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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB0940
RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports HB0940 which is
3 an Administration bill prohibiting the use of electronic smoking devices (ESDs) in places where
4 smoking is already illegal and also updates signage requirements. The public health concern is
5 for the protection from the unregulated use of these potentially hazardous products.

6 The use of ESDs in existing smoke-free locations has the potential to expose non-
7 smokers and vulnerable populations such as children and pregnant women to aerosolized
8 nicotine and other toxic substances.^{1,2} The measure would protect members of the public from
9 unwittingly inhaling the condensed submicron liquid droplets emitted by ESDs that may contain
10 nicotine, and carcinogens such as formaldehyde, metals and nitrosamines.³ The use of ESDs in
11 traditionally smoke-free areas also causes confusion in the enforcement of smoke-free laws, it
12 creates distractions in work environments, and renormalizes smoking behavior.

13 The new and revised definitions in this measure are consistent with the *Sottera, Inc. v.*
14 *U.S. Food and Drug Administration* (FDA), 627 F.3d 891 (D.C. Cir. 2010) case ruling, upheld
15 on appeal in the U.S. court, which found that the FDA has the authority to regulate ESDs or any
16 product made or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption as tobacco

¹ Wickstrom, R. (2007) Effects of nicotine during pregnancy: human and experimental evidence. *Current Neuropharmacology*, 5:3, 213-222.

² World Health Organization (2014) Electronic nicotine delivery systems: Report of the Conference to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Sixth Session, October 13-18, 2014 Moscow Russian Federation. Provisional agenda 4.4.2 Available at: http://apps.who.int/gb/ctc/PDF/cop6/FCTC_COP6_10-en.pdf

³ Offerman, F.J. (2014) The hazards of e-cigarettes. *ASHRAE Journal*. June 2014. 38-44

1 products. The FDA has therefore issued a proposed rule that would extend the agency's tobacco
2 authority to cover ESDs.⁴

3 ESDs have become increasingly prevalent and widely available since their introduction to
4 the U.S. market. Since 2005, the ESD industry has grown from one manufacturer in China to an
5 estimated market value of \$3 billion in global business with 466 brands. It has become a
6 profitable business that the tobacco industry is gradually taking over.

7 ESDs produce an aerosol that is not merely "water vapor." The aerosol contains several
8 carcinogens, such as formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, lead, nickel, chromium, and other hazardous
9 substances cited by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry which are associated
10 with a range of negative health effects such as skin, eye, and respiratory irritation.^{5,6,7,8,9} These
11 chemicals travel through the circulatory system to the brain and all organs. The aerosol also
12 contains high concentrations of ultrafine particles that are inhaled and become trapped in the
13 lungs.¹⁰ In recent months, significant international research has increased the understanding of
14 ESDs as harmful, carcinogenic devices. In November 2014, researchers at the Japanese Ministry
15 of Health announced that they found ESDs contained greater levels of cancer-causing agents
16 than found in traditional cigarettes.¹¹

17 ESD companies, and the tobacco companies that have been acquiring the ESD
18 businesses, market and promote their use "anywhere," to encourage their social acceptability.
19 The World Health Organization has called for the regulation of ESDs and urges that their use

⁴ <http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/ucm388395.htm> (accessed February 10, 2015)

⁵ Jensen, R. et al. (2015). Hidden Formaldehyde in E-Cigarette Aerosols. *New England Journal of Medicine* 2015; 372:392-394.
Available at: www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc1413069

⁶ Lerner, C.A., et al. (2015). Environmental health hazards of e-cigarettes and their components: Oxidants and copper in e-cigarette aerosols. *Environ Pollut.* 2015 Jan 8; 198C:100-1073

⁷ State of California Environmental Protection Agency Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986. (2013). Chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity. Available at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65_list/files/P65single091313.pdf

⁸ German Cancer Research Center. (2013). Red Series Tobacco Prevention and Tobacco Control Volume 19: Electronic Cigarettes - An Overview. Available at: www.dkfz.de/de/tabakkontrolle/download/Publikationen/RoteReihe/Band_19_ecigarettes_an_overview.pdf

⁹ Goniewicz, M. et al. (2013). Levels of selected carcinogens and toxicants in vapour from electronic cigarettes. *Tob. Control.* 1:1-8. Available at: www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23467656

¹⁰ Fuoco, F.C., et al., Influential parameters on particle concentration and size distribution in the mainstream of e-cigarettes. *Environ Pollut* , 2014. 184:p.523-9.

