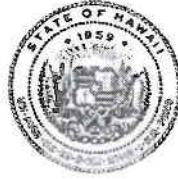


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SB0651, RELATING TO HEALTH

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health

January 28, 2013
1:30PM, Room 229

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) appreciates the intent of SB0651 but has
2 reservations regarding the designation of permissible smoking areas.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** No appropriations requested.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** This measure requires the HPHA to prohibit smoking in any public
5 housing project or state low-income housing project, but allows HPHA to designate one or more
6 permissible smoking areas not less than twenty feet from any residential building or community facility.

7 DOH supports the scientific findings and recommendations of the U.S. Surgeon General regarding the
8 hazard of involuntary exposure of tobacco smoke by nonsmokers. Those findings disclosed that:

9 1) There is no safe level or amount of exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS), and breathing even a little
10 amount can be dangerous; 2) Children are more likely to have lung problems, ear infections, and severe
11 asthma from being around tobacco smoke; 3) Breathing SHS is a known cause of sudden infant death
12 syndrome; 4) SHS is a known human carcinogen (cancer-causing agent); 5) Inhaling SHS causes lung
13 cancer and coronary heart disease in nonsmoking adults.

1 Hawaii's current smoke-free workplace and public places law, enacted in 2006, protects the
2 public in enclosed and partially-enclosed areas, but does not cover and excludes private residences. The
3 federal Housing and Urban Development Authority (HUD) actively supports and encourages the
4 creation of smoke-free residential public housing properties governed under that authority.

5 DOH appreciates the intent of this bill to improve the living conditions of the residents of public
6 housing projects and state low-income housing projects by prohibiting smoking and will continue to
7 collaborate with the HPHA in its implementation of smoking cessation efforts. However, the DOH has
8 reservations regarding the designation of permissible smoking areas due to the difficulty of enforcement
9 and the diminishment of the full impact of making public housing smoke-free.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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christine johnson	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Smoking and second hand smoke can and often does harm the health of those who smoke and those in the way of second hand smoke. Public health and safety require our attention and action. Public housing is a place where ALL who live and work there deserve and should have freedom from smoke molestation..

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Tina	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tim Lemke	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I'm a non-smoker and I oppose this. The State government shouldn't be sticking its' nose into other people's homes. I normally don't allow smoking in my home, unless a sports game's going on with friends over and there's beer drinking going on, so then I open the windows up. If people have to go all the way down stairs to smoke, then they'll miss part of the game and what kind of host would that make me? That's a choice I make because it's MY HOME! What next, people can't have alcohol in their homes? Please don't let this dangerous bill out of committee. Mahalo, Tim Lemke

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Sabrina Spencer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Respect a person's home!

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Chris Wells	Individual	Oppose	No

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Susan Larson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Not in homes.

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