for a reciprocal beneficiary license and they will find out how many of their rights are lost.

Please pass HB 444 out of committee.

Gerald C. Simmons  
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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: TIFFANY PESTANA-BREAUX  
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E-mail: [biyoushi@hotmail.com](mailto:biyoushi@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/23/2009

**Comments:**

I am in GREAT opposition to the civil rights union that is trying to be passed here in Hawaii! I STRONGLY OBJECT TO SAME SEX MARRIGE/UNIONS!!!

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**From:** LCM2 [lcm@lava.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 9:55 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** FW: STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1

**LATE**

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I hope you will accept this testimony in spite of the technical error.

Thank you very much.

Very Respectfully,  
Janelle Dryden

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**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 4:01 PM  
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**Subject:** STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1

Testifier: Janelle Dryden, Director of Lutheran Campus Ministry at UH Manoa  
Bill Number and Title: HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions  
Committee: Senate Judiciary & Government Operations  
Hearing Date: February 24, 2009  
Hearing Time: 9 AM  
Hearing Location: Capitol Auditorium

SUBJECT LINE: STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opposition to this bill. I urge you not to pass this bill for many reasons. As a person in a counseling position, I have dealt with homosexuality and adultery in young adults for many years, 23 to be exact. I have never sought them out. The Lord has brought them to me. I have loved, listened and prayed for so many different situations and have watched with wonder at how God makes such a strong effort to reach those who are willing to confess their sin and CALL OUT TO HIM for strength to get out of these destructive lifestyle choices. God is not limited to time and space and is able to go back in time to heal hurts that affect people's self image and give them a NEW START! It's GOOD NEWS TO DA MAX! People are free to reject that help, but I have seen first hand the joy of "getting control again" of one's choices. There is a young man, David Foster, author of SEXUAL HEALING, who was a pastor's son, rejected God's call in his life and openly confesses to having been in a gay lifestyle and sleeping with over 1,000 men. He was in my office one day and wept as he shared the RELEASE God gave him. Now he gives seminars and they're wonderful!

Some quick points before I close:

God says NO to practicing homosexuality. That's totally clear. Those who say otherwise don't know their Bible. He promises to forgive those who sin, he checks our hearts, and if we confess our sin he forgives and forgets.

As Christians, we are to love the sinner, but hate the sin. Consequently, they are welcomed into churches to hear God's Word, to be healed and be saved. Christ died for all!

God will punish nations who deliberately disobey his commands. That too is abundantly clear in His Word. Contrarily, He blesses those nations who obey his Word! AS LAWMAKERS, YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE GOD AND WE THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII TO PASS LAWS THAT ARE IN

KEEPING WITH HIS WORD AND WHICH IN TURN PRESERVE MANKIND. I BEG YOU, PLEASE OPPOSE HB 444.

MAHALO!!!

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Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

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Submitted on: 2/23/2009

Comments:

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**From:** Steve Williams [hirealtor@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 9:55 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY FOR HB444 HD1, RELATING TO CIVIL UNIONS.

**LATE**

**Re:**  
**HB444**  
**HD1**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2009**

**DATE:**  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Auditorium  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

To Whom it May Concern,

Inasmuch as the very first sentences of HB444 HD1 make it very clear that there will be no substantial difference between the "civil unions" described therein and same-sex marriage, and given the fact that the people of Hawaii voted about 70% AGAINST same-sex marriage when it was put to a public vote, the legislators of Hawaii have a duty to reject this bill.

The definition of marriage predates Hawaii and the United States of America, and has existed for thousands of years being understood as the public monogamous commitment between one man and one woman. The authors of both Hawaii's State Constitution and the U.S. Consitution did not intend for a "right" of same-sex marriage or "civil unions" to be acknowledged in either document, or else they would have expressly written it in. The idea that it is a "right" is no more valid than my imagining that my day-trading is a "charity", and ought to be tax-exempt. Why can't we re-define day-trading as a "charity", or as "non-taxable child support"? Because the roughly 2% of the population who thinks that would be a good idea don't get to make everyone else change the landscape to cater to their whims. The same goes for "civil unions".

Homosexual activists promote the "gay agenda" with the suggestion that homosexuality is genetic. The first problem for the theory of genetic homosexuality is captured in the following question: "If gay genes exist, how would they perpetuate?" Homosexuals generally don't produce offspring, so they don't propagate their DNA. If a gay gene existed, there would be no means for it to replicate, and therefore it would not be able to survive through history. The idea that homosexuality is genetic, is in fact, self-refuting.

The second problem is captured in the question: "Why would homosexuals have heterosexual reproductive equipment?" Male and female reproductive systems don't just "sort of" match; they are beautifully and wonderfully created to harmonize together in a way that screams "design!". The

specified and irreducible complexity of all the component parts and systems that make up these systems did not happen by chance—they appear to be custom-made for man and woman to "become one flesh".

By contrast, male homosexual behavior is terribly unhealthy for the human body in numerous ways, and the lessened lifespan of homosexuals testifies to this. According to LAPD statistics, the average male homosexual has over 300 partners per year,

- A Kinsey Institute study found that almost 80% of homosexual men reported that over half of their sex partners were complete strangers.

- results in a large number of diseases and disorders far less common among heterosexual partners, including fecal incontinence, anal cancer, chlamydia trachomatis, cryptosporidium, giardia lamblia, herpes simplex virus, HIV, human papilloma virus, isospora belli, microsporidia, Gonorrhoea, Syphilis, etc.

- The average age of death report in gay periodical obituaries is 42 years old, with only 9% of homosexuals reaching age 65.

- Infidelity among male homosexuals is approximately 95%.

Now, some might argue "but they didn't choose their sexual orientation." However, there is a hidden premise in this objection. That hidden premise is "if one has a particular type of desire (lust), that particular type of lust must have a biological root." This premise is false. Consider all of the depraved act that some people commit, like bestiality. Does that have a biological root? The author Hunter S. Thompson once wrote about attempting to have sex with a piece of furniture. Did that have a biological root? A man was recently arrested in Europe because he was caught having sex with a bicycle in a hostel. Did that have a biological root? Obviously not. While environment may be a factor, people DO have some influence over the direction of their sexual inclinations. The fact that there are some individuals who were once homosexual, but who have changed their orientation to heterosexual provide further evidence of this.

Another piece of evidence against the notion of biological homosexuality is found in twin studies. In these studies, identical twins with exactly the same DNA (identical genetics) were studied in terms of their sexual orientation. In many cases, one of the twins would turn out to be heterosexual, and the other homosexual. This happened both when they were raised in proximity to each other, and when they were not, thus showing again that we have a primal influence over our own sexuality.

The case against "civil unions" does not *depend* on the Bible, but for those with respect for it, quite a few verses from both the Old and New Testaments show God's position on this issue clearly. Genesis 19, Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13, Deuteronomy 23:17, Judges 19:14-29, 1 Kings 14:24, 15:12 and 22:46, 2 Kings 23:7, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 1 Timothy 1, and Jude 1:7 All of

these show that God does not approve of, nor did he create anyone with homosexuality. Jesus and the writers of the NT unanimously speak of, or list homosexuality as a “behavior” and not a “condition”. Being a widow or an orphan, or one's gender or race, is a condition. Drunkenness, stealing, lying, etc. are behaviors. And it is with these that homosexuality is listed. Jesus clearly endorsed the Mosaic Law, and the Sodom and Gomorrah account of the judgment upon sin, so His position on this issue is quite clear.

The good people of Hawaii are not bigots, but they do care about the future they will leave for their children, and they ***will not*** look kindly on legislators who pass legislation that goes 180 degrees contrary to their stated viewpoint.

Thank you,

Steve Williams

Honolulu

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**From:** korey medeiros [ksmlandmanagement@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 10:03 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 444

**LATE**

HI MY NAME IS KOREY MEDEIROS MY HOME PHONE IS 808-937-5569 I AM THE OWNER OF WAIKII RANCH PHASE 11 AND THE OWNER OF ADVANCED FENCING I'M ALSO VERY INVOLVED WITH SURE FOUNDATION CHURCH AND MANY MORE BUSINESS AND PEOPLE AND I AM ASKING YOU NOT TO PASS THIS BILL HB 444

THANK YOU  
KOREY MEDEIROS

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**From:** burhl [qedosh@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 10:03 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** senate judiciary committe

**LATE**

what is wrong with you people?

dont u even care that people dont want this filth forced on them?

I am so sick of this. I cannot even watch my television without having homosexual scenes in everything. It is dispicable and a shame to our nation. What must the world think of us?

No wonder the muslim nations call us the great satan.

The filth we send into their nations over the airwaves has to be shocking to them. And now you people shove this down our throats ( no pun intended ) and we are all supose to be silent or be labled as bigots, and full of hate.

Not only that we are accused of dividing people with our religious intolerance, when it is you who are creating the division by by forcing all of us to accept something we find repulsive.

jim bond

Senate judiciary committe

hearing Febuary 24, 2009

9 am. Measure HB444

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**From:** Dana Hanohano [dhanohano@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 10:08 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong Opposition to HB 444, HD 1

**LATE**

**From:** Dana Hanohano  
41-333 Waikeola Street  
Waimanalo, HI 96795

**To:** Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee  
**Hearing Date & Time:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at State Capitol Auditorium  
**For:** HB 444, HD 1 (Relating to Civil Unions)

DEAR CHAIR BRIAN TANIGUCHI AND JGO COMMITTEE,

Please do not pass HB 444, HD 1 from your committee. In 1998, the people of Hawaii sent a CLEAR MESSAGE that marriage in Hawaii must remain between one man and one woman. Civil Unions are just another attempt to thwart the will of the people. It was already put up for vote, Hawaii voted against it already, why are the voices of the people not being heard? Why put it to vote if you are not going to listen to the people and what they vote for? In our hearts and in our minds, we affirm the overwhelming mandate of the vote in 1998. Society's stake in marriage is based upon the family and the need for its stability. It is the family that is the foundation of any civilization and of any community. Please do not devalue our long held traditions of marriage being between one man and one woman. It is one of the few unchanging TRUTHS that our young people can hold on to in this ever changing world. One of the obvious purposes of marriage, from time immemorial is the procreation and formation of children. Such procreation is not possible in a same sex union and therefore should not be given the dignity or protection as marriage. Our children will only know the value of marriage if the definition remains clear and consistent and not subject to the changing whims and legislation of man. Children grow best in a stable environment with a mother and a father. Although this is obviously not always possible, our laws should express the ideal structures that are best for children. For the sake of Hawaii's future and for the children of Hawaii, please vote no and do not pass HB 444, HD 1. I am a resident of Hawaii and ask that you represent the will of the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo nui,

Dana Hanohano

**LATE**

To: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair, Judiciary and Government Operations Committee  
Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair, Judiciary and Government Operations Committee  
Members, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

Fr: Trisha Y. Nakamura, Esq.  
PO Box 61619  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96839

Date: February 23, 2009  
Hrg: February 24, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Re: **Strong Support for HB 444 HD 1**, Relating to Civil Unions

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Simply put, this is the right thing to do.

This measure is not about religion. This measure should not be about fear. This measure is about fairness.

Please note my support of civil unions, and pass it out of committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 444 HD 1.

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**From:** Chris Colby [christine.colby@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 10:12 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

**LATE**

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Christine Colby and I am writing regarding the bill for civil unions. I am opposed to HB 444 and any other bill that would permit same -sex unions or marriage. I want to account for my opposition. I understand it will be discussed Tuesday, Feb 24, 2009.

1. This was already brought to a vote and at that time we voted against this, as well as the majority of voters in Hawaii.

2. I am most opposed to what I see and read about in the education areas regarding same sex unions. I do not think it is appropriate to be requiring children, pre-school and up, to have to learn about this. From what has happened in other states, we can see that the same would happen here if the bill passed.

Thank you for your service in Hawaii.

Christine Colby.

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**From:** LAURA Corbin [lacorbin@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 10:13 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support for HB 444 HD1, for Feb.24 at 9:00 AM

**LATE**

Aloha,

Thank you for hearing this important bill.

**I support HB 444 and the Civil Unions it creates.** I urge you as members of the Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee to pass this bill and courageously stand up for equality in Hawaii.

All people are equal under the law and should therefore enjoy the same rights and protections provided by our constitution, no matter their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. Counter to our state's constitution, committed same sex couples and their families are denied the basic rights and protections afforded married couples, including health care rights, property and housing rights, taxation and other benefits.

Civil Unions promote stable, healthy, and loving relationships and gives Hawaii the opportunity to protect all of our families.

**Discrimination does not have a place in our state.** We are fortunate to live in a state where many different peoples and cultures can not just coexist, but can work together to make Hawaii a unique and wonderful home. Therefore, I ask you to pass HB 444 creating Civil Unions and to promote the equality of all Hawaii's citizens.

Thank you,

Laura Corbin  
Kailua, HI

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**From:** George Wessberg [gwessberg51@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 10:16 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Re: Opposed to HB 444

**LATE**

To: Senate Judiciary Committee  
From: George Wessberg  
Hearing: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 9:00 AM  
Measure: HB 444

Dear Senators,

Regardless of my personal reasons for opposing HB 444 related to Civil Unions, you were elected to represent the people of Hawaii and approximately 70% of us recently voted against this issue. Please support our intentions and vote against HB 444.

George Wessberg  
2212 Halekoa Drive  
Honolulu, HI 96821

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**From:** Marywessberg@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 10:18 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Oppose HB 444

**LATE**

To: Senate Judiciary Committee  
From: Mary Wessberg  
Hearing: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 9:00 AM  
Measure: HB 444

Dear Senators,

Regardless of my personal reasons for opposing HB 444 related to Civil Unions, you were elected to represent the people of Hawaii and approximately 70% of us recently voted against this issue. Please support our intentions and vote against HB 444.

MaryWessberg  
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**Attachments:** I FULLY SUPPORT HB444 HD1.doc

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

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Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/23/2009

Comments:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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**I FULLY SUPPORT HB444 HD1**

To quote our founding fathers and everything our country was founded on...

“When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

Who are we to say that Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness are only available to heterosexual couples? If “all men are created equal” why are homosexual couples denied these rights? By denying them these “inalienable Rights” which open the Declaration of Independence, are the people of Hawaii announcing to the world that homosexuals are “unequal” somehow as

human beings? They may live their lives differently from the rest of us, but does that make them any less of a human being?

I have also heard the argument that “children thrive best in households with a mother and a father”. Ideally, mothers and fathers would live happily ever after like the Cleavers, but life simply isn’t a fairy tale like we grew up seeing on TV. What about the children of heterosexual parents who are victims of abuse in its many forms? I don’t think a situation such as that is in a child’s best interest. What is so wrong about two people of the same gender who share the same love for a child?

People argue that the child will be confused, etc. by the idea of having “two mommies” or “two daddies”. What is so different from the “hanai” or “calabash” family systems here in Hawaii where children are often raised by “aunties” or “uncles” or friends of the family rather than their birth parents? What is the most important thing for a child growing up? According to Abraham Maslow’s hierarchy of needs, aside from the basics for survival, a human being needs: safety and security, love and belonging, and esteem.

If a civil union can guarantee these inalienable rights to a homosexual couple and enable them to ensure the lives, liberties, and happiness of their children, I am in complete support of this bill. Yes, “marriage” has come to represent a religious rite and the institution associated with it, but when you deconstruct the history of the word, what does it come down to? “Marriage” is equivalent to a contract. Why can’t homosexual couples enter into a contract like any other couple, with terms of the agreement being to love and respect each other? Perhaps a religious contract of marriage is executed between a man and a woman, but isn’t the job of the government and the law to protect the rights and responsibilities of ALL CITIZENS? When we

*Shanon K. O. Sue*  
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choose to deny these CIVIL RIGHTS, are we fulfilling our responsibilities as citizens of these United States?

**"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, *with liberty and justice for all.*"**

Your fellow American,

*Shanon K. O. Sue*

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**From:** Awessberg@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 10:20 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Re: Oppose HB 444

**LATE**

To: Senate Judiciary Committee  
From: Amy Wessberg  
Hearing: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 9:00 AM  
Measure: HB 444

Dear Senators,

Regardless of my personal reasons for opposing HB 444 related to Civil Unions, you were elected to represent the people of Hawaii and approximately 70% of us recently voted against this issue. Please support our intentions and vote against HB 444.

Amy Wessberg  
2212 Halekoa Drive  
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**From:** Benjamin Konshak [kupaoa@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 10:20 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STRONG SUPPORT of HB444 hd1

**LATE**

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Co-Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
[JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)

**Re: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB444 hd1 (Civil Unions)**

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee:

My name is Benjamin Konshak, and I am a resident of Island of Hawai`i. I am writing because I **STRONGLY SUPPORT HB444.**

Please extend the legal rights to all committed couples in our island society regardless of their sexual orientation. Our island communities have a large diversity of people from many places, backgrounds and beliefs. Yet we all live within small footprints of land and personal inter-connected communities. Our strength is in including all of our people to solve problems and live our everyday lives. This bill is a good compromise to give much needed legal status to same sex couple for extremely important aspects of sharing a partnership like health insurance, medical rights and considerations that should be given to every spouse. This is a compromise from the full rights of marriage that is so opposed by fundamental Christian community.

Please accept this middle road to fix the injustice of committed same sex couples lacking basic spousal rights in Hawaii. Our State should be a beacon of inclusion; it's in our history and is critical to showing the world that we still have a little real "Aloha Spirit".

Sincerely,

Benjamin Konshak  
3 Puako Beach Drive #205  
Kamuela, HI 96743

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**From:** Aloha Staged Homes [alohastagedhomes@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 10:30 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** NO on HB 444

**LATE**

HB 444 represents such a small interest group and small percentage of Hawaii's population. I believe that this is just another tool for liberal Democrats to get the votes for staying power, and that those who have the power to kill this bill should indeed do so.

If those in power do not kill this bill, they will be risking the future of an entire society. One only needs to look at what happened to societies in Massachusetts. Senator Brian Taniguchi is deluded to think that HB 444 is about equal rights. For example, do Heterosexual people go around saying, "Look at me, I'm heterosexual. I want special rights?" No, they do not.

HB 444 is about a small percentage of the population of Hawaii undermining the good of society to further their own agenda. This is how socialism starts, communism, and totalitarianism. The power of very few imposing on many, the further social and moral decay of the fabric of what's good in our society, on family traditions, wholesome values.

Why would we want the children of Hawaii to be taught that gay and lesbian relationships are normal? These relationships are not normal. A man/man couple and a woman/woman couple cannot have a baby in the way that God has designed us to have babies.

We do not want to see gays, lesbians, homosexuals, parading around in public display. What they do in private is their business. So this is not about human rights, this is about imposing a small special interest group's views on their sexuality, which should be a private matter, upon the greater public who does not share their views nor wishes to see their sexual orientations displayed in public or taught in our schools.

The passing of HB 444 will be an insidious, regretful act of which those in favor will suffer its consequences for generations to come.

NO ON HB 444!

**LATE**

February, 23, 2009

THE SENATE

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Auditorium, State Capitol

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine, and members of the committee:

I am writing to you to voice my **strong support of HB 444**.

This is a civil rights issue bill, not a religious one. The government takes taxes from homosexuals; it should grant them the same rights as heterosexuals, regardless of what those in government hold as their private religious beliefs.

Don't let anybody tell you that civil union is marriage by another name. If they think it's the same thing as marriage, I invite them to swap their marriage licenses for a civil union certificate and see if they feel it's truly the same. Or better yet, let any married couple that is in opposition to this bill swap their marriage license for a reciprocal beneficiary license and they will find out how many of their rights are lost.

Please pass HB 444 out of committee.

Gerald C. Simmons  
98-1827 C Kaahumanu St.  
Aiea, HI 96701

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**From:** Mike Stangel [mikestangel@calvarychapel.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 10:09 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Aloha from Haleiwa, Bill #444

**LATE**

Monday, February 23, 2009

To: Senate Judiciary Committee Members

Pastor Mike Stangel

North Shore Christian Fellowship

66-437 Kamehameha Highway

Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712

808-637-6225

**Re: HB-444 HD1--PLEASE VOTE NO**

Aloha!

I attended the rally yesterday at our State Capital building. As I approached the building, I again saw that huge metal work of art, hanging in the front of the building, bearing our State Motto (in Hawaiian), "The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness." I concur wholeheartedly! I also believe the opposite is equally true: **"THE DEATH OF THE LAND IS GUARANTEED IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS."**

Let's not kid ourselves. We all know there is an agenda behind this bill. This is just the first step towards legalizing Same Sex Marriage. I believe this goes completely against what Hawaii's founding fathers meant by the term "righteousness."

Please hear the will of Hawaii's people. Please search the scriptures and see: passing this bill would be a huge mistake. Please take a stand for traditional marriage, which is one man married to one woman.

Mahalo for your time.

Sincerely,

Mike Stangel

*“May He grant you according to your heart’s desire,  
and fulfill all your purpose,” Psalm 20:4.*

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/23/2009

Comments:

I support civil unions and the important protections they provide for all families in Hawai'i. My partner and I have been together for several years and this bill would provide us and others with equal protection under the law. The bill's passage would be a step forward for Hawai'i and first class citizenship for us.

**LATE**

To: The Senate Judiciary Committee  
Regarding: HB 444  
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009

I am writing this testimony because I strongly oppose HB 444 for the following reasons:

1) Civil unions broaden the definition of the term “**family**”. The case for civil unions has been fueled by the idea that all domestic relationships are of equal social value and that our laws should not favor one over the other. This is problematic because history demonstrates that societies are not able to sustain themselves when they deviate from the standard of marriage between one man and one woman as the foundation of its society.

2) Over 30 years of scientific research has consistently shown that traditional marriage is of a greater social value than other domestic relationships. Scientific studies show that married couples benefit from substantially elevated levels of personal well-being, including physical and mental health, greater success and productivity in the workplace, higher levels of earnings and savings, greater sexual satisfaction, avoidance of serious disease as well as addictive and destructive behaviors, and greater educational attainment and college attendance. Similarly, children of stable, in-tact marriages have better outcomes than those raised in non-traditional families. Married adults and their children are less likely to have trouble with the law and are less likely to experience domestic violence that includes physical and sexual abuse.

The research does not indicate that adults and children of non-traditional families do as well in these important well-being measures. Thus, we can conclude that non-traditional families do not provide the kinds of rich societal benefits that the traditional marriage/family does. Therefore, they cannot be viewed as equal institutions.

3) Related to this, is the fact that laws are in place to ensure justice and to promote social well-being. Laws encourage certain behaviors among others because they promote or contribute to higher levels of social well-being. Marriage, as has been discussed, does just that. Laws have historically favored one group of people over others by encouraging one set of behavior over others. For example; public policy encourages behaviors that allow individuals access to institutional benefits such as homeownership, retirement benefits, Pell Grants for college, and job training. Conversely, public policy discourages other behaviors through heavy taxation on alcohol and tobacco use, and gasoline consumption. It is not that people who participate in such institutions are “better”, or that those who use such products are “bad”. It simply is that government has a compelling interest to encourage some behaviors and discourage others in the service of individual and societal well-being, and not because they are discriminative.

The voters of the State of Hawaii have already demonstrated, by a 70% majority,

that they believe marriage is between one man and one woman. Scientific research and history demonstrates that traditional marriage is both beneficial to its society and necessary for its survival. That cannot be said of civil unions. The well being of our children and our society will be great jeopardy if this bill is passed.

If it is benefits that they want, then amendments should be made to the Reciprocal Beneficiary Act that is already in place. Why should there be a law that singles out and benefits only one group of people. That is discrimination. I hope that our state leaders will not take the law into their own hands and force legislation to pass HB 444. Remember, you are public servants of all the people, you are not in office to fulfill your or a minority's agenda.

If you believe that times have changed and that there is support for civil unions, then, why not propose a constitutional amendment and let the people of Hawaii vote on the issue?

Please consider very carefully the course that you take on this issue.

Respectfully yours,  
Mike Nakamoto

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**From:** arambaran@hawaii.rr.com  
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**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STOP CIVIL UNIONS STOP HB 444

**LATE**

FROM: Angelica Rambaran  
To: SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM - STATE CAPITOL AUDITORIUM FOR HB 444, HD1 CHAIR BRIAN TANIGUCHI AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS, I AM OPPOSED TO HB 444, HD 1 HB 444 WILL REQUIRE HAWAII TO RECOGNIZE SAME SEX MARRIAGE AND CIVIL UNIONS FROM OTHER STATES AND COUNTRIES. THE STATE WILL THEN HAVE TO PROVIDE BENEFITS TO SAME SEX COUPLES IN THE SAME MANNER AS OPPOSITE SEX MARRIAGES. THIS IS NOT RIGHT. PLEASE VOTE NO ON HB 444, HD1. PROVIDING EQUALITY TO SAME SEX UNIONS MAY RESULT IN THESE COUPLES ALSO SUING CHURCHES FOR REFUSING TO ALLOW WEDDINGS. IT MAY ALSO RESULT IN GAY COUPLES ASKING SCHOOLS FOR EQUALITY IN ANY TEACHING MATERIALS RELATED TO MARRIAGE.  
OUR CHILDREN WILL ONLY KNOW THE VALUE OF MARRIAGE IF THE DEFINITION REMAINS CLEAR AND CONSISTENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO THE CHANGING WHIMS AND LEGISLATION OF MAN.  
FOR THE SAKE OF OUR CHILDREN AND OUR FUTURE, PLEASE DO NOT LEGALIZE SAME SEX CIVIL UNIONS.  
DO NOT PASS HB 444, HD1

MAHALO!

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**From:** fernandoHI [fernandohi@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 10:37 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB444 hd1 (Civil Unions)

**LATE**

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
9:00 A.M. in the Auditorium

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB444 hd1 (Civil Unions)

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee,

Your vote in support of HB444 will show that, like me and my family, you stand for justice and equal civil rights for all American citizens living in the state of Hawaii. It does NOTHING to change the definition of marriage like the opposition mistakenly states.

Thanks for your courage, true sense of morality and stand against bigotry.

Sincerely,

Fernando De Hoyos

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**From:** Melissa Hashimoto-Binkie [mhashimotobinkie@gmail.com]  
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**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 444, HD1

**LATE**

**ATTENTION:** Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee

**RE:** HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

**Hearing:** TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM –AUDITORIUM

I AM IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444, HD 1

We ask for your wisdom and courage to oppose HB 444 to legalize Civil Unions in Hawaii. In our hearts and in our minds, we affirm the overwhelming mandate of the vote in 1998. The people of Hawaii will know that Civil Unions are just another term for Same Sex Unions/Marriage. Please do not put the people of Hawaii through this divisive debate again, especially during these difficult economic times. Be mindful, that the people of Hawaii are tolerant as a society because we learn to accept our differences. But we are held together by sharing common values that strengthen our family bonds. We are confident that the overwhelming majority of people still believe in traditional marriage. Please do not devalue our long held traditions of marriage being between one man and one woman. It is one of the few unchanging truths that our young people can hold on to in this ever changing world. I am a resident of Hawaii and ask that you represent the will of the people.

**Please vote against HB 444.**

**FROM: Kamuela and Melissa Binkie**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

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Submitted on: 2/23/2009

**Comments:**

I am offering this testimony to voice my adamant opposition to House Bill 444. While I am outraged by the fact that this bill is even being considered after the people of this state sent a clear and overwhelming message by voting against same sex marriage, I am more troubled by the deceitful and insidious manner in which it is being presented. To assert that this bill is anything other than same sex marriage is quite simply a lie. The Reciprocal Benefits Law makes HB-444 completely unnecessary, which leads me to believe there were ulterior motives behind those that initiated it.

Do you really expect the people of Hawaii to believe that if you simply call same sex marriage by another name, it makes it completely different and as such, justifies a proposal to ignore the will of nearly 70% of the state? This corrupt mentality is insulting and completely erodes my trust in the men and women who have been entrusted to represent me as a resident of Hawaii. If you are unwilling to uphold the line drawn in the sand now, then when? If lobbyists were to call the solicitation of bribery committed by Rod R. Blagojevich by less pointed and accusing terms, would you propose to legalize that as well? Perhaps we should consider his crimes as forward postured fund raising tactics in a time of fiscal despair. Would you then consider Mr. Blagojevich a visionary, instead of a criminal?

Make no mistake, my position on this bill is absolutely not based on hate, prejudice, or malice. I have an Aunt who is a homosexual, and I love her dearly. Her sexual preference has no bearing on our relationship and I would welcome her as well as her partner warmly any opportunity I have to see her. I am firmly against my Aunt's lifestyle because of my moral beliefs, but it is my relationship with Jesus Christ that allows me to love her unconditionally. My personal position against HB-444 is no different. My opposition is based on principal. Voting no on House Bill 444 is not a vote against civil rights or liberties. It is a vote upholding democracy and the will of the vast majority of this state. Vote NO on House Bill 444.

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**From:** Jenny Burnett [freedbyjesus@hotmail.com]  
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**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* dear senators...

**LATE**

Dear Senators,

I am writing this letter to state my opposition in regards to HB 444.

In 1998, nearly 70 percent of Hawaii voters supported traditional marriage when they passed a constitutional amendment that gave the state Legislature the authority to reserve marriage to one man and one woman.

In 1997 the Reciprocal Beneficiaries law (Act 383) was enacted to allow any 2 single couples including same sex partners the rights and benefits as an opposite sex couple.

“Civil Union” HB 444 is the same as same sex marriage but circumvented under a different name.

The people of Hawaii have spoken and we have not changed our minds on this issue. We are very concerned that we as a people of Hawaii were not given the opportunity to vote on this very important issue and are now finding out about this after the votes have already been cast.

We are asking that our voice be heard again to stop HB 444 from being passed. We ask for your help and support in stopping this bill from happening.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Burnett  
Makawao, Hawaii

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**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

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Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/23/2009

Comments:  
I am opposed to House Bill 444.

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**Subject:** STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1

**LATE**

Testifier's Name: Maureen Young

To: The Senate Judiciary Committee  
Chair: Senator Brian Tanaguchi  
Co-Chair: Senator Dwight Takamine  
Members: Senator Mike Gabbard  
          Senator Robert Bunda  
          Senator Clarence Nishihara  
          Senator Sam Slom

Hearing: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 (Auditorium)

Measure Number: HB 444 HD1

From: Maureen and Lee Young

We urge you all to vote against HB 444 which would give homosexuals all the rights of traditional marriage within so-called "Civil Unions". The People of Hawaii have not changed their position from 1998 that marriage is between one man and one woman. The legislature is ignoring the mega-majority of the people who have already spoken and are opposed to civil unions and/or same sex marriage. HB 444 is just another attempt to get same sex marriage in through the back door. If this passes it will just be a matter of time for civil unions to be renamed marriage, as it already has happened in 2 or 3 other states.