¹¹ AFP, November 27, 2014. Scientists Say E-Cigs Contain 10 Times As Many Cancer Chemicals As Cigarettes. Retrieved from <http://www.businessinsider.com/afp-e-cigarettes-contain-10-times-amount-of-carcinogens-japan-2014-11>

1 indoors be “banned” until exhaled vapor is proven to be not harmful to bystanders and
2 reasonable evidence exists that smoke-free policy enforcement is not undermined.¹²

3 The FDA currently does not have the authority to regulate where ESDs are used; that is
4 the domain of state and local governments. To protect the health of the public, and provide
5 clarity on smoke-free regulations, 274 municipalities and three states have now included ESDs in
6 their smoke-free laws. In January 2014, the DOH adopted its own internal policy banning ESD
7 use on all DOH properties and occupied premises. As of September 2014, the State Department
8 of Accounting and General Services further prohibited ESD use in and around all state buildings
9 under its jurisdiction. Most recently, Hawaii County enacted Bill 302, prohibiting the use of
10 ESDs wherever tobacco products are already illegal, and there currently is a similar bill being
11 heard by the City and County of Honolulu. The DOH strongly supports this measure to provide
12 protection from ESDs for the public.

13 The DOH will provide public education and provide distribution of new signs.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

² World Health Organization (see footnote 2).



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February 11, 2015

TO: Members of the Senate Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection

RE: House Bill 940 (2015) – **SUPPORT**

Date: Friday, February 13, 2015

FROM: Members of the University of Hawaii Student Health Advisory Council

The University of Hawaii Student Health Advisory Council strongly supports the efforts to pass HB 940 which would prohibit the use of e-cigarettes in all areas where smoking is prohibited by law.

The Student Health Advisory Council is a student leadership and advocacy group that plays a pivotal role in the development and implementation of the health policies and programs that impact the UH System campuses. E-cigarette companies target youth and young adults with marketing and advertising designed to get individuals addicted at an early age. In response, we are committed to the mission of improving college health by reducing the use of tobacco products including electronic smoking devices among the adolescent and young adult population.

Electronic smoking devices, just like other tobacco products, have no place in any workplace, which at the University of Hawaii can include classrooms, offices, libraries, study lounges, and lecture halls. These devices pose not only a public health concern, but are also a detrimental distraction to the learning environment. Therefore, the Student Health Advisory Council strongly supports HB 940 (2015).

Mahalo nui loa, for your efforts to protect the young people of Hawaii.

Aloha,

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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 940, “Relating to the Regulation of Tobacco Products”

The American Heart Association SUPPORTS HB 940, “Relating to the Regulation of Tobacco Products.”

The AHA considers e-cigarettes that contain nicotine to be tobacco products and therefore supports their regulation under existing laws relating to the use and marketing of tobacco products. To prevent the potential negative public health impact of e-cigarettes, we strongly support laws and regulation that prohibit the sale and marketing of e-cigarettes to youth. We support effective regulation that addresses marketing, labeling, quality control of manufacturing, and standards for contaminants. We also support the inclusion of e-cigarettes in smoke-free air laws. Moreover, we consider it important to monitor and prevent these products from serving as gateway products or as an initiation to nicotine addiction in nonsmokers and re-initiation in smokers. These policy recommendations were developed by an expert advisory group and leading researchers in the field of tobacco control and prevention and e-cigarettes in tandem with a comprehensive review of the literature. The association’s policy guidance will continue to be updated as rapidly evolving evidence emerges. We will continue to assess the scientific evidence relating to e-cigarettes long-term health effects and their efficacy as a smoking cessation aid and encourage the development of a robust research agenda to understand the public health impact of e-cigarettes, especially in at-risk populations.

Although the levels of toxic constituents in e-cigarette aerosol are much lower than those in cigarette smoke, there is still some level of passive exposure to organic compounds, nicotine, and fine particles. To date, there is insufficient evidence to support the notion that exposure to exhaled aerosol has a deleterious impact on bystanders. Some studies have found very low concentrations of air pollutants across different types, liquids, puff durations, and nicotine concentrations. The levels of particle and nicotine exposure vary with the composition of the liquids, the type of e-cigarette, size of the room, puff duration, interval between puffs, and the number of users.

Nevertheless, there is concern that nonsmokers will be involuntarily exposed to nicotine, which could be substantial where there is heavy e-cigarette use in confined spaces. Secondhand exposure to e-cigarette aerosol exposes a nonsmoker to nicotine, particulates, and several potentially toxic organic chemicals, but at much lower levels than from conventional cigarette smoke. The biological effects of such an exposure are expected to be much less than that of secondhand smoke, but nonsmokers are exposed to some nicotine, and the regular use of e-cigarettes has the potential to substantially contaminate the environment with nicotine.

Moreover, unregulated e-cigarette use has the potential to recreate a social norm around tobacco product use in public places, unraveling decades of work on comprehensive smoke-free air laws. It is not always easy to identify that a person is using an e-cigarette, because there is not the large plume of smoke or the strong detectable odor that comes from

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conventional cigarettes. Therefore, the use of e-cigarettes creates enforcement issues for employees in restaurants, bars, airport terminals, planes, and other smoke-free public places. E-cigarette companies are marketing their products to be used in all the places where smoking is banned, including bars, restaurants, hotels, offices, and airplanes, which promotes unregulated use.

