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S.B. NO. 1263

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TATTOO ARTISTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§321-A Permit; required for tattoo shop. (a) No person,
5 partnership, firm, corporation, or other legal entity shall
6 operate a tattoo shop without registering the shop with the
7 department and obtaining a permit pursuant to department rules.

8 (b) Each initial permit application under this section
9 shall be accompanied by a fee of \$125 for a permit valid for one
10 year. For renewal of a permit, each applicant shall pay a fee
11 of \$75 per year. Initial permit application and renewal fees
12 may be increased by not more than \$10 per year.

13 (c) All permits shall expire on January 31 of each year.
14 The application for a permit renewal shall be submitted to the
15 department in writing before January 10 of each year.

16 (d) Temporary permits may be issued for locations other
17 than a permitted tattoo shop for the purpose of a trade show or
18 educational demonstration; provided that the show or



1 demonstration shall meet all standards set by professional
2 tattoo associations for convention safety pursuant to
3 Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards under 29
4 Code of Federal Regulations 1910.1030 or chapter 396. The
5 temporary permit application shall be made in writing to the
6 department at least sixty days prior to the scheduled event and
7 shall include specific measures to meet specified health and
8 safety standards. Temporary permit applicants shall pay a \$25
9 fee in addition to:

10 (1) A \$50 participation fee if an event features less than
11 three tattoo artists demonstrating for educational,
12 non-monetary purposes only; or
13 (2) A \$500 participation fee, if an event features at
14 least three but not more than forty tattoo artists;
15 provided that the department may annually increase the
16 participation fees in paragraphs (1) and (2) by not more than
17 \$10 and \$100 per year, respectively.

18 **§321-B Temporary licenses.** (a) The department may issue
19 temporary licenses valid for fourteen calendar days to tattoo
20 artists not licensed in the State for educational, trade show,
21 or product demonstration purposes. Temporary licensees shall be
22 subject to this part and applicable rules.



1 (b) Applications for temporary licenses shall be made in
2 writing to the department at least sixty days prior to the
3 proposed events and accompanied by an application fee of \$25 and
4 written proof satisfying the requirements under subsection (c).
5 An applicant shall be notified by mail of the disposition of the
6 application in a timely manner. If an application is approved,
7 the applicant shall present the notification, a photo
8 identification, and a temporary license fee of \$100 before the
9 issuance of a temporary license.

10 (c) An applicant for a temporary license shall comply with
11 section 321-374(c) and shall have:

12 (1) Passed a blood borne pathogen course developed
13 specifically for the tattoo industry, approved by the
14 director within two years of taking the course;

15 (2) Passed the state tattoo artist written examination
16 within two years of the application.

17 (d) This section shall apply to tattoo artists who:

18 (1) Are appropriately licensed in jurisdictions without
19 the State; and

20 (2) Intend to participate in educational, trade, or
21 product shows demonstrating tattoo artistry in the
22 State.



1 (e) Temporary license fees may be increased annually by
2 not more than \$10.

3 SECTION 2. Section 321-372, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending the definition of "tattoo artist" to read as
5 follows:

6 "Tattoo artist" means any person who creates indelible
7 marks or decorative designs by introducing pigments beneath the
8 surface of the skin, resulting in permanent or semi-permanent
9 markings with the aid of needles, electric machines, hand tools,
10 or other devices[-] or means."

11 SECTION 3. Section 321-374, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "**§321-374 License required; exemptions.** (a) Except as
14 otherwise provided by law, no person shall practice the
15 occupation of tattoo artist in this State either gratuitously or
16 for pay, or shall announce oneself either publicly or privately
17 as prepared or qualified to practice that occupation without
18 having a valid unrevoked license to do so.

19 (b) The applicant shall be required to show by examination
20 the knowledge of the provisions of this chapter including
21 knowledge of virology, bacteriology, and aseptic techniques to



1 ensure that infection and contagious disease will not be
2 transmitted by the application of tattoos.

3 (c) No license shall be issued or renewed unless the
4 applicant:

5 (1) Has taken and passed a tuberculin skin test or chest
6 x-ray examination within six months of the
7 application, using report forms prescribed and
8 provided by the department;

9 (2) Has completed the hepatitis B vaccination series or
10 antibody testing showing immunity, unless the vaccine
11 is contraindicated for medical reason, as specified in
12 Occupational Safety Bloodborne Pathogens Standard and
13 Exposure Control (29 Code of Federal Regulations
14 1910.1030(f)); and

15 (3) Has signed appropriate waivers.

16 [~~b~~] (d) Physicians holding a valid unrevoked license
17 under chapter 453 [~~or 460~~] are exempt from the requirements of
18 this part."

19 SECTION 4. Section 321-379, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 "**§321-379 [~~Discipline;~~] Violations; discipline;**
22 **complaints; grounds; proceedings; hearings.** (a) The director



1 shall have the power to revoke, limit, condition, or suspend a
2 permit or license [as a tattoo artist] issued under this part
3 and to fine or otherwise discipline an owner of a tattoo shop or
4 a licensed tattoo artist for any violation of [subsection (b).]
5 this part.

