

## Our Mission

Hawaii Family Forum (HFF) is a non-profit, pro-family research and education organization, dedicated to protecting, preserving and strengthening Hawaii's families. We are a locally controlled, independent Family Policy Council associated with Dr. James Dobson's Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

We are not involved with political candidates or political parties. However, we are actively involved in the public policy concerns that impact our families, neighborhoods and communities.

Our goal is to provide information and train local citizens to be part of this process. Together, we can positively influence our community and public policy in a way that supports Hawaii's families.



## Influencing Legislation

Within the limits allowed by the IRS, we provide factual and legal information to policy makers to help inform their decisions from a family friendly perspective. We also educate and involve Hawaii residents – the faces and voices of the community – to actively join us in this effort. To continue effectively promoting pro-family policies, we must stay the course together, speaking with one voice for the family.

## What are some Key Issues in Hawaii?

- Abstinence Promotion & Education
- Adoption Promotion & Awareness
- Domestic Violence
- Legalized Gambling
- Physician-Assisted Suicide
- End-of-Life Care
- Traditional Marriage
- Sanctity of Human Life
- Sexual Exploitation of Children
- Homelessness and Affordable Housing
- Religious Freedom

## Proven Track Record

Since 1998, HFF has succeeded in helping to shape Hawaii's public policy from a family-friendly viewpoint. From stopping the efforts to legalize same-sex marriage, to protecting people at their end of their lives, HFF has been a consistent voice.

In addition to stopping anti-family policies, HFF works diligently to **support policies that are good for children and families.**

Raising the age of sexual consent from 14 to 16 years of age, and protecting kids from sex offenders through passage of Megan's law are but two of the many examples of success.

## Our Scorecard Results:

- ✓ **Same-Sex Marriage:** Hawaii Family Forum (HFF) was the first group publicly addressing this issue through our TV, radio and print campaign to educate the voters about the implications of yes, no and blank votes. As a result of these and other collaborative efforts, traditional marriage was preserved. 1998
- ✓ **Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS):** HFF formed a diverse coalition with the Hawaii Medical Association to oppose PAS. We presented a unified, rational opposition in the Legislature and have soundly defeated all proposals to legalize PAS in Hawaii. 1998-present
- ✓ **Legalized Gambling:** HFF, as a part of the Hawaii Coalition Against Legalized Gambling, has been successful in keeping Hawaii one of only two states with no legalized commercial gambling. 1998—present
- ✓ **Age of Sexual Consent:** Hawaii Family Forum led the effort to raise Hawaii's (lowest in the nation) age of sexual consent from 14 to 16 years of age. HFF was also instrumental in the Legislature's history-making override of the Governor's veto of the age of consent bill. As a result, adult sexual exploiters have been held accountable under the new law. Age of Consent became permanent at 16 on May 19, 2003 (Act 062).
- ✓ **Reinstatement of Megan's Law:** Along with Hawaii's Attorney General and the Honolulu Prosecutor, HFF supported the law to allow the public to simply log on to the internet to find out about registered sex offenders living in their neighborhoods near their children. The Legislature had already passed this once and the public supported the constitutional amendment (71.8%) so parents would have additional tools to protect their children. 2003-2005
- ✓ **Adoption Promotion:** HFF initiated and is leading a statewide effort to promote adoption awareness. Partnering with Hope INC, HFF believes that all of Hawaii's abused and neglected keiki deserve loving and forever families.

## Get Involved in the Process

Simply contact us by phone, fax, e-mail, or U.S. Postal service and you will be given detailed information on how you can become part of our grass-roots team.

### HFF offers current:

- Education on Issues
- Research Information
- Resource Materials
- Training and Seminars
- Speakers Bureau

If you'd like, we will send our complimentary newsletter, legislative updates and educational material to keep you informed.

To find out how you can become part of the HFF community action team, please contact the office at (808) 203-6704. We will send you a packet of information on the organization and how you can join us to make a difference in our community.

Also, encourage your Pastor to consider financially supporting HFF through an annual gift or monthly pledge.

As a 501(C)(3) organization, we are supported by the generous contributions of concerned groups and individuals who support our mission.

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Facing the issues that face  
Hawaii's families.