There are already plenty of laws on the books such as the Reciprocal Beneficiaries Act and others to protect the Civil Rights of the Hawaiian people. Homosexuals can have contracts to cover the relationship they have with their partners. They don't need to call it civil unions or marriage. I can truthfully say that we love homosexuals but cannot agree with the homosexual behavior; just as we love our children but do not tolerate or agree with all they want to do. Many in our country are getting tired of the homosexual network forcing their agenda on our country, on our schools and on our children in their formative years. Homosexual tendencies or attractions are against nature and are unnatural and destructive to our society. This lifestyle should not in any way be encouraged. This lifestyle should be resisted and discouraged. Every society which has encouraged and embraced the homosexual lifestyle has been destroyed...recall the degraded Roman Empire in which homosexuality was rampant, and the Khazars (the Turkish empire of the 700s) whose King forced his people to embrace religion because his kingdom was dying a slow death due to homosexual immorality, just to name a few. Let us consider George Santayana's warning: "Those who cannot learn from history **are doomed to repeat it.**"

This legislation if passed will give a special status to a minority and will prevent the mega-majority from exercising their conscience on this issue. It will have widespread repercussions that will only show up over time, such as:

- 1) forcing Christian businesses, who in conscience do not agree with the homosexual lifestyle, to provide services to homosexuals such as photography of their weddings, etc. or be fined, even though there are other businesses which are available willing to perform the same services. The government could also take away the tax exempt status of such businesses.
- 2) forcing Catholic and Christian adoption agencies to allow adoptions to homosexual couples or to close down - violating their own moral principles and constitutional rights.
- 3) having schools teach our children that homosexuality is just another alternative life-style; try it you might like it. Parents objections are already being ignored. Schools and churches being forced to hire homosexuals, against their own religious beliefs.

4) suddenly the best interest of children to have a father and a mother is trumped by the desires of homosexuals to adopt children or be artificially inseminated. Homosexuals are placing their own needs over the needs of children.

We should not be confused by those who try to make us feel guilty, by those who call us intolerant or bigoted or uncharitable. True charity is courageous enough to be willing to speak the truth even if the truth is unpopular. We cannot allow ourselves to be fooled by the call for us to be tolerant. There are many things that our society does not and should not tolerate for the good of our society, our country and for future generations. The homosexuals don't just want us to be tolerant of their choice to practice a homosexual lifestyle. They already have the right to make that choice and they do. But that is not enough for them. They also want us to agree that their lifestyle is equivalent to marriage. They want us to go along with their desire to change our whole society against our spiritual and religious principles. This manipulation is an insult to the intelligence of our citizens. We are not ashamed of holding our moral and religious principles in tact. These principles must be fought for every single generation. We must not allow homosexuals to force their beliefs and agenda on our society.

We will be attending and watching your votes and if you vote yes on HB 444 we will work to prevent your re-election. Listen to your constituencies! We are truly fed up with this seemingly unending push by the Homosexual network to normalize the homosexual lifestyle and to reprogram our children to accept it as just another lifestyle and behind the backs of their parents! Homosexuals have the right to do what they want in their private lives. They do not have the right to force the acceptance and normalization of this destructive lifestyle on the mega-majority of our citizens who have voted already to keep marriage between one man and one woman. Read the Homosexual Manifesto (below) if you really want to know where their anger is driving them, with regards to our children!

Sincerely fed up and disgusted,

Maureen and Lee Young

<http://www.feastofhateandfear.com/archives/homosexual.html>

## **The Homosexual Manifesto**

**This is outre, madness, a tragic, cruel fantasy, an eruption of inner rage, on how the oppressed desperately dream of being the oppressor.**

**We shall sodomize your sons, emblems of your feeble masculinity, of you shallow dreams and vulgar lies. We shall seduce them in your schools, in your dormitories, in your gymnasiums, in your locker rooms, in your sports arenas, in your seminaries, in your youth groups, in your movie theater bathrooms, in your army bunkhouses, in your truck stops, in your all-male clubs, in your houses of Congress, wherever men are with men together. Your sons shall become our minions and do our bidding. They will be recast in our image. They will come to crave and adore us. Women, you cry for freedom. You say you are no longer satisfied with men; they make you unhappy. We, connoisseurs of the masculine face, the masculine physique, shall take your men from you then. We will amuse them; we will instruct them; we will embrace them when they weep.**

**Women, you say you wish to live with each other instead of with men. Then go and be with each other. We shall give your men pleasures they have never known because we are foremost men too and only man knows how to truly please another man; only one man can understand with depth and feeling the mind and body of another man.**

**All laws banning homosexual activity will be revoked. Instead, legislation shall be passed which engenders love between men.**

**All homosexuals must stand together as brothers; we must be united artistically, philosophically, socially, politically, and financially. We will triumph only when we present a common face to the vicious heterosexual enemy.**

**If you dare to cry faggot, fairy, queer, at us, we will stab you in your cowardly hearts and defile your dead, puny bodies.**

**We shall write poems of the love between men; we shall stage plays in which man openly caresses man; we shall make films about the love between heroic men which will replace the cheap, superficial, sentimental, insipid, juvenile, heterosexual infatuations presently dominating your cinema screens.**

**We shall sculpt statues of beautiful young men, of bold athletes which will be placed in your parks, your squares, your plazas. The museums of the world will be filled only with paintings of graceful, naked lads.**

**Our writers and artists will make love between men fashionable and de rigueur, and we will succeed because we are adept at setting styles. We will eliminate heterosexual liaisons through the devices of wit and ridicule, devices which we are skilled in employing.**

**We will unmask the powerful homosexuals who masquerade as heterosexuals. You will be shocked and frightened when you find that your presidents and their sons, your industrialists, your senators, your mayors, your generals, your athletes, your film stars, your television personalities, your civic leaders, your priests are not the safe, familiar, bourgeois, heterosexual figures you assumed them to be. We are everywhere; we have infiltrated your ranks. Be careful when you speak of homosexuals because we are always among you; we may be sleeping in the same bed with you.**

**There will be no compromises. We are not middle-class weaklings. Highly intelligent, we are the natural aristocrats of the human race, and steely-minded aristocrats never settle for less. Those who oppose us will be exiled. We shall raise vast, private armies, as Mishima did, to defeat you.**

**We shall conquer the world because warriors inspired by and banded together by homosexual love and honor are as invincible as were the ancient Greek soldiers. The family unit spawning ground of lies, betrayals, mediocrity, hypocrisy, and violence will be abolished. The family unit, which only dampens imagination and curbs free will, must be eliminated. Perfect boys will be conceived and grown in the genetic laboratory. They will be bonded together in a communal setting, under the control and instruction of homosexual savants.**

**All churches who condemn us will be closed. Our only gods are handsome young men. We adhere to a cult of beauty, moral and aesthetic. All that is ugly and vulgar and banal will be annihilated. Since we are alienated from middle-class heterosexual conventions, we are free to live our lives according to the dictates of the pure imagination. For us too much is not enough.**

**The exquisite society to emerge will be governed by an elite comprised of gay poets. One of the major requirements for a position of power in the new society of homoeroticism will be indulgence in the Greek passion. Any man contaminated with heterosexual lust will be automatically barred from a position of influence. All males who insist on remaining stupidly**

**heterosexual will be tried in homosexual courts of justice and will become invisible men. We shall rewrite history, history filled and debased with your heterosexual lies and distortions.**

**We shall portray the homosexuality of the great leaders and thinkers who have shaped the world. We will demonstrate that homosexuality and intelligence and imagination are inextricably linked, and that homosexuality is a requirement for true nobility, true beauty in a man.**

**We shall be victorious because we are fueled with the ferocious bitterness of the oppressed who have been forced to play seemingly bit parts in your dumb, heterosexual shows throughout the ages. We too are capable of firing guns and manning the barricades of the ultimate revolution. Tremble, hetero swine, when we appear before you without our masks!**

**This essay was originally printed in the February 15, 1987 issue of *Gay Community News*, later reprinted in the February 15-21 1987 Congressional Record.**

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**LATE**

**NAME: Glenda Horner**  
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**ATTENTION: Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee**  
**RE: HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions**  
**Hearing: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM –AUDITORIUM**  
**I AM IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444, HD 1**

We ask for your wisdom and courage to oppose HB 444 to legalize Civil Unions in Hawaii. In our hearts and in our minds, we affirm the overwhelming mandate of the vote in 1998. The people of Hawaii will know that Civil Unions are just another term for Same Sex Unions/Marriage. Please do not put the people of Hawaii through this divisive debate again, especially during these difficult economic times. Be mindful, that the people of Hawaii are tolerant as a society because we learn to accept our differences. But we are held together by sharing common values that strengthen our family bonds. We are confident that the overwhelming majority of people still believe in traditional marriage. Please do not devalue our long held traditions of marriage being between one man and one woman. It is one of the few unchanging truths that our young people can hold on to in this ever changing world. I am a resident of Hawaii and ask that you represent the will of the people.

**Please vote against HB 444**

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**From:** Rhoda Shimabuku [shima3239@hotmail.com]  
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**To:** JGO Testimony  
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**LATE**

Testimony in **OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1**

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HB 444 HD1  
Tuesday, February 24, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.  
(Auditorium)

RE: Oppose HB444

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am speaking in opposition of House Bill HB 444. The following facts are my concerns towards the opposition of house bill HB444:

In the Beginning God said, "Let us make man in Our image". He created him: male and female He created them. Gen. 1: 27

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Gen:2:24

When applying for a marriage license we have the application saying Male & Female having to be a certain age. Not two males or two females.

The meaning of marriage should be looked at from a sociological perspective as well. A marriage is the conduit by which children are born; a marriage provides both a mother and a father for the children. The family unit, the relationship between parents and child, are all based on the marriage relationship. Not two males or two females.

Marriage goes back all the way to ancient times where a woman was given to a man as property or arranged. Times have changed in some of these areas but still marriage is a binding agreement or covenant between to parties man and wife.

Marriage has already been defined in our constitution as being between a man and a woman. Not two males or two females.

The United States or Hawaii for that matter has been established by morals and values to keep righteousness in our land, laws established to protect our children. Not to expose immorality or a choice of poor values.

Think about it going to eat in a restaurant or in a movie or in public for that matter, and your child is with you, in front of you are to men making out or kissing. How do you explain that to your child when they see that? Do you say I approved this HB444 for these 2 men or 2 women their right to show this type of affection. Or are you going to make another amendment to cover the first mistake. I oppose HB444.

A response from one of our senators said that if the union bill HB444 is passed it will allow homosexual couples the same legal rights and benefits as other legally recognized couples but does not sanction their relationship as marriage. I must say, that is such a double tongue or another political jargon.

By not passing HB444 you will continue to let our children live righteous, gain good morals and values, stability and love in their upbringing. It's a little dramatic, but society does have a part in raising our children. Let's keep our social & personal lifestyle of choices behind closed doors. Once again I oppose HB444.

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**From:** Lydia Butler [titaipo@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** JGO Testimony; Sen. Robert Bunda  
**Subject:** STOP - HB 444 NO on this

**LATE**

Praise the Lord! My name is Lydia Butler my committee/representative is Mr. Robert Bunda, Dist.22, Room 210. I write to you to express my concern on HB-444. I was raised in the church and was taught the values of family and who God is. He is the alfa and the omega; the beginning and the end! God created heaven and the earth. He created all things, every creature and fowl of the air, the sun, the moon, the stars, etc. and man and women. God created Adam and made Eve from Adams rib to be his mate. Genesis 2:18, And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. Verse 21 of Genesis 2 says: And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof: And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from MAN, made he a WOMEN, and brought HER unto the MAN. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh SHE shall be called WOMEN, because SHE was taken out of MAN. Therefore shall a man leave his FATHER and his MOTHER and shall cleave unto his WIFE: and THEY SHALL BE ONE FLESH, And the word of God goes on to verse 25: And they were both naked, the MAN AND HIS WIFE!(female) and were not ashamed. ( Genesis 2: 21-25). I pray that God will touch the hearts of his people even those that know him not. God is Love. And his mercies are new everyday. His Grace is sufficient for me.(us,you). I pray that the Lord gives you wisdom and understanding of his word, that my children and my childrens, children and so on... can live peaceable with no confusion, or concern for thier future. I thank you for your attention and concern in reading everyones email. May the Lord give you peace of mind knowing you made the right choice for your children and the generations to come. God be with you and guide you... With Love to you and your Ohana...

Mrs. Lydia Butler and Ohana, from Wahiawa

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**Subject:** Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB444 hd1 (Civil Unions)

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To: [JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of the State Capitol

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB444 hd1 (Civil Unions)

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to submit testimony in favor of HB444, in support of civil unions for same-sex couples in Hawaii. I am a resident of Hawaii and a believer in our constitution which grants equal rights for all citizens, which makes HB444 consistent with my moral values. Current laws DO NOT provide committed same-sex couples with the same rights as married heterosexual couples. This is discriminatory, and now is the time for change.

In November, a young leader from Hawaii inspired America with hope and shattered barriers of discrimination. But many barriers still exist, and for gay Americans, many more went up on that same November day. It was sad to see victories for fear and oppression on the same day we made such a breakthrough for hope and equality. I think actor Sean Penn got it right tonight when, during his Academy Award acceptance speech, he said: "I think it's a good time for those who voted for the ban against gay marriage to sit and reflect on their great shame and their shame in their grandchildren's eyes if they continue that support. We've got to have equal rights for everyone."

I urge you and the entire Senate to follow the example of Hawaii's native son. Stand up for hope rather than give in to fear. Shatter barriers rather than stifle dreams. Make change happen. Join me and the majority of Hawaii residents in supporting equal rights and supporting HB444.

Respectfully submitted,

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**From:** Mitchell Krulewich [mbkru@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 11:24 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB444 hd1 (Civil Unions)

**LATE**

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
9:00 A.M. in the Auditorium  
Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB444 hd1 (Civil Unions)

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee,  
Your vote in support of HB444 will show that like me, my family and friends, you stand for justice and equal civil rights for all American citizens living in the state of Hawaii. It does NOTHING to change the definition of marriage like the opposition mistakenly states.  
Thanks for your courage, true sense of morality and stand against bigotry.  
Sincerely,  
Mitchell Krulewich

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**From:** art Manzano [mauiart1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 11:37 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** testify

**LATE**

Aloha,

My name is Art Manzano, I hereby testify regarding HB 444 relating to civil unions. To the Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee (JGO). Hearing Date is Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009 at 9:00 a. m.

I certainly object to this bill and hope you as elected officials remember that the people of the Great State of Hawaii have spoken as per our last election regarding such a matter. We have elected you to carry out our vote so please stand by our decision and vote against this bill...

Thank you,  
Art and Deborah Manzano

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**From:** Rick with Dolphin Dream Weddings [Rick@dolphindreamweddings.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 11:11 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony; Sen. Robert Bunda; Sen. Mike Gabbard; Sen. Clarence Nishihara; Sen. Sam Slom; Sen. Dwight Takamine; Sen. Brian Taniguchi  
**Subject:** Opposed to HB 444

**LATE**

Dear JGO members,

We live in a society that has been governed in large degree on the basis of the will of the people. Ten years ago, overwhelmingly the will of the people of Hawaii was that marriage is most appropriately recognized between a man and a woman.

Please do not confuse the vital notion of basic civil rights with the invention of civil unions (as described in HB 444). Consider that in the most recent presidential election that the vast majority of African-American voters (who would most understand the injustices of inequality: slavery, unable to own property or vote, restricted access, segregated education, etc. - none of which is at stake regarding individuals in the homosexual community), did not acknowledge in their voting patterns that civil unions of same-sex partners was equivalent to civil rights (this voting trend was identified in EVERY state that had a "same-sex" issue on the ballot).

All people should be privileged to basic human rights. However, redefining appropriate home structures is outside of civil rights. The passage of this bill has the potential of undermining the strength of families and of influencing future generations to even greater decline. In addition, please consider the loss of basic rights that has occurred to pro-heterosexual families and organizations since the institution of same-sex marriages in the state of Massachusetts. At least one recognized religious adoption organization in Massachusetts has ceased participation in adoption procedures due to the mandated requirement to process adoptions to same-sex partners. And consider the loss of parental consent in the Massachusetts educational system for parents of children of all ages regarding normalization instruction of the homosexual lifestyle.

What is redefined as protected gains aggressive legal access to all previously protected influences. It is my opinion, and the opinion of most Hawaiian citizens that the passage of this bill is not good for the state of Hawaii. More could be written, but I urge you to oppose HB 444, and to vote against any attempt to supercede the historical congressional protocol regarding bill passage should this bill not pass the JGO committee.

Respectfully,  
Rick Jackson  
Kaanapali, Hawaii resident

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**From:** L Andreu [naildez@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 11:32 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 4444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

**LATE**

Name: Lynn Andreu

Address: 91-1100 Kai Kukuma St

Ewa

I AM IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444, HD 1

We ask for your wisdom and courage to oppose HB 444 to legalize Civil Unions in Hawaii. In our hearts and in our minds, we affirm the overwhelming mandate of the vote in 1998. The people of Hawaii will know that Civil Unions are just another term for Same Sex Unions/Marriage. Please do not put the people of Hawaii through this divisive debate again, especially during these difficult economic times. Be mindful, that the people of Hawaii are tolerant as a society because we learn to accept our differences. But we are held together by sharing common values that strengthen our family bonds. We are confident that the overwhelming majority of people still believe in traditional marriage. Please do not devalue our long held traditions of marriage being between one man and one woman. It is one of the few unchanging truths that our young people can hold on to in this ever changing world. I am a resident of Hawaii and ask that you represent the will of the people.

**Please vote against HB 444.**

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**From:** L Andreu [naildez@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 11:41 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

**LATE**

Name: Lynn Andreu

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Ewa Beach, HI 96706

Phone: 808-387-2659

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**Please vote against HB 444.**

**FROM: \_Lynn Andreu**

**TO: SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM – STATE CAPITOL AUDITORIUM**

**FOR HB 444, HD1**

**IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444, HD 1**

**ALOHA CHAIR BRIAN TANIGUCHI AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Regular Session of 2009

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

9:00 A.M.

**LATE**

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 444 HD1 – RELATING TO CIVIL UNIONS  
TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE:**

My name is Jennifer Fuchikami and I am an 18-year-old student in my senior year. I (very strongly) do not support House Bill 444 HD1, which – in all but name – will grant marriage rights to same-sex partners.

On page 7, in Section 1, Subsection 9 on lines 8-14 the bill states: **“Same benefits, protections, and responsibilities as marriage.** Partners to a civil union lawfully entered into pursuant to this chapter shall have all the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities under law, whether derived from statutes, administrative rules, court decisions, the common law, or any other source of civil law, as are granted to spouses in a marriage validly entered into pursuant to chapter 572.”

No explanation is really needed here. Despite those who say otherwise, this bill clearly indicates that these civil unions will be equal to marriage and regardless of the name “civil unions,” on page 8, Section 3 on lines 8-21 the bill says that “Except for part I of chapter 572, every reference in the Hawaii Revised Statutes to “marriage,” or any aspect thereof, shall apply equally to “civil unions,” including:

(1) Every reference in the Hawaii Revised Statutes to “married” shall apply equally to the status of partners in a civil union;

(2) Every reference to “husband,” “wife,” or “spouse” shall apply equally to a partner in a civil union; and

(3) Every reference to marital status, including without limitation provisions pertaining to parties and procedures for annulment, divorce, separation, or dissolution, shall apply equally and as necessary to civil unions and to partners in a civil union.”

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Even with the exemption in this bill of part I of chapter 572 in the Hawaii Revised Statutes, this plainly states that only in a heterosexual marriage would the term “marriage” be defined as between a man and a woman. (See section 3 above). In my opinion, this is not correct and is counter to the will of the people of Hawaii who, in 1998, gave the legislators “the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples.” (Article I, section 23 of the Hawaii State Constitution.)

Under the current Reciprocal Beneficiary law here in Hawaii, same-sex couples are able to receive: health care coverage, hospital visitation privileges, uniform health care decision making rights, property rights – including tenancy in the entirety rights, probate rights – including survivorship rights, workers’ compensation, state employee retirement beneficiary rights, automobile insurance coverage, mental health commitment approvals and notifications, family and funeral leave, disaster relief loans, public lands leases, legal standing for wrongful death, legal standing for victim’s rights, domestic violence family status, University of Hawaii facility use, government vehicle emergency use, and much more. Hawaii is already a “progressive” state concerning same-sex partners’ rights as one of the ten states in the U.S. that give same-sex couples some form of recognition.

Supporters of this bill say that it is a matter of equality, but according to Chapter 572, Part I, Section 572-1 there are restrictions even for a hetero\_\_\_ couple wishing to be married: “In order to make valid the marriage contract, which shall be only between a man and a woman, it shall be necessary that:

(1) The respective parties do not stand in relation to each other of ancestor and descendant of any degree whatsoever, brother and sister of the half as well as to the whole blood, uncle and niece, aunt and nephew, whether the relationship is the result of the issue of parents married or not married to each other;

(2) Each of the parties at the time of contracting the marriage is at least sixteen years of age; provided that with the written approval of the family court of the circuit

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within which the minor resides, it shall be lawful for a person under the age of sixteen years, but in no event under the age of fifteen years, to marry, subject to section 572-2;

(3) The man does not at the time have any lawful wife living and that the woman does not at the time have any lawful husband living;”

If this was a matter of equality, hypothetically, my 14-year-old friend “Sarah” should be able to marry her boyfriend, just because they “really love” each other.

I ask that you remember that the people of Hawaii placed their trust in you, the legislature, in 1998 by (according to the Hawaii State Constitution) giving you “the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples.” As a recently turned eighteen-year-old and a future voter, I will be closely watching this legislative season with great interest.

I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to express my opinion on this controversial topic, and greatly urge that this bill be held.

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**From:** Medeiros Ohana [medeirosohana@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 11:54 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony - HB 444

**LATE**

My name is Debra Ann Medeiros. Please accept this email as testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee for the public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 9:00a.m.regarding **HB 444**.

**I am strongly opposed to this bill for the following reasons:**

1. If our senators want to amend the law, let them put it to a vote of the people of the State of Hawaii
2. In 1998 an amendment to our Constitution gave the legislature power to define marriage as between a man and a woman. "Civil Union" is same-sex marriage. If it were not so, why would this bill allow for the words "Civil Union" to replace the word "marriage" everywhere that the word marriage appears in the Hawaii Revised Statutes? Our Senators must abide by the will of the people by ***protecting and defending*** the **definition of marriage as defined in 1998**.
3. Our legislators say they want to be fair to all members of our society. Allowing Civil Unions to homosexual couples at the **exclusion of other domestic relationships** is biased and prejudicial. What about those other domestic relationships? Shouldn't they be extended the same "rights" also?
4. Hawaii State law currently allows for Reciprocal Rights for homosexual couples.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak out against HB 444.

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**From:** Aimee Shinsato [aimee.shinsato@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 11:55 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony; Sen. Colleen Hanabusa  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB 444

**LATE**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS & SENATE PRESIDENT HANABUSA:**

We seek your wisdom and courage to oppose HB 444 to legalize Civil Unions in Hawaii. In our hearts and in our

minds, we affirm the overwhelming mandate of the vote in 1998. The people of Hawaii will know that Civil Unions

are just another term for Same Sex Unions/Marriage. Please do not put the people of Hawaii through this divisive

debate again, especially during these difficult economic times. Be mindful, that the people of Hawaii are tolerant as

a society because we learn to accept our differences. But we are held together by sharing common values that strengthen our family bonds. Please vote against HB 444, or better yet, do not even give it a hearing.

With grace and respect,

**Name: Aimee Shinsato**

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- [mail:aimee.shinsato@gmail.com](mailto:aimee.shinsato@gmail.com)

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**From:** James Andreu [jjimsmatcotools@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 11:50 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

**LATE**

**NAME:** James Andreu  
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**PHONE:** 808-387-4766

**ATTENTION:** Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee

I AM IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444, HD 1

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**Please vote against HB 444.**

**FROM:** \_\_James Andreu

**TO: SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM – STATE CAPITOL AUDITORIUM**

**FOR HB 444, HD1**

**IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444, HD 1**

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**From:** Kiran Polk [kiranpolk@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 11:31 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1

**LATE**

Dear Sentate Judiciary Committee:

I implore you, please do not pass out HB 444, HD1 from your committee. Society's stake in marriage is based upon the family and the need for its stability. It is the family that is the bedrock of any civilization and of any community, and 'ohana' is the foundation of the Hawai'i we call home. One of the obvious purposes of marriage, from time immemorial is the procreation and formation of children. Such procreation is not possible in a same sex union and therefore should not be given the dignity or protection as marriage. Children grow best in a stable environment with a mother and father. Although this is obviously not always possible, our laws should express the ideal structures that are best for children. For the sake of Hawaii's future, and the moral fabric of our state, please vote no on this measure.

Aloha,

Kiran Polk

residing in E'wa Beach-District #43

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**From:** Larry Medeiros [demo4life@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 11:58 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony - HB 444

**LATE**

My name is Lawrence S. Medeiros Jr. Please accept this email as testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee for the public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 9:00a.m.regarding **HB 444**.

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1. In 1998 an amendment to our Constitution gave the legislature power to define marriage as between a man and a woman. "Civil Union" is same-sex marriage. If it were not so, why would this bill allow for the words "Civil Union" to replace the word "marriage" everywhere that the word marriage appears in the Hawaii Revised Statutes? Our Senators must abide by the will of the people by ***protecting and defending*** the **definition of marriage as defined in 1998**.
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4. Hawaii State law currently allows for Reciprocal Rights for homosexual couples.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak out against HB 444.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/24/2009

Comments:

**LATE**

**Richard S. Miller, Esquire  
Consultant, Hawai'i Coalition for Health**

**February 23, 2009**

**Testimony in Support of HB444**

**To: Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee  
For: Hearing in Capitol Auditorium at 9:00AM, Feb. 24, 2009**

**Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine, Senator Nishihara, and Senator Slom,**

I am writing to ask that you vote in favor of the Civil Unions bill (HB444) for committed gay and lesbian couples. All residents of Hawai'i deserve the same dignity and respect under the law.

As someone who fully supports equal rights for all Hawai'i residents, I hope that you will vote in favor of HB444 to ensure that all families have the same critical protections.

With your support for equality for ALL resident of Hawai'i, we can make Hawai'i an even better place to live, work and raise our families.

I strongly support the equal rights of all of our citizens, including those who are gay or lesbian, and I hope you do, too. *We will never achieve the wondrous promise of Aloha until we stop trying to impose our personal religious views and our personal prejudices on those of us who do not share them.*

**Those of you who are preparing to take this bill to the floor of the Senate have my deep gratitude. I am especially proud to see that you, Senators Taniguchi and Takamine, are leading this charge.**

With warmest Aloha,



Dick Miller

*Attorney at Law, Professor of Law, Emeritus and former dean,  
The Wm. S. Richardson School of Law, The University of Hawai'i at Manoa  
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**From:** Crystalen Lopez [haynlopez@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2009 11:40 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STOP CIVIL UNIONS HB 444

**LATE**

Aloha the following has been taken from this website:

[http://www.hawaiifamilyforum.org/documents/CivilUnion PositionPaper 000.pdf](http://www.hawaiifamilyforum.org/documents/CivilUnion%20PositionPaper%20000.pdf)

please note that there is no better way to express my concern but to reiterate what has already been said.

#### WHY CIVIL UNIONS ARE COUNTERFEIT MARRIAGE AND BAD FOR HAWAII

The people have spoken. In 1998, the people of Hawaii sent a clear message that marriage in Hawaii must remain between one man and one woman. Civil unions are just another attempt to thwart the will of the people. This civil union proposal is an attempt to legitimize gay marriage simply by using another title. The people have also spoken through their representatives in reaching the artful compromise that established Hawaii's reciprocal beneficiary law. The law achieved the goal of providing benefits - without basing those benefits on the ill-advised sex-partner status test. The people of Hawaii have put these issues behind them. The legislature should not re-open divisive, controversial battles that have already been settled by the people.

Hawaii already has a reciprocal beneficiary law. In 1997 the Reciprocal Beneficiary Act HRS §572C (RBA) became law. This law allows two persons who are legally prohibited from marrying one another under state law to register their reciprocal beneficiary relationship by filing a notarized declaration with the state director of health. The RBA affords reciprocal beneficiaries certain rights that previously were reserved to spouses, for example, standing to sue for wrongful death and other tort claims, rights to an elective share upon death, authority to make health care decisions, rights to workers' compensation benefits, rights to receive payments of wages on the death of an employee, and rights to family leave under state law. [Shiela A. Albin, Associate General Counsel 12/9/97] Do we want to save the "name" of marriage, or do we want to save "marriage?" Civil unions, same-sex marriages, and domestic partnerships have the same effect of destroying marriage as we know it. When governments offer sex-partner benefits, they are essentially endorsing "gay marriage." These sex-partner benefits send the message of government sanction of such relationships and take us one short step away from legalizing "marriage" between two people of the same sex. Marriage by any other name is still marriage.

Those who would redefine marriage often insist that the only necessary qualification for marriage is "love." Yet if one accepts that rationale, then there can logically be no boundaries as to what constitutes marriage; any combination or number of consenting individuals must ultimately gain the same legal and societal sanction as traditional marriage. While love is vital, it is not the definitional element of marriage. We love many people we do not marry.

Marriage is not an American invention. It has existed as an institution since the beginning of civilization, and thus transcends our modern laws. Every long-standing society has viewed marriage as a union of male and female. Studies of previous civilizations reveal that when societies deviate from the standard of marriage as the foundation of its society, they inevitably deteriorate and eventually disintegrate. [See J. D. Unwin, Sexual Regulations and Human Behavior (London: Williams & Norgate, 1933) Traditional marriage and family should not be undermined. The data are clear and irrefutable - children do best in stable, healthy homes with both a mom and dad. Hawaii's children must have healthy examples. Today, with 25

million children fatherless, it is callous to the extreme to be rewriting our most basic marriage laws to suit the desires of adults.

