

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 455

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 550
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B.
No. 550 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit the
possession or consumption of tobacco products, including
electronic smoking devices, by persons under eighteen in public
places.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii Community Pharmacy
Association, and two individuals. Your Committees received
testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of
Health, Hawaii Youth Services Network, American Civil Liberties
Union of Hawai'i, American Heart Association, Coalition for a
Tobacco-Free Hawai'i, VOLCANO Fine Electronic Cigarettes, and four
individuals.

Your Committees find that smoking and tobacco use remain the
leading cause of preventable illness and death in Hawaii. Each
year, smoking and tobacco use cause over 1,200 deaths and result
in over \$526,000,000 in economic losses in the State. Nationally,
the tobacco industry spends over \$8,500,000,000 annually on
advertising and promotions - \$27,000,000 of which is spent in
Hawaii. The tobacco industry continues to market their products
with images and messages that strongly resonate among children and

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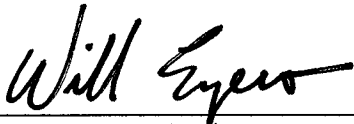
is aggressively increasing electronic smoking device advertising to youth.

Your Committees further find that this measure prohibits the possession or consumption of tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices, by minors in public places. Prohibiting minors' access to tobacco products will prevent early addictions to tobacco products and the health consequences of tobacco use.

Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 550, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 550, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Public
Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair




JOSH GREEN, Chair



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<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
GREEN, Josh (C)	X			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				X
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	X			
GABBARD, Mike				X
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
SLOM, Sam			X	
TOTAL	4	0	1	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
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