6 [~~(b)~~] The department shall have the power to accept,
7 investigate, prosecute, and hear complaints regarding any
8 [~~person, who is a licensed~~] owner of a tattoo shop or tattoo
9 artist regarding [the following] allegations[+] of any violation
10 of this part.

11 (b) The following are violations of this part:

- 12 (1) Unfitness or incompetence by reason of negligence,
13 habits, or other causes regardless of whether actual
14 damage or damage to the public is established;
- 15 (2) Habitual intemperance, addiction, or dependency on
16 alcohol or other habit-forming substances;
- 17 (3) Mental incompetence resulting in an inability to
18 practice as a tattoo artist;
- 19 (4) Submitting to or filing with the department any
20 application, notice, statement, or other document in
21 procuring or attempting to procure licensure as a



- 1 tattoo artist[~~which~~] that is false or untrue or
2 contains any material misstatement of fact;
- 3 (5) Using the title, licensed tattoo artist, or any
4 designation tending to imply that the person is a
5 licensed tattoo artist when the person is not in fact
6 licensed or the person's license has been suspended or
7 revoked;
- 8 (6) Violating conditions or limitations upon which
9 licensure occurs;
- 10 (7) Engaging in dishonorable, unethical, or unprofessional
11 conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud, or
12 harm an individual or the public in the course of
13 professional services or activities;
- 14 (8) Having disciplinary action taken against the tattoo
15 artist in another state;
- 16 (9) Aiding or abetting an unlicensed person, knowingly
17 combining or conspiring with an unlicensed person,
18 allowing one's license to be used by an unlicensed
19 person, or acting as agent or associate of an
20 unlicensed person to evade the use of title
21 restrictions of this part;
- 22 (10) Engaging in false or misleading advertising; [e#]



- 1 (11) Engaging in sexual conduct in connection with
- 2 professional services or activities[-];
- 3 (12) Tattooing any person under the age of eighteen without
- 4 the written consent of the person's parent or legal
- 5 guardian or not maintaining the consent forms at the
- 6 tattoo shop for not less than two years in a
- 7 confidential manner;
- 8 (13) Tattooing anyone under the age of sixteen regardless
- 9 of parental or legal consent; or
- 10 (14) Practicing tattooing while having a communicable
- 11 disease; provided that the director may allow this
- 12 practice if the tattoo artist obtains a certificate
- 13 signed by a physician licensed in the State that the
- 14 tattoo artist is not a risk to customers or other
- 15 employees of the tattoo shop.

16 (c) In any proceeding under this section the person
17 subject to the proceeding shall be given notice and the
18 opportunity for a hearing in conformity with chapter 91."

19 SECTION 5. Section 321-380, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 "[+]§321-380[+] **Penalties.** (a) Any person against whom
22 proceedings have been brought pursuant to section 321-379 which



1 resulted in findings of any of the causes listed in subsection
2 321-379(b) may be assessed a fine of not less than \$100 nor more
3 than \$5,000 for each offense. Any action taken to impose or
4 collect the penalty provided for in this subsection shall be
5 considered a civil action.

6 (b) Any person in violation of sections 321-393, 321-A(a),
7 or 321-B shall be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000.

8 (c) Any person that practices as a tattoo artist at a
9 location without a permit shall be fined not less than \$500 nor
10 more than \$5,000.

11 (d) In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law,
12 any person who knowingly or willfully makes a false statement to
13 the department relating to any matter under this part shall be
14 guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than \$500 nor more
15 than \$5,000 for each offense.

16 [~~(b)~~] (e) The director may bring a civil action to enjoin
17 any person for violation of section 321-379(b)."

18 SECTION 6. In codifying the new sections added by section
19 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
20 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
21 the new sections in this Act.



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1 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Tattoo Artists; Regulation

Description:

Strengthens the regulation of tattoo artists in the State.





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S.B. 1263, Relating to Tattoo Artists

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

**February 10, 2009
8:30 a.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health opposes this bill as written.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Approval of additional positions and training funds will be needed in order for the
3 Department of Health to comply with this bill.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The bill seeks to provide temporary licenses to unlicensed tattoo artists
5 participating in tattoo conventions or events outside of a tattoo establishment and proposes to allow
6 temporary tattoo establishment permits to be issued to these conventions and events. Additionally, the
7 bill seeks to provide "occupational safety and health" protection for the tattoo artists.

8 The department cannot support this bill as written. Numerous clarifications of intent are needed
9 throughout, especially regarding licensing requirements. The provision for development of a
10 bloodborne pathogen course specifically for the tattoo industry and approved by the Director of Health
11 is problematic. Also, the references to "all standards set by professional tattoo associations" pursuant to
12 OSHA standards is vague and overly broad. While dealing with the artist safety is a positive action for
13 the profession, it does less to address major public health and safety issues from the consumer's
14 perspective.