People should not be granted special legal protection and benefits based on their sexual preferences and behaviors.

I am in agreement with all of this and have no better words to put it in, i am opposed to the passing of Civil Unions bill HB 444 H1

Mahalo for your time  
Crystalen Lopez  
98-1453 Hoohonua Street  
Pearl City, HI 96782  
District Senate: Iga

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Williams Falevai  
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Submitted on: 2/24/2009

Comments:

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HB444

My name is Williams Falevai and I oppose this bill. I believe that homosexuality is wrong. I don't look down on them, but I just don't believe that it is right or correct. Marriage is sacred union between a man and woman. I cannot control if people decide to live that way, but I don't believe that they should receive the same benefits that a married couple, between a man and woman would get. In the Bible, it states in many ways that this kind of relationship is wrong. I think this is just another way to slowly get the government to pass and allow same sex marriages in all states. I am not judging homosexuals. I have many relatives, who are gay and lesbian, and I have friends who are as well, but even they know that marriage is a sacred union between man and woman. And I know I have repeated myself a few times, but that is just so that it can really soak in. We should not allow same sex couples to have the same rights and benefits that a married couple between a man and woman has. Thank you for your time.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 12:28 AM  
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**Cc:** rglivinghi@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/24/2009

Comments:  
I strongly oppose this civil unions bill

**From:** Paige Green [green63@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 12:15 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Fwd: STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1

**LATE**

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Paige Green <green63@hawaiiantel.net>  
**Date:** February 24, 2009 12:07:22 AM HST  
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**Cc:** mckelvey1@Capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Subject:** STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1

Testifier: William F. Green

Bill Number and Title: HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

Committee: Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee (JGO)

Dear Distinguished Committee Members,

I am a lifelong resident of Hawaii, I am a former County Firefighter, a parent, a husband, a community volunteer and coach. The needs and burdens of the people of Hawaii are dear to me. In light of my commitment to the future welfare of our State and its people I submit the following to you.

Please do not support HB 444 HD 1. Recall the results of the previous vote on the Marriage Amendment. Voters throughout the state voted 2 to 1 in favor of preserving the definition of marriage as between one man and one woman. This bill undermines that vote and essentially attacks and undermines the voting process by circumventing the will of the people.

Please preserve the integrity of our fragile democratic process and honor that vote.

Please do not be influenced by an activist minority, many of whom are getting support and direction from out of state special interests, over the voice of the citizens of your own great State.

**In addition please consider the following serious issues associated with HB 444 HD 1; These issues and many more have been the experience of other States who enacted similar laws.**

**1. If this Bill becomes law, The State will be confronted by perplexing and complex divorce, domestic violence, adoption and child custody issues, especially where a third party- natural parent is involved; this will be a tremendous burden for the courts.**

**2. Granting special rights, as stated in HB 444 HD 1, to persons of same sex orientation will create a slippery slope and eventually extend to all civil and employment situations or possibly be considered discrimination. Imagine making it a legal right to access a gender specific facility like a locker-room for persons of same-sex attraction. This would be no different than allowing men who are attracted to women unfettered legal access to a women's locker room at UH or a local gym.**

**A whole new set of sexual harassment laws will need to be created to deal with this new environment or by default it will eliminate the rights of persons who are not of same sex attractions.**

**Once special rights are granted to persons of same sex attraction, workplace issues will become problematic, particularly in schools, youth sports and daycare where persons with same sex attraction will have protected access to rooms, offices, common locker room and toilet facilities used by adults and children of the sex they are attracted to .**

**How will the privacy and personal security of the persons without same sex attractions be protected? Will schools and businesses be required to provide separate facilities for men and women of same sex attraction ?**

**3. Once given equal right to a civil union, by logical extension of those rights in the course of employment or volunteer work, will persons with same sex attractions be allowed to chaperone or travel alone with, children and youth of the gender they are legally known to be sexually attracted to ?**

**Will Hawaii schools be forced by the DOE to host same sex training and indoctrination classes that contain offensive and graphic sexual content as is the case now in Massachusetts?**

**If HB 444 passes and they are not allowed these items, expect prosecution and lawsuits for discrimination.**

**4. If the Bill is approved in its current form and legalizes same sex unions on an equal basis as traditional marriage, the State then creates a precedent for other special interests to petition for and attain the right to have, other types of marriage unions not currently legal.**

**If the Senate passes HB 444 HD 1 or any similar Bill, how can it rightly deny those who desire to participate in other types of illegal unions such as polygamy or those who admit to having a sexual attraction to children and want to be legally married to a child ?**

**We know the courts and social services are overwhelmed now, your vote against HB 444 will prevent this from getting much worse.**

**5. Activist web blogs promoting support for HB 444 HD1 have encouraged persons living out of state to move here and become residents to create an artificial population base in-favor of this Bill.**

**If HB 444 passes the Senate and Hawaii becomes a mecca for individuals seeking same sex unions, where will they find work when our current residents are being laid off by the hundreds? Are they going to go on State Welfare? What action is the Senate going to take to protect lifelong local residents from being displaced by such organized activism ?**

**Employers on Maui this week announced occupancy rates at the major resorts are expected to fall below 30% this summer, some below 10%. We have been told to expect more layoffs.**

**6. Activist proponents for this Bill have also irresponsibly and publicly attacked the character of our local clergy who sacrifice much in the service of the people of our communities, regardless of sexual orientation. This is unacceptable. In these trying times we all need to support those who are working to address the spiritual and physical needs in our State. Our clergy are in the business of providing hope and encouragement in very trying times, not creating wounds and strife.**

**The smear campaign associated with this HB 444 HD1 is unfair, unhealthy, divisive and intrudes on the private citizen's constitutional right to peacefully practice faith and religion without fear of persecution.**

**HB 444 HD 1 would be an unconscionable social, moral and fiscal burden to place on our children. The only responsible solution is to throw out this bill.**

**This past Sunday, February 22, 2009 approximately Five Thousand People gathered at the Capitol to express their opposition to this bill and their dissenting voices should be heard.**

**I was informed that at the initial hearing earlier in the month, where public comment was allowed, only 500**

people appeared in support of HB 444 HD1.,

I hope the distinguished members of the Committee and the Senate consider the voice and honor the will of the vast majority of citizens that oppose this legislation.

Thank you for carefully counting the cost of this most serious matter before you.

Yours truly,

William Green

Lahaina

Aloha No

Bill Green  
Maui Hawaii

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Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

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Comments:

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee:

I am grateful for this opportunity to testify before this committee. My name is Christopher Stanback and I support House Bill 444 - Civil Unions. I'm also part Hawaiian and am from Oahu, Born and raised.

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The issue of equal treatment for same-sex couples is the civil rights issue of this generation. Equality is a simple concept, yet sadly has been out of reach to so many. I ask that you support HB444 and appreciate your careful consideration.

Much Aloha and Mahalo,

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I strongly oppose HB-444 HD 1 because I believe in traditional marriage. I don't want my grt grandchildren to be confused thinking they need to have either 2 mothers or 2 fathers.

Genevieve Greene

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**From:** Dante Aragon [dante@emcchawaii.com]  
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Please see attached testimony on HB 444 - Civil Union Hearing Date 2/24/2009 at 9:00 am

I oppose HB 444 titled Civil Union.

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2009

February 24, 2009  
9:00 AM

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NUMBER 444, RELATING TO CIVIL UNIONS

TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN TANIGUCHI, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE

My name is Dante Aragon.

I am testifying against or in opposition to HB 444 titled Civil Union.

I do not have any personal feelings or position on gay or homosexual individuals, but I do oppose their lifestyle and imposing acceptance of that kind of lifestyle or choices. If equal benefits for a non-traditional couple is the goal of this bill, then HRS 572C is already in place to provide such benefits for same sex couples. The Hawaii Reciprocal Beneficiary law should be targeted if changes or modifications are needed to be taken.

This HB 444 and the term "Civil Union" is a disguised name for Same Sex Marriage. Section 4(a) of the House Bill 444 states that "A civil union shall become valid only upon completion of solemnization by a person licensed in accordance with this section." This means MARRIAGE.

Same sex marriage was overwhelmingly voted down by the State of Hawaii. Attempting to pass the same bill under a different name is an attempt to deceive the people of the State of Hawaii.

Passing of this bill will promote significant influx of homosexuals into our State which will only impose greater acceptance to their lifestyle and behavior and we are a small state.

Thank you for listening to concerned citizens of Hawaii

Aloha!

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**LATE**

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Submitted on: 2/24/2009

**Comments:**

Aloha and thank you to the committee for having this hearing today.

We write you today in support of HB444.

We are a heterosexual couple who feel the passage of this bill will bring us closer to establishing true equality for all people in Hawaii.

While we understand the concerns of those who oppose this bill, we truly feel from personal experience, that those covered by this bill are the same as us in every way except their sexual orientation and should be afforded every legal right that we have.

Can you imagine what it is like to have no legal "right" to raise the child of a partner, not because you were a bad parent, but simply because you are not that child's biological Father or Mother? What must it be like to not be able to sit at the bedside of a loved one as they live their last hours on earth simply because you are not their next of kin? Or to have someone else make the end of life decisions for that person simply because they are the next of kin and you are not?

Afterall, what we're talking about, civil unions, is a legal construct, not a religious one. And a legal construct should afford equality to all.

This reminds us of many similar situations that previously garnered intense emotional responses from the opposition such as Women's and African-American's right to vote, a person of color being able to own property, and even a person of Japanese descent being able to live in certain neighborhoods right here in Hawaii.

We've heard people say "what will we tell our children?" We would ask, what do you tell them now? That a person, simply because of their sexual orientation, is less than equal. That your beliefs are the right ones and therefore you should have rights that supersede those of individuals or groups who are different? That it is permissible for one group to infringe on the rights of others simply because they have the votes to do so?

We would submit that in fact there are times, and this is one of them, that the majority shouldn't rule. Numbers do not make an issue right. Sometimes those who are neither aligned

with the apparent majority or part of the group that is being discriminated against need to stand up against injustice simply because it is the right thing to do. This is one of those times.

Please do the "right" thing and pass this bill that allows civil unions.

Mahalo for you consideration.

Pat and Ed Tompkins

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**From:** kwanstudio@hawaiiantel.net  
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**Subject:** HB 444 - Feb 24, 2009 0900

**LATE**

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Siuling Kwan. I strongly oppose HB 444 for the following reasons:

1. Civil union proposal is an attempt to legitimize gay marriages simply by using another title. The people of Hawaii voted in 1998 to keep marriage between a man and woman. The legislature should not go against the will of the people.
2. Hawaii already has a reciprocal beneficiary law (Reciprocal Beneficiary Act HRS 572C) to afford reciprocal beneficiaries certain rights previously reserved to spouses. Why do we still need a civil union law?
3. Marriage is the best institution for the stability of the society, the health of our children and the future of our country. Societies deviate from this standard will inevitably deteriorate and disintegrate. Do you want this to happen to our great country?
4. Studies have shown children thrive best in stable, healthy homes with both a mom and dad. Hawaii's children must have healthy examples to grow up with. Passing a civil union law is going to further undermine the stability of our homes and our future.
5. People should not be granted special legal protection and benefits based on their sexual preferences and behaviors. Are you going to pass a law in the future to protect polygamy and child molesters? Where are you going to draw the line? Other people groups would say they have the same rights as married couples. This civil union law will open a pandora's box for future woes.
6. Marriage between a man and a woman establishes sexual guardrails, which remains a requirement for all successful societies.
7. Marriage helps channel male sexuality and aggression in socially productive ways. Marriage and parenthool socialize men to care for and respect their wives, other women and children.
8. Marriage protects women from becoming commodities to be used and discarded.
9. Marriage provides children with a mom and dad whom contribute in unique and irreplaceable ways to their children's development. This is essential for children to grow into responsible and contributing adults to the society.
10. Marriage is not an invention of the government. It is a pre-legal institution and has existed since the beginning of civilization in every known society. It is not right to redefine marriage to adjust to people's sexual preference.
11. The major religions of the world all recognize marriage as between a man and a woman.

12. Proponents of homosexual "marriage" have yet to prove that children, families and society will benefit from redefining it.

Thank you for listening to my testimony.

Sincerely,

Siuling Kwan MD

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**From:** JM [jayen2you@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Senate Judiciary Committee, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 9:00 AM RE: Opposed to HB444/SB458 Civil Unions

**LATE**

Dear Honorable Senators of the Judiciary Committee,

I and my ohana strongly oppose HB444 / SB458 - Civil Unions.

If you make, by law, civil union rights equal to that of marriage rights - then you're making them the same. If  $A = B$  and  $B = C$ , then  $A = C$ . It is very well known that this (Civil Union bill) is just a legal step in the full-blown 'same-sex marriage' goal, despite the denial in the media and homosexual camp that it isn't. One only needs to do a little research into the matter to discover perhaps way more than one wants to know about this 'movement.' We voted against same-sex marriage, and that still stands in my ohana.

The potential repercussions in our schools - what our keiki will be taught - is very real. As an example, please look at the link below about a judge in Massachusetts ordering that the 'gay' agenda be taught to children - does that not upset you? It upsets us greatly. It goes against the very fiber of our lives and morals. Making this law makes it so there is a good chance that our keiki will be taught things that we hold to be unclean, unhealthy and unnatural, and we will have no recourse! This is not acceptable. Children do not need to be taught about homosexual sex, and how "it's OK if you feel like doing it. You can grow up & marry a boy or a girl - up to you. There is no difference," when we all know there IS a difference. However, if Civil Unions (aka Same-sex Marriage) become law - these teachings can't be avoided, because it would then be discriminatory to NOT teach them.

[http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=54420](http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=54420)

I am not the most eloquent writer, obviously, but I hope you know in my heart of hearts that I don't hate anyone. What people do in their bedrooms is their business. However, when that agenda finds its way into our judicial system and spills out into the lives of our keiki, I have to put my words where my heart is - and that means to stand up & oppose this HB444 / SB458 Civil Union.

Please search your hearts and vote against this bill.

Aloha,

J. Mitchell  
Kailua  
520-8108

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**From:** Glen Torikawa [gtorikawa@hawaiiantel.net]  
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**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB 444

**LATE**

Senate Judiciary Committee  
Tuesday, February 24, 2009 9am  
Measure Number: HB444

Dear Senators:

Marriage according to Hawaii law has already been defined as a union between one man, and one woman. As the saying goes, if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, acts like a duck, smells like a ducks, it is a duck. You can re-label marriage and give it all sorts of different names, but its still a marriage. The people of Hawaii spoke loud and clear when we overwhelming voted to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman. Please honor the decisions already made by the majority and oppose HB444.

Sincerely,  
Glen Torikawa

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**From:** Fjfef@aol.com  
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**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STOP HB 444

**LATE**

To Senate judiciary Committee:  
February 24, 2009 Public Hearing @ 9:00 AM  
Measure Number: HB 444

We, the people of Hawaii, sent a clear message back in 1998 to stop same-sex marriage. It is an insult to all of us that lawmakers are attempting to pass a bill which is virtually the same thing but under a different name. There is no distinction between the definition of "Marriage" and this "Civil Unions" HB 444.

We do not want to afford same-sex partners the same or similar benefits of "marriage" which is an institution between a man and a woman since the beginning of civilization. Please preserve and protect our families and the State of Hawaii from joining the other 3 states that recognize such a union. That would be a travesty of justice. Please STOP HB 444!

Frank & Estelle Fujii

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Comments:

**LATE**

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium

**Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB444 hd1 (Civil Unions)**

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee:

I urge you to SUPPORT House Bill 444. I am part-native Hawaiian, Catholic, and Heterosexual. My religion is by choice, but my ethnicity and sexual orientation are an innate part of who I am. I stand here before you in STRONG SUPPORT of House Bill 444 because I believe in Equal Civil Rights for All People. This bill is not about religion, or whether homosexuality is right or wrong. This bill is about Civil Rights. I was born in the year Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot and killed. His passion and work for Civil Rights continues to inspire many today including me. This bill addresses the Civil Rights issue of this time in history. Supporting Civil Unions does not diminish traditional families or marriages. Rather, it ensures that all people have access to the same civil liberties. This bill does, however, diminish hate, discrimination, and intolerance. Gandhi once said: Intolerance is itself a form of violence and an obstacle to the growth of a true democratic spirit. There are many qualities that make a great leader. I implore you to be a great leader by having the courage to make your decision for the highest good and not just to please others or worse, to avoid trouble. I have faith and hope that you were chosen as leaders in this State at this time in our history because you have the wisdom, the courage, and the capacity to ensure that these words (considered to be the most sweeping statement on Human Rights) ring true for all Americans: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

**Please Support HB444. Thank You.**

Karen Ululani LoebI

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**From:** Questor [aquamanattacks@yahoo.com]  
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**Subject:** I Support HB 444

**LATE**

I SUPPORT House Bill 444 (Civil Unions).

Here's a short list of the good that will happen if this Bill is passed:

**IMPACT ON TOURISM:**

Hawaii will see an increase in Gay tourists. Don't we want more tourist dollars in this economy? Especially if California upholds Prop 8, where will the gays go to get hitched?

**CULTURAL HERITAGE:**

The nation will see Hawaii as the Aloha state that embraces diversity and treasures its cultural heritage. Remember, before the missionaries, native Hawaiians had "mahu," much as the Samoans have "fa'afafine". What we do here does make the national press.

**DEMOCRATIC TRADITION:**

Hawaii will uphold its long held Democratic tradition of sticking up for the little guy and fighting for what's right. Hawaii does not currently provide equal protection under the law and creates a hidden minority of 2<sup>nd</sup> class citizens. Civil Unions is a step towards equality.

**GAY DIVORCE:**

I say this tongue in cheek, but if we have Civil Unions, there'll also be gay Divorce. The current Reciprocal Beneficiary status is too easy to undo and does not involve enough pain and suffering to be equal to heterosexual marriage. Did you know that a gay man can undo his Reciprocal Beneficiary status unilaterally without his "spouse's" knowledge? All it takes is sending one notarized form to the Health Dept. Aren't there times when you wish your marriage was as flimsy as Reciprocal Beneficiary status? RB status is not the same as marriage.

**TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY:**

The bottom line is that only a small handful of local couples will register for Civil Unions. For the vast majority unaffected by this bill, life will go on. And in a few months, no one will even remember what all the fuss was about.

Seriously though. I have many friends who would be deeply and directly affected by this law. The

opposition demonstrating in red t-shirts really doesn't have much at stake if this law passes or not. And they really don't understand what it means for those of us to whom this law is meant to address.

Please vote YES for HB 444.

Questor Lau  
2140 Dole Street  
Honolulu, HI 96822

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**Regarding: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 444  
(CIVIL UNIONS)**

**Date & Purpose: Hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
Committee: The Senate Committee on JGO**

**Chair Senator Brian T. Taniguchi  
Vice Chair Senator Dwight Y. Takamine  
Members: Senator Robert Bunda  
Senator Mike Gabbard  
Senator Sam Slom**

**I support HB 444 as a Kanaka Maoli and as a Priest of the Episcopal Church. I have personally witnessed the years of prejudice practiced in the Hawai'i of my youth and across America of my college years and in even into modern day America.**

**For many years many of us in Hawai'i and across America have fought to overcome prejudices' and discrimination:**

- a. Just a few years ago persons of "specific and selected" ethnic birthright were prohibited from owning property in many areas of O'ahu. Neither residential leases nor Fee Simple property ownership was available to persons who were not of a particular ethnic heritage.**
- b. There was a time, here in Hawai'i and maybe even on the US Continent, when registering births required use of names reflecting both a specific cultural and ethnic tradition, regardless of the heritage or ethnicity of the registrant or the person being registered.**

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- c. Regretfully, I have observed and been told by other priests of the struggles couples have experienced when one of the two Gay or Lesbian partners was very ill or had died. Without the benefit of legal protections some individuals who have lived together in loving, affirming, nurturing & committed relationships spanning fifteen (15), twenty (20), thirty (30) or more years have been denied visitation and inheritances.**

**People in Hawai'i and across all of America have taken actions over my own lifetime which has transformed living conditions and access to living with dignity and courage...because it was the right thing to do.**

**Prejudice & discrimination needs to be confronted and overcome wherever and whenever it is encountered. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said: "If at the age of thirty (30) we see someone being treated unjustly and do nothing, even if we live to the age of eighty (80) it will be as though we had died at thirty (30)."**

**For years I have observed numerous individuals who have had to live while hiding their true selves from others. I have seen how harmful such realities are on both those who are marginalized as well as it is on those who force this marginalization on others.**

**As an Episcopal Priest, I have not found Biblical texts attributed to Jesus or his ministries which supports marginalization of individuals who are living their own lives in loving, caring, affirming, nurturing and committed relationships. It is clear to me, a couple under the authority of a Civil Union is fully capable of living in full conformance with the guidelines I believe Jesus provides for everyone. Married couples are similarly called and equally capable of conformance with these same guidelines...in living their own relationships with integrity.**

**I encourage support of HB 444.**

**(s) electronically by: Kahu (Fr.) T. M. Van Culin 02/24/09**

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February 22, 2009

**LATE**

The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Judiciary and Government Operations Committee  
Hawaii State Senate  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**SUBJECT: HOUSE BILL 444 - TESTIMONY IN STRONG  
OPPOSITION**

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine, and Members of the  
Committee,

My name is Ron Nishihara and I am submitting this testimony in **strong  
opposition** to this bill, which would establish civil unions.

### **“In God We Trust.”**

- Does the above statement mean anything to you? Our great country was founded on Judeo-Christian principles. Many of our institutions, including marriage, are based on these principles as well.
- Over the years, we have allowed political correctness to erode many of our laws such that they have strayed from the principles upon which they were based. The result has been degradation of our social morals and values (“if the law says its okay, it must be okay”). *“Without wise leadership, a nation falls; with many counselors, there is safety.” ~Proverbs 11:14*
- Regardless of how you wordsmith the bill, or your justification for the bill, it will have the effect of a same-sex marriage bill.
- I am **not** anti-gay nor am I anti-lesbian. All of us are created in the image of God and are loved equally by Him. However, I **am** supportive of marriage as a covenant between one man and one woman, the way that God intended it.
- *“He who finds a wife finds what is good and finds favor from the Lord.” ~Proverbs 18:22*

If you believe in our country’s motto, I respectfully ask that you vote “No” on HB 444. Mahalo for the opportunity to express my personal opinion.

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Testimony re: Opposition to HB444  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
February 24, 2009 9am  
Measure Number: HB 444

Dear Senators:

Gay activists attempted to get same sex marriages legalized in Hawaii more than a decade ago, prompting a 1998 constitutional amendment ballot question giving the Legislature the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples. Seventy percent of Hawaii voters sent a clear message that we do not support the union of same sex couples and placed our trust in the Legislature to preserve traditional marriage, or the union between a man and a woman. In an attempt to re-define marriage, just under a pseudo name, sits HB444. A vote to support HB444 blatantly ignores the wishes of the majority, and democracy (the rule of the majority) will no longer exist in Hawaii. Please do not betray us and the fiduciary trust we've placed in you.

Our nation was built on democracy so that there would be justice and equality. The people have spoken, and the majority have voted for one man, one woman unions. Please honor the voices of the people by honoring the votes that have already been cast and OPPOSE HB444. The rule of the people, the rule of the majority has already been established, please do the right thing and oppose HB444.

Sincerely,  
Val Domingo

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HB444 HD1

Committee: JGO

Room: Auditorium

Hearing Date: 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM

Aloha Senators,

I support civil unions and the important protections they provide for families in Hawaii. Please vote yes on HB444 HD1.

I am a good honest citizen and a product of a mixed-race union. At the time I was born (1966) Hawai`i was a good place with good values and allowed my parents freedom. But many place in our country called my parents' bond illegal, ungodly, an unfit household, unnatural, bad for our children and our future....the same hurtful, unfounded words we are hearing today.

Yet our great nation came to understand and protected their right to choose whom they should love and support.

By voting no, you do not do justice to Christ's work to love; you are harming many Christians such as myself who believe that same-sex unions are the right thing to do. The membership of mainline Christian denominations such as the United Church of Christ and the Episcopal Church, both whom played foundational roles in setting the character of what we call Hawai`i today, are in support of same-sex unions. Legal unions provide comfort in times of need and provide stable households for families.

Historically, Hawai`i has been a place of tolerance, fairness, and aloha. I entrust you to do the right thing for the future of Hawai`i and protect our freedom to choose who we want to love and support no matter what race, sex or sexual orientation.

This bill is an important step for Hawaii to end discrimination and support all its `ohana.

Aloha i ke kahi i ke kahi (love one another).

Sincerely,  
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From Christine Tabora  
To Senate Judiciary Committee HB444  
2/24/2009

Please do not support HB444.

Your job is as part of government, is that you govern with the consent of the people.

There is nothing righteous about this bill. The life of the Land is perpetuated in righteousness.

Do not let supporters of this bill deceive you or confuse you by placing the words civil rights next to the words civil union.

It is dishonest to re-word something the people already voted against in order to pass it.

Please for SO many reasons that you have not even thought of.

Sent from my iPhone with love,  
Christine

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Please see attached. Thank you very much.

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To: Chairman Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chairman Dwight Takamine, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government  
Operations  
From: Leslie Jones, Hawaii Licensed Mental Health Counselor  
Date: February 24, 2009, 9:00 am Committee Hearing  
Re: Testimony in Opposition to HB 444, HD1

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. In opposition to HB444, HD1, I offer the following from expert David Blankenhorn, President of the New York-based Institute for American Values and author of "The Future of Marriage":

"Marriage as a human institution is constantly evolving, and many of its features vary across groups and cultures. But there is one constant. In all societies, marriage shapes the rights and obligations of parenthood. Among us humans, the scholars report, marriage is not primarily a license to have sex. Nor is it primarily a license to receive benefits or social recognition. It is primarily a license to have children."

"In this sense, marriage is a gift that society bestows on its next generation. Marriage (and only marriage) unites the three core dimensions of parenthood -- biological, social and legal -- into one pro-child form: the married couple. Marriage says to a child: The man and the woman whose sexual union made you will also be there to love and raise you. Marriage says to society as a whole: For every child born, there is a recognized mother and a father, accountable to the child and to each other."

"Until very recently, almost no one denied this core fact about marriage. Summing up the cross-cultural evidence, the anthropologist Helen Fisher in 1992 put it simply: "People wed primarily to reproduce." The philosopher and Nobel laureate Bertrand Russell, certainly no friend of conventional sexual morality, was only repeating the obvious a few decades earlier when he concluded that "it is through children alone that sexual relations become important to society, and worthy to be taken cognizance of by a legal institution."

"Marriage is society's most pro-child institution. In 2002 a team of researchers from Child Trends, a nonpartisan research center, reported that "family structure clearly matters for children, and the family structure that helps children the most is a family headed by two biological parents in a low-conflict marriage." As a mental health counselor in Hawaii, I can personally attest to the accuracy of this statement in our community.

"All our scholarly instruments seem to agree: For healthy development, what a child needs more than anything else is the mother and father who together made the child, who love the child and love each other."

"For these reasons, children have the right, insofar as society can make it possible, to know and to be cared for by the two parents who brought them into this world. The foundational human rights document in the world today regarding children, the 1989 U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, specifically guarantees children this right. We as a society should seek to maintain and to strengthen the only human institution -- marriage -- that is specifically intended to safeguard that right and make it real for our children."

In our multicultural Hawaii, our community strongly favors such internationally recognized human rights, particularly concerning our keiki, who are typically society's most voiceless and vulnerable group. If we seek to acknowledge the aloha that same sex adults have for each other, there is already legislation on the books, that can be strengthened as needed.

Please continue to safeguard our keiki and the institution of marriage by voting in opposition to HB444, HD1. Thank you again for this opportunity to testify.

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# LATE

My name is Tyler Johnson and I am a resident of the state of Hawaii. I am in support of the Civil Unions bill HB444. It is time for homosexuals to be allowed the same rights as any other individual in our nation. Many who have an outcry opposing this bill do not realize that many of their co-workers, and even friends may also be a homosexual, and they like them just the same. There is no valid argument against passing this bill so everyone opposing brings religion and children into it as an argument for their fear and hate. Religion cannot be considered an argument due to the separation of church and state as an amendment to our constitution. There for should have no bearing in a decision for this bill. Churches that do not agree with this bill can simply refuse to perform a same sex marriage, for they will retain that right to do so. Children are not factor because this bill does not affect them in any way. These anti same sex marriage ads that have been being shown by the opposing group are hateful and hurtful. The only show pictures that are not the norm and call it the norm, and use remarks that are outstanding and racist that should not be allowed by law to be used at this point in our nation. Many Heterosexual couples that are considered the norm also to explicit vulgar act that's children see in public and on TV that can be considered just as bad if not worse as these images being used by the opposing party. Also there will be no change to children with what they see by passing a bill but only teaching them that equality, and human rights no matter what race religion or sexual preference you are. So I ask you to support bill HB 444 and allow every citizen of our nation to have the same rights as the next one. Thank you for your time.

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Testimony: **Please Stop HB444 HD-1**

To: Senate Judiciary Committee Members

[JGOTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:JGOTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Hearing Date: 2/24/09

Time: 9:00 am

Dear Senators:

I would like to voice **my strong opposition to HB 444 HD-1**. The passage of the Civil Union bill will surely open the door to new Hawaii laws converting it to a model state for homosexuality and immorality. These laws will then define a 'new morality' as 'marriage' itself would be redefined and serve to destroy the traditional family in our society. The people of Hawaii have already voted against such a bill in 1998; have the majority truly changed their minds since then? If that is the case, let the majority vote instead of circulating this important issue inside the chambers of the legislature.

It should be apparent to any thinking person that gays and lesbians will continue their ways of perverted sex in private, whether the bill passes or not. Therefore, what is their main objective and purpose here? They already have as many legal equal rights as heterosexuals, so what is their struggle all about? Is it that they want the traditional culture of America to adopt their pernicious ways as 'normal' and therefore, broadly acceptable?

If HB 444 is enacted, there is a likely-hood of unintended adverse effects that will plague Hawaii just as is already happening in gay Massachusetts and New Jersey. For example, the state of New Jersey passed domestic partnerships in 2004 and then established civil unions in 2006.

