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The remains of Clifford Medina are held by his sister during a press conference announcing a second wrongful death lawsuit against the State of Hawai'i and the Corrections Corp. of America. May 2012, Honolulu. ACLU Hawai'i photo.

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2013 Legislative Priorities

The ACLU of Hawai‘i, through our Legislative Working Group, is active during the Hawai‘i State Legislative session protecting and promoting fundamental rights for everyone.

As we gear up for the 2013 session, we’ll vigilantly track bills that may affect civil liberties, and will strive to advance our identified legislative priorities noted below. Take action! Check out the Legislative section of our website, follow us on Facebook or Twitter, join our private email alert list <email: addme@acluhawaii.org> to stay up-to-date on these issues and more!

Access to Emergency Contra-
ception in Hawai‘i’s Emergency Rooms: Support bills that end the use of religion to discriminate, lessen sex discrimination, ensure reproductive freedom, and allow women to make informed and unbiased decisions, free from government interference, about whether and when to become a parent.

Same-Gender Marriage:

Support bills that provide marriage
equality to Hawai‘i’s same-gender

The principle of equal protection under the law, enshrined in our Constitution, requires that fundamental rights like the right to marry be made available equally to same-sex and opposite-sex couples.

Drug Policy Reform:

Support measures that strength-
then Hawai‘i’s Medical Marijuana Program, and remove criminal penalties for marijuana offenses. This reduces prison overcrowding while more effectively protecting public safety and promoting public health.

Prisoners’ Rights Issues

• Victory! Alviado v. Kimoto (rights of non-incar-
cerated individuals to marry prisoners). On Au-
gust 2, 2012, the United States District Court ruled that Hawai‘i prison officials had violated our cli-
ents’ constitutional rights by prohibiting them from marrying their fiancés (Hawai‘i inmates at a for-
profit Corrections Corporation of America (“CCA”) facilities in Arizona). Both ACLU plaintiffs have

Ongoing: Nunuha v. State of Hawai‘i and 

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