

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **1428**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2015

RE: H.B. No. 525
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 525, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE PARKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit smoking and the use of tobacco products and
electronic smoking devices within the state park system;
and
- (2) Require posting of signage prohibiting smoking and the
use of tobacco products.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, University of Hawaii System,
Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii, Surfrider Foundation, Beach
Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawaii, and fifty-six
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to
this measure from the Hawaii Smokers Alliance and sixty-seven
individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that creating smoke-free or tobacco-free
parks is an important step toward protecting the public from
involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke and the toxic effects of
smoking and tobacco litter. A ban on smoking and the use of

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tobacco products at all state parks will result in cleaner parks and a healthier environment for residents, visitors, and marine life.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adopting language suggested by the Department of Land and Natural Resources that:
 - (A) Allows the Department to designate exclusive use areas that are not subject to the smoking ban at state parks; and
 - (B) Deletes language that required specific words to be placed on clearly legible signs to be conspicuously posted at each park;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2015; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 525, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 525, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,

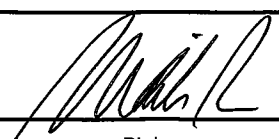


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB525 HD2 SD1	Committee Referral: HTH/WTL, JDL	Date: 4/6/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:right; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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