In December 2008, a commission established to study civil unions recommended that full same-sex marriage be granted based on inequality just as in Massachusetts. The

same scenario is likely to be followed here either during your current administration or the one following. Such activities reported in the states which passed these laws are:

1. Open same-sex education given to school age children. Homosexuality and other aberrant sexual behaviors are now considered normal.
2. Parents can have no say or cannot have any objections to such public education.
3. Gay resource speakers and gay teachers will be free to teach children their alternative lifestyles.
4. Promotion of teenage gay days, gay clubs, gay dances and gay celebrations.
5. Sexual experimentation is being encouraged where techniques are taught and graphic illustrations are provided.
6. Tax dollars are being used to print homosexual-related books for the classroom and libraries.
7. Picture stories are available to very young children promoting the homosexual way of life from an early age.
8. The meaning of family is no longer a father, mother and children, but families of same sex parents of two mothers or two fathers.

Sunday's rally opposing gay civil unions at the state Capitol was a very enlightening grassroots moment with as many as 10,000 people in red clothing protesting this HB444. This was but a small sample of the majority of folks that also oppose it.

We, at Ohana Haven Ministries, ask that you consider your decision very carefully and not bring more problems to our state than we already have. Hawaii and our nation are already in dire economic straits and alienating the majority of the people will not help to resolve our many financial and social problems. Thank you for your consideration!

Pastor Richard J. Knox, Sr.

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Hearing scheduled for **Tuesday, February 23, 2009, 9:00 am; State Capitol Auditorium**  
FROM: Clifford Chang

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February 22, 2009

**RE: Testimony in Strong Support for HB 444, HD1 Relating to Civil Unions**

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT for HB 444 HD1 which extends the rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage partners in a civil union.

I know I share with all of you the same belief in and commitment to equality for all the people of Hawai'i, no matter their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. I know I share with you the belief that one of the proper and fundamental roles of government is to support and protect this equality. Through the passage of this bill, you, as the Hawai'i State Legislature, have the opportunity to ensure that same sex couples through civil unions receive the same rights, benefits, protections and obligations afforded heterosexual couples through marriage.

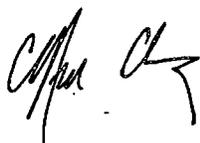
While I am not married, should I get married, as a heterosexual male, my spouse would be immediately assured of many rights accorded by law. No one would, or could, question her right to be covered under my medical insurance, or when I died, to her right to my retirement benefits.

However, such is not the case for my sister and her partner of over 16 years. No matter that they have shared their lives and have built and sustained a wonderful partnership over those years – they are not entitled to the same legal benefits that marriage provides to me. This is simply not right; it is plainly and simply, discrimination.

Through the passage of this bill, the Legislature can demonstrate its commitment that all couples should be treated equally under the law regardless of whether they are opposite-sex couples or same-sex couples.

Thank you this opportunity to testify and for your courage and commitment to do what is right in passing this bill.

Sincerely,



Clifford Chang

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To Whom it may Concern,

I am unable to reach this morning's hearing however, this is what I would like to say in my absence. I was born in N.H. and grew up in New England and though I do not always agree to everyone's opinion, it is imperative to communicate this to all people in the great state of Hawaii.

**Why we don't want same-sex marriages nor civil unions in Hawaii nor in any other state in the nation. Please persuade our Hawaii legislators and the Judiciary Committee to vote "NO" to same sex marriages or civil unions. Please do not vote for any Senators nor Representatives in future elections who vote "Yes" to same sex marriages or civil unions.**

*Ciao,  
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BettyJean*

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### What same-sex "marriage" has done to Massachusetts

It's far worse than most people realize

October 20, 2008  
by Brian Camenker

Anyone who thinks that same-sex marriage is a benign eccentricity which won't affect the average person should consider what it has done in Massachusetts. It's become a hammer to force the acceptance and normalization of homosexuality on everyone. And this train is moving fast. What has happened so far is only the beginning.

On November 18, 2003, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court announced its [Goodridge opinion](#), ruling that it was unconstitutional not to allow same-sex marriage. Six months later, homosexual marriages began to

be performed.

## **The public schools**

The homosexual marriage onslaught in public schools across the state started soon after the November 2003, court decision.

- **At my own children's high school there was a school-wide assembly to celebrate same-sex marriage in early December, 2003.** It featured an array of speakers, including teachers at the school who announced that they would be marrying their same-sex partners and starting families either through adoption or artificial insemination. Literature on same-sex marriage how it is now a normal part of society was handed out to the students.
- **Within months it was brought into the middle schools.** In September, 2004, an 8th-grade teacher in Brookline, MA, told National Public Radio that the marriage ruling had opened up the floodgates for teaching homosexuality. In my mind, I know that, 'OK, this is legal now.' If somebody wants to challenge me, I'll say, 'Give me a break. It's legal now,' she told NPR. She added that she now discusses gay sex with her students as explicitly as she desires. For example, she said she tells the kids that lesbians can have vaginal intercourse using sex toys.
- **By the following year it was in elementary school curricula.** Kindergartners were given picture books telling them that same-sex couples are just another kind of family, like their own parents. In 2005, when David Parker of Lexington, MA a parent of a kindergartner strongly insisted on being notified when teachers were discussing homosexuality or transgenderism with his son, the school had him arrested and put in jail overnight.

**Second graders at the same school** were read a book, King and King, about two men who have a romance and marry each other, with a picture of them kissing. When parents Rob and Robin Wirthlin complained, they were told that the school had no obligation to notify them or allow them to opt-out their child.

- **In 2006 the Parkers and Wirthlins filed a federal Civil Rights lawsuit** to force the schools to notify parents and allow them to opt-out their elementary-school children when homosexual-related subjects were taught. The federal judges dismissed the case. The judges ruled that because same-sex marriage is legal in Massachusetts, the school actually had a duty to normalize homosexual relationships to children, and that schools have no obligation to notify parents or let them opt-out their children! Acceptance of homosexuality had become a matter of good citizenship!

**Think about that: Because same-sex marriage is legal, a federal judge has ruled that the schools now have a *duty* to portray homosexual relationships as normal to children, despite what parents think or believe!**

- In 2006, in the elementary school where my daughter went to Kindergarten, the **parents of a third-grader were forced to take their child out of school because a man undergoing a sex-change operation and cross-dressing was being brought into class** to teach the children that there are now different kinds of families. School officials told the mother that her complaints to the principal were considered inappropriate behavior.
- **Libraries have also radically changed.** School libraries across the state, from elementary school

to high school, now have shelves of books to normalize homosexual behavior and the lifestyle in the minds of kids, some of them quite explicit and even pornographic. Parents complaints are ignored or met with hostility.

Over the past year, homosexual groups have been using taxpayer money to distribute a large, slick hardcover **book celebrating homosexual marriage** titled *Courting Equality* into every school library in the state.

- **It's become commonplace in Massachusetts schools for teachers to prominently display photos of their same-sex spouses and occasionally bring them to school functions.** Both high schools in my own town now have principals who are married to their same-sex partners, whom they bring to school and introduce to the students.
- **Gay days in schools are considered necessary** to fight intolerance which may exist against same sex relationships. Hundreds of high schools and even middle schools across the state now hold gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender appreciation days. They celebrate homosexual marriage and move forward to other behaviors such as cross-dressing and transsexuality. In my own town, a school committee member recently announced that combating homophobia is now a top priority.

Once homosexuality has been normalized, all boundaries will come down. The schools are already moving on to normalizing transgenderism (including cross-dressing and sex changes). The state-funded *Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth* includes leaders who are transsexuals.

### **Public health**

- **The Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health** is married to another man. In 2007 he told a crowd of kids at a state-sponsored youth event that its wonderful being gay and he wants to make sure there's enough HIV testing available for all of them.
- Since homosexual marriage became legal the **rates of HIV / AIDS have gone up considerably in Massachusetts.** This year public funding to deal with HIV/AIDS has risen by \$500,000.
- Citing the right to marry as one of the important challenges in a place where it's a great time to be gay, **the Massachusetts Department of Public Health helped produce *The Little Black Book, Queer in the 21st Century*,** a hideous work of obscene pornography which was given to kids at Brookline High School on April 30, 2005. Among other things, it gives tips to boys on how to perform oral sex on other males, masturbate other males, and how to safely have someone urinate on you for sexual pleasure. It also included a directory of bars in Boston where young men meet for anonymous sex.

### **Domestic violence**

- Given the extreme dysfunctional nature of homosexual relationships, the Massachusetts Legislature has felt the need to **spend more money every year to deal with skyrocketing homosexual domestic violence.** This year \$350,000 was budgeted, up \$100,000 from last year.

### **Business**

- **All insurance in Massachusetts** must now recognize same-sex married couples in their coverage. This includes auto insurance, health insurance, life insurance, etc.

- Businesses must recognize same-sex married couples in **all their benefits, activities, etc.**, regarding both employees and customers.
- **The wedding industry is required serve the homosexual community** if requested. Wedding photographers, halls, caterers, etc., must do same-sex marriages or be arrested for discrimination.
- **Businesses are often tested for tolerance by homosexual activists.** Groups of homosexual activists often go into restaurants or bars and publicly kiss and fondle each other to test whether the establishment demonstrates sufficient equality now that homosexual marriage is legal. In fact, more and more overt displays of homosexual affection are seen in public places across the state to reinforce "marriage equality".

### Legal profession

- **The Massachusetts Bar Exam now tests lawyers on their knowledge of same-sex "marriage" issues.** In 2007, a Boston man, Stephen Dunne, failed the Massachusetts bar exam because he refused to answer the questions in it about homosexual marriage.
- Issues regarding homosexual families are now firmly entrenched in the Massachusetts legal system. In many firms, lawyers in Massachusetts practicing family law **must now attend seminars on homosexual "marriage"**. There are also now several homosexual judges overseeing the Massachusetts family courts.

### Adoption of children to homosexual married couples

- **Homosexual married couples can now demand to be able to adopt children** the same as normal couples. *Catholic Charities* decided to abandon handling adoptions rather submit to regulations requiring them to allow homosexuals to adopt the children in their care.
- **In 2006 the Massachusetts Department of Social Services (DSS) honored two men married to each other as their Parents of the Year.** The men already adopted a baby through DSS (against the wishes of the baby's birth parents). According to news reports, the day after that adoption was final DSS approached the men about adopting a second child. Homosexuals now appear to be put in line for adopting children ahead of heterosexual parents by state agencies in Massachusetts.

### Government mandates

- **In 2004, Governor Mitt Romney ordered Justices of the Peace to perform homosexual marriages when requested or be fired.** At least one Justice of the Peace decided to resign.
- Also thanks to Gov. Romney, **marriage licenses in Massachusetts now have Party A and Party B instead of husband and wife.** Romney did not have a legal requirement to do this; he did it on his own. (See more on this below.)
- Since homosexual relationships are now officially normal, **the Legislature now gives enormous tax money to homosexual activist groups.** In particular, the Massachusetts Commission on Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Youth is made up of the most radical and militant homosexual groups which target children in the schools. This year they are getting \$700,000 of taxpayer money to go into the public schools.
- **In 2008 Massachusetts changed the state Medicare laws to include homosexual married**

couples in the coverage.

### **The public square**

- Since gay marriage, **annual gay pride parades** have become more prominent. There are more politicians and corporations participating, and even police organizations take part. **And the envelop gets pushed further and further.** There is now a profane Dyke March through downtown Boston, and recently a transgender parade in Northampton that included bare-chested women who have had their breasts surgically removed so they could become men. Governor Patrick even marched with his out lesbian 17-year old daughter in the 2008 Boston Pride event, right behind a leather group brandishing a black & blue flag, whips and chains!

### **The media**

- Boston media, particularly the Boston Globe newspaper, regularly does **feature stories and news stories portraying homosexual married couples where regular married couples would normally be used.** Its equal, they insist, so there must be no difference in the coverage. Also, the **newspaper advice columns** now deal with homosexual "marriage" issues, and how to properly accept it.
- **A growing number of news reporters and TV anchors** are openly married homosexuals who march in the gay pride parades.

### **Is gay marriage actually legal in Massachusetts?**

Like everywhere else in America, the imposition of same-sex marriage on the people of Massachusetts was a combination of radical, arrogant judges and pitifully cowardly politicians.

The Goodridge ruling resulted in a complete cave-in by politicians of both parties on this issue. Same-sex marriage is still illegal in Massachusetts. On November 18, 2003 the court merely ruled that it was unconstitutional not to allow it, and gave the Legislature six months to take such action as it may deem appropriate. Note that the Massachusetts Constitution strongly denies courts the power to make or change laws, or from ordering the other branches to take any action. The constitution effectively bans judicial review court changing or nullifying a law. Thus, the court did not order anything to happen; it simply rendered an opinion on that specific case. And the Legislature did nothing. The marriage statutes were never changed. However, against the advice of many, Gov. Romney took it upon himself to alter the state's marriage licenses to say "Party A and Party B" and order officials to perform same-sex "weddings" if asked, though he had no legal obligation to do so. Technically, same-sex marriages are still illegal in Massachusetts.

Nevertheless, we are having to live with it. And furthermore, this abdication of their proper constitutional roles by the Legislature and Governor has caused a domino effect as "copycat" rulings have been issued in California and Connecticut, with other states fearful it will happen there.

### **In conclusion**

Homosexual marriage hangs over society like a hammer with the force of law. And its only just begun.

It's pretty clear that the homosexual movements obsession with marriage is not because large numbers of them actually want to marry each other. Research shows that homosexual relationships are fundamentally dysfunctional on many levels, and marriage as we know it isn't something they can achieve, or even desire. (In fact, over the last three months, the *Sunday Boston Globe's* marriage section hasn't had any photos of homosexual marriages. In the beginning it was full of them.) This is about putting the legal stamp of approval on homosexuality and imposing it with force throughout the various social and political institutions of a

society that would never accept it otherwise. To the rest of America: You've been forewarned.

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**Measure Number:** HB 444 HD1  
**OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1**

To Senate Judiciary committee

I want to testify before you why I oppose HouseBill 444.

I believe that God had instituted a union sacred before the eyes of God and before men between a male and female. Marriage is union and union is marriage. Using a coin illustration, whether it be heads or tails, it's still the same coin. Whether marriage or union it is still marriage. This is what your Hawaii constituents have voiced back in 1998. I believe that should the wording for the 1998 "defense for marriage amendment" would have been "to reserve marriage **and civil union** to opposite sex couples" the result would have been the same, and now, more than ten years later, we would not be spending your time in this discussion but probably more pressing issues like our failing economy and the loss of jobs.

Since your constituents have spoken, I humbly ask that you keep your solemn oath to protect the definition of marriage and union between a man and a woman and refuse to pass Housebill 444. But should you insist to challenge Hawaii's Constitutional Amendment 2 of 1998, then follow the precedence The Hawaii State Supreme Court had set in 1993, which after ruling that it was "sex discrimination not to grant marriage licence to same sex couples, "stayed its ruling and **ordered the state to justify its sex discrimination.**" And the result of that order was the 1998 Constitutional Amendment. This was their action despite the fact that the Hawaii State Supreme Court could have immediately granted marriage licenses to same-sex couples. I appeal to you that you practice restraint. Giving it to the people is not running away from it, it is walking the process right - with the people. Don't put into your hands a decision that rightly belongs to the people that you govern (*Footnote: 1993, The Hawaii State Supreme Court ruled in Baehr v. Lawrence, 852 P.2d44 (Haw. 1993) refusing to grant marriage licences to same sex couples was sex discrimination under the state's constitution, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawaii\\_Constitutional\\_Amendment\\_2\\_\(1998\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawaii_Constitutional_Amendment_2_(1998))). ; <http://www.state.hi.us/jud/20371.htm>*

I hear proponents say that House Bill 444 is necessary because the Reciprocal Beneficiary Relationships is not enough. In an interview done by one of our newspapers to a gay couple, they lamented of the fact that they cannot enjoy their lives for "better or for worst" because when one is gravely sick, they cannot decide for the other. I feel bad for this couple, not because of what they said, but because they are uninformed. Let me share with you some of the rights of this Reciprocal Beneficiary Relationships.

Worker's compensation; Inheritance without a will; Wrongful death; Hospital visitation (and health care decisions); Consent to postmortem exams; Loan eligibility; Property rights (including joint tenancy); Tort liability Protection under Hawaii domestic violence laws.

The problem here is not redefining civil union, it is educating the gay and lesbian community. We shouldn't be wasting our time battling over marriage lines, we should be busy passing the word around especially to couples like these.

Now I know that Reciprocal Beneficiary Relationship is not perfect. Based on Partners Task Force for Gay and Lesbian they claim that there were benefits that no longer applicable for private or public employees such as ~~Public employees health fund; Public employees retirement; Health insurance; Life insurance~~  
(*Footnote: <http://www.buddybuddy.com/d-p-hawa.html>*)

There definitely is a warrant to that claim. If that's the case, then let's fix it. But that's the whole point. Let's fix what's broken. Leave alone what's not. Leave the civil union alone. If the right hand needs surgery don't operate on the left. And if the Reciprocal Beneficiary Relationship needs a second-look or a third-look, then might I

suggest that the House of Representatives be better be making themselves busy for there's a lot of things to fix. Passing HB444 will not fix anything but will complicate matters most. What is broken here is obvious so for Pete's sake, leave alone what's not broken but fix what is. You're civil rights is guaranteed when we fix the right laws and not create new ones that will just produce many more problems. There's another reason why I am oppose to HB444. It's because of comments that I hear from the advocates of this bill:

Alan Spector from the Family Equality Coalition, in an interview with one of the Television News says, ""I do want same-sex marriage in the state of Hawaii," Spector said, "But that day will come when the public is ready for it and when the legislature is ready to give it to us." Some say, "it's a foot in the door." Others, "It's just a matter of time."

These comments and others paint a bigger picture. That the Gays and Lesbians quest is not simply civil rights. There's more. It is eventually to influence the younger minds and popularize their behavior without restrain. A good example is Former Department of Education Secretary Margaret Spellings, back in 2004 (now Arne Duncan), was targeted by a letter-writing campaign of a homosexual/transsexual group in San Francisco because she opposed the use of federal tax dollars on a cartoon episode showing a real-life homosexual family in the PBS preschooler series "Postcards from Buster." Our keikis are the target. We cannot allow a foot to enter the door. We cannot expose young minds in this kind of behaviors and even if they were, that should be reserved for the parents who understand the issue.

Canadian Supreme Court in December 2002 ruled in favor of a gay kindergarten teacher who wanted to introduce a book entitled "One Dad, Two Dads, Brown Dads, Blue Dads" to kindergarten and first-grade students.

I say this with great passion because I am a father of a20kindergarten, a 3rd grader and 5th grader all in public schools. I am afraid that HB444 will change the landscape of Hawaii forever. Yes, the fight eventually will not be a definition of marriage and union, but it will be the lives of the of our keikis. Not just they way we live but the way we teach the future of our islands.

I hate to say it, but what I see in this bill is not quest for equality but the greed to superiority. That's the gay and lesbians, bi-sexuals and transgender agenda.

Finally, let me remind each and everyone of you of our Hawaii State Motto. "The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Rigteousness." That righteousness is not in the backdrop of civil rights, but is in the backdrop of the Holy Bible. There is right and there is wrong. And believe me, it has nothing to do with being right handed or left handed. Sin is wrong. All sin is wrong. And all of us have sinned. And Homosexuality is not exempted. The bible says, "*God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. 27In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.*" But the wrong can be made right. How? All sins are forgivable by God through Jesus Christ our Lord. That is right. That is righteousness. May you all rule upholding the life of this land.

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**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Paula Dozier  
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Submitted on: 2/24/2009

Comments:  
This is revised testimony. Thank you.

Chairman Taniguchi, Vice Chairman Takamine and Honorable Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to call upon your commitment to uphold the interests of your constituents and to forsake following plans or programs that would promote personal ambition and self-serving interests that are detrimental to the community as a whole.

I appeal to you as parents who have set guidelines and provided restrictions to ensure the best possible environment for your children to become honest, responsible, dependable and conscientious citizens. You established guidelines based on time-tested principles because of your love for your children and your desire for our Islands' continued stability and peace. Yes, your children were free to disobey your authority, but there were consequences that were put in place to help them make the most healthy choices.

One of the most insidious outgrowths of disobedience to established rules is that there is a dulling of one's sense of right and wrong. We all have given in to one temptation or another, thinking that this "one thing" won't hurt...and we are trusting that "just this once" we won't be caught. If the adverse consequence of disobedience is not immediate, chances are that disobedience will be repeated and perhaps eventually flaunted. We then begin to think that we are immune to established consequences. Think of those who have run red lights, lied on loan applications, chosen to satisfy immediate wants through incurring consumer debt --- or those addicted to gambling, alcohol, violence and other activities that compromise societal well-being.

When we allow sense of entitlement to dictate our actions, self-indulgence takes precedence over the welfare of the community as a whole. Today our children are being faced with poor choices that we as generations before them have made, whether it's in the mentality of, "I have to have it now," (thus leading to the great consumer debt the nation is experiencing currently) or whether it's in having made allowances for abortions. Basically, both of these are teaching our children that there is no need to face the consequences of decisions that we make.

There are lifestyle choices that all of us make every day. At the age of consent, each person has equal freedom to choose the person with whom [s]he desires to spend the rest of her or his life. No one is forcing an individual to spend the rest of his or her life with a person of the same or different gender. However, in making the choice there are regulations and consequences that follow.

Were an individual to choose to enter an adulterous relationship, it would be ludicrous to assume that legitimacy of that relationship could be established if that individual were to seek governmental and then legal recourse for "rights." And, the same arguments that apply to "civil unions," might be applied in the case of adultery as well. Yet, we recognize that adultery is not in the best interest of a healthy community, even though participants in an adulterous relationship may claim the same type of "bond" that those seeking "civil unions" also would claim.

Do we want to give governmental sanction to a relationship that all extant societies up to the present have deemed to be harmful to the public welfare? No, please remember the *majority* of Hawaii's

people continue to oppose these types of unions, which serve no positive impact on society. Please vote "No" on HB 444. Thank you.

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Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

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Submitted on: 2/24/2009

Comments:  
This is revised testimony. Thank you.

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**From:** casino2304@aol.com  
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**To:** JGO Testimony  
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**LATE**

I Natalia Saraceno support hb 444

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**Subject:** hb 444 support

**LATE**

I phallon debose support hb 444.

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**From:** grace crocket [grace.crocket@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 5:36 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Civil Unions Bill Hearing

**LATE**

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB444 hd1 (Civil Unions)

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee,

Please extend the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union.

Respectfully,  
Grace Crocket

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**From:** klennert [lewncla@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 5:43 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** gay marriage

**LATE**

If you would like to keep my families tourism dollars you will not pass gay marriage. Our family goes there every year or two and I am planning a trip this April. I used to go to Mexico often and have not gone in five years because of the anti American message coming from that country. I will no longer spend money in your state if this is passed. And I will tell all around me not to go as well. We will be glad to take our money to the Caribbean or Florida or some other tropical location.

Aaron & Monika Klennert  
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**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rose Luecke  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone:  
E-mail: [roseluecke@yahoo.com](mailto:roseluecke@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/24/2009

**Comments:**

I oppose because in the HB444 it will allow me as a grandmother to have a sexual relationship with my grandson and call it Civil Union. This Bill includes the school curriculum to teach my child and grandchild the total opposite of what majority of us teach them at home as far as man and woman equally baby. The Judiciary House will show my children what it looks like when a man and man together looks like. Do you actually think that's what I want for my child? What about your grandchild? Do want that for your's? Reconsider and vote NO.

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Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
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Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Robert Luecke  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
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Submitted on: 2/24/2009

**Comments:**

I oppose because in the HB444! Kill this Bill because it's against God's Will!

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Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
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Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lopaka Luecke  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [roseluecke@yahoo.com](mailto:roseluecke@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/24/2009

**Comments:**

I oppose because in the HB444! I am a high school student 18 years old and what my parents are teaching me is so contrary to what we may have to expect from our Government. I lack trust in our state leaders because of stuff like this that you make our nation divide against each other. And a nation divided WILL fall!!

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**From:** Roger Wark [warkpacific@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 6:05 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1

**LATE**

Testifier: Roger Wark  
128 Makahiki St  
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Bill Number and Title: HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions  
Committee: Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee  
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Hearing Location: Auditorium

I strongly oppose this bill. The Word of God strongly opposes this bill.

Think back just one generation, your fathers would strongly oppose this bill. Its amazing how a few lobbyist can sway our politicians.

VOTE NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

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Submitted on: 2/24/2009

Comments:

**LATE**

Testimony for HB444

Camille Rockett, Masters of Social Work Student, UH Manoa  
Before the Committee on Judiciary and Government Options  
Tuesday, February 24, 2009

I am writing to SUPPORT the passage of HB 444. I am a Master's student in the School of Social Work at UH Manoa. I am a Maui-born resident, a mother, and I am a believer in God.

I am so sickened by the countless testimonies I read from the Christian right that are so full of hate. The people this bill will help are our brothers and sisters, family and friends, and they are being treated as second class citizens by our government. They are tax paying Hawaii residents who only want to overcome the institutional and social discrimination they have dealt with for decades.

I grew up on Maui, and though I was born with a more accepted sexual orientation, I had several family members and friends who were born with a different orientation. My own experiences as well as newer biological research both confirm to me that an alternative sexual orientation is genetic, biological, and uncontrollable by the individual. I cannot believe we live in a society that continues to commit the same hateful, prejudiced sins that our past generations did through racism, sexism, and religious superiority.

Regardless of one's religious beliefs, this state must not be swayed by the hateful opinions of one group. My Hawaii state government is not only representing the Evangelical Christians. My government is supposed to be for the people. You are supposed to fight for those who are not given a voice, who don't yet have enough power to make things right. Please hear this voice and pass HB 444.

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**From:** Jo [jqueja1018@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 6:37 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Unable to Attend Union HB 444 HD1 Hearing

**LATE**

I regret that I am unable to attend the hearing for HB444 HD1 hearing. However, I do want to be considered as a petitioner against this bill.

Mahalo,

JoAnn A. Queja

Testifier: JoAnn A. Queja  
Bill Number and Title: HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions  
Committee: Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee  
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Hearing Location: Auditorium

STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 6:55 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Public Hearing - Tuesday, 24 Feb 09 @ 0900 - Measure Number HB 444

**LATE**

Jazz E H Jones  
24 February 2009

To: Senate Judiciary Committee  
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, (Chair)  
Sen. Dwight Takamine (Vice-Chair)  
Sen. Robert Bunda  
Sen. Clarence Nishihara

RE: Strong Opposition to HB 444

Dear Sirs,

Please cast your vote in favor of traditional marriages. Allowing HB 444 to pass would be a devastation to our society. God's standard for marriage has always been between one man and one women. Yes, times and people have changed, but not always for the better. Who are we to say that our ideas and personal standards/wishes/ideals are better than the ones God has set from the very beginning? This world is already seeing crazy and unfortunate times. HB 444 would just further degrade the morals, traditions, and beliefs that this country was founded on and be completely opposite of God's plan for us. Also, isn't a "civil right" in regards to a position that one cannot alter (race, nationality, gender, age, etc.)? We are all made in God's image. We are either male or female. I honestly don't see anything "civil" about allowing a bill to be passed to meet the needs of someone's personal preferences. Marriage = one man + one woman.

Mahalo nui for your time,

Jazz E H Jones

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**From:** john bishop [bishhawaii@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 444  
**Attachments:** civil union testimony.rtf

**LATE**

Please find enclosed my testimony opposing HB 444 Civil Unions which is slated for a hearing on Tues. Feb. 24 2009 at 9am.

John Bishop  
258-8960

Dear elected officials,

I implore you from the bottom of my heart to not go down this path of the "normalization" and "equalization of the homosexual lifestyle by passing house bill 444, and briefly here is why.

First of all, we all know that bill 444 is a "skirt" around the term marriage. Is not marriage also a civil union? Of course it is. Don't the homosexual couples today already have certain basic rights under the reciprocal beneficiaries act? So what is really at the core of this push for "civil unions"? It is simply a rather large step in advancing toward the ultimate goal of the homosexual movement which is same sex marriage and ultimately complete normalization and acceptance in society of the homosexual lifestyle.

So why are the homosexual activists so hellbent on ramrodding the acceptance of their lifestyle into mainstream society? This is the "core" reason and one that many of those who are actively lobbying for this bill have not even awakened to. It is the false notion that mass acceptance of their lifestyle will ease their conscience and quiet that nagging voice in their hearts that is causing them so much turmoil and pain. They think that if no one finds fault with their activities and accepts them wholeheartedly then they will be at peace in their hearts. Well first of all, there will never be a day when everyone will embrace their lifestyle as normal and wholesome, and second, even if this were to happen, that nagging voice in the core of the heart, that some call your conscience, is a characteristic of the human form of life similar to wetness being a characteristic of water and it can never be silenced!

Thirty years ago even the psychiatric community labeled the homosexual lifestyle as an abnormality. Today we are poised to accept this lifestyle as respectable and completely normal, even to the point that if this bill is passed it will soon be mandatory that all public elementary schools be required by law to teach this "normalization" to our keiki with our tax dollars. Have we really come a long way forward in society concerning our spiritual evolution or have we gone backwards? Where does humanity at large get the moral codes that govern and guide most societies? On what basis do we determine what is morally correct and consequently soothing to the soul? Dare I mention the "S" word? Yes I must. Moral codes are derived from honest, sincere contemplation of the revealed scriptures of the world. I ask you then, Has the message of any of the many scriptures changed in the last 30 years or is it we, the masses who have been desensitized and conditioned by tv shows and movies coming out of hollywood to the point that now we are willing to pass a law that simply makes the statement that scripture has been mistaken for all these centuries and Gods' teachings just don't apply on this topic in this day and age.

Finally, this is not meant to be a sermon but you simply cannot discuss this topic without touching heavily on the facts that I have stated above. This is not simply a Hawaii issue. If it were you wouldn't have the many Homosexual activists from the mainland working so heavily on this "Hawaii" legislation. Acceptance of this bill here in Hawaii is very important to the future of the national homosexual agenda and I beg you to not force us to be a part of it by passing this bill. I would also like to mention how divisive to the community the acceptance of this bill would be. You, our legislators, were elected by us to do the will of the majority of your constituents. If you still, in your heart of hearts, believe that the desires of two men or two women to live together as "husband and wife" makes biological, and moral sense, and are prepared to teach these truths to your own children in your own homes and to others via the public school system, and are considering voting yes on this civil union bill, then at least have the decency to put it to a vote of the people, and not usher it into law quietly here in these chambers as the homosexual activists, who are by the way a huge minority, are collectively hoping for.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this topic.