Although the AHA supports the inclusion of e-cigarettes in new smoke-free laws, the AHA only supports changing existing smoke-free laws to include e-cigarettes when it can be ensured there will be no amendments attached to the legislation that would weaken existing laws.

Please support HB 940.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cardiologist, American Heart Association Hawaii Division Board Member

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Fighting for Air

February 12, 2015

To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti
The Honorable Richard Creagan
Members, House Committee on Health

Re: Strong Support for HB 940, Relating to Electronic Smoking Devices

Hrg: Friday, February 13, 2015 at 9:00 am, Room 329



Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of HB 940. We strongly support prohibiting the use of Electronic Smoking Devices in places open to the public and places of employment. I serve as the Hawai'i director for the American Lung Association of the Mountain Pacific; our mission is to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease.

We strongly support prohibiting the use of Electronic Smoking Devices (ESDs) in places open to the public and places of employment. We also support including "electronic smoking devices" in the definition of "tobacco product" and "smoke or smoking" in the smoke-free workplace law, and to prohibit the use of electronic smoking devices in the places where smoking is prohibited. Including electronic smoking devices will protect the public, reduce confusion within society, decrease distractions in the workplace, and create and maintain the social norm.

HB 940 is the first step to regulating ESDs and protecting employees, customers, our kama'aina, and the public from inadvertent exposure to nicotine and other chemicals and poisons. ESDs are not FDA approved smoking cessation devices and do not emit harmless water vapor. They are currently unregulated and emit nicotine, ultra-fine particles, and other toxins into the air. We urge you to pass HB 940 in order to provide protection for our Hawaii community.

I can be reached at 808-687-5375 or knguyen@ala-hawaii.org, should you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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To: Honorable Representative Della Au Bellati, Chair, Honorable Representative Richard Creagan, Vice Chair, Members of Health Committee

Hrg: Friday, February 13, 2015 at 9:00 am, Room 329

Re: **Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB940,
“Relating to Electronic Smoking Devices”**

By: Valerie Chang, JD, Executive Director
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I thank you for this opportunity in support of HB940, prohibiting the use of electronic smoking devices (ESDs) in public places and places of employment. This topic is very important to our organization, as we help those who suffer the awful ravages of long-term exposure to tobacco, those with emphysema and chronic bronchitis. I support this measure because regulation of these products are URGENTLY needed in our State. I strongly support including ESDs in the definition of “tobacco product” and “smoke or smoking” in the smoke-free workplace law, and to prohibit the use of ESDs in the places where smoking is prohibited. It is vital to protect the public, reduce confusion within society as to where tobacco and ESDs are permitted vs. prohibited, decrease workplace distractions and maintain the social norm of breathing CLEAN AIR in workplaces and public spaces.

My name is Valerie Chang. I am Executive Director of the Hawaii COPD Coalition. Our organization provides services and support to Hawaii's people affected by Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, more commonly known as emphysema and chronic bronchitis. COPD is now the third leading cause of death in the US and second leading cause of disability. Over 46,015 people in Hawaii have already been diagnosed with COPD and it is estimated that at least 46,015 more people may suffer from COPD but remain undiagnosed. Many of these COPD patients were seduced by tobacco when they were very young and unable to quit the addiction for decades, causing irreparable harm. There are over \$55.9 million in COPD hospital charges in Hawaii each year.

People whom we serve who have respiratory conditions have extremely sensitive airways that can be triggered by exposure to some of the strong scents emitted by these ESDs, especially when flavorings are used (as is frequently the case for the nicotine used in ESDs). Exposure to these strong scents can trigger a serious respiratory attack for our patients, which can require immediate treatment, including a visit to urgent care, the emergency room and sometimes hospitalization. These are very serious concerns that patients with sensitive airways can face when subjected to “vapor” and “vaping” from ESDs.

These ESDs are sold at lower and lower price points, as low as approximately \$10 for a holder and nicotine for it. These devices are also sold in a huge array of flavors, including bubblegum,

and many candy and other flavors. These devices are allowed to be sold in numerous flavors that are illegal for tobacco. At a recent Cessation Advisory Group meeting, one of the Tobacco Treatment Specialists shared that he was at a mall with **his three-year old daughter** who was attracted by the brightly colored display. To the father's horror, the seller offered to let the three year old try the electronic smoking device that the seller had for sale! Other specialists present indicated that many of the high school students on all islands that they work with indicate they have electronic smoking devices and have no trouble purchasing them.

Other tobacco treatment specialists at the meeting indicated that some of their clients shared that they use the electronic smoking devices to consume illegal substances. There is no information about how commonly the electronic smoking devices are used/misused in this manner, but it points out additional dangers.

One of the other big problems is that **NO ONE** knows what chemicals are in the vapors exhaled from the fumes of these electronic smoking devices (which can include high amounts of nicotine and other substances, as well as other substances), which are currently being used in a variety of enclosed and indoor spaces. This is big concern for people with compromised lungs, as it can be a strong irritant to them and inhaling the vapors given off by others can cause them breathing problems. **No one** should have to be subjected to unknown vapors from another that they do not choose, which occurs unless regulations to prohibit such exposure are passed now..

