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# But It IS Okay For Trans People NOT To Have The Same Rights As Gays When It Comes To Freedom From Employment Discrimination? [UPDATED]

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## Abstract

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## Article

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*The state Senate on Friday approved Senate Bill 232, relating to Civil Unions, at its regular daily session.*

*The bill says unmarried, unrelated couples may have a judge or clergy solemnize their civil union, which will provide the same responsibilities and benefits of marriage under state law.*

*The bill passed the full Senate 19-6.*

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The stars are aligned?

Sounds a lot like “Hawaii is a discrimination-free zone” to me.

And just as worthless to trans people.

ANYTHING except rectification of political hate crimes against trans people...

Its what’s for dinner!

[UPDATE]

Well, it would appear as though there is another item on the menu - or, perhaps more accurately, there’s another menu that the media’d isn’t showing off:

**SECTION 1.** *The purpose of this Act is to clarify existing law with regard to sex discrimination and provide that discrimination based upon gender identity or expression constitutes a form of sex discrimination.*

**SECTION 2.** *Section 378-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:*

*““Gender identity or expression” includes a person’s actual or perceived gender, as well as a person’s gender identity, gender-related self-image, gender-related appearance, or gender-related expression, regardless of whether that gender identity, gender-related self-image, gender-related appearance, or gender-related expression is different from that traditionally associated with the person’s sex at birth.”*

And, though it did get a unanimous thumbs-up in a House committee, I stand by my assertion that the word “marriage” has no business being uttered in Hawaii until this bill is signed into law by the governor.

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