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**From:** THERESE KO [pingpaa@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 7:01 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony to Senate Judiciary Committee by Therese Ko, Tuesday, 2/24/09 9:00 a.m.

**LATE**

Testimony to Senate Judiciary Committee by Therese Ko  
Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

I am in strong opposition to HB444 for moral reasons. You have probably heard them all already: it is just gay marriage by another name, homosexual couples already have benefits under other laws, it is just a step toward gay marriage and then all kinds of other sexual deviancy called "marriage". But I will urge you today to vote against this bill for this one reason: you should not ignore the morality of millions of Americans! You are government servants put there to represent us, the people, and the people have clearly spoken. Even if you think that we are just homophobes who refuse to accept some new progression in society, you are bound by the definition of your job to serve this community. And the only possible way to fairly do that is to vote with the clear majority. Marriage must be protected for the sake of our children, our future depends on it!

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**From:** Arviella Benavids [arbenavides@paxen.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 6:58 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STOP HB 444-STOP CIVIL UNIONS

**LATE**

Aloha Senate Judiciary Committee. Today is February 24, 2009 and my name is Arviella Benavides. I am a long time registered voter and resident, born and child reared on Oahu since 1965. I am a fourth generation of Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Land. I am also Hawaiian, German, Chinese, Samoan. I am HIGHLY OPPOSED to the passing of HB444! I hope this email thread is used as my testimony in hopes that it may convince your judiciary committee to table this bill and give our HAWAII REGISTERED VOTERS a chance to speak with your committee to not support this bill.

In 1988, our people of Hawaii already sent a clear message to have marriage remain between one man and one woman. I am in favor for traditional marriage. By supporting the HB444 is not civil. Please revisit what the meaning of civil is. Just because two men decided they love each other or two women falls passionate in love with each other doesn't mean that I will look at them with disgust. NO. It is their kuleana to live their own lifestyle but do not impose their way of lifestyle upon my family and upon my children, my grandchildren and my great grandchildren, etc. No one has educated or prepared us for this Civil Union way of lifestyle. With all the confusion already happening within the educational schools, why add to the situation.

If this law is passed, I am frighten for my family and I hope a riot does not take place. Is Hawaii ready for this change? No! And the people of Hawaii will never be ready because we THE PEOPLE, THE MAJORITY, BELIEVE IN TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN.

The civil union uses a colorful way to redesign their attempt by camouflaging the gay and lesbian marriage by using another title. Benefits are already being provided to those partners of the gay and lesbian community without having these individuals taking away MY RIGHT to a traditional marriage between ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN.

I want you think about it. Many other people fly in from all different areas of the country to support this bill. But let me remind your committee that it is the Registered Hawaii Voters voices, like MINE, that must not fall on deaf ears and that must be taken in to consideration to TABLE THIS BILL/defer this bill! How many of these individuals actually live here in HAWAII? Where has our Hawaii gone to? Please do not falter our HAWAIIAN ISLANDS by passing HB444.

Please, I pray of your committee to find favor for the people of Hawai'i Ne who want traditional marriage to remain as is an in tack, to vote NO to HB444

Sincerely,

*Arviella Benavides*

Arviella Benavides

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**From:** daiyefong@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 7:05 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 444

**LATE**

My name is Daiyee Hui and I am writing this to oppose HB 444, Senate Judiciary Committee, hearing scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Capitol Auditorium. I oppose same sex marriage and same sex civil union and support our current law of the traditional marriage of a man and woman.

Thanks.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 7:11 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 444

**LATE**

To Whom It May Concern;

Please vote against HB 444. We strongly would like to maintain the traditional value of marriage.  
Thank you.

Calvin Tokumoto

Scheduled hearing at 9 am on 2/24/09

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**From:** awanaj@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 7:20 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB444

**LATE**

To the Senate Judiciary Committee, State of Hawaii  
Re: Public Hearing on Civil Unions Bill HB 444 on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, at 9:00 AM

Dear Sirs:

The institution of marriage has maintained a place of honor for time immemorial. Marriage's enduring legacy is the eternal principle that God blesses the union of a man and woman above all earthly relationships. Upon this foundation the family has endured and society has prospered. Therefore, I appeal to your considered judgment to regard the passage of House Bill 444 with the most careful deliberation. The monumental change this bill will bring will impact society with consequences that are irreversible. Chief among the consequences resulting from passage would be the confusion resulting from incompatible views of marriage that families of good conscience would be forced to impart to their children on an equal basis. By granting all lifestyles an equal claim to the legitimacy of marriage, marriage itself will lose its sanctity.

You have with your position the power to change a cherished institution forever. Under the Reciprocal Beneficiaries legislation, the rights of homosexual couples are already affirmed in the areas that heterosexual couples hold dear as well. Tolerance does not have to mean dissolution of traditional marriage, but it must allow gay couples to live their lives in a manner that does not dictate to them a proper definition of love. This is right for all men. Conversely, tolerance should not mean that we allow a minority viewpoint to hold hostage an established institution by dictating what that institution must stand for for the sake of inclusiveness. This undermines our moral foundation and the stability it brings to society.

I humbly ask that you act with the utmost care for the legacy your actions will have for future generations and the society we bequeath to them.

Sincerely,  
John K. Awana

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**From:** CURTIS ARMACOST [armacost5@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 7:27 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1

**LATE**

From Curtis and Edna Armacost  
Bill No. HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions  
To the Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee  
Re: Hearing Date: February 24, 2009  
Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Hearing Location: State Capitol Auditorium

We are writing to express our stand on HB 444 HD1. We are lifetime residents of Hawaii, teachers, and parents to teenagers, and are very concerned about the future of Hawaii.

In 1998, we voted for traditional marriage, to say that marriage is between a man and a woman. We believe in strong family values the way families were intended to be. Any other definition of family is unnatural.

As US citizens and residents of Hawaii, we are very disappointed that our legislature would "ignore" what the people of Hawaii said when the majority voted (70%) to keep the definition of marriage as between one man and one woman. This Civil Union bill will re-define that definition, and that is why we are taking a stand.

We desire that our state would take a look at history for our lessons. We have been studying the Roman Empire and have discovered that the great empire's fall came from within. It wasn't other empires trying to defeat them. It was the type of lifestyles they chose and allowed in their nation, the immorality, the sensuous living, the homosexuality, the creation of false gods...all these things caused the great empire to fall. Now all we see are remains of what was once the power capital of the world.

We don't want that to happen to our state or our country. Traditional families is what holds things together.

Please hear the voices of the people of Hawaii. We love our state and would want our children to grow up in a place that would allow them to see the value of 'ohana, the way it was intended to be. Please help us to oppose HB 444 HD1.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Curtis and Edna Armacost  
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**From:** Hughlyn Fonoti [hernandes001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 7:30 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1

**LATE**

Testifier: James & Hughlyn Fonoti  
Bill Number and Title: HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions  
Committee: Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Hearing Location: Auditorium

To Whom It May Concern,

Our names are James & Hughlyn Fonoti of Pearl City, Hawaii. We strongly oppose the HB 444 HD1. We believe that a marriage should remain between a man and a woman, exactly how God intended it to be from the very beginning. We must remember that God created Eve for Adam; not Adam for Adam; or Eve for Eve.

We have nothing against gay people, in fact we have a couple of friends that are in fact gay, and we love them to death. We are very close to couple that is of the same sex and we can see all the destruction that has been taking in place in their lives that involves a child. The male figure in the relationship has a son. She was first married to a man, in this relationship they conceived a son. Things did not go well for the couple and they ended up divorcing. Their son was in full custody with the mom. After the divorce the mother turned into a homosexual. She then began to date women.

She then ended up with a good friend of mine. Their love for one another grew and they decided to live with one another. Of course the son lived in the same home as the mother and her new girlfriend. They were also able to do a small unofficial wedding on a cruise that they had taken. All the while, the son started to have psychological and emotional problems. He was having to deal with his mother turning from a hetero into a homosexual. Then he had to deal with trying to compete with his mother's girlfriend and himself for the mother's girlfriend.

This innocent child was being left confused and unsure of himself. Because he strongly disapproved of his mother's choices and behavior, he could not say a word. After 2 years passed, he began to run away, ashamed of his mother's sexual relationship, and was very disoriented. Because of the mother's sin this child has gone to live with other family relatives, in and out of the State's care as a foster child, and is now living with his father.

The parents have no control of their son and constantly worry daily on what he will do next. He has no stable home nor does he feel comfortable with his mother's sexuality because he was taught that a relationship/marriage is between a man and a woman, NOT with a woman and another woman!

So as you can see based on this testimony, if you pass this law how many others will suffer for other peoples preference or pleasure. This innocent child is now a menace to society and is on his way to be either living his life in jail or dead. For what? Just because the mother decided to have a relationship with a gender of the same sex. Is that what we want for our future, our children, our grandchildren to come? To be confused, confused of their sexuality and what a marriage was intended for, what God intended it to be.

Just look at the world around us, we are taking everything that is biblical out of our lives and replacing it with civil rights, worldly views, and compromise. But when we try to compromise, we are actually taking God out of everything. I am ashamed that we were once a nation that was great a powerful because our Government leaders were trying to govern the land with Christian principles, now that is gone..... Take A GOOD Look At Society, everything is chaotic and we are in a depression. Once you take God out of our lives we have nothing!

All and all, we ask that if the government is for the people, please listen to all those that oppose and listen to the voices of over 2,000 people that attended the rally on Sunday and for those that are sending in their testimonies. Remember the count stopped at 2,000 because they weren't able to keep up with the count. Lets rebuild our nation based on what is right, not might! We are James & Hughlyn Fonoti and we SRONGLY OPPOSE HB 444 HD1.

Mahalo,  
Hughlyn

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**From:** Elizabeth Deetjen [ellie.deetjen@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 7:37 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1

**LATE**

Elizabeth Deetjen  
2734 Kauhale St.  
Kihei, Hawaii 96753

ATTENTION: Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee  
RE: HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions  
Hearing: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM -AUDITORIUM

I AM IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444, HD 1

We ask for your wisdom and courage to oppose HB 444 to legalize Civil Unions in Hawaii. In our hearts and in our minds, we affirm the overwhelming mandate of the vote in 1998. The people of Hawaii will know that Civil Unions are just another term for Same Sex Unions/Marriage. Please do not put the people of Hawaii through this divisive debate again, especially during these difficult economic times. Be mindful, that the people of Hawaii are tolerant as a society because we learn to accept our differences. But we are held together by sharing common values that strengthen our family bonds. We are confident that the overwhelming majority of people still believe in traditional marriage. Please do not devalue our long held traditions of marriage being between one man and one woman. It is one of the few unchanging truths that our young people can hold on to in this ever changing world. I am a resident of Hawaii and ask that you represent the will of the people.

Please vote against HB 444.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Deetjen

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**From:** Mead, Bridgett Alicia [bamead@liberty.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 7:48 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Why I am Strongly Opposed to HB 444 HD1 Civil Unions

**LATE**

FROM: Bridgett Stevens

TO: JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM – STATE CAPITOL AUDITORIUM

FOR HB 444, HD1

DEAR CHAIR BRIAN TANIGUCHI AND JGO COMMITTEE,

Please do not pass out HB 444, HD1 from your committee. Society's stake in marriage is based upon the family and the need for its stability. It is the family that is the bedrock of any civilization and of any community. One of the obvious purposes of marriage, from time immemorial is the procreation and formation of children. Such procreation is not possible in a same sex union and therefore should not be given the dignity or protection as marriage. Children grow best in a stable environment with a mother and father. Although this is obviously not always possible, our laws should express the ideal structures that are best for children. For the sake of Hawaii's future, please vote no on this measure.

Mahalo,

Bridgett Stevens

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 7:48 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** carlokuyama@suresave.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Carl Okuyama  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 1346 Kilikina Street Hilo, Hawaii  
Phone: 808-937-4392  
E-mail: [carlokuyama@suresave.com](mailto:carlokuyama@suresave.com)  
Submitted on: 2/24/2009

**Comments:**

Please vote No or Table HB444. Laws are written to protect, care, and love people. Murder is a sin, and so is sex sex unions (Levitic Law written by Moses) We love all people and reject sin.

Please do not place any more curses on our land. We speak out because we do not want to be responsible for this curse on our children and people; look around and see how we have failed; personally I have failed enough. God help us.

Also if we believe the we are for the people and by the people; its clear that the overwhelming population in America are Christians. Please listen to the people.

Thank you very much and may God bless you.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl and Amy Okuyama

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**From:** Elias Storhaug [eliascalvary@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 7:53 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB444

**LATE**

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee, Feb. 24, 9:00am, HB 444,

I would like to tell you that I am against HB 444. I could go into all of my religious reasons as well as my personal reasons, but my biggest reason is that the people have already voted on this issue.

If the people have voted against this, then the leaders should not be trying to bring it in.

God bless  
Elias Storhaug

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Akaka [nakaka001@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 8:03 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB444- vote NO

**LATE**

**FROM:** Godfrey and Nancy Akaka

**TO: SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM – STATE CAPITOL AUDITORIUM  
FOR HB 444, HD1**

**IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444, HD 1**

**ALOHA CHAIR BRIAN TANIGUCHI AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**In 1998, the people of Hawaii sent a clear message that marriage in Hawaii must remain between one man and one woman. Civil Unions are just another attempt to thwart the will of the people. This civil union proposal is an attempt to legitimize gay marriage simply by using another title. The people have also spoken through their representatives in reaching the artful compromise that established Hawaii's reciprocal beneficiary law. The law achieved the goal of providing benefits—without basing those benefits on the ill-advised sexpartner status test. The people put the issue behind them. The legislature should not re-open divisive, controversial battles that have already settled by the people.**

**I am a resident of Hawaii and I asked that you please vote NO on HB 444, for our citizens.**

**Thank you,**

**Mr. and Mrs. Akaka** \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** Christopher Won [wonc001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 8:04 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB444 HD1 relating to civil unions

**LATE**

Dear honorable Senators of Hawai'i,

My name is Melanie Won, 21 years old, and I stand for traditional marriage. I stand for traditional marriage because I believe it is the only way marriage, or unity in any form, whether physical or spiritual should be, between one man and one woman. I understand that we are living in times where many things are changing and sometimes it causes confusion, especially put in a leadership position such as yourselves, but saving part of what Hawai'i and even America believes in and was founded on is something that I strongly oppose in changing. If we start changing the very foundations we were founded on, what will be the support that we now stand upon? So please, allow me the civil right to pass this precious tradition on to my children and stand up for traditional marriage. There cannot be another way.

Thank you and much mahalo!!  
Melanie Won  
Pearl City, Hawai'i

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**From:** Clementina Ceria-Ulep [clem@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 8:09 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** Marcelino Ulep  
**Subject:** Against HB 444  
**Attachments:** AgainstHB444.doc

**LATE**

To: Senator Brian Taniguchi and the Judiciary Committee:

Please see attached testimony against HB 444.

Respectfully submitted,

Clementina D. Ceria-Ulep, PhD, RN  
& Marcelino P. Ulep, J.D.  
211 Hoomalu Street  
Pearl City, HI 96782

**LATE**

**ATTENTION: Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee**

**RE: HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions**

**Hearing: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM –AUDITORIUM**

DEAR Chair Brian Taniguchi and Judiciary Committee:

**WE ARE IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444, HD 1**

We ask for your wisdom and courage to oppose HB 444 to legalize Civil Unions in Hawaii. In our hearts and in our minds, we affirm the overwhelming mandate of the vote in 1998. The people of Hawaii will know that Civil Unions are just another term for Same Sex Unions/Marriage. Please do not put the people of Hawaii through this divisive debate again, especially during these difficult economic times. Be mindful, that the people of Hawaii are tolerant as a society because we learn to accept our differences. But we are held together by sharing common values that strengthen our family bonds. We are confident that the overwhelming majority of people still believe in traditional marriage. Please do not devalue our long held traditions of marriage being between one man and one woman. It is one of the few unchanging truths that our young people can hold on to in this ever changing world. I am a resident of Hawaii and ask that you represent the will of the people.

**Please vote against HB 444.**

**FROM: Clementina D. Ceria-Ulep & Marcelino P. Ulep**

**211 Hoomalu Street, Pearl City, HI 96782**

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**From:** Jocelyn Ching [alohajocelyn@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 8:12 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** stop HB444

**LATE**

To the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Date of the public hearing is February 24, 2009 at 9:00 am HB 444

I urge you not to pass this bill because we need families who want to come to Hawaii and spend money here. Civil union couples will not spend as much money at a four-star hotel as a traditional family would.

Couples may spend more at the bar or on wine etc. but the food industry is where families will spend some big dollars.. whether it be at McDonalds or the hotel's restaurant they will spend the money and

make some great memories. We must remember that we are a tourist destination with families in mind. I can just imagine how much pressure a child has growing up in a civil union when other children may have two moms and two dads through divorce and remarriage. By the way children can be very cruel to each other. We don't need to be like the other states.

Once again I urge you to not pass this bill.

Thank you

Sincerely

Jocelyn Ching

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**From:** Misty Nitta Yee [mnittayee@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 8:32 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* HB 444 testimony for 2/24/09 9:00am  
**Attachments:** STOP HB 444.doc

**LATE**

Attached. Thank you.

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# **STOP HB 444**

## **NO to CIVIL UNIONS**

**Committee: Senate Judiciary Committee**

**Date of Hearing: February 24, 2009**

**Time of Hearing: 9:00am**

**Measure #: HB 444**

**FAX: 586-6659**

**Testimony from: Misty Yee**

The disregard for or abolition of the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman is catastrophic not only for Hawaii but for all society. As a wife of ten years, I experience the protection, support and stability that my husband provides for us. As a mother, I see the irreplaceable and unique roles that a mother and a father serve for my children. Two fathers or two mothers inherently cannot provide what a traditional mother-father led family does.

The detrimental effect that civil unions have on a society can be observed in the November 2003 Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's ruling that it was unconstitutional not to allow same-sex "marriage." The impact has quickly and negatively affected public schools, public health, domestic violence, business, the legal profession, government mandates, the public square and the media in Massachusetts. Hawaii would suffer similarly with the passage of HB 444.

Civil unions are not benign. It is a clever method to normalize homosexuality in our society. For those of us who fear and obey the Law of God, the approval of HB 444 is in direct disobedience to God.

The majority (70%) of the people of Hawaii voted to protect traditional marriage in 1998. Why is the Legislature attempting to overrule the will of the people? We will not be complacent in this matter. I humbly remind you to please respect our vote. We will remember and remind others of how each Senator and Representative voted on this issue. We will be vigilant in this cause and clearly remember those who respected and ignored our will.

I earnestly submit to you to please adhere to your proper constitutional roles in representing the will of Hawaii's people. I am grateful for the hard work that you do for us and the sacrifices you make. God bless you and keep you in his favor!

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**From:** nchrst@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 8:34 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** strong opposition to HB 444 HD1

**LATE**

Dear Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee,  
We are voicing our strong opposition to HB 444 HD1. Our family strongly stands against this bill. Please defeat it.  
Ed Bean and family of four.

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**From:** Laura W [herbalmagik@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 8:16 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** H.B. 444, HD1

**LATE**

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

I write in strong support of H.B. 444, HD1 Relating to Civil Unions.

This bill would extend full relationship protections and responsibilities - giving couples greater ability to care for those they love. Further, it represents a substantial step forward toward ensuring that gay and lesbian couples are afforded equal treatment under the law.

It is just and appropriate to extend more protections to lesbian and gay couples than those currently provided under Hawaii law. H.B. 444, HD1 will further extend rights to gay and lesbian couples in several significant ways. To identify a few, current Hawaii law does not permit same-sex couples to adopt jointly a child in a single court proceeding. Current law also fails to protect members of a same-sex couple in the event the couple chooses to separate - there are no provisions in the law for judicial dissolution of the relationship or for support of a former partner. Additionally, adopting this law would provide a vehicle for private employers to offer health benefits to same-sex couples.

I believe that it is incumbent upon our elected officials to ensure that all residents of Hawaii are treated equally. H.B. 444, HD1 represents significant progress in attaining that goal. Thus, I urge you to vote yes.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Shiels  
Graduate Student  
3190 Maile Way, St. John 101  
Honolulu, HI 96822

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**From:** Troy Krill [troydk7@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 8:47 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Stop HB-444

**LATE**

My name is Troy Krill and I strongly oppose HB-444

Senate Judiciary Committee, Tuesday, February 24, 2009 @ 9 AM

Thank you

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Troy Daniel Krill  
Surfing the Nations  
P.O. Box 29393  
Honolulu, HI 96820  
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**From:** Lani Kawahara [alewalewa@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 8:23 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Late Testimony In Support of HB444 HD1

**LATE**

Please accept my late testimony for HB444

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Senator Brian Tanguchi, Chair

Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice-Chair

Judicial and Government Oversight Committee

Lani T. Kawahara

PO Box 1565

Kapaa, HI 96746

808-652-6741

February 24, 2009, Capitol Auditorium, 9am

**IN Support** of HB444 HD1 Relating to Civil unions

Chair Taniguchi and members of the Judicial and Government Oversight Committee:

I **strongly support** HB444 HD1 which extends the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union.

Hawaii is the most diverse and tolerant state in the US. Our strength is in our diversity and our diversity vests us with the deep belief that we are all created equally and as such must be equal by law.

For those driven by fear to oppose this inalienable human right to equality, I wish they could abandon their fear and hatred to firmly believe that their God is a bigger and grander entity that celebrates every individual's pursuit of happiness, love, family.

HB444 HD1 affirms the civil rights of people who love and cherish each other. Please pass this bill: It is right, it is just and it is time.

Lani T. Kawahara

PO Box 1565

Kapaa, HI 96746

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 8:52 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** steve.onken@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Steve Onken  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 223 Ala Wai Blvd 18A Honolulu HI  
Phone: 923-1951  
E-mail: [steve.onken@gmail.com](mailto:steve.onken@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/24/2009

Comments:  
Please support HB 444 HD 1. Thank you.

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**From:** terry yasuko ogawa [tyogawa@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 8:53 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Please Vote in Favor of HB 444

**LATE**

Dear Senators,

Because we all deserve equal protection under the law, I urge you to pass HB 444 out of committee for a full floor vote. I am a person of strong faith, but I believe that religious influence should not be allowed to deny any of our citizens equal rights, including the right to choose a partner and have the union recognized by the state. In fact, I support marriage for same-sex couples, because civil unions do not extend the full package of equal rights that marriage recognition would represent, but at this time, I ask you at the very least to support this compromise bill.

If you are hesitating because of fear of the erosion of family values, or the idea that same-sex couples are not capable of forming healthy families, I want to share that I know many loving same-sex families who are raising children with healthy values in the church. As an adopted person myself, I must tell you how much I understand the importance of having loving, solid adopting families, and these parents love their children dearly—I would have been thankful to have been adopted by these couples were it all to happen over again.

However, I believe that no matter my faith values are, they should not replace the constitution. Look into your hearts and realize that we are called today to extend equal protection to our brothers and sisters and cousins and uncles and aunties.

Please affirm the dignity and equality of all people by voting in favor of HB 444.

Thank you,  
Terry Yasuko Ogawa  
Manoa Valley

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**From:** Blaine Taniguchi [taniguchi@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 8:54 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB 444 HD1

**LATE**

To: Senate Judiciary Committee

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Measure number: HB 444 HD1

Subject: Opposition to HB 444 HD1

Aloha,

My name is Blaine Taniguchi. I am in strong opposition to HB 444 HD1 .  
We come in love for the men and women seeking equality for their  
lifestyle. We love them  
but do not agree in their choice of lifestyle and should not be reinforced by a law.

ex: If you discovered your 15 year old child was going out every night to get drunk, would  
you initiate a bill to make it legal to drink at 15 years old?

Sincerely  
Blaine Taniguchi

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**From:** nchrst@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 9:06 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong opposition to HB 444 HD1

**LATE**

Dear Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee,

Is our State motto going survive past today? Will our Senate be the ones known to stand for the life of the land perpetuated in righteousness? Or will they be Known to issue unrightous decrees beginning the process of tearing down our revered state motto.If HB444 HD1 if passed : 1)it will violate the will of the people. (70 % voted against same sex marriage.) The 2) license to behave imorally will strengthen, eroding the rightous fiber of our society, Defiling the land.

Sincerely Ed bean. Kaneohe, HI.

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**From:** Rachel Soma [rsoma@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 9:10 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 444

**LATE**

Testimony: I write against HB 444. Hear the voice of the people and understand that that each and everyone of you are employed by the people of Hawai'i. If you are uncertain about how the majority of the people of Hawai'i feels about this issue, take this matter up to vote again and let the people's voice be heard. Do not take this upon yourselves to make this decision for the people of Hawai'i.

This is not a matter of Civil Rights. We are born with the skin color we have, we do not have a choice in this matter. Choosing who are companion will be male or female is a personal one and we ultimately have to live with our choices and the consequences of the choices we make.

Marriage is ordained by God, not by our government for so many religions. Do not confuse this issue with traditional marriages as it will be the detriment of our people and State.

Rachel Soma  
2257 Kapahu Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i

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**From:** Monique Yamashita [monique68@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 9:16 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1

**LATE**

**Monique R. Yamashtia**  
**PO Box 2203**  
**Wailuku HI 96793**

**ATTENTION: Senate Judiciary & Government Operations Committee**

**RE: HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions**

**Hearing: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM –AUDITORIUM**

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**Please vote against HB 444.**

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Monique R. Yamashita

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 3:24 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** Rep. Joe Bertram III  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Representative Joe Bertram III  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone: (808) 586-8525  
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Submitted on: 2/24/2009

Comments:

I believe that the existing laws of the State of Hawaii do not provide for the full and equal protection of Hawaii's gay and lesbian citizens and that there is no rational basis for this disparate and discriminatory treatment. Many gay and lesbian members are already in committed, loving and supportive long term relationships. There is no reason for the State to continue to deny the reality of the lives of its gay and lesbian citizens and deny them the legal recognition and protections these relationships require.

The State has a fundamental interest in civil rights, non discrimination and equality. The State Constitution mandates that "no person shall be discriminated against in the exercise of their civil rights because of their race, religion, sex or ancestry." The legislature has extended protection against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation to fair employment, housing and public accommodations.

Regretfully the opposition of this bill comes from religious sources. However there is much dispute within various religious traditions and denominations over this issue. Some citizens have no religious affiliations. Given this difference of theological opinion, there is no reason why Hawaii's laws need to be in accord with the views of any particular religious body.

Finally I would like to quote Dustin Lance Black upon accepting his Oscar this past Sunday for his screenplay MILK: "If Harvey had not been taken from us 30 years ago, I think he would want me to say to all the gay and lesbian kids out there tonight who have been told they are less than by the churches, by the government, by their families, that you are beautiful, wonderful creatures of value, and that no matter what anyone tells you, God does love you and that very soon, I promise you, you will have equal rights, federally, across this great nation of ours."

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**From:** SmithWBR1@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 3:26 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** PUBLIC HEARING

**LATE**

I strongly ask that you do not support HB 444.

It is wrong. Civil Union does not support the principles of life...no matter what...if you had everyone who wants to live in civil union relationship and place them on an island alone, what would you find in fifty years. Those people could not sustain themselves because same sex relationship do produce life...think about it. We need to quit support tolerance laws or rules that do not promote life.

Please understand that I love everyone but it does not mean that we should accept anything that is not heathy.

Again, I strongly oppose them bill and I hope that you will also not support it.

Walter Smith

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**From:** Joseph Monderen [jnpmonderen@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 3:46 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 444 TESTIMONY  
**Attachments:** LOGO.JPG

**LATE**

**Testifier's name: JOSEPH N.P. MONDEREN**  
**Addressed to the Senate Judiciary Committee**  
**Today's Date: 2/24/2009 TIME 330 PM**  
**Hearing Time: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m. (Auditorium)**  
**Measure Number: HB 444 HD1**

**"Support Equal LOVE with Equal RIGHTS"**

To the Honorable Senators of Judiciary and Government Operations Committee,  
Hawaii State Legislature Senate  
Honolulu, HI State Capitol

Dear Honorable Senators,

Thank you all for your leadership. Please support "Equal LOVE with Equal RIGHTS." I write this letter to your committee to respectfully urge support by vote of HB 444 and civil unions. Most of you were in support of great hope and change, President Barack Obama. Our president has spoken publicly in support of civil unions and equal rights:

"It is my strong belief that the government has to treat all citizens equally. I come from that in part out of personal experience. When you're a black guy named Barack Obama, you know what it's like to be on the outside. And so my concern is continually to make sure that the rights that are conferred by the state are equal for all people. That's why I opposed DOMA in 2006 when I ran for the Senate. That's why I am a strong supporter not of a weak version of civil unions, but of a strong version, in which the rights that are conferred at the federal level to persons who are part of the same sex union are compatible. When it comes to federal rights, the over 1,100 rights that right now are not being given to same sex couples, I think that's unacceptable, and as president of the United States, I am going to fight hard to make sure that those rights are available."

In an effort to build grass root support for HB 444 I very recently developed an informative web page with an e-Petition (<http://sites.google.com/site/yeshb444/>) supporting HB 444 and civil unions. A copy of the final list of petitioners will be forwarded to each of you and to all representatives involved in this bill. I have also requested the support of other government representatives, and sought the resources of equal and gay rights advocacy groups around the country. I am currently communicating with diverse groups and communities around the state. I have begun to communicate with these varies groups seeking support from supportive churches, student organizations, universities, media channels, and civil rights organizations. I have also sent correspondence (attached in this email) sent to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi as she is a strong advocate of women rights, gay rights, and equal rights.

On behalf of the citizens of Hawaii, I thank with deep gratitude and appreciation the committee members who favor HB 444. The house judiciary committee unanimously agreed, the House of Representatives concurred, and now I beseech the senate judiciary committee to recognize the critical civil

rights and equal rights nature of this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration, please support "Equal LOVE with Equal RIGHTS."

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**From:** Adele Murakami [pibchulagirl@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 3:49 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

**LATE**

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

I strong opposition this Bill, because this issue of same-sex union was decided upon in 1998 and a majority of the people decided against same-sex union in the state of Hawaii. Additionally, there are high societal standards of behavior that work for the betterment of society as a whole just as there are behavioral standards that work for the betterment of a marriage and a family. Adultery does not better a marital relationship or the relationships of the family unit rather an adulterous relationship has psychological & relational effects. Therefore, I appeal to the Senate Judicial Committee to please thoughtfully consider the far-reaching consequences of their decision on all of our children and families of Hawaii.