Another alarming development is that increasing numbers of children are experimenting with ESDs in middle school and high school, as shown in the youth surveys conducted in our state. It is well documented that the younger the person is when first exposed to nicotine, the more likely they will continue to use the product throughout his or her life. Many of the people we serve who are suffering from chronic lung disease first tried nicotine as young children and teens and have a lifetime of health problems as a result.

Thanks for the opportunity to testify about this issue that is so vital to the health of Hawaii. This issue is very important to our state and our Hawaii COPD Coalition is very glad that this committee has taken a leadership role in addressing this important matter. **Please vote in favor of HB940 to appropriately regulate electronic smoking devices.** Thank you.

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February 10, 2015

TESTIMONY: Written Only

To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

From: Hawaii Public Health Association

Subject: **SUPPORT** for HB940 Relating to the Regulation of Tobacco Products

Dear Chair Au Belatti and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Public Health Association (HPHA) is an association of over 600 community members, public health professionals, and organizations statewide dedicated to improving public health. HPHA also serves as a voice for public professionals and as a repository for information about public health in the Pacific.

HPHA **strongly supports** the passage of HB940 which would prohibit the use of electronic smoking devices (ESDs) wherever smoking is prohibited by law.

As indicated in recent local media, youth fascination with ESDs warrant proactive measures to uphold social norms and curb usage before it is too late. According to the Hawaii Youth Tobacco Survey, lifetime e-cigarette use among high school students tripled from 5.1 percent in 2011 to 17.6 percent in 2013. Use also quadrupled among middle school students, from 1.8 percent to 7.9 percent, during the same time period. The rate of uptake for these products is alarming and the passage of measures to decrease social acceptability of ESDs is urgently needed.

According to the CDC, nicotine use by youths in any form is unsafe and can harm adolescent brain development. Additionally, the fact that ESDs are found to contain and emit toxic and carcinogenic chemicals, yet remain unregulated in terms of use, manufacturing, and marketing, leaves the public highly vulnerable to its potentially devastating impact.

Holding ESD use to the same regulatory standards as cigarettes is an important means of proactively protecting the public against emerging tobacco products. Regulation, as through HB0940, updates definitions to fully address the diversity of evolving products, simplifies enforcement of all smoking, and decreases the social acceptability of tobacco use. The HPHA supports this strong policy to protect the health of people in Hawaii as well as future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Kessler, Executive Director
Hawaii Public Health Association



To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair, Committee on Health
The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair, Committee on Health
Members, House Committee on Health

From: Jessica Yamauchi, Executive Director

Date: February 11, 2015

Hrg: House Committee on Health; Friday, February 13, 2015 at 9:00AM in Room 329

Re: **Strong support for HB 940, Relating to the Regulation of Tobacco Products**

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in **strong support** of House Bill 940, which regulates the use of electronic smoking devices (ESDs) in places where smoking is prohibited by amending Section 328J of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS).

The Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawai'i (Coalition) is a program of the Hawai'i Public Health Institute working to reduce tobacco use through education, policy, and advocacy. Our program consists of over 100 member organizations and 2,000 advocates that work to create a healthy Hawai'i through comprehensive tobacco prevention and control efforts.

The Coalition supports including ESDs in Hawai'i's smoke-free air laws, which will provide for further consistency and protections of our residents and visitors.

The Coalition supports including "electronic smoking devices" in the definition of "tobacco product" and "smoke or smoking" in the smoke-free workplace law, and to prohibit the use of electronic smoking devices in the places where smoking is prohibited.

Currently ESDs are not regulated at any level (federal or state); therefore, all emissions and chemicals released in exhalation are also unregulated. There is no way for users to know how much nicotine or other potentially harmful chemicals they are inhaling because there are no government requirements on manufacturing, quality, content, or standard labeling. The *New York Times* reported in December that **90%** of the world's e-cigarettes are manufactured in China, virtually unregulated, where flawed or sloppy manufacturing could account for some of the heavy metals, carcinogens and other dangerous compounds, such as lead, tin and zinc, that have been detected in some ESDs.¹ There is no way for users to know how much nicotine or other potentially harmful chemicals they are inhaling because ESDs are not regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and are not FDA approved cessation devices.

