

HB2283

HD1

Measure Title:
RELATING TO TATTOO ARTISTS.

Report Title:
Tattoos; Temporary Permits

Description:
Allows department of health to issue temporary 14-calendar-day certificates of registration to tattoo artists for educational, trade show, or product demonstration purposes only. (HB2283 HD1)

Introducer(s):
MIZUNO

Current Referral:
HTH



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Committee on Health

H.B. 2283, HD1, Relating to Tattoo Artists

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

**March 19, 2008
1:15 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** We have reservations about this bill and request changes.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** An increase in funding and staffing will be required to adequately effect the
3 changes this bill would require for investigating the background and license of tattoo artists applying for
4 temporary certificates of registration to perform tattooing in Hawaii. The financial burden to the general
5 public should be minimized by including provisions in the bill that would allow the department to
6 charge fees for these temporary certificates of registration and temporary tattoo establishment permits.

7 **Purpose and Justification:** The intent of this bill is to allow appropriately licensed tattoo artists to
8 practice tattooing in Hawaii without a valid Hawaii State Tattoo License for a period of 14 calendar
9 days.

10 Given the maturity of the industry and its ability to practice in a sanitary manner, we support this
11 bill with reservations. Our information regarding infection rates from tattoos [Centers for Disease
12 Control and Protection (CDC) and DOH Disease Investigation Branch] show that commercial tattoo
13 artists are not responsible for significant numbers of transmitted infections. We recommend that the
14 regulatory system for licensing of all tattoo artists in Hawaii be changed from licensing to one of
15 registration whereby the department has means to keep track of practitioners.

1 The department also requests a limit or cap on the validation of 14 calendar days for temporary
2 certificates of registration. Currently as written, a tattoo artist could continuously and endlessly renew
3 the temporary certificate of registration every 14 calendar days.

4 We would also like to add that licensing of individuals is only one law facing tattoo artists who
5 want to practice in Hawaii. Our regulations only allow tattooing in a permitted tattoo establishment.
6 There are no provisions for a temporary tattoo shop in a convention or trade show type setting.

7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Kanoe Kamao

From: jas pascua [jazpascua@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 1:38 PM
To: HTHInPerson
Subject: Hearing Scheduled for March 19, 2008, HTH Senate Committee at 1:15pm.

Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair
Health Committee
Tuesday 18, 2008

I will testify in support of HB.2283, Relating to Tattoo Artist

Dear Senator Ige,

My name is Jas J. Pascua introducer of house bill 2283, this bill would allow the State Health Department to issue temporary certificates or registration to our tattoo artists and allow them to demonstrate in a controlled and approved venue such as trade show & convention style setting.

This event will not only demonstrate the art of tattooing, but as for educational purposes as well, through seminars which deals with health and safety related issues, the art of Polynesian & Filipino tribal tattoos and also from different cultures as well. Culture preservation through demonstration will not only educate, but give meaning to each tribal geometrical & symmetrical symbols which only the tattoo artist can understand and share. It is no different from a painter who paints a mural, or sculptor who makes statues and shares it with the public.

This event will not be a financial burden to the State, it may bring in additional revenues to the State Department and also promote the State as well. By issuing the temporary certificates or registration at a nominal fee, monies collected should off set any cost that it may incur.

I was instructed by Mr. Rex Mitsunaga's letter (Sanitation Branch Manager of the State Health Department) back in mid 2007 " in order to circumvent existing administrative rules, is to have Governor's office declare an emergency ruling, have court overturn the rule, or by modifying the rule through legislation." which I have taken his instructions into consideration.

By allowing us to produce an expo, I can assure that our tattoo artist will be able to express their passion, talents and livelihood for the people of Hawaii, other than in a permitted tattoo shop or establishment and will continue to abide by the Department of Health rules and regulations when passed.

I respectfully and humbly thank you for allowing this bill to be heard.

Sincerely,

Jas J. Pascua

Senior Producer

The Hawaii Big Boys Show
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testimony

From: Marc A. Ebalaroza [marc@httpgroup.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 7:47 AM
To: testimony
Cc: jas pascua
Subject: In regards to: Bill 2283 - Hearing Wednesday March 19, 2008

Aloha,

My name is Marc A. Ebalaroza and I am writing you today in **support of Bill: 2283**

We live in a State that thrives off its culture, and throughout Polynesian history Tattooing has been a huge part of their way of life. Passing Bill 2283 will allow Tattoo Artist from all types of backgrounds to display their artistic skills and educate the public on the history of Tattooing in a public venue such as a Convention.

Throughout the State there are many talented Tattoo Artist that would like to display their talents, however most times they would have to go to the mainland to practice their Art in a public place. Personally I feel this is not fair at all, Hawaii has too many laws such as the Vehicle Recon Law, and the Off-Roading Laws that many places in the Mainland do not regulate. We in Hawaii either seem to be behind on things or just too strict on the Hawaii people.

Laws are good it keeps us safe; however allowing Tattoo Artist Temporary Permits is not a law that will hurt anyone. When someone gets a tattoo no one is forcing him or her, they come on their own free will. It is simply a personal approach of expressing themselves. This is why I strongly believe you should PASS BILL: 2283 and allow the Department to issue Temporary Permits to Tattoo Artist in the State of Hawaii!

Mahalo,
Marc A. Ebalaroza

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