Respectfully,  
Adele Murakami  
Senate District 18

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 4:04 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** syndispe0715@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM  
**Attachments:** To the whom it may concern oppose HB444.docx

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Syndi-Mei Spencer  
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Submitted on: 2/24/2009

Comments:  
I just wanted to voice my concerns.

To the whom it may concern,

I am currently a student at Brigham Young University – Hawaii. My name is Syndi Spencer and yes I am writing to the concern of the HB 444 HD 1 (Civil Union Bill). First of all I would like to respectfully voice my opinion on this matter however it shall be. I have been raised as a Mormon and a Christian, and have seen the truth in the fact about the importance of marriage, and that it has been always been ordained as a bond to man and woman. To me I feel that it is so important that we should protect this concept and tradition that has been around as much as possible. I feel that wrecking something so sacred and especially if it concerns God I would say that I speak on behalf of. I do have homosexual friends who also have struggled with the fact of gay marriage and me and my religion as a whole love and care for these people however I think that it shouldn't be to the fact where we are pressured to destroy something so important. The whole purpose of marriage is to rear and bring up wholesome families and that a man and a woman for that sole purpose is the reason why good people such as me and you are brought up. I am not being judgmental or attacking anyone some of us are raised under different circumstances, I should know personally myself seeing my mother trying to work for us. I appreciate that we should stand for what is truth and righteousness and I believe that I do oppose to this bill. As told from my religion we are not anti-gay we are pro-family. Please take this testimony into consideration I would greatly appreciate to not support this bill.

Mahalo

~Syndi-Mei Spencer~

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**From:** Rhoda Kaluai [rkaluai@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 4:06 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Fw: OPPOSE HB 444 HD1 Civil Unions

**LATE**

Name: Pastor Rhoda Kaluai

Testimony: **Please Stop HB444 HD-1**

To: Senate Judiciary Committee Members

Hearing Date: 2/24/09

Time: 4:00 pm

Dear Senators:

I would like to voice **my strong opposition to HB 444 HD-1**. The passage of the Civil Union bill will surely open the door to new Hawaii laws converting it to a model state for homosexuality and immorality. These laws will then define a 'new morality' as 'marriage' itself would be redefined and serve to destroy the traditional family in our society. The people of Hawaii have already voted against such a bill in 1998; have the majority truly changed their minds since then? If that is the case, let the majority vote instead of circulating this important issue inside the chambers of the legislature.

It should be apparent to any thinking person that gays and lesbians will continue their ways of perverted sex in private, whether the bill passes or not. Therefore, what is their main objective and purpose here? They already have as many legal equal rights as heterosexuals, so what is their struggle all about? Is it that they want the traditional culture of America to adopt their pernicious ways as 'normal' and therefore, broadly acceptable?

If HB 444 is enacted, there is a likely-hood of unintended adverse effects that will plague Hawaii just as is already happening in gay Massachusetts and New Jersey. For example, the state of New Jersey passed domestic partnerships in 2004 and then established civil unions in 2006.

In December 2008, a commission established to study civil unions recommended that full same-sex marriage be granted based on inequality just as in Massachusetts. The same scenario is likely to be followed here either during your current administration or the one following. Such activities reported

in the states which passed these laws are:

1. Open same-sex education given to school age children. Homosexuality and other aberrant sexual behaviors are now considered normal.
2. Parents can have no say or cannot have any objections to such public education.
3. Gay resource speakers and gay teachers will be free to teach children their alternative lifestyles.
4. Promotion of teenage gay days, gay clubs, gay dances and gay celebrations.
5. Sexual experimentation is being encouraged where techniques are taught and graphic illustrations are provided.
6. Tax dollars are being used to print homosexual-related books for the classroom and libraries.
7. Picture stories are available to very young children promoting the homosexual way of life from an early age.
8. The meaning of family is no longer a father, mother and children, but families of same sex parents of two mothers or two fathers.

Sunday's rally opposing gay civil unions at the state Capitol was a very enlightening grassroots moment with as many as 10,000 people in red clothing protesting this HB444. This was but a small sample of the majority of folks that also oppose it.

I ask that you consider your decision very carefully and not bring more problems to our state than we already have. Hawaii and our nation are already in dire economic straits and alienating the majority of the people will not help to resolve our many financial and social problems. Thank you for your consideration!

Pastor Rhoda Kaluai

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**From:** Fitzgerald, William K Mr CIV USA IMCOM  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 4:49 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** FW: Stop HR 444 (UNCLASSIFIED)

**LATE**

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
Caveats: NONE

Subject: Stop HR 444 (UNCLASSIFIED)

To whom it may concern,

I am a concerned citizen, resident of Hawaii for the last four years. I believe in fundamental Christian values and the importance of the Bible for living one's life, raising children, and making a difference in the community. I strongly feel that HR 444, approving civil unions, masked the true intention of legalizing same sex marriages. The Bible clearly defines marriage as a Godly union of a man and a woman. If this resolution passes, I believe that it will have long term detrimental effects for the State and local society and will be opposed to the will of God. I recommend stopping/disapproving this resolution/bill.

Bill Fitzgerald, (808) 655-5608

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
Caveats: NONE

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 5:36 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** ladyclau@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM  
**Attachments:** testimony.doc

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Maria Claudia Butcher  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone: 8087802557  
E-mail: [ladyclau@yahoo.com](mailto:ladyclau@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/24/2009

Comments:

My testimony is against the HP444 because as a believer of the Word of God, homosexual and lesbians opposed what the Bible said on Genesis that God created man and the woman to join in holy matrimony. And also to the nature law. I want to stand with the truth and the values that will preserve the human kind.

Also I want to let the senators and representatives that in the Bible also stablished that justice is going to come over those that let this kind of laws pass.

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**From:** judieecho@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 6:51 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** I question HB444

**LATE**

Why did they take out all the other living together couples from the Civil Unions bill? Many siblings, caregivers, and others who have lived as family for many years could use the helps the bill offers. I understand the bill is only for people who are committed to each other sexually.

Does this make sense and/or is it moral? from: Judie Thomas-Benito

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 7:04 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** ramonagodbolt@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/24/2009

Comments:

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**From:** Pam Pua [puapam@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 7:21 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** stop-HB 444

**LATE**

dear law makers,

I am in full opposition of this bill. I cannot believe that you would resurect it again... This has got to stop. marriage is between man and woman.that is is it. If this was to pass, you would open this society to other immoral standards that would bring us into an acute decline.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 7:28 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** ladyclau@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM  
**Attachments:** testimony2.doc

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Maria Claudia Butcher  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone: 8087802557  
E-mail: [ladyclau@yahoo.com](mailto:ladyclau@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/24/2009

Comments:

My name is Maria Claudia Butcher and I am a resident of Hawaii, married with a man and a mother of two precious boys. And they are the reason I am here today.

I decided also to speak because when I heard everybody testimony I hear to sides, like in every story, the coins has two sides and depend where you looked you will have a particular view.

What I saw today in one side, was lack of Manner, angry, rejection, bitterness, sarcasm and even bad words.

In the other side, I hear love, tears, compassion, true and forgiveness.

I decided the side that love and forgives. This is why I opposed the HB-444 and SB 458 100%

Sometimes true is painful. And when there is confusion we has the law to establish balance and righteousness.

I like to present an illustration of the traffic law, simple to understand, the STOP sign. The stop sign is there to protect you to have an accident and to establish order. The stop sign don't stop you, the stop sign do not force you to stop, you have the power to do it and avoid injuries.

Same thing is the Word of God, as a minister of the Gospel, the Bible, was written to protect human kind, the creation of God. Not to hurt you, but you have the freedom to read it, to believe it and to put it in action. I will call the Bible the manual for human kind to prosper and to live the life that God has for us here in this earth.

Let me present some trues:

And the Bible said in Genesis 1:

**27** So God created man in his own image,  in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.**28** God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Christians we are call to love all people, we don't hate and I apology on behalf of those that hate you. Please forgive them and you will feel much better.

The Bible clear said in Luke 10:25:

**25** And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

**26** He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

**27** So he answered and said, " *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your*

*strength, and with all your mind, [h] and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"*[i]

**28** And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

Christians we don't hate you, we love you and because we love you we want to tell you the true. As a mother I tell my sons what is right and what is wrong to preserve their lives. I don't let them to do whatever they want. Because I love them I told them don't eat too much sugar, do the homework and take naps. Because we love you homosexual community we are here to tell you the true.

This part was write for a person that before has a personal encounter with God, persecute and even kill Christians, Paul the Apostle. The good news that I have for the Homosexual community is that you can have that personal encounter with Jesus and He personally will show you the true.

Another true for those that quote the divorce on Christian marriage, yes there is divorce but the bible clear said Moises gave letter of divorce because our hardness of our hearts. No because is God's will.

Also I hear quote the bible about pig skin, the first thing that the doctor tell you to stop eating when you have some kind of disease is pig skin and many hawaiian knows this by experience. Since the beginning God's know that somethings are not good for human kind.

Also, I hear about old testaments quotes with out understanding that we live today on the Grace covenant because Jesus die on the cross to give a new law, the love law, He pay the price on the Cross that we have the freedom to come to the trone of God in righteousness without doing sacrifice. Let's hear what the new testament said about this subject:

Also is true in Romans 1:18-32:

**18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **19** because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them.

**V26** For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. **27** Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was

due.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality,<sup>[c]</sup> wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving,<sup>[d]</sup> unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Senators and representatives you are the people that put the stop signs in our society, and people please don't doubt in God's knowledge about the preservation of Human kind. He created us and he and only Him knows the best for us. Please senators STOP this HB444.

I have two personal experience with gay people, and ant and my father best friend. My ant divorce and decide to do what ever she wants to do, she drinks, she party until she look like a sommbie, she smoke and everytime that I went to her house she always has gays around and believe me I wasn't a Christians yet, I was Catolic and their vocabulary was really bad for me. Few years ago, my ant pass away because her body couldn't resist that kind of life. She was younger that my mother and my mother is still alive. The other experience was my father best friend, he decide to invest on the drugs business and my father decide to not be part of illegal business and we never came back to his house. When I graduate from University he came to congratulate me and I notice his hands was red and he lost a lot of weight, I could not recognize him until he spoke to me. He died few days later of AIDS.

My point is our body was created by God in a way to have long life. I am here to tell you the true.

Thank you for let me share my testimony and again I opposed 100% to HB 444 and SB 458.

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**From:** vidalb003@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 8:33 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 444

**LATE**

Aloha Senators of Hawai`i,

I have been a lifelong resident of these islands for over forty years, and I am in strong opposition to HB 444. I believe marriage should remain a traditional one between a man and a woman. Our God says so in the Holy Bible, and the last time I looked, the Bible still says the same thing. God's Word has remained the same since He gave it to us.

This is not a fight about who is right, but about the biblical laws that God gave us from the beginning. God has NEVER changed, His words has never changed, but we try to change the Bible the way we want to see it read because we want our needs fulfilled. I have never seen a baby born naturally to a same sex relationship, and there's a reason for this: because God meant this to be. A heterosexual relationship is natural, a gay one is not.

Being a homosexual is a lifestyle preference, you are not born one. When you speak about discrimination, I've never seen a gay person persecuted in Hawai`i for being gay. They mingle freely and without persecution in Hawai`i like everyone else. In fact, I have friends who live the homosexual lifestyle, and I treat them the same way as my other friends: with respect and love.

It is absurd to think that our legislators would pass HB 444 without putting it up for the people to vote on. Is it not the will of the people that our legislators fight for? Upon visiting the State Capitol today, I saw many who opposed the bill and few who stood for it. This tells me the majority of the State of Hawai`i are in opposition to this bill.

Again, I reiterate my stance in opposition to HB 444, and it is my hope that you do not pass it, or put it up for a vote by the people of Hawai`i.

Mahalo nui,  
Buddy Vidal  
Private Citizen

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**From:** Lauryn Galindo [lauryn@poai.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 9:05 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** please support same sex unions!

**LATE**

lauryn galindo  
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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 10:45 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** tamakrobo@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB444 on 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

Testimony for JGO 2/24/2009 9:00:00 AM HB444

Conference room: Auditorium  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: T Krone  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tamakrobo@hotmail.com](mailto:tamakrobo@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/24/2009

Comments:  
Subject: I Support Civil Unions In Hawaii

Aloha,

I support civil unions and the important protections they provide for families in Hawaii. Please vote yes on HB444 HD1. This bill is an important step for Hawaii to end discrimination and support all of its citizens. It should be a normal thing that EVERYONE can live peacefully and happily with equal rights, not just an 'elite group'. This bill doesn't even threaten the non-involved, and I have a hard time understanding why some people are against this bill even though it doesn't really concern them at all personally. There're so many other countries in Europe and elsewhere, where this bill has long been implemented, resulting in people accepting diversity and living peacefully with each other. A smart man once said "The head is round so that thinking can change direction";....I think it's time to vote in favour of this bill, no matter what was before. A step in the right direction is always a step well-taken.

Sincerely,

Dr. T. Krone

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**From:** Tanja Krone [tamakrobo@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 10:48 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** I Support Civil Unions In Hawaii

**LATE**

Aloha,

I support civil unions and the important protections they provide for families in Hawaii. Please vote yes on HB444 HD1. This bill is an important step for Hawaii to end discrimination and support all of its citizens. It should be a normal thing that EVERYONE can live peacefully and happily with equal rights, not just an 'elite group'. This bill doesn't even threaten the non-involved, and I have a hard time understanding why some people are against this bill even though it doesn't really concern them at all personally. There're so many other countries in Europe and elsewhere, where this bill has long been implemented, resulting in people accepting diversity and living peacefully with each other.

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Sincerely,  
Dr. T. Krone

*"Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming, "WOW!! What a ride!"*

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**From:** Janis Fernandez [janis.fernandez@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 22, 2009 1:38 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** br.kingscathedral@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Opposition To HB 444 HD 1 Civil Unions

**LATE**

Janis Fernandez  
1370 Pueo St  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

HB 444 HD1  
Tuesday, February 24, 2009 @0900 a.m.  
(Auditorium)

Re: Opposition to HB444

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for your attention to this email. I write in Opposition to HB 444 on Civil Unions. I believe that the people have already spoken on this and that this bill is an attempt to subjugate the will of the people. The State of Hawaii has already laws in place to provide equality to all of its people.

Thank you,  
Janis Fernandez

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**From:** Dennis Arakaki [darockcg@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 11:06 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* Additional testimony for HB 444  
**Attachments:** DA=TESTIMONY2JGO COMM - CU BILL 444.docx

**LATE**

Aloha,  
Testimony for HB444, late additional comments to testimony submitted earlier.

Thank you,

Dennis

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**LATE**

**Dennis A. Arakaki, Hawaii Family Forum, Interim Director**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 @ 9:00 AM – STATE CAPITOL AUDITORIUM**

**FOR HB 444, HD1**

**CHAIR BRIAN TANIGUCHI and MEMBERS,**

**I AM IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 444, HD 1**

I am Dennis Arakaki, interim Executive Director of Hawaii Family Forum and the Hawaii Catholic Conference. We represent the views of over 100 Christian Churches and their flock and over 220,000 Catholics. I am also representing the signed testimonies of approximately 8,000 people and many more who attended a unity rally this past Sunday. (Present testimonies)

Mr. Chair, the people of Hawaii have finally been awakened to see **the truth**. The people of Hawaii know that Civil Unions is just another term for Same Sex Unions/Marriage. Mr. Chair and members, if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, you could call it a turkey, but it's still a duck!

Why not call it for what the real intent of the bill is, Same Sex Marriage? I would say it is probably to avoid the all too obvious expression of the people in 1998 to reject same sex marriage and uphold traditional marriage. Chair Taniguchi, I know you were here back then, please do not put the people of Hawaii through this contentious debate again, especially during these difficult economic times when the focus should be on the economy.

Be mindful, that the people of Hawaii are tolerant as a society because our cultural and ethnic diversity made it necessary that we learn to live together in harmony and accept our differences. But tolerance should not be taken for acquiescence. You may have awakened a sleeping giant that will once again demonstrate the will of the people. You

know, Mr. Chair and members, that when we talk about 70% of the population, you are not just talking about Christian or the faith community, or conservatives. You are talking about an overwhelming majority of voters who still believe in traditional marriage.

If you feel that people's opinion's and attitudes have change, then why don't we consider a bill to propose a constitutional amendment on the next election ballot to define marriage, clearly, once and for all.

But, that would be for next year's session but for now, let me point out some serious issues with HB 444.

- 1) The bill is limited only to same sex couples to the exclusion of parties in a reciprocal beneficiary relationship. With this we establish a special and exclusive class of people with exclusive benefits;
- 2) Under this bill, the state of Hawaii will be forced to recognize civil unions, domestic partnerships or marriages of two people of the same sex validly performed in another jurisdiction shall be recognized as a civil union. How is it that civil unions are not the same as same sex marriages, yet we are forced to recognize same sex marriages of other jurisdiction?
- 3) What other institutional changes will be required if we confer these major set of rights to a special class of people? Will civil unions provide a springboard for a plethora of lawsuits based on equal access and discrimination?
- 4) Proponents claim this Civil Union bill does not alter the marriage statute (HRS572) but in reality, institutionalizes another form of marriage, although calling it a different name. The fact that it mirrors the marriage statute will devalue traditional marriage, which have become more and more difficult to uphold. Do we know the social consequences of instituting an alternative to marriage? Will it result in lower rates of marriage and birthrates as they have in Scandanavian countries where Same Sex unions have been institutionalized?

Mr. chair and members, I have long been concerned about policy issues related to children and families. I am very concerned that a bill like this would come this far. It flies in the face of thousands of years of culture, tradition and history. No matter what culture or ethnic group you refer to. The family has been the foundation and the basic social unit that has stood the test of time and brings stability to a society. Now, you

may choose to legislate social change and subvert the laws of nature. It is a decision that once made, would be difficult to undo. Perhaps non-traditional marriages and families and artificially conceived children are the wave of the future. I certainly hope not! I would ask that you please consider doing a Social Impact study before passing a measure like this. After all, don't we require environmental assessments before we make physical changes to our land, but what about the social impact of a measure like this on our children, families and society?

There are some who would choose to frame this issue as "us vs them" "Gays vs Straights," "Christian vs Non-Christian" "Democrat vs Republican" or Liberal vs Conservatives. But Mr. Chair, no one has a corner on the issue of children and families. We are all concerned about children and families. But there are those on both sides on the issue and we need to respect and acknowledge that.

Finally Mr. Chair, we want to ask for forgiveness if we offended anyone in the Gay and Lesbian community or their families and friends. As Pastor Wayne Cordeiro said at the rally yesterday, we have failed to embrace the Gay and Lesbian community and show them grace and compassion. Rest assured, most of us are here not to condemn or judge the proponents of this measure, but instead are here to stand in strong support of traditional marriage, defined as marriage between one man and one woman. We thank the 12,000 plus people at the rally who exercised self-control and we ask that both sides remain above judgement and condemnation and continue to have "civil" discussions on this matter.

I only ask of you in closing, members of the committee and the state legislature, that you think about whether you would want Civil Unions or Same Sex marriage as your enduring legacy to future generations of Hawaii's children.

For their sake of our children and families, we ask for your wisdom, courage and aloha to hold HB 444

***Me ke aloha pumehana,***

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**From:** Joseph Shorba [shorba33@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 10:55 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Fw: HB444 - CIVIL UNIONS

**LATE**

To Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am in full agreement with Mr. Charles Lehmann's testimony against civil unions. Please, do not vote for HB444.

Joseph Shorba

p.s. Please, remember that sodomy, under any other name, is a sin against God, nature and all men, and should not be legalized, to make it look like a normal life style.

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Charles Lehmann <celehmn0136@hawaii.rr.com>

**To:** JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

**Cc:** Hawaii Family Forum <info@hawaiifamilyforum.org>; Carol White <crwhite@hawaii.rr.com>; Charlotte Ahlf <ahlfrichar@aol.com>; Thomas Herndon <Thomas.Herndon@cpms.osd.mil>; Ruth Prinzivalli <ruthprinz1@aol.com>; Puna Shorba <puanani42@yahoo.com>; Maybelle Helfrich <maybelle7@hawaii.rr.com>; Mary Smart <mghsmart@yahoo.com>; Madeline Smith <vavorode1@yahoo.com>; Lisa Barayuga <willisa@hawaii.rr.com>; Joseph Shorba <shorba33@yahoo.com>; Chuck Furr <chuckfurr@cs.com>; Bonnie Moore <bmoore@lbchlaw.com>; B Moore <bmoore96813@yahoo.com>; Nevis deLaveaga <nevisandydel@hawaiiantel.net>

**Sent:** Saturday, February 21, 2009 5:45:56 AM

**Subject:** HB444 - CIVIL UNIONS

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

9:00 AM

Auditorium, State Capital, 415 South Beretania Street

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to express my opposition to HB444, passed February 12, 2009 by the State House of Representatives. As a members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I urge you to put a stop to this travesty to our de

In 1998, the PEOPLE of Hawaii voted their clear intention that marriage is between one man and one woman. The c though it is not called a marriage bill, in effect ignores the will of the people and simply gives a different name to wh construed as a marriage between persons of the same sex.

A push for "equality" seems to be the driving force behind this civil unions bill. But the word equality is being misus being is equal to every other human being, no matter what a person's gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or citizen marriage between one man and one woman is NOT equal same sex civil unions / marriage or whatever term we may Here is why: (1) Society has a stake in marriage only between one man and one woman. It is not a private affair, or e be no need to license it and recognize it recognize it civilly; (2) Society's stake in marriage is based upon the family it's stability. It is the family that is the bedrock of any civilization and any community: (3) One of the obvious purp from the beginning of human kind, is the procreation and education of children. Such procreation is not possible in a union / marriage and therefore should NOT be given the same dignity or protection as traditional marriage; (3) Child a stable environment with a mother and father. Although this is obviously not always possible, our laws should expr structures that are best for children; and (5) accepting civil unions as an indication of equality may lead others to see. "equality." Will polygamists be next to demand "equality"? Others whose values will continue to erode the social fat community?

If we play out the "logic" behind same sex unions, many such things could be required under the idea of a false notio

I urge you to stop this movement to permit civil unions in the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for all you do and for your attention to this matter.

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**From:** dfdutton@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 11:44 PM  
**To:** Sen. Brian Taniguchi; Sen. Dwight Takamine; Sen. Robert Bunda; Sen. Mike Gabbard; Sen. Sam Slom; Sen. Clarence Nishihara; JGO  
**Subject:** Written Version of Actual Spoken Testimony: HB444, 24 Feb 09  
**Attachments:** Senate Testimony.doc

**LATE**

Chair Taniguchi,

Thank all of you for devoting so much time this day to ensure ALL voices that wished to be heard was indeed heard. Your professionalism and respectful leading of this session can not be summed up in words...Thank You.

Since my actual testimony differed from my submitted testimony, please find attached a record copy of the document I used to give my testimony this morning.

Cheers - Pastor Dennis Dutton

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Hello, my name is Dennis Dutton, I am the Assistant Pastor of Calvary Chapel West Oahu and I live in Ewa Beach. Today I would like to provide three points of comment on HB 444.

FIRST, as a citizen of Hawaii based on my review of the proposed Law and the Legislature. I am not a lawyer I am a country boy, but I grew up understanding we the voice of the people are the backbone of our democracy.

- I have received emails which reflect positions from House Speaker Calvin Say and Representative Mark Nakashima and recent KNHL coverage of Representative Karamatsu on HB444
  - The Speaker states (*Ref 1.*): *“Thank you for your correspondence regarding HB444 relating to civil unions. This bill extends the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union. It’s important to note that the bill does not redefine marriage which remains between a man and a woman.”*
  - Representative Mark Nakashima similarly states (*Ref 2.*):: *“As you know, the civil unions bill seeks to provide rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities as provided in law to partners in a civil union. Marriage as defined by law is still between a man and a woman and this will not change”*
  - Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu (*Ref 3.*) follows the House line with *“There’s a lot of distortion in what’s being said in the general public. This doesn’t change the marriage law at all. This is a separate section of the law we’re creating that expands rights which heterosexual couples already have.”*
- As I’m sure you have noted the common position is:
  - It’s ALL about extending benefits
  - Marriage remains between a man and a woman

- I asked each one of them, in email replies, to elaborate on the following points I read in my review of the bill...only Speaker Say provided a reply.
  - If this is a matter of **“rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities”** as stated then the legislature can seek to amend the existing law, **Hawaii's Reciprocal Beneficiary law (HRS §572C)**, which currently addresses rights and benefits for this type of need. In addition, as I understand the Reciprocal Beneficiary law, this law goes beyond “same-sex” situations and actually extends provision to other non-married conditions such as elderly siblings (sisters) that share residence in a non-sexual manner. Therefore, HB-444 would discriminate against these other persons in the gaining of benefits and rights in order to seek marriage-like status for a single class of people, those of the same sex.
    - **Speaker Say responded: “A civil union confers a higher status than a reciprocal beneficiary relationship. Furthermore, if under an expanded reciprocal beneficiary law, siblings are given the same rights as married couples, unintended consequences may result. For example, would it be appropriate for employer-paid health insurance to cover siblings in a reciprocal beneficiary relationship.”** **Senators, I’m just a country boy, but I don’t see that such benefits should not be excluded simply because they are not sexually intimate.**
  - The second position taken – is this bill will not redefine marriage.
  - I do not claim HB444 changes the marriage law, I claim that HB444, on the state level, establishes a state endorsed union, which in all measures is equal to marriage. This bill requires:
    - issuance of a marriage-like license document the same as a marriage.
    - that same personnel that the state authorizes to conduct a marriage to be the

ones to solemnize a union

-- at the state level, all rights, etc authorized to husbands, wives, married, spouse equally conferred to partners in a union

-- And to break this Union requires procedures for annulment, divorce, separation, or dissolution same as a marriage

- *NOTE: the Merriam-Webster's Dictionary definition of marriage includes " the state of being united to a person of the same sex in a relationship like that of a traditional marriage."*
- Again, I do not claim this bill changes the marriage law, but I do claim the only distinction in HB444 between civil union and marriage appears to be the number of words and letters used.
- I asked the Speaker, to tell me how he defined "marriage" so I could understand how this civil union is different?
- Speaker Say responded **“‘Marriage’ is a union between a male and female. Personally, “marriage” has a recognized and respected social and religious status above a civil union.”**

- Senators I have done a little research:
- I am afraid Hawaii would indeed follow other states with civil unions

In 2005 the State of Connecticut offered civil unions, to extend rights and benefits, for gay couples.

## **Oct 2008 -- Gay Marriage Is Ruled Legal in Connecticut**

By ROBERT D. McFADDEN  
Published: October 10, 2008

The ruling, which cannot be appealed and is to take effect on Oct. 28, held that a state law limiting marriage to heterosexual couples, and a civil union law intended to provide all the rights and privileges of marriage to same-sex couples, violated the constitutional guarantees of equal protection under the law.

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California, and Massachusetts all had civil union laws like Connecticut or proposals on the books until a court action ruled that the dual systems were discriminatory and ruled Gay Marriage legal. (CA -- Prop 8 reversed court)  
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## **NATIONAL BRIEFING | NEW ENGLAND;**

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

February 7, 2009 – 17 days ago

### **Vermont: Same-Sex Marriage**

A bill to legalize same-sex marriages was introduced in the House, nine years after Vermont became the first state to permit civil unions. A crowd of several hundred supporters gathered at the State House in celebration. The bill has 59 sponsors, all of them Democrats, who overwhelmingly control both houses of the legislature.

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Remember the Speaker's reply: "**marriage**" has a **recognized and respected social and religious status above a civil union.**" – The courts and other legislators don't share our Speaker's view.

What about here in Hawaii? Recall the reply from Representative Nakashima, "*Marriage as defined by law is still between a man and a woman and this will not change*" – Gentlemen, in my research I ran across a House Bill that has been referred to the Judicial Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 09, HB878, by nine of the same people that introduced HB444. The Bill description reads

*"Repeals language that defines or refers to marriage as being limited to a relationship between a man and a woman and instead specifies that the relationship is one between two persons."*

I firmly believe HB878 has been prepared in anticipation of a future Judicial decision finding civil union in violation of constitutional guarantees and mandate same-sex marriage.

As a citizen of the State of Hawaii and I consider that HB 444 elevates Civil Union equal in all ways – how did the dictionary define marriage – "*like that of a traditional marriage*, and HB878 sitting in House committee that repeals language making

marriage between a man and a woman it seems clear to me that the expressed *intent* of the Legislature is in blatant opposition to the 70% expressed voice of the people of Hawaii in 1998 against same-sex *marriage*.

- As a Father, I am concerned as I raise my 11 yr old son and watch over 100+ children weekly at church:
  - I long for the time of Mayberry RFD, mine and your childhood
  - To a time where moral boundaries were clearly defined
  - You might get soap in the mouth for a slip of the tongue
  - and prime time TV was safe “family” TV
  - Today the indiscriminate cursing has no concern for the presence of a child, automobiles roam the roads with nearly, if not, pornographic displays on the back glass in full view of our children, etc – all in the name of tolerance. Now HB444 looks to state endorse same sex intimacy that will become as common place as the cussing and window porn in the name of tolerance.
  - HB444 will continue to erode social boundaries necessary to raise our children with an understanding of right and wrong that defies “if it feels right than it has to be right.”
- In closing, as a Pastor...Earlier it was said, “in a democracy culture is progressive and changes. In my Bible, it is clear that my God has not changed and His Word will not change.
  - The Word of God is clear concerning the same-sex lifestyle to be a condemned forbidden relationship of unnatural desire
  - The Bible is also equally clear that this is a bondage of sin that can be broken through a relationship and commitment to Jesus Christ.
  - This is not an issue with or against individuals this is about upholding the first institution established by our Lord over 5 thousand years ago.

- As a spiritual leader, telling my children that the homosexual lifestyle is okay in the Bible “would truly harm children” now and eternally.
- I am clearly aware this is a national issue and a desire of our President. And our President being from Hawaii may add additional pressure to legislatively support his agenda, but I stand firm in my faith and close with the words of **Senator Robert Byrd**: *"This case for same-sex marriage "reflects a demand for political correctness that has gone berserk. We live in an era in which tolerance has progressed beyond a mere call for acceptance and crossed over to become a demand for the rest of us to give up beliefs that we revere and hold most dear in order to prove our collective purity. At some point, a line must be drawn by rational men and women who are willing to say, 'Enough!' "*
- Thank you for your time.