ESDs do not emit only "harmless water vapor". "Secondhand aerosol (often referred to as vapor) from ESDs contains nicotine, ultrafine particles and levels of toxins."² It is vital that we protect everyone from the dangers of secondhand aerosol. According to Dr. Stanton Glantz, Director for the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education at the University of California, San Francisco, "If you are around somebody who is using e-cigarettes, you are breathing an aerosol of exhaled nicotine, ultra-fine particles, volatile organic compounds, and

¹ http://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/14/business/international/chinas-e-cigarette-boom-lacks-oversight-for-safety-.html?_r=0

² Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights, "Electronic Smoking Devices and Secondhand Aerosol", available at www.no-smoke.org/pdf/ecigarette-secondhand-aerosol.pdf.



other toxins.”³ Studies have shown that even ESDs claiming to not contain nicotine, contain low levels of nicotine.⁴ The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that “legal steps should be taken to end use of e-cigarettes indoors in public and work places. Evidence suggest that exhaled e-cigarette aerosol increases the background air level of some toxicants, nicotine and particles.”⁵

Emerging research shows dual use where cigarette users switch to ESDs in locations they are not permitted to smoke.⁶ Allowing the use of ESDs in locations where smoking is prohibited is problematic as ESD use puts innocent bystanders around the ESD user who breathe ESD aerosol at risk for illness, creates distractions in the workplace, threatens the social norm, and undercuts years of progress by tobacco control groups.

The Coalition is extremely concerned about the rising trend of youth ESD use.

In Hawai`i, high school tobacco use rate has continued to drop over the last decade from 24.5% in 2000 to 8.7% in 2011, however the use of e-cigarettes is on the rise.⁷ Youth usage of ESDs is at an alarming rate especially in the state of Hawai`i where teen use is twice as high as the national average. According to the Hawai`i Youth Tobacco Survey (2013) youth usage (at least once in the past 30 days) tripled (18%) among high school students and quadrupled (8%) among middle school students. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports more than a quarter-million youth who had never smoked a cigarette used e-cigarettes in 2013.

State and local action is key to regulating ESD use

While the Coalition welcomes federal regulations on ESDs, we do not believe Hawai`i can afford to wait for the FDA to issue regulations on ESDs. According to Dr. Stan Glantz in reaction to possible forthcoming rules on ESDs from the FDA: “The meaningful action of e-cigarettes will remain at the state and local level, especially including them in clean indoor air laws (I hope that the state and local policy makers do not swallow the inevitable [sic] arguments that they don’t need anything because the FDA is taking care of it.)”⁸

Restricting ESD use is a growing trend across the U.S. More than 225 municipalities and three states restrict the use of ESDs in smoke-free environments including New York City, Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Diego, and Boston. In Hawai`i, state and county officials have taken the first few steps in regulating ESDs. The State moved to protect employees, first prohibiting the use in all Department of Health facilities, then by extending it to all buildings under Department of Accounting and General Services. In December, the Hawai`i County Council passed a bill that includes ESDs in all their smoke-free ordinances.

³ Ibid

⁴ Available at <http://northcoastalpreventioncoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/E-Cigarettes-Fact-Sheet.pdf>.

⁵ Noncommunicable diseases and mental health: Background on WHO report on regulation of e-cigarettes and similar products.” Available at: <http://www.who.int/nmh/events/2014/backgrounder-e-cigarettes/en>

⁶ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Notes from the field: electronic cigarette use among middle and high school students -- United States, 2011-2012. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. 2013;62:729-730. Available at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6235a6.htm?s_cid=mm6235a6_w

⁷ The Hawaii Health Data Warehouse, State of Hawaii, Hawaii School Health Survey, Youth Tobacco Survey Module. Available at: http://www.hhdw.org/cms/uploads/Data%20Source_%20YTS/YTS_Prevalence_IND_00001.pdf.

⁸ Stan Glantz, “First reaction to e-cigarette deeming (based on press reports): FDA leaves ecigarette marketing unscathed.”



We respectfully ask you to pass this measure to build upon Hawai'i's previous successes and ensure the safety of everyone.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Respectfully,



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HB 940 - RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS.
Cory Chun, Government Relations Director – Hawaii Pacific
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 940, which amends the state's smoke-free workplace statute to prohibit the use of electronic smoking devices in enclosed and partially enclosed public places where smoking is prohibited and updates signage.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is the nation's leading cancer advocacy organization. ACS CAN works with federal, state, and local government bodies to support evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem.

Electronic smoking devices are often designed to look like cigarettes, right down to the glowing tip. When the user puffs on it, the system delivers an aerosol that is inhaled. A growing number of studies have examined the contents of electronic smoking device aerosol. Unlike a vapor, an aerosol contains fine particles of liquid, solid, or both. Propylene glycol, nicotine, and flavorings were most commonly found in electronic smoking device aerosol. Other studies have found the aerosol to contain heavy metals, volatile organic compounds and tobacco-specific nitrosamines, among other potentially harmful chemicals. The electronic smoking device is often marketed as a way for a smoker to get nicotine in places where smoking is not allowed.

While the health effects of electronic smoking devices are currently under study, there are still serious questions about the safety of inhaling the substances in an electronic smoking device aerosol. Studies have shown that the use of electronic smoking devices can cause short-term lung changes and irritations, while the long-term health effects are unknown. Both exposure to and health effects of secondhand aerosol from electronic

smoking devices require further research, but preliminary studies indicate nonusers can be exposed to the same potentially harmful chemicals as users, including nicotine, ultrafine particles and volatile organic compounds. This exposure could be especially problematic for vulnerable populations such as children, pregnant women, and people with heart disease depending on the level of exposure.

