

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1042

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2015

RE: H.B. No. 940  
H.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 940,  
H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF TOBACCO  
PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit the use  
of electronic smoking devices in places where smoking is already  
prohibited.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health, Coalition for a Tobacco-Free  
Hawai'i, American Lung Association of the Mountain Pacific,  
American Heart Association, American Cancer Society Cancer Action  
Network, University of Hawai'i Student Health Advisory Council,  
University of Hawai'i Cancer Center, Hawai'i Public Health  
Association, and sixty-eight individuals. Your Committee received  
testimony in opposition to this measure from VOLCANO Fine  
Electronic Cigarettes, PC Gamerz, Hawaii Smokers Alliance, and  
thirty-two individuals.

Your Committee finds that electronic smoking devices have  
become increasingly prevalent and widely available since their  
introduction into the United States market. However, since  
electronic smoking devices are a relatively new product, their  
health effects have yet to be thoroughly researched. Serious  
questions also remain about the safety of inhaling substances from  
an electronic smoking device.

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Your Committee further finds that the use of electronic smoking devices in traditionally smoke-free areas causes confusion in the enforcement of smoke-free laws, creates distractions in work environments, and renormalizes smoking behavior. This measure prohibits the use of electronic smoking devices in enclosed or partially enclosed places where smoking is prohibited, which will reduce the likelihood of nonuser exposure to potentially harmful chemicals in electronic smoking devices and help ensure compliance with existing smoking regulations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 940, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,



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JOSH GREEN, Chair