= Reference 1. ===== Speaker Say email =====

-----Original Message-----

From: Rep. Calvin Say <repsay@Capitol.hawaii.gov>

To: 'dfdutton@aol.com' <dfdutton@aol.com>

Sent: Mon, 23 Feb 2009 3:45 pm

Subject: RE: Reference Rep Say's Position

Dear Mr. Dutton: I respond to your inquiries as follows:

Question 1: Response: A civil union confers a higher status than a reciprocal beneficiary relationship. Furthermore, if under an expanded reciprocal beneficiary law, siblings are given the same rights as married couples, unintended consequences may result. For example, would it be appropriate for employer-paid health insurance to cover siblings in a reciprocal beneficiary relationship.

Question 2: Response: “Marriage” is a union between a male and female. Personally, “marriage” has a recognized and respected social and religious status above a civil union.

Question 3: Response: Those are examples of laws already in place that prohibit discrimination against a person because of sexual identity. The civil union law is another that addresses discrimination because of sexual identity.

While we may disagree on civil unions, I thank you for being an important part of the legislative and democratic processes where controversial issues are put on the table for discussion to allow all parties to hear the e arguments, pro and con. No one is exempt from learning from others. Aloha, Speaker Calvin Say

**From:** dfdutton@aol.com [mailto:dfdutton@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2009 5:19 PM  
**To:** Rep. Calvin Say  
**Cc:** Rep. Kymberly Pine; Sen. Will Espero  
**Subject:** Reference Rep Say's Position

Representative Say,

I received a copy of your reply regarding Civil Union, attached below. I respectfully request additional information regarding your statements below please.

You say: "***This bill extends the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union...What about when an individual needs to see their partner in a hospital?***

Question 1: Why can the legislature not amend the Reciprocal Benefits Act to include a broader range of benefits (e.g. hospital rights) - which as I understand the act will also benefit others such as elderly siblings sharing home and resources? In addition, why should they (eg siblings) be discriminated against as they are not part of the Civil Union bill?

You say: "***It's important to note that the bill does not redefine marriage which remains between a man and a woman.***

Question 2: Please tell me how you define "marriage" so I can understand how this civil union is different?

You say: "***Today, it is illegal to discriminate against anyone seeking employment or renting a house because of their sexual identity.***

Question 3: I agree it is illegal so how does this play in the civil union bill?

Thank you for sharing your position and I look forward to hearing from you on this very important issue?

Cheers -  
Dennis Dutton  
Ewa Beach, HI

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***Thank you for your correspondence regarding HB444 relating to civil unions. This bill extends the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union. It's important to note that the bill does not redefine marriage which remains between a man and a woman.***

***I respect your position in opposing this measure. The issue is a sensitive one as it deals with personal lifestyles which may be different than our own. I hope you will allow me to explain why I voted in favor of the bill going forward. I believe we live in a state where we can be tolerant and respectful of each others' rights, even though there may be differences in our race, religion, culture, age, or sexual identity.***

***In our society, we have same-sex partnerships. This is a fact that people must recognize whether they like it or not. So the question is, do our laws protect individuals in same-sex partnerships, laws that will impact their rights and protect their benefits as they go about their daily lives?***

***Today, it is illegal to discriminate against anyone seeking employment or renting a house because of their sexual identity. What about when an individual needs to see their partner in a hospital? Civil unions would protect such rights.***

***Government should treat all individuals equally and fairly. I believe it is wrong to discriminate against gay and lesbian individuals who are seeking basic civil rights as partners.  
I appreciated your taking the time to inform me of your thoughts and concerns on civil unions.***

***The bill has passed the House and now crosses over to the Senate for its review.***

***Sincerely,  
Speaker Calvin K.Y. Say***

= Reference 2. ===== Representative Nakashima Email =====

-----Original Message-----

From: Rep. Mark Nakashima <repnakashima@capitol.hawaii.gov>

To: dfdutton@aol.com <dfdutton@aol.com>

Sent: Wed, 11 Feb 2009 4:42 pm

Subject: RE: \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* Vote NO to HB444

Thank you for your e-mail to my office expressing your concern for traditional marriage.

As you know, the civil unions bill seeks to provide rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities as provided in law to partners in a civil union. Marriage as defined by law is still between a man and a woman and this will not change.

The Civil Unions bill was heard by the House Committee on Judiciary chaired by Representative Jon Riki Koramatsu and is expected to be on the order of the day for final passage in the House of Representatives later this week.

Please be assured that I will have your thoughts in mind as this measure comes to the floor for consideration by the full house.

Mark M. Nakashima  
State House of Representatives  
District One

= Reference 3. ===== Representative **Jon Riki Karamatsu** =====

**Civil union opponents demonstrate against a bill** (*Honolulu Advertiser*)

Posted: Feb 22, 2009 09:51 PM

Updated: Feb 22, 2009 09:56 PM

By Diane Ako - bio | email

HONOLULU (KHNL) - Equal rights, or moral erosion? A bill that would give same sex couples civil rights is making its way through the legislature, and stirring up major emotions along the way.

The capitol was a sea of red on Sunday- the color of solidarity against allowing civil unions in Hawaii. Only a few supporters of the bill- like Representative Tom Brower (D- Ala Moana, Kakaako)- dared attend a massive demonstration against the bill.

The bill would give all rights of a married couple, to a same-sex partnership. Opponents fear that could lead to same sex marriage. The assistant pastor of Calvary Chapel West Oahu, Dennis Dutton, summed up, "It's absolutely a slippery slope. If you look at the bill in detail to get into civil unions it's the same thing as getting into a marriage."

Supporters of the bill, like **Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu** (D- Waipahu, Waikele) asserted, this is not true. "There's a lot of distortion in what's being said in the general public. This doesn't change the marriage law at all. This is a separate section of the law we're creating that expands rights which heterosexual couples already have."

Karamatsu chairs the House Judiciary committee which just passed the bill along. Karamatsu voted for the bill. Supporters like him emphasized, it's about civil rights. "All rights available under the law should be available to every citizen in the state of Hawaii. I think the majority of the Legislature feels this way," continued Karamatsu.

Opponents like Dutton insisted it's about the Bible. "God does love everybody, but this is not about individuals. It's about the family. God loves the family."

The bill is now on shaky ground in a Senate Judiciary committee. Representative Karamatsu speculated it could pass if it survives that. "That committee is the real test. But if it should get out of that committee it should get to a vote on the Senate Floor."

Supporters will have their day. On Monday, the Interfaith Alliance, another group of churches, will hold a rally at 10 a.m. to support the civil unions bill.

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**From:** Mark Thomas  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2009 8:01 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* Testimony Not Included At Hearin?

**LATE**

Dear Honorable Senators,

Below you will find my testimony of OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD 1 that was sent to you 02/23/09 2:38 pm, prior to the 4:30 pm deadline, but upon attending the said hearing yesterday my name was not included in the two printed lists. The first list consisted of 1379 names and the addendum contained 56 names. Unfortunately, due to oversight and the number of people listed I was unable to submit verbal testimony. Having brought this to the attention to the employee staffing the desk, he stated that I should resubmit it to you for record - therefore here it is.

Please be advised that I also gave him a hard copy, although written on, to give to you.

In closing, despite the split votes yesterday thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

Mark Thomas

PS I would appreciate a confirmation of this and that it will indeed be added as public record.

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OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD 1  
**From:** Mark Thomas  
**Sent:** Mon 2/23/09 2:38 PM  
**To:** jgotestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

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**Reference: OPPOSITION TO HB 444 HD 1**  
**Hearing Date:** February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 9:00 am

Dear Honorable Senators,

Please be advised that the following excerpts of testimony was sent last week to all of Hawaii's Senators, but I am officially resubmitting it here as a matter of public record to those of you who members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

First though, I would like to thank Senator Robert Bunda for his recent public announcement indicating that he will indeed vote against the bill. To Senators Mike Gabbard and Sam Slom, thank both for your continued opposition as well – you are and shall be truly blessed one day. The rally at the capital yesterday did in fact “Wake a sleeping red giant” and God shall be victorious in the end.

To Senators Brian Taniguchi, Dwight Takamine and Clarence Nishihara; please read on:

As an almost fifty year resident and taxpayer of this State, and as a born again Christian; it is respectfully requested that you all vote “Nay” in the subsequent readings on this very immoral legislation that will affect not just your district, but all of the citizens of this State of Hawaii. I must ask you though, one can not help but to

notice that the vast majority (oxymoron) of vocal homosexual activist are recent transplants from the mainland, how many of them actually live in your districts to override the will of the long time local people?

As you may recall, in 1998, "We the People" voted on a Constitutional Amendment to prevent homosexual marriages by defining "Marriage as being between one man and one women," and it was overwhelming passed (70%) by the diverse multi-ethnic majority of different faiths and beliefs. The current bill proposed is nothing more than alternative wording being used as a guise toward full marital status in the future, as has been the documented trend by other states having passed similar measures. What other legislation will they ask for next in the future; the legalization of marital incest, pedophilia, or bestiality under the pretenses that it's their constitutional rights? Don't laugh for it may happen one day.

Let's be perfectly clear, when our forefathers drafted the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence; the idea of justice and liberty for all did not extend to homosexual groups or their perverted ideology, because none existed, nor was it even fathomed. On the contrary, most of the founders and the nation were God fearing people, who would have never given civil union for "abominable" acts of immorality and sin, and repeatedly identified as such throughout the Holy Bible (Romans 1:25-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Luke 17:29, Genesis 19:24, 2 Peter 2:6, Jude 7-8, Amos 4:11, etc.).

Our nation's first President, George Washington, once stated that, "*It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.*" President Abraham Lincoln would later say that, "*I believe the Bible is the best gift God has given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book.*" President Andrew Jackson would also state that, "*That book, sir, is the rock on which our republic rests.*"

Yes, our Constitution and the laws of our nation were (are) founded upon sound Biblical doctrine, despite what some self proclaimed atheist and those in denial may think. Are there not laws against murder, rape, theft, drunkenness, perjury, and a host of other laws on the books of human civil responsibility and acceptable norms? "*We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that law is not made for the righteous but for law breakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for adulterers and perverts...* (1 Timothy 1:8-11) and "*Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawless*" (1 John 3:4). Therefore, why then in good conscience would one even consider making a law legalizing what most societies in history knowing believe to be wrong and punishable by death, both physical and spiritual?

You may also receive testimony from some so called religious individuals or institutions, proclaiming their "tolerance to diversity" and their acceptance of continued homosexuality into their fold, but be advised that such heresies have also been addressed in the Bible. (Jude 1:4, 2 Corinthians 10:13-15, 2 Peter 2:1-3, 2 Timothy 4:3-4, Titus 1:13-16, Matthew 23:13-14 & 23:27-28, 1 Corinthians 15:10, etc.).

The Bible tells us to, "*Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men... For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men*" (Peter 2:13 & 14) and that "*You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.*" (Titus 2:1)

Yes, there were indeed injustices in our countries history as based upon the color of ones skin or sex at birth, but the difference here is that homosexuality is a self chosen (key wording) deviate act against themselves, our society, and God. It's continued perversion here will bring needless diseases into our community, tap into the limited health care funds and insurance policies, decriminalize existing laws and promote further lawlessness, legally force faith based individuals and clergy to accept outside homosexual marriages in schools, the work place and places of worship-this despite their personal convictions. Thus it will erode family and religious values, and a host of other moral civility in our public schools, adoption agencies, etc.

My statements here is not to judge, for final judgment will come from our Lord Jesus Christ ( Revelations 20:11-15), but we who are the true believers of the Word and of his salvation are told to “...*put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body*” (Ephesians 4:25) and do so by “...*speaking the truth in love...*” (Ephesians 4:15).

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I thank you all for your time.

Sincerely,

Mark Thomas  
Kaneohe, Hawaii  
February 23, 2009 2:38 pm

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**From:** Paulette Feeney [pfeeney@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2009 8:41 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Strong Support of H.B. 444, HD1 Relating to Civil Unions

**LATE**

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

I write in strong support of H.B. 444, HD1 Relating to Civil Unions.

This bill would extend full relationship protections and responsibilities - giving couples greater ability to care for those they love. Further, it represents a substantial step forward toward ensuring that gay and lesbian couples are afforded equal treatment under the law.

It is just and appropriate to extend more protections to lesbian and gay couples than those currently provided under Hawaii law. H.B. 444, HD1 will further extend rights to gay and lesbian couples in several significant ways. To identify a few, current Hawaii law does not permit same-sex couples to adopt jointly a child in a single court proceeding. Current law also fails to protect members of a same-sex couple in the event the couple chooses to separate - there are no provisions in the law for judicial dissolution of the relationship or for support of a former partner. Additionally, adopting this law would provide a vehicle for private employers to offer health benefits to same-sex couples.

I believe that it is incumbent upon our elected officials to ensure that all residents of Hawaii are treated equally. H.B. 444, HD1 represents significant progress in attaining that goal. Thus, I urge you to vote yes.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paulette Feeney, PO Box 205, Hauula HI 96717

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**From:** Dorman, Robert D., SrA, USAF [rddorma@hcc.ncsc.mil]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2009 9:02 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** infamousvalleyguard@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony of ROB DORMAN in Strong Support of H.B. 444, HD1  
Relating to Civil Unions

**LATE**

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

I write in strong support of H.B. 444, HD1 Relating to Civil Unions.

In a nation proposing to be the champion of equality, rights, and liberty it would be a shame if the message we send the world is that we are in fact discriminating against harmless people who choose a particular lifestyle and denying them liberties that seriously effect their standard of living.

Please be a politician that helps the people adhere to the spirit of the country, and not a person that adheres to the whims of a non-patriotic majority.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROB DORMAN  
2338 APOLLO AVE #E HONOLULU, HI

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**From:** Nicole Natividad [Nnatividad@queens.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2009 10:22 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Same Sex Marriage

**LATE**

I strongly oppose this bill, I pray that our voices will be heard.  
This is a very important issue, that must be based by the word of God.  
I am for traditional marriage ONLY. We need to teach our children the right way, God's way.  
We will stand up for what is right, and what we believe.

Nicole Natividad  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
Tuesday, February 24, 2009 @ 9am  
HB 444

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**From:** starr Marcum [slynnmarcum@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2009 10:25 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** feb.25,2009 Bill# andTitle:HB444 HD1 relatingto Civil Unions

**LATE**

Sen.Robert Bunda and Sen.Clarence Nishihara please agree to Civil Unions of man marries man and/or woman marries woman. I beleive homosexuality should be legalized. following are the reasons i believe in legalization.

In 1935 Federal laws as well as State laws legalized being a "witch". According to the Bible every "witch" should be burned at the STAKE in essence was to be killed, called Righteous Killings. Christians were not taken to court for the murder of human beings mostly women until 1935 law was passed. Christians thought that they were doing GOD a favor.

So in 2009 Federal Laws as well as State Laws will legalize HOMOSEXUALITY. In The Holy Bible,Romans book, Paul talks about man having sex with another man or woman having sex with another woman and today in our barbaric society Christians condemn the practice also. Preachers preach about comparing our barbaric society to Sodom and Gomorrah, in Old Testament, in which, Christians are taught that these people should be burned at the STAKE, in essence, to be killed and Christians are doing GOD a favor by killing them.

When Men live with Men as just FRIENDS, not sex partners, Christians assume that they are homosexual, therefore they should have DEATH.  
When Women live with Women as just FRIENDS, not sex partners they should have death. as a result i am affraid to even talk to women or visit them alone in their apartment knowing that Chrisitans will accuse ME of homosexuality. and Christians will believe that I deserve DEATH.

Two women cannot live together as just FRIENDS until homosexuals are legalized by law because they willl be falsely accused of having sex.  
Therefore Christians can legally kill them thinking that they are doing GOD a favor. Christians will not be taken to court for murdering people that they assume of being homosexuals.

Many Vietnam Veterans penis and balls were chopped off while in the military and none of them want a womanto know that they cannot have sex. so these Vietnam VETERANS live together man with man but they also have no sex but are falsely accused of being a homosexual and are targeted by Christians to kill them, thinking that they are doing GOD a favor. Christians are not procecuted for murdering these homosexual. Christians are taught in churches that homosexuals should be killed according to God's laws. You are a homosexual only if you have SEX and majority of men do not have sex when they are living together sharing living expenses.

Therefore, when the Federal laws and State laws are passed to legalize homosexuality, Ministers will have to preach "do not kill these homosexual" or otherwise Christians will be procecuted in a court of law as murder starting in the year 2009.!!!!!!!  
have to stop writing my library time is over but i will write again about the legalization of "homosexual" and allowing them to marry.  
Even when a man and woman are marrried, the majority do NOT have SEX either.

sandra lynn marcum, po box 1151, Mountain View,Hawaii, 906771

feb.25,2009

Dear Honorable Senators,

Please be advised that the following excerpts of testimony **LATE** was sent last week to all of Hawaii's Senators, but I am officially resubmitting it here as a matter of public record to those of you who members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

First though, I would like to thank Senator Robert Bunda for his recent public announcement indicating that he will indeed vote against the bill. To Senators Mike Gabbard and Sam Slom, thank both for your continued opposition as well – you are and shall be truly blessed one day. The rally at the capital yesterday did in fact “Wake a sleeping red giant” and God shall be victorious in the end.

To Senators Brian Taniguchi, Dwight Takamine and Clarence Nishihara; please read on:

As an almost fifty year resident and taxpayer of this State, and as a born again Christian; it is respectfully requested that you all vote “Nay” in the subsequent readings on this very immoral legislation that will affect not just your district, but all of the citizens of this State of Hawaii. I must ask you though, one can not help but to notice that the vast majority (oxymoron) of vocal homosexual activist are recent transplants from the mainland, how many of them actually live in your districts to override the will of the long time local people?

As you may recall, in 1998, “We the People” voted on a Constitutional Amendment to prevent homosexual marriages by defining “Marriage as being between one man and one women,” and it was overwhelming passed (70%) by the diverse multi-ethnic majority of different faiths and beliefs. The current bill proposed is nothing more than alternative wording being used as a guise toward full marital status in the future, as has been the documented trend by other states having passed similar measures. What other legislation will they ask for next in the future; the legalization of marital incest, pedophilia, or bestiality under the pretenses that it's their constitutional rights? Don't laugh for it may happen one day.

Let's be perfectly clear, when our forefathers drafted the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence; the idea of justice and liberty for all did not extend to homosexual groups or their perverted ideology, because none existed, nor was it even fathomed. On the contrary, most of the founders and the nation were God fearing people, who would have never given civil union for “abominable” acts of immorality and sin, and repeatedly identified as such throughout the Holy Bible (Romans 1:25-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Luke 17:29, Genesis 19:24, 2 Peter 2:6, Jude 7-8, Amos 4:11, etc.).

Our nation's first President, George Washington, once stated that, *“It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.”* President Abraham Lincoln would later say that, *“I believe the Bible is the best gift God has given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book.”* President Andrew Jackson would also state that, *“That book, sir, is the rock on which our republic rests.”*

Yes, our Constitution and the laws of our nation were (are) founded upon sound Biblical doctrine, despite what some self proclaimed atheist and those in denial may think. Are there not laws against murder, rape, theft, drunkenness, perjury, and a host of other laws on the books of human civil responsibility and acceptable norms? *“We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that law is not made for the righteous but for law breakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for adulterers and perverts... (1 Timothy 1:8-11) and “Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawless” (1 John 3:4).* Therefore, why then in good conscience would one even consider making a law legalizing what most societies in history knowing believe to be wrong and punishable by death, both physical and spiritual?

You may also receive testimony from some so called religious individuals or institutions, proclaiming their “tolerance to diversity” and their acceptance of continued homosexuality into their fold, but be advised that such heresies have also been addressed in the Bible. (Jude 1:4, 2 Corinthians 10:13-15, 2 Peter 2:1-3, 2 Timothy 4:3-4, Titus 1:13-16, Matthew 23:13-14 & 23:27-28, 1 Corinthians 15:10, etc.).

The Bible tells us to, “*Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men...For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men*” (Peter 2:13 & 14) and that “*You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.*” (Titus 2:1)

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Mark Thomas  
Kaneohe, Hawaii  
February 23, 2009 2:38 pm

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**From:** Ira Ono [iraono@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2009 11:33 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** HB444 Civil Unions Hearing

**LATE**

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

Dear Sirs,

I'm writing on behalf of many of my neighbors and friends here on the Big Island in support of HB444.

We feel that it would be a tremendous economic benefit to our entire state. And as local business owner in Volcano Village that relies on a variety of visitors and guests, we know that this would encourage a larger demographic of visitors. As a businessperson I recognize the powerful potential income from weddings, receptions, accommodations and all manner of tourist activities.

Statistically, it is a fact that the demographic for gay visitors have a very high disposable income. They come to Hawaii seeking opportunities for quality goods and services. We feel it would be a windfall to our state to support HB444.

Sincerely,

Ira Kaufman

LATE

*Chairman*  
Chairman Taniguchi & Members of the Committee  
*(Senators)*

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate and the people of our great state of Hawaii, I come here today to voice my stand and share a testimony to all of you concerning Bill 444.

~~And I thank you for~~

*(HHS)*

My name is Wallyn Kanoelani Christian, a native of Hawaii – born and raised on the island of Oahu. I am the proud mother of four beautiful children and a grandmother to be within the next two weeks. I am a proud believer of God – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and I am not ashamed of the gospel and sharing it with everyone. I come today to speak to each and every one of you with a compassionate heart for all involved regarding this important issue for our generation and generations to come – our children and our children's children.

*And for the people*

To each of you, the Representatives of each district, I implore you to hear the voices of the people. You are a representative, appointed by the people, this is not a decision for you to make on a personal level – your own beliefs, thinking or hearts desire – it is a decision that you must make for the people that you represent and that decision has been voiced by the people in your respected districts...it is a decision to vote against Bill 444! You must vote "NO" to Bill 444! Very rarely do ever get a 100% yes or no vote however you will always have a majority vote! The majority has voiced their opposition against this Bill and the people in each of your districts have and are speaking to you...their voice is saying "NO" to Bill 444! The State of Hawaii, the people, has spoken on both sides of this significant and extremely important subject and issue!

I am here today to share a powerful testimony of what God has shown me...I pray that you hear me with an open and willing mind and heart.

On Monday, February 23, 2009, I was driving from Pearlridge to Kapolei to take my daughter to a doctor's appointment. And as I was driving between Waipahu and Kapolei, I was praying to God about this Bill with a measure of faith that I never experienced before. He started to show me a parallel that most people will understand. It was like a movie being played on my windshield while I was driving...an open vision! As I tuned into His voice He showed me a building on its foundation! As I was examining the building it was beginning to shake and move. I wondered why...then I noticed that the foundation was weakening. I asked why was the foundation weakening and I got the revelation that as we, the representatives and people of Hawaii and our great nation of America, start to change laws, add laws and delete laws we are changing the foundation of our nation. I watched as this building started to crumble and fall to the ground and I asked God if that is what we are doing today. Do you know that His answer was YES! With this Bill 444 – we are not only changing a law but we are destroying our foundation on what this state, this country has been built on!

This Bill is just the beginning to the destruction of traditional marriage! Know that if this Bill is passed we the people, who are the majority voices, who are against it will no longer be able to practice our right to freedom of speech when we minister the Word of God truthfully and completely to others about homosexuality without legal consequences. This is not a civil rights issue as the gay community is claiming...it is the start of the destruction of our government by a few.

*due to the explanation of Mr. Dan McGivver*

I saw our government giving in to all sorts of Bills and therefore seeing this building coming down hard and viciously just as the Twin Towers in NYC did on September 11, 2001.

*did*

"What you tolerate - you authorize to stay!"

The truth hurts - but it doesn't mean you should

*so as their representatives allow you must then you vote in your pre-natal (procreation) in the making*

I want to compel all of you, our representatives, to allow your intellect, minds and hearts to hear the people and their position on Bill 444! I truly believe that what I received from God is His voice and know that He is warning us, all of us, to be aware of how much power and authority He has given us and we must be sure that we are not abusing this gift for a few!

Thank you for hearing my voice, I'm sure it is a reflection of many others as well, the majority of the people of Hawaii! As representatives, you must follow the hearts of the people, and that following – the voices – say vote NO TO BILL 444!

Thank you for allowing me to speak on behalf of God our Father and for my children and my children's children sake and future!

Hear His voice <sup>Senators of the committee</sup> ~~Mr. and Ms. Representative~~ and make the right decision – oppose Bill 444!

God Bless each and every one of you!

Aloha Ke Akua

Wallyn Kanoelani Christian

Ms. Krieger -  
~~For~~ Concerning children - they are not seed of their seed!

Children are not harmed because of an inheritance or lack thereof – they are harmed by the deception and perversion of mind.

I, myself, ~~was~~ as a mother and a grandmother to be will not allow my descendants to be harmed by ~~that~~ such acts! Will you?

Then have to <sup>explain</sup> ~~answer~~ to your descendants in future time? I choose not to & I pray that you ~~do~~ do the same!

Mr. Piol Since childhood I have been raised as a Democrat and I do not support the statement that or stance that Mr. Piol has testified to.

# LATE

Aloha Chair Brian Taniguchi and Judiciary Committee:

The purpose of my **URGENT MESSAGE** today regards my strong opposition of HB 444.

I am born and raised here in Hawai'i. I am a husband, a father, and humble servant in the community.

In 1998, I voted for the defense of traditional marriage. And we the people of Hawai'i clearly voted for marriage between one man and one woman. And the prevention of same sex-marriages.

After hearing each of us testify today, it is obvious that this matter is of great concern to the future of our great state. So many people have taken valuable time to speak out that you may hear and testify that you may see. This decision and committee is honored and revered as holding the key to our future. And you should know that there are many prayers crying out that you make the right decision.

While many have revealed the Word of the LORD to you. I implore you to also ask the LORD to reveal his will to you. So I know you will take the time to whole-heartedly lead a charge against this law and render the needs of our people. If HB444 is made law, I know that innocent keiki and opio will be impacted in such a way that will break down generational family values, impair their lifestyles and endanger the foundations of our community and state. I hope you will do the right thing for our people and for our children and for our future! And lead us away from this abomination.

**Please vote NO to the civil union law HB444.**

Randy Shimoda  
2119 Liliha St  
Hon. HI 96817

**LATE**

**NAME: BILLY K. WHITFIELD, JR.**  
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**PHONE: 808 237 8063**

Written Summary:

Greeting; Chairman and Senators of the Judicial Committee

In light of my written testimony provided to the committee I wish to ask for your wisdom and courage as Senators of our State. This Bill will impact the "family" as we know it to be in many ways should it be passed. The proponents of this Bill are asking for equality as the bill will give equal rights to civil unions. In light of the future rights of children from traditional marriages or otherwise will their rights to have a traditional family be preserved? Can you guarantee that their right for equality will be preserved by Bill 444? Will they now be subjected to sexual material that will be offensive to the child? Will my daughter who is 10 years old be subjected to this unnatural material because of Bill 444?

This bill is not the will of my fore fathers, who in World War Two, the Korean War, and me a 26 year veteran of the United States Navy, who protected and defended the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Hawaii. My Hawaiian ancestors would not have agreed to this as the family was and still is the core of our heritage and cultural beliefs and customs. The Hawaiian people as with many other cultures hold these same values. This bill will erode our culture as we know it today. Much of my ancestors were killed from disease from foreign sources and this bill is backed and being pushed from outside sources to our culture. The Good people of Hawaii spoke to marriage being between one man and one woman by an overwhelming majority and the individuals in government agreed. Why are we addressing this issue now? Are the voices of the majority not clear? Do you need another population vote to clear the air?

As Senators I believe you were elected to serve the majority of the population for our State. You were elected because they trusted you to make good decisions for our future. You were elected because of the wisdom you have gained in the years you have served in public office. You were elected to make some tough choices to better the future for not just a few individuals but for all concerned. I humbly ask for your support to vote NO on Bill 444.

Thank you for allowing me to speak on this matter.

**LATE**

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Greeting; Chairman and Senators of the Judicial Committee

My summary in light of my written testimony provided to the committee I wish to ask for your wisdom and courage as Senators of our State to vote No to House Bill - 444.

## **Hawaii State Motto**

*Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono*

Language:Hawaiian

**Translation:**The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness **Adoption:**1959

State mottoes may be said to reflect the character and beliefs of the citizens of the state, or more accurately, the citizens of the state when they were adopted. State mottoes can help us gain insight into the history of a state. [[What is a motto?](#) ]

### **Adoption of the Hawaii State Motto**

*Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono* has been a motto of Hawaii for over 165 years. It is generally claimed that it became the motto of the Kingdom of Hawaii when King Kamehameha III spoke the words on July 31, 1843. This was the day that sovereignty was restored to Hawaii by proclamation of Queen Victoria following a five-month-long rogue British occupation.

On May 1, 1959, *Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono* was adopted as the official motto of the State of Hawaii by Joint Resolution No. 4 of the 30th Territorial Legislature.

### **About the Hawaii State Motto**

It is said that the words that later became the motto of the State of Hawaii were first spoken by Queen Ke'opuolani in 1825 as she was baptized into the Christian faith.

However, the Hawaii motto as such, *Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono*, is generally attributed to King Kamehameha III who presided over the Kingdom of Hawaii from 1825 until his death in 1854. This son of Kamehameha the Great was born Kauikeaouli at Keauhou, North Kona and assumed the position of Kamehameha III when his older brother, Kamehameha II, died in England in 1824.



Kamehameha III

Kamehameha III, educated as a traditional Hawaiian chief and in the ways of Westerners by Protestant missionaries, presided over many important occurrences in the kingdom. He began to modernize the laws that had governed the islands for over a thousand years and he introduced the first Hawaii Constitution in 1840. He also presided over the division of lands between the king and the chiefs in 1848. Prior to this time, all land belonged to the king.

In the 1840's the French and British were very interested in expanding their empires and were anxious to lay claim to Hawaii. On February 10, 1843, Lord Paulet of the Royal Navy sailed into Honolulu harbor and captured the town. Intense negotiations followed. Rev. Dr. Gerrit Judd, a close friend of the King's, wrote an appeal to the British government and recruited an American merchant to carry the letter to England. Eventually, Admiral Richard D. Thomas arrived from England with a proclamation from Queen Victoria disapproving Lord's Paulet's actions, and on July 31, 1843, the Hawaiian flag was again raised over Hawaii. From the steps of Kawaiaha'o Church, Dr. Judd read the proclamation. King Kamehameha III proclaimed, "Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono."