Since the introduction of electronic smoking devices to the U.S. market, the marketing and use of these products have significantly increased. A U.S. Centers for Disease Control survey published in 2013 showed that electronic smoking device usage in middle school and high school students doubled between 2011 and 2012, increasing from 3.3 to 6.8 percent.

While electronic smoking device manufacturers may claim the ingredients are just "water vapor" or "safe," without federal regulation there is no sure way for electronic smoking device users to know what they are consuming. Nor is there any way of knowing what nonusers are exposed to and the extent of the risk to their health. Additionally, there are hundreds of types of electronic smoking devices on the market today and the products vary considerably by ingredients, and quality control and assurance. Prohibiting the use of electronic smoking devices in workplaces, restaurants, and bars can protect the public health by preventing nonusers from being exposed to nicotine and other potentially harmful chemicals in these products.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.



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February 12, 2015

To: Senator Souki

From: Scott Rasak, VOLCANO Fine Electronic Cigarettes® Vice President

RE: HB940 – oppose.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

VOLCANO Fine Electronic Cigarettes® is the largest manufacturer and retailer of vapor products and vaping accessories in the State of Hawaii. We currently own and operate 11 locations statewide and employ over 100 full-time workers to support sales of our products not only here in Hawaii, but to all 50 states as well as Japan and the UK. We stand in opposition to HB940 for the following:

- Although electronic cigarettes emit NO smoke, the bill falsely defines vapor products as “electronic smoking devices” and deceptively redefines "smoking" to include the use of electronic cigarettes in an attempt to restrict their usage in the same places as tobacco cigarettes. Vapor products contain no tobacco, produce no smoke, and have not been demonstrated to have the detrimental effects of combustible tobacco products. In fact, the FDA has taken appropriate and proportional regulation seriously and to date has not issued regulations for the product because they seemingly understand the potential this product has to switch people over from actual tobacco, which kills 480,000 people per year. Further, Mitch Zeller, Director of the Center for Tobacco Products at the FDA recently stated:
 - "If a current smoker, otherwise unable or unwilling to quit,

completely substituted all of the combusting cigarettes that they smoked with an electronic cigarette at the individual level, that person would probably be significantly reducing their risk."

(<http://thedianerehmshow.org/shows/2014-01-21/new-health-risks-cigarette-smoking/transcript>)

- In sharp contrast to indoor smoke free policies/laws (which are largely self enforced because of broad public support), please note that it is also impossible to enforce an e-cigarette usage ban (since the products can be used discreetly without anyone else knowing). By simply waiting a few seconds before exhaling, no visible vapor is exhaled by e-cigarette users, and as such, nobody will know that anyone is even using an e-cigarette. Despite widespread usage incities and states that have banned e-cigarette use where smoking is banned, there is no record of any fine or citation being given. Enacting unwarranted and unenforceable regulations carries the risk of unintended consequences like sending former smokers back to combustible tobacco products; harming their health and undermining the mandate of the state to promote viable alternatives to known killers.
- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has wisely taken its time on developing regulations for the vapor product industry and has not determined that these products are in fact tobacco products . At this time, with the exception of youth access laws targeted at keeping electronic cigarettes out of the hands of those below the age of 18, we feel that any action by state legislatures with regard to electronic cigarettes is premature.
- Over the years that we have been in business in the state, we have provided a product that tens of thousands of customers use every day to

greatly reduce their tobacco use or quit smoking altogether. This has improved the lives of smokers and ex-smokers in this state. The removal of secondhand smoke has helped non-smokers as well and has cut down on the amount of butt discard in our community.

- Numerous studies conducted on e-cigarettes have found that e-cigarettes emit no hazardous levels of any constituents, and that levels of nitrosamines in e-cigarettes are nearly identical (i.e. very little if any) to those in nicotine gums and patches. Those studies are attached to this presentation.
- Burstyn, I. Peering through the mist: What does the chemistry of contaminants in electronic cigarettes tell us about health risks? BMC Public Health. January 2014. (concluding that there is no risk to bystanders exposed to electronic cigarette vapor)
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/18/abstract>
- Goniewicz ML, et al. Levels of selected carcinogens and toxicants in vapour from electronic cigarettes. Tobacco Control. March 2013. (testing of the vapor from twelve different electronic cigarettes, cigarette smoke, and the aerosol of the FDA-approved nicotine inhaler revealed that electronic cigarette vapor contains 9-450x less toxicants and chemicals when compared to secondhand smoke, with the authors noting that the trace levels present were comparable to what is released from the nicotine inhaler)
<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2013/03/05/tobaccocontrol-2012-050859.abstract>
- Siegel, M, et. al. Electronic cigarettes as a harm reduction strategy for



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tobacco control:

A step forward or a repeat of past mistakes. Journal of Public Health Policy. December 2010. (reviewing the evidence and concluding that there is no evidence electronic cigarettes pose risks to users and bystanders that is in any way comparable to cigarettes)

<http://www.palgrave-journals.com/jphp/journal/v32/n1/full/jphp201041a.html>

○ Trehy, et. al. Analysis of electronic cigarette cartridges, refill solutions, and smoke for nicotine and nicotine related impurities. August 2011. (finding no harmful levels of any chemical in electronic cigarettes)

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10826076.2011.572213>

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Volcano's representative Celeste Nip at nipfire@me.com.

