

• On the ballot for the General Election in November, you will be asked:

"Shall the state constitution be amended to repeal the legislature's authority to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples?"

- Currently, the Hawai'i State Constitution grants the Legislature this authority. The Change 23 Campaign and its allies believe this authority is discriminatory and is seeking to strike it from the State Constitution.
- Across the country, LGBTQ+ rights are under assault by conservative organizations and politicians. While no such threat currently exists in Hawai'i, this 26-year old language keeps open the door for such organizations and politicians to repeal the right to same-sex marriage in Hawai'i.
- Rather than wait for the threat to become real, we want to take steps now to protect the right to same-sex marriage in Hawai'i and strike this discriminatory language from the Hawai'i State Constitution.
- Amendments to the Constitution have a high threshold for passage: Blank votes are equivalent to "No" votes. This means we need the "Yes" votes to equal a majority of ALL BALLOTS CAST in the November General Election.
- California and Colorado are similarly seeking to amend their State Constitutions this year. Nevada took this step several years ago and other states are looking at doing the same.

## **VOTE YES TO REPEAL!!**

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