The Hawaii motto, *Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono*, first appeared in a political context on the coat of arms of the Kingdom of Hawaii (1810-1894) that was adopted in May, 1845. In 1894, the Republic of Hawaii was established. The motto was included on the official seal of the Republic, designed by Viggo Jacobsen in 1895. That seal was a modified version of the royal coat of arms of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

In 1900, Hawaii was annexed as a U.S. Territory and as in the earlier transition of government, the motto was included on the Hawaiian Territorial Seal. Today the motto is still included on the State Seal of Hawaii.

The Hawaiian motto is declared in the *Preamble* and in *Article XV, Section 5* of the *Constitution of the State of Hawaii* and in the *Hawaii Revised Statutes*.

### The Hawaii Constitution

The following information is excerpted from the *Constitution of the State of Hawaii*, Article 15, Section 5.

Article XV State Boundaries; Capital; Flag;  
MOTTO

**Section 5.** The motto of the State shall be, "Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono." [Add Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]

### The Hawaii Revised Statutes

The following information is excerpted from the *Hawaii Revised Statutes*, Volume 1, Chapter 5, Section 5-9.

VOLUME				1.
CHAPTER	5.	EMBLEMS	AND	SYMBOLS.
Section	5-9		State	motto.

**§5-9 State motto.** The motto "Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono," is adopted, established, and designated as the official motto of the State. It is translated into English to mean "The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness." [L 1959, JR 4, §1; Supp, §14-5.3; HRS §5-9; am L 1979, c 145, §2]

This bill is Pono‘ole, unjust, unrighteous it does not perpetuate righteousness in our land. This Bill will impact the erosion of the “family” as we know it to be in many ways should it be passed. It will bring suits of discrimination in all areas of our state. The proponents of this Bill are asking for equality as the bill will give equal rights to civil unions. In light of the future will the rights of children from traditional marriages or otherwise be preserved? Can you guarantee that their right for equality will be preserved by House Bill 444? Will they now be subjected to sexual material that will be offensive to the child? Will my daughter who is 10 years old be subjected to this unnatural material because of House Bill 444?

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Provisions have been made for others who choose not to marry by the statutes of our state. Why are we addressing this issue now? Are the voices of the majority not clear? Do you need another population vote to clear the air?

On Sunday, February 22, 2009, almost 15,000 people gathered in the rotunda of this State Capitol to affirm their support for traditional marriage. Conference organizers collected almost 10,000 signed testimonies against HB 444 which were hand-delivered by Dennis Arakaki, the executive director for the Hawaii Family Forum and the Hawaii Catholic Conference, I assume you have them now. Although the media chose to report the count as "approximately 2,000," two boxes of almost 10,000 signed cards are definitive proof that there were far more people in the crowd than the media acknowledged.

The successful rally boasted attendance of people from various faith communities including, Roman Catholic, Protestant, Evangelical, Buddhist, Jewish, Mormon and Muslim. The Good people of Hawaii have gathered to let you know there disagreement to House Bill 444.

As Senators I believe you were elected to serve the majority of the population for our State. You were elected because they trusted you to make good decisions for our future. You were elected because of the wisdom you have gained in the years you have served in public office. You were elected to make some tough choices to better the future for not just a few individuals but for all concerned. You are being asked by those who spoke up and voted for marriage to be between one man and one woman to make it "PONO", make it right. I and many others humbly ask for your support to vote NO on House Bill 444.

Thank you for allowing me to speak on this matter.

## Consequences of Civil Unions and the Governmental Elevation of Same-sex Relationships

### **Negative Impacts on Adoption**

State-sanctioned civil unions will have devastating implications on the continued missions of faith-based organizations regarding the successful placement of adoptable children. In this realm, successful adoptions are ones where children are placed in loving homes and guaranteed that they have both a mother and a father.

It's happened in Massachusetts. At one time, Catholic Charities of Boston actively placed hundreds of orphaned children with loving families, and giving them what they once previously did not have—a mother and a father. But after the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled that same-sex “marriage” was as virtuous and valuable as marriage between one man and one woman, Catholic Charities was forced to cease its adoption mission, unless the church was willing to adopt out children to same-sex couples, whereby those children would intentionally be denied either a mother or a father. The implementation of same-sex “marriage” led to an attack on the church and its mission to both the community and its most vulnerable citizens—abandoned children.

In a March 10, 2006 statement, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, archbishop of Boston, pointed to the history of Catholic Charities in the United States as an agency “exercising constitutionally guaranteed religious freedom” that “stepped forward to provide placement for orphaned children.” “Sadly,” he said, “we have come to a moment when Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Boston must withdraw from the work of adoptions, in order to exercise (that) religious freedom.”

### **Negative Impacts on Individual Religious Rights**

In New Mexico, a Christian couple who run a photography business were fined more than \$6,000 by the state's Human Rights Commission. Their crime? The photographers refused to accept a commission to take photographs at the “commitment ceremony” of a female same-sex couple.

According to the Alliance Defense Fund (Alliance Defense Fund), “the commission issued an order finding that Elane Photography engaged in ‘sexual orientation’ discrimination, prohibited under state law, and ordered it to pay \$6,637.94 in attorneys’ fees to the two women who filed the complaint. “The government cannot make people choose between their faith and their livelihood,” said ADF Senior Counsel Jordan Lorence. “Could the government force a vegetarian videographer to create a commercial for the new butcher shop in town? American business owners do not surrender their constitutional rights at the marketplace gate.”

Sadly, this type of case will be seen in Hawaii if our state changes the definition of marriage, and elevates to a preeminent social position relationships that run contrary to the tenets of

every major religion in this country. One of the results is that business owners will no longer enjoy the right to refuse business based on their own conscience.

### **Negative Impacts on Religious Organizations**

Founded in 1869, the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association (CMA) is a ministry organization that provides opportunities for spiritual birth, growth, and renewal in a Christian seaside setting. Affiliated with the United Methodist Church, Ocean Grove is located on the shore within two hours of both New York City and Philadelphia. It's a beautiful spot, and couples have used the grounds for marriage ceremonies for many decades. But in 2007, a same-sex couple filed a complaint with the state attorney general's office on the basis of "sexual orientation" discrimination after the CMA refused to allow the same-sex couple to use its grounds for a civil union ceremony, which clearly ran contrary to the tenets of the CMA's faith. A second same-sex couple sued on the same grounds.

Making matters even worse, in 2007, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) stripped the CMA of its tax-exempt status on part of its property. Thus, the church was now forced to pay taxes for continuing to use its property in accordance with the tenets of its faith, as it had faithfully done since 1869.

But the removal of the CMA's tax-exempt status wasn't enough for some advocates of same-sex "marriage." One group threatened to appeal the DEP's decision, saying that it didn't go far enough, according to a report by the Associated Press. "We're looking for a bigger victory here," said Steve Goldstein, the chairman of Garden State Equality. "We have the symbolic victory of the state telling Ocean Grove they're wrong, but there is a bigger victory to be had by having the entire tax-exemption removed. We're happy, but there's a lot more happiness to be had."

### **Negative Impacts on Parental Rights**

In 2005, a Lexington, Massachusetts couple – David and Tonia Parker – discovered a book that their son was given in his kindergarten class entitled "Who's in a Family?" The book, in the author's own words, was intended to "get the subject [of same-sex parent households] out into the minds and the awareness of children before they are old enough to have been convinced that there's another way of looking at life." The Parkers objected to the fact that the school system was teaching their son different values from their own. After an exchange of letters and emails, the couple was told by the principal that "she had checked with administrators and that no parental notification is required to discuss homosexual families/issues." The principal added, "Faculty can discuss homosexual families and homosexual issues with your son."

That Spring, the Parkers sent a letter to the school specifically stating that they did not authorize any teaching of same-sex marriage or sexual orientation to their sons. The response from the school was that discussion of same sex couples was not an issue in which parental notification was required. This statement was made, although Massachusetts law clearly

provides that “[e]very . . . regional school district or vocational school district implementing or maintaining curriculum which primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues shall adopt a policy ensuring parental/guardian notification.”

David Parker was ultimately arrested for trespassing at a meeting that was intended to produce an agreement with the school system! Parker filed a lawsuit, claiming his civil rights had been violated. After immense pressure brought by activist groups, the suit was ultimately dismissed by a federal judge. The dismissal of Parker’s lawsuit was subsequently upheld by the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. The United States Supreme Court refused to hear the case, and the litigation has now concluded.

Therefore, notwithstanding clear Massachusetts law, activists for same-sex “marriage” have effectively made an end-run around parental rights in that state regarding the role of public schools in teaching children – children as young as five – about same-sex “marriage.” You can expect similar things to occur in Hawaii if civil unions are enacted.

### **Negative Impacts on Health Care Providers**

In 2006, after the California Legislature gave same-sex couples all of the full rights and benefits of marriage through “domestic partnerships,” a practice of fertility doctors was sued by a lesbian couple because the doctors, acting out of conscience, refused to artificially inseminate one of the partners. The medical practice refused to inseminate one of the women on the grounds that the couple was unmarried. The plaintiff claimed that she was discriminated against based on her “sexual orientation” – a claim the physicians denied. The doctors even referred the plaintiff to another practice, and reimbursed the plaintiff for additional costs. Moreover, the couple was subsequently inseminated by different physicians and bore three children.

Still, the couple filed suit against the first doctors that they saw. The case wound its way through the legal system. In August 2008, a mere four months after the California Supreme Court judicially imposed same-sex “marriage” upon its citizens, that same court ruled “that patient demand for nonessential, elective care trumps the freedom of conscience of physicians and their ability to practice medicine in accordance with their religious or moral beliefs.”

Thus, the California Supreme Court told physicians in that state that they cannot act on the basis of conscience in administering elective, non-lifesaving care. And conducting a legal defense against even a frivolous lawsuit can be extremely expensive. Enacting civil unions in Hawaii only opens the door to additional lawsuits when a healthcare provider decides, based on personal conscience, not to provide elective services to a same-sex couple.

### **Negative Impacts on Families and Children**

Intentionally denying children both a mother and a father elevates the wants of adults over the needs of children. The result of same-sex “marriage” to satisfy the desires of adults means that

children no longer have a right to their parents. Instead, same-sex couples have a right to get children. It's as though children are a commodity to have. "I want to have a car. I want to have a house. I want to have a child."

This tragic attitude is seen in many examples. In a famous interview with Diane Sawyer, Rosie O'Donnell, a T.V. personality and outspoken activist for the normalization of homosexual behavior, was asked by her son, "Mommy, I want to have a daddy." Rosie answered, "I'm the kind of mommy who wants another mommy." Thus, Rosie's son has a need to know his father, and expressed that innate need, but it was overruled by Rosie's want for a female sexual partner.

This can also be seen in the parenting literature produced by those who support same-sex parenting. In *The Lesbian and Gay Parenting Handbook*, same-sex partners who are attempting to raise children are told that "[s]ome children do express an intense longing for the other biological parent, talking about it frequently and emotionally . . ." Thus, the innate need of children for both a mother and a father is acknowledged and something about which same-sex couples are warned. This is also seen in *In For Lesbian Parents: Your Guide to Helping your Family Grow Up Happy, Healthy, and Proud*. In this book, mothers who prefer their own homosexual behavior over the needs of their children are encouraged to deal with their daughters in this fashion: "If it's hard sometimes not having a father. Let her know that you understand that sometimes it is hard."

*The Lesbian Parenting Book* goes further than a mere warning, but states that "[i]t is very normal for children to long about and ask for a father . . . . It is natural to feel defensive when your child longs for a father. We encourage you to remain patient while she asks questions, sorts out information and comes to terms without knowing her father's identity, or not having her biological father in her life. She needs to do it . . . . [Artificially Inseminated] children of lesbian parents may grieve never knowing their biological father." Therefore, this book warns of the problem, but then encourages same-sex couples to push their children to "do it"—come to terms with the fact that they will never know their father's identity, and that those who seek to love and raise them will continue to place their needs over that of the child.



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# What same-sex "marriage" has done to Massachusetts

It's far worse than most people realize

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by Brian Camenker

Anyone who thinks that same-sex "marriage" is a benign eccentricity which won't affect the average person should consider what it has done in Massachusetts. It's become a hammer to force the acceptance and normalization of homosexuality on everyone. And this train is moving fast. What has happened so far is only the beginning.

On November 18, 2003, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court announced its Goodridge opinion, ruling that it was unconstitutional not to allow same-sex "marriage." Six months later, homosexual marriages began to be performed.

## The public schools

The homosexual "marriage" onslaught in public schools across the state started soon after the November 2003, court decision.

**At my own children's high school there was a school-wide assembly to celebrate same-sex "marriage" in early December, 2003.** It featured an array of speakers, including teachers at the school who announced that they would be "marrying" their same-sex partners and starting families either through adoption or artificial insemination. Literature on same-sex marriage – how it is now a normal part of society – was handed out to the students.

**Within months it was brought into the middle schools.**

In September, 2004, an 8th-grade teacher in Brookline, MA, told National Public Radio that the marriage ruling had opened up the floodgates for teaching homosexuality. “In my mind, I know that, ‘OK, this is legal now.’ If somebody wants to challenge me, I’ll say, ‘Give me a break. It’s legal now,’” she told NPR. She added that she now discusses gay sex with her students as explicitly as she desires. For example, she said she tells the kids that lesbians can have vaginal intercourse using sex toys.

**By the following year it was in elementary school curricula.** Kindergartners were given picture books telling them that same-sex couples are just another kind of family, like their own parents. In 2005, when David Parker of Lexington, MA – a parent of a kindergartner – strongly insisted on being notified when teachers were discussing homosexuality or transgenderism with his son, the school had him arrested and put in jail overnight. □ □ **Second graders at the same school** were read a book, “King and King”, about two men who have a romance and marry each other, with a picture of them kissing. When parents Rob and Robin Wirthlin complained, they were told that the school had no obligation to notify them or allow them to opt-out their child.

**In 2006 the Parkers and Wirthlins filed a federal Civil Rights lawsuit** to force the schools to notify parents and allow them to opt-out their elementary-school children when homosexual-related subjects were taught. The federal judges dismissed the case. The judges ruled that because same-sex marriage is legal in Massachusetts, the school actually had a duty to normalize homosexual

relationships to children, and that schools have no obligation to notify parents or let them opt-out their children! Acceptance of homosexuality had become a matter of good citizenship! □□**Think about that: Because same-sex marriage is “legal”, a federal judge has ruled that the schools now have a *duty* to portray homosexual relationships as normal to children, despite what parents think or believe!**

In 2006, in the elementary school where my daughter went to Kindergarten, the **parents of a third-grader were forced to take their child out of school because a man undergoing a sex-change operation and cross-dressing was being brought into class** to teach the children that there are now “different kinds of families.” School officials told the mother that her complaints to the principal were considered “inappropriate behavior.”

**Libraries have also radically changed.** School libraries across the state, from elementary school to high school, now have shelves of books to normalize homosexual behavior and the lifestyle in the minds of kids, some of them quite explicit and even pornographic. Parents complaints are ignored or met with hostility. □□Over the past year, homosexual groups have been using taxpayer money to distribute a large, slick hardcover **book celebrating homosexual marriage** titled “Courting Equality” into every school library in the state.

**It’s become commonplace in Massachusetts schools for teachers to prominently display photos of their same-sex “spouses” and occasionally bring them to school functions.** Both high schools in my own town now

have principals who are “married” to their same-sex partners, whom they bring to school and introduce to the students.

**“Gay days” in schools are considered necessary** to fight “intolerance” which may exist against same-sex relationships. Hundreds of high schools and even middle schools across the state now hold “gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender appreciation days”. They “celebrate” homosexual marriage and move forward to other behaviors such as cross-dressing and transsexuality. In my own town, a school committee member recently announced that combating “homophobia” is now a top priority. □□ Once homosexuality has been normalized, all boundaries will come down. The schools are already moving on to normalizing transgenderism (including cross-dressing and sex changes). The state-funded *Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth* includes leaders who are transsexuals.

## **Public health**

**The Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health** is “married” to another man. In 2007 he told a crowd of kids at a state-sponsored youth event that it’s “wonderful being gay” and he wants to make sure there’s enough HIV testing available for all of them.

Since homosexual marriage became “legal” the **rates of HIV / AIDS have gone up considerably in Massachusetts.** This year public funding to deal with HIV/AIDS has risen by \$500,000.

Citing “the right to marry” as one of the “important challenges”

in a place where “it’s a great time to be gay”, **the Massachusetts Department of Public Health helped produce The Little Black Book, Queer in the 21st Century**, a hideous work of obscene pornography which was given to kids at Brookline High School on April 30, 2005. Among other things, it gives “tips” to boys on how to perform oral sex on other males, masturbate other males, and how to “safely” have someone urinate on you for sexual pleasure. It also included a directory of bars in Boston where young men meet for anonymous sex.

### **Domestic violence**

Given the extreme dysfunctional nature of homosexual relationships, the Massachusetts Legislature has felt the need to **spend more money every year to deal with skyrocketing homosexual domestic violence**. This year \$350,000 was budgeted, up \$100,000 from last year.

### **Business**

**All insurance in Massachusetts** must now recognize same-sex “married” couples in their coverage. This includes auto insurance, health insurance, life insurance, etc.

Businesses must recognize same-sex “married” couples in **all their benefits, activities, etc.**, regarding both employees and customers.

**The wedding industry is required serve the homosexual community** if requested. Wedding photographers, halls, caterers, etc., must do same-sex marriages or be arrested for discrimination.

**Businesses are often “tested” for tolerance by**

**homosexual activists.** Groups of homosexual activists often go into restaurants or bars and publicly kiss and fondle each other to test whether the establishment demonstrates sufficient “equality” — now that homosexual marriage is “legal”. In fact, more and more overt displays of homosexual affection are seen in public places across the state to reinforce "marriage equality".

### **Legal profession**

**The Massachusetts Bar Exam now tests lawyers on their knowledge of same-sex "marriage" issues.** In 2007, a Boston man, Stephen Dunne, failed the Massachusetts bar exam because he refused to answer the questions in it about homosexual marriage.

Issues regarding homosexual “families” are now firmly entrenched in the Massachusetts legal system. In many firms, lawyers in Massachusetts practicing family law **must now attend seminars on homosexual "marriage"**. There are also now several homosexual judges overseeing the Massachusetts family courts.

### **Adoption of children to homosexual “married” couples**

**Homosexual “married” couples can now demand to be able to adopt children** the same as normal couples. *Catholic Charities* decided to abandon handling adoptions rather submit to regulations requiring them to allow homosexuals to adopt the children in their care.

**In 2006 the Massachusetts Department of Social Services (DSS) honored two men “married” to each other as their “Parents of the Year”.** The men already

adopted a baby through DSS (against the wishes of the baby's birth parents). According to news reports, the day after that adoption was final DSS approached the men about adopting a second child. Homosexuals now appear to be put in line for adopting children ahead of heterosexual parents by state agencies in Massachusetts.

### **Government mandates**

**In 2004, Governor Mitt Romney ordered Justices of the Peace to perform homosexual marriages when requested or be fired.** At least one Justice of the Peace decided to resign.

Also thanks to Gov. Romney, marriage licenses in Massachusetts now have “Party A and Party B” instead of “husband and wife.” Romney did not have a legal requirement to do this; he did it on his own. (See more on this below.)

Since homosexual relationships are now officially “normal”, **the Legislature now gives enormous tax money to homosexual activist groups.** In particular, the Massachusetts Commission on Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Youth is made up of the most radical and militant homosexual groups which target children in the schools. This year they are getting \$700,000 of taxpayer money to go into the public schools.

**In 2008 Massachusetts changed the state Medicare laws** to include homosexual “married” couples in the coverage.

### **The public square**

Since gay “marriage”, **annual gay pride parades** have become more prominent. There are more politicians and corporations participating, and even police organizations take part. **And the envelope gets pushed further and further.** There is now a profane “Dyke March” through downtown Boston, and recently a “transgender” parade in Northampton that included bare-chested women who have had their breasts surgically removed so they could “become” men. Governor Patrick even marched with his “out lesbian” 17-year old daughter in the 2008 Boston Pride event, right behind a “leather” group brandishing a black & blue flag, whips and chains!

### **The media**

Boston media, particularly the Boston Globe newspaper, regularly does **feature stories and news stories portraying homosexual “married” couples where regular married couples would normally be used.** It’s “equal”, they insist, so there must be no difference in the coverage. Also, the **newspaper advice columns** now deal with homosexual “marriage” issues, and how to properly accept it.

**A growing number of news reporters and TV anchors** are openly “married” homosexuals who march in the “gay pride” parades.

### **Is gay marriage actually legal in Massachusetts?**

Like everywhere else in America, the imposition of same-sex marriage on the people of Massachusetts was a combination of radical, arrogant judges and pitifully cowardly politicians.

The Goodridge ruling resulted in a complete cave-in by

politicians of both parties on this issue. Same-sex “marriage” is still illegal in Massachusetts. On November 18, 2003 the court merely ruled that it was unconstitutional not to allow it, and gave the Legislature six months to “take such action as it may deem appropriate.” Note that the Massachusetts Constitution strongly denies courts the power to make or change laws, or from ordering the other branches to take any action. The constitution effectively bans “judicial review” – a court changing or nullifying a law. Thus, the court did not order anything to happen; it simply rendered an opinion on that specific case. And the Legislature did nothing. The marriage statutes were never changed. However, against the advice of many, Gov. Romney took it upon himself to alter the state's marriage licenses to say "Party A and Party B" and order officials to perform same-sex "weddings" if asked, though he had no legal obligation to do so. Technically, same-sex marriages are still illegal in Massachusetts.

Nevertheless, we are having to live with it. And furthermore, this abdication of their proper constitutional roles by the Legislature and Governor has caused a domino effect as "copycat" rulings have been issued in California and Connecticut, with other states fearful it will happen there.

### **In conclusion**

Homosexual “marriage” hangs over society like a hammer with the force of law. And it’s only just begun.

It’s pretty clear that the homosexual movement’s obsession with marriage is not because large numbers of them actually want to marry each other. Research shows that homosexual relationships are fundamentally dysfunctional on many levels, and “marriage” as we know it isn’t something they can achieve, or even desire. (In fact, over the last three months, the *Sunday Boston Globe’s* marriage section hasn’t had any photos of homosexual

marriages. In the beginning it was full of them.) This is about putting the legal stamp of approval on homosexuality and imposing it with force throughout the various social and political institutions of a society that would never accept it otherwise. To the rest of America: You've been forewarned.

[www.massresistance.org](http://www.massresistance.org)

My name is Arlene Darty Tabron I live in beautiful cold weather

I oppose HB444.

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I have many gay friends & family members that I love.

I also believe that God made man and out of man he made a woman.

God made a woman to be a man's perfect companion in all ways  
a perfect help mate.

He designed each one amazingly wonderful with special  
life within them. ~~He made a man to be able to physically~~

~~only a man to be able to physically~~  
~~become~~ He made it possible for a man and woman to be

come together and have a miracle.

A beautiful human being - a baby. A gift from Gods  
special design.

I teach this to all the children God places in my life.

But ~~I don't have special rights that allow me to~~  
~~teach this to all~~ children in public schools.

Its not part of my equal rights

So why will you make ~~a~~ Law that ~~same~~ <sup>would pave the way for</sup> ~~sex~~ promoters to be  
~~would be~~ given special privileges to teach <sup>our children</sup> ~~about their~~ <sup>same</sup> sex  
sexual preferences in our public schools?

This is only one of many concerns that I have with

this bill. ~~This~~ <sup>This</sup> is why it would not be fair to me ~~or~~ <sup>or</sup> to my children

to have House Bill 444 made into a Law.  
Thank You.

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**From:** harvs1ok@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2009 6:00 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong opposition to HB444 HD1

**LATE**

To the Committee of the Senate Judiciary and Government Operations, My name is Harvey R.T. Tanaka and I am opposed to bill # HD444-HD1 Relating to Civil Unions. The people have voted and made their voices known to oppose same sex marriage.

Respectfully,  
Harvey R.T.Tanaka

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**From:** Alan Grosenheider [alangrosenheider@yahoo.com]  
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**Cc:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** please do the right thing on HB444

**LATE**

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Aloha Sen. Slom,

I am one of your constituents; and, I would humbly ask you to please reconsider your position on HB444. There are three strong reasons to support this bill:

1. Even if 70% of the residents of Hawaii believe today that equal rights should not be afforded to same sex couples, it is the role of the legislature to do what is right and not what is popular if the majority wishes to inhibit the rights of the minority.

This is exactly why Thomas Jefferson in his first inaugural address said:

*"All, too, will bear in mind this sacred principle, that though the will of the majority is in all cases to prevail, that will to be rightful must be reasonable; that the minority possess their equal rights, which equal law must protect, and to violate would be oppression."*

He knew that without protection of the law the tyranny of the majority will oppress the minority.

2. "Reciprocal Beneficiaries" are constitutionally insufficient and though I, and all who want equality and human rights for all, would support same-sex marriage; this bill is not about same-sex marriage; instead, it is about separate but equal treatment for same sex couples and their families. This must be stated very clearly: it is instead of same-sex marriage and is the logical result of the 1998 vote.

3. The highest priority and primary duty of government is to promote and protect the rights of its citizenry. HB444 clearly promotes the rights of the citizens of Hawaii. And, while there are clearly other urgent matters to address, I can think of nothing more important or pressing than the protection and promotion of the rights of the citizens of Hawaii which would result from a yes vote for HB444.

My partner of 20 years and I, along with our two children, will appreciate you doing the right thing and voting yes for HB444. As will the future generations of Hawaii, for even if today the people do not understand the wisdom of Pres. Jefferson's words, they will one day.

mahalo,  
alan

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**Date:** February 23, 2009

**To:** Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

**From:** Cynthia Iverson

**Hearing:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 9:00 am, Capitol Auditorium

**Re:** Testimony in opposition to HB 444, HD1, Relating to Civil Unions

Thank you for the opportunity to testify **in opposition** to this measure.

In 1993 Hawaii residents reviewed, debated, and rejected the legalization of same-sex marriage. As you may recall, the issue was taken to the Hawaii Supreme Court who issued a ruling that outraged this community. In response to the court's ruling the people of Hawaii adopted a constitutional amendment that gave power to the legislature "to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples." We trusted our legislature to act in good faith and uphold the wishes of the people. It is bothersome that this issue is now being revisited and rushed through the legislative process.

As a result of the public's cry and in the name of fairness, Hawaii's people supported, and the legislature enacted, the Reciprocal Beneficiaries Law, which opened up benefits to all who do not qualify for marriage. It is a fair and balanced response. This law allows a man to take care of his sick grandmother or a woman to care for her adult Down Syndrome brother. The civil unions bill does not allow for this and singles out a class of people as somehow more deserving.

The passage of HB 444, HD1, is setting the stage for the extension of "marriage" to same-sex couples. The history of this process in other state should not be ignored. This measure is unnecessary, unwanted by the majority of Hawaii residents and dangerous.

I urge you to vote **NO** on HB 444, HD1.



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February 27, 2009

To: The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

From: William Hoshijo, Executive Director  
Hawai`i Civil Rights Commission

Supplemental Response to JGO Committee Question Re: H.B. No. 444, HD1

I presented the Hawai`i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) testimony on H.B. No. 444 before the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations at the hearing on February 24, 2009. This is a supplemental response to a question posed by Senator Robert Bunda regarding the HCRC testimony.

Senator Bunda prefaced his question by stating that he agreed that the current reciprocal beneficiaries law does not adequately provide for the rights and benefits that are conferred on married (opposite-sex) persons but denied persons in same-sex relationships who cannot legally marry. He then asked whether this discrepancy would not be better addressed by amendment of the reciprocal beneficiaries law rather than by creation of civil unions as proposed in H.B. No. 444.

At that time, I answered that amendment of the reciprocal beneficiaries law was not the best vehicle for addressing the denial of rights to persons in same-sex relationships. I explained that whatever vehicle the legislature chose (whether civil unions, reciprocal beneficiaries, or domestic partnerships), it would have to expressly provide for the whole litany of rights and benefits denied same-sex couples in order to address the equal protection issues that H.B. No. 444 is intended to address, and the end result would look a lot like H.B. No. 444. Senator Bunda said we disagreed about the best vehicle for addressing the problem, and that he felt that civil unions were the same as marriage. At that point I agreed that civil unions would constitute legal relationships with all legal rights and benefits of marriage, making the distinction that they would be without the religious sanction of marriage.

I appreciate Senator Bunda's thoughtful question, and on reflection feel that it deserves a more complete answer.

Restating the question: Wouldn't the denial of rights and benefits suffered by persons in same-sex relationships who are legally barred from marrying be better addressed by amendment of the flawed reciprocal beneficiaries law?

Supplemental response: Amending the reciprocal beneficiaries law to provide additional rights and benefits will not achieve the intended purpose of H.B. No. 444. The bases for this conclusion:

The legal relationship of marriage confers and imposes both legal rights and responsibilities. These legal rights and responsibilities are associated with a long-term legal commitment and affect all aspects of a person's legal life and standing. Importantly, family law provides legally defined procedures for ending the relationship as well as standards for determination of the parties' legal responsibilities for division of assets, child custody, support, etc.

The legal relationship established by the reciprocal beneficiaries law is easily entered into, and can be established between persons who do not have a long-term commitment to the relationship; it is not limited to same-sex couples and can be entered into by any persons who cannot legally marry (siblings, child and grandparent, etc.). The focus of the reciprocal beneficiaries law is entirely on provision of benefits and rights, and not on legal responsibilities. The reciprocal beneficiary relationship is easily terminated. Upon dissolution, there are no procedures or standards for the legal determination of the rights and responsibilities of the parties. Under the reciprocal beneficiaries model, when long-time same-sex relationships are dissolved there will be no provision for "divorce." As a result the rights and the responsibilities of the parties will be subject to dispute without means for resolution, to the detriment of the parties and their families (including children). Simply put, the reciprocal beneficiaries law does not provide for these important aspects of the proposed civil unions law because it is not meant to – it does not contemplate the complexities of family law and the importance of responsibilities of same-sex partners to each other and their children.

Thank you for your patience and good faith consideration.