Sincerely,

Scott Rasak ,Vice President

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February 12, 2015

To: The House

From: Devin Wolery, PC Gamerz, Inc., Director of Operations

RE: HB940 – Oppose.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

PC Gamerz, is the only LAN center focused on eSports gaming in the state of Hawaii. We are also a Vape Lounge, operating as such for the last 6 years. We have had many customers that have switched from smoking cigarettes to using advanced vaporizer devices. They were able to make that switch, by being able to use the vaporizer in our store. If they had to go outside to use it, they would be with the same group of cigarette smokers they were trying to get away from. We stand in Strong Opposition to the bills listed above for the following:

- Vapor products contain no tobacco, produce no smoke, and have not been demonstrated to have the detrimental effects of combustible tobacco products. In fact, the FDA has taken appropriate and proportional regulation seriously and to date has not issued regulations for the product because they seemingly understand the potential this product has to switch people over from actual tobacco, which kills 480,000 people per year. Further, Mitch Zeller, Director of the Center for Tobacco Products at the FDA recently stated:
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- With current smoke free policies/laws which are largely self enforced, it is impossible to enforce an e-cigarette usage ban. As the products can be used discreetly without anyone else knowing. Vaper's just need to hold it in longer and then exhale faster. It will then dissipate within seconds and is undetectable.



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- A study came out within the last 2 days that shows that vaporizer aerosol nicotine was 85% lower than cigarette smoke. Mainstream cigarette smoke (the same stuff a smoker inhales while smoking) had about 1,500 times more harmful and potentially-harmful constituents (HPHC) than e-cigarette aerosol, **or puffing on room air.**
 - <http://acsh.org/2015/02/machine-puffed-e-cigs-yielded-vapor-containing-exactly-what-you-expect-much-else/>
- Many businesses already have a policy in place banning vaporizer use. And many businesses embrace it and use it to gain that demographic of customers. While we respect and honor an individual's right to not get smoke or vape blown in their face while out at a bar, we also honor the right for certain businesses to allow vaping if they so choose. And while we do not think many restaurants, bars, hotels, etc will choose to allow vaping, we do think it should be their choice. This is important to us, not because we think it is OK to vape in movie theaters or planes... But because a ban like this would effect the way we conduct business in our vape shops - a place where people expect there to be vaping.
- When this law was passed on this Big Island, they spent around \$20,000 to change signage. To change it across the state, could possibly cost upwards of \$300,000. And to make this a law, based off possibilities . Just does not seem appropriate. We should be waiting for the FDA to rule on it. Before sending people back to the trenches with the cigarette smoke.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Devin Wolery

Director of Operations

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Testimony in Opposition of HB940, SB757, SB18 & SB1109

Justin Wolery
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB940, SB757, SB18 and SB1109 that propose restricting the use of vaping devices (I will not use the erroneous, nonsensical term “electronic smoking device” as no smoke or burning is involved.) in places where tobacco smoking is prohibited.

The reasons for banning tobacco smoke in indoor areas and other places is a health issue, due to the proven dangers of second hand smoke exposure of long periods of time. No such health risk is present with Vaping devices. I can refer you to a very large study performed by Drexel university involving over 8,000 participants in which group A was vaping in an enclosed room for long periods of time while group B was simply “breathing” and another enclosed space as a control group.

The study found air quality was actually BETTER in the room where people where vaping due to the anti-microbial nature of Propylene Glycol contained in electronic cigarette vapor. In fact most hospitals currently pump the stuff into their ventilation systems to help control the spread of disease while ironically setting policys that prohibit e-cigarette use in their facilitys.

This Study was performed by Dr Igor Burstyn, PHD, of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Drexel University. You can read the full study here:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/159590828/Drexel-University-E-cig-Study#scribd>

Another study was recently published on Sciencedirect.com comparing the effects of e-cigarette vapor vs traditional cigarettes, as well as a comparison to normal air aka breathing normally. The results seem to both confirm and elaborate on the drexel univesity study as well as refute recent erroneous studys claiming all sorts of nonsense about formaldehyde and other dangers put forth by anti-vaping propagandists.

