

Civil Unions Alert!

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There has been significant media attention to date on the bills authorizing civil unions. [To see this morning's advertiser article click here.](#) Unfortunately, rather than reporting the news, this article attempts to create news. Here is an update on what is actually happening at the capitol and on our positions.

Both HFF and the Roman Catholic Church in the Hawaii support fixing Hawaii's reciprocal beneficiary law to provide benefits to those in need in a way that is NOT based on sex partner status. There is a bill (HB 1587) on this issue scheduled for hearing tomorrow . [Click here to read our testimony on the measure.](#)

I have been meeting with key legislators to discuss how the people of Hawaii don't want to revisit the same sex marriage question and about how reciprocal beneficiaries can provide most of the benefits sought.

There are no civil unions public hearings scheduled yet. It appears there won't be in the Senate. We will let you know immediately if and when a House Judiciary Hearing is scheduled. Please be prepared to get involved if we get to that point.

FOR ACTION

In the meantime, please contact your legislators ([click here to if you don't know who they are](#)) and the member of the House Judiciary Committee members (e-mails below).

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Please **urge them NOT to revisit the same sex marriage issue through the controversial civil unions proposal.** Remind them kindly and respectfully that the people have spoken and they should focus on matters much more urgently impacting the people of Hawaii.

Please let us know you've done this. Mahalo.

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