Same-sex couples in Hawai‘i are allowed to enter into a civil union, but marriage is banned by state law. State level employment laws prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Parenting options, such as joint and second-parent adoptions, are permitted for same-sex couples.

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

- **53,900** LGBT individuals (18 yrs+)
- **3,239** Same-sex Couples
- **47%** Female
- **53%** Male
- **47%** White
- **46%** Other/Multiracial
- **21%** Asian
- **15%** Latino
- **13%** Native HI/Pacific Islander
- 16% are raising children

**WEDDING SPENDING**

If same-sex couples are allowed to marry in Hawai‘i, businesses will experience increased spending from wedding ceremonies and tourism. State and local governments will gain from this additional spending. The estimates below include the economic impact of both in-state and out-of-state same-sex couples.

- **3,209** couples will marry in 1st 3 years
- **$217 million** dollars in total spending
- **$10.2 million** expected GET (tax) revenues

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Hawai‘i is the state with the highest proportion of API same-sex couples among households.
- Same-sex couples in Hawai‘i are raising nearly 3,000 children, 1,100 of which are grandchildren.
- 54% of individuals in same-sex couples in Hawai‘i are people of color.

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