The highlights of this study include:

- The e-cigarettes contained and delivered mostly glycerin and/or PG and water.
- Aerosol nicotine content was 85% lower than the cigarette smoke nicotine.
- The levels of HPHCs in aerosol were consistent with the air blanks (<2 µg/puff).
- Mainstream cigarette smoke HPHCs (~3000 µg/puff) were 1500 times higher than e-cigarette HPHCs.
- No significant contribution of tested HPHC classes was found for the e-cigarettes.

The full study can be read here:

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0273230014002505>

In short, the proposed bills are attempting to solve a problem that does not exist. Additionally any business is already free to set a policy prohibiting the use of vaping devices in their establishments, and these policies are largely respected by the vape community. We should not, therefore, restrict the ability of business and organizations supportive of vaping use to cater to that demographic.

Lastly, the updated signage requirements proposed would incur a large cost, recently when the big island implemented similar changes to signage requirements, the cost to implement them was estimated at over \$20,000 - the costs for the entire state will surely be orders of magnitude higher, and for what?

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

-Justin Wolery

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HB940

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Alan Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris Wells	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: These electronic products help people quit if they want to. The health committee shouldn't oppose that.

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Clayton Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeff Stevens	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jenny Chan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kathy Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mark Dietrich	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael S. Nakasone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Totally unfair bill. Electronic smoking isn't proven to harm non-smokers. This bill should never have been sent to committee.

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Michelle Robinson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Naomi C. Liu	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sabrina Spencer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nicholas Winters	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Zehner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We stand on previous testimony.

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P Kuromoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There is no justification for including ecigarettes and vaping in the ban. Vapor is not smoke, it is scientifically proven to have negligible risks to bystanders, and it helps thousands of Hawaii residents avoid smoking. Businesses and organizations already have the right to choose to allow or ban vapor on premises; this bill would only make it impossible to allow it. Businesses should have the choice.

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Vin Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Vaping products and Tobacco products are not the same.

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Testimony of Professor Mark A. Levin *in strong support* for HB 940

**RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS
House Committee on Health
February 13, 2015**

Chair Belatti, Vice-Chair Creagan, and members of the Committee on Health:

Aloha. In the 1950's, the tobacco industry fooled the world by marketing filtered cigarettes. These weren't safer, though millions of people died having been led to believe they were. Meanwhile tobacco smoke pollution brought down those around them as well.

In the 1970's, the industry scammed the public by marketing light and mild cigarettes. Once again, not safer but this too was a great boost to keep people addicted, and paying for it with wallets and lives. Secondhand death and disease continued too.

Finally, in the 1990's, lawmakers around the globe began stepping forward to right these wrongs. The work is incomplete, but in our state, our legislators, many of you among them, took important steps forward including our 2006 Smokefree Workplaces Law and with several significant tax increases.

Here we go again. New addictive vapor devices are pitched to be a route to safer use. Again these are simply a boost for the industry to keep people addicted *and even to hook new users among our youth*. But with Big Tobacco's deadly track record, in what right minds should we trust public health to the unregulated aerosol particles sent off by the latest devices?

Though you may get local testimony, addictive vapors are surely Big Tobacco's 21st century hope. If these devices have therapeutic merit, let the sellers prove that to expert regulators in accordance with federal food and drug laws. But they haven't, won't, and can't. In the meanwhile then, let's be smart and safe -- setting all legal structures to be the same as for incendiary tobacco products. No special treatment belongs here; please pass HB 940.

Mahalo.

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House Committee on Health
Hawaii State Legislature

February 10, 2015

To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti
The Honorable Richard Creagan
Members, House Committee on Health

Re: Strong Support for HB 940, Relating to Electronic Smoking Devices

Hrg: Friday, February 13, 2015 at 9:00 am, Room 329

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of HB 940. I strongly support prohibiting the use of Electronic Smoking Devices in places open to the public and places of employment.

I support including "electronic smoking devices" in the definition of "tobacco product" and "smoke or smoking" in the smoke-free workplace law, and to prohibit the use of electronic smoking devices in the places where smoking is prohibited. Including electronic smoking devices will protect the public, reduce confusion within society, decrease distractions in the workplace, and maintain the social norm.

As a new industry, the dangers of ESDs continue to emerge and show inconsistent amounts of the addictive poison nicotine in the e-juice, dual use with cigarettes, and huge increases of use by middle and high school students. Contrary to popular belief, ESDs do not emit harmless water vapor. Instead, they emit an aerosol that contains nicotine, ultra-fine particles, volatile organic compounds, and other toxins.

HB 940 is the first step to regulating ESDs and protecting employees, customers, and the public from inadvertent exposure to nicotine and other chemicals and poisons. ESDs are not FDA approved smoking cessation devices and should not be used in enclosed or partially enclosed public places. Prohibiting ESD use where smoking is prohibited will protect the public, reduce confusion within society, decrease distractions in the workplace, and maintain the social norm.

I urge you to pass HB 940 in order to provide protection for the public. Failing to act may set us back decades.

Mahalo,

Zeyana Saad-Jube
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Mahalo,
Bryan Mih, MD MPH FAAP
Pediatrician

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