1 The proposed bill will also conflict with HRS 321, Part XXX Tattoo Artists and HAR, Title 11,
2 Chapter 17, Tattoo Artists. In order to prevent interpretation and enforcement difficulties, changes to
3 the requirements for licensure of tattoo artists and tattoo establishments should be accomplished
4 comprehensively, and preferably through amendment of the administrative rule.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Re: SB 1263 RELATING TO TATTOO ARTISTS

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Hawaii Medical Association supports this measure as an important element in protecting public safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Sen. David Ige, Chair
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Hearing: Tuesday, 2/10/09, 8:30 am

Support of SB1263 Relating to the permitting of tattoo shops and licensure of tattoo artists, with suggested revisions (attached).

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on behalf of the **Coalition for Safe Tattooing in Hawai'i** (see attached partial roster)

This testimony is in support of Senate Bill 1263 (HB1499). As spokesperson for the coalition, I will briefly introduce myself. I am a professional tattooist who has been licensed in Hawai'i since 1992. Although I am a long-time resident of O'ahu, I primarily tattoo in California; thus I have no personal advantage or gain in these efforts, other than to see that tattooing here is practiced in a safe manner, and that both our Statutes and Departmental Rules and Regulations are reasonably up-to-date. I hold a Master's Degree in Anthropology from the University of Hawai'i and completed Ph.D coursework and fieldwork on the revitalization of tattooing in Polynesia (primarily French Polynesia and Rapa Nui). I have extensive experience in teaching hygienic tattooing in these and several other island groups.

In summary, our current tattoo statutes and regulations were written in 1981 and have been revised only very minimally. Currently there is no opportunity for temporary permits and licensing of tattooists, which makes conventions and demonstrations at museums and universities impossible. We have been quite active this last year in organizing the tattoo community to address this and other issues, hosting meetings, and compiling the concerns and viewpoints of the licensed tattooists in our state. Both Sucher and myself have also had numerous meetings with staff at the Sanitation Branch of DOH (our licensing agency) and with staff members in the Infectious Disease Branch, seeking their input.

We feel that revision is necessary, and that temporary permits and licenses should be obtainable, but with specific safeguards to protect the health of both the tattoo community, and Hawai'i's residents and visitors. We also believe that Hepatitis B inoculations, as specified in the OSHA (HIOH) standards should be a requirement for licensure. It has been well established that Hepatitis B and C are prevalent in Hawai'i, and could be easily communicated via tattooing, thus safety measures are an absolute necessity.

The bill that you have before you (SB1263) was based on a preliminary draft that myself and several others worked on over the course of the past year. Our draft accounted for the opinions of a number of professional tattooists in Hawai'i, taking into consideration all necessary safeguards as well as practicalities. In the final draft, several changes were made from our preliminary suggested version, some of which are quite critical and worsen the situation. The more critical points are highlighted in yellow. I will address these points in detail below. This list of suggested revisions and testimony is from several of our more active members, with input from other professionals and community members (listed on the final pages).

SUGGESTED REVISIONS

(please pay particular attention to those highlighted in yellow):

321-A(c) (p. 1, lines 13-15) currently reads:

“All permits shall...of each year”

Suggested Language:

“All permits shall expire on January 31st of each year. The application for a permit renewal shall be submitted to the department in writing before January 2nd of each year.

Rationale:

A minor point, but January 1st or 2nd would allow the Department more time for the necessary inspections, approvals/denials, and processing permits.

321-A(d) (p. 2, lines 8-9) currently reads:

“Temporary permits may...in addition to:”

Suggested Language:

“Temporary permits may... Temporary permit applicants shall pay a \$25 non-refundable application fee in addition to:”

Rationale:

The current wording is unclear as to what the initial \$25 fee is for. In addition, the current draft does not specify that application fees are non-refundable in the case of denial of a permit. Our preliminary draft included the phrase: “in the event of denial of an application, application fees will not be refunded to the applicant”. It is our understanding that articles cannot be added, so we have suggested “non-refundable application fee” to be more explicit..

321-B(a) (p. 2, line 19) currently reads:

“(a) The department may issue temporary licenses valid for fourteen calendar days to tattoo artists not licensed in the State for educational, trade show, or product demonstration purposes. Temporary licensees shall be subject to this part and applicable rules.”

Suggested Language:

“The department may issue temporary licenses valid for a maximum of fourteen consecutive calendar days in any given calendar year to tattooists not licensed ...”

Rationale:

This point is ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL to our goals. The limitation of fourteen days in a calendar year was in our preliminary draft but was omitted. If tattooists intend to work here longer, we believe they should obtain a permanent license. We have knowledge that there is a group of unlicensed, non-professional tattooists that are planning to participate in and hold regular tattoo conventions to circumvent licensing requirements and the costs of establishing and maintaining a permitted tattoo shop.

321-B(b) (pa 3, line 3) currently reads:

“Applications for temporary... issuance of a temporary license.”

Suggested Language:

“Applications for temporary licenses shall be made in writing to the department at least sixty days prior to the proposed events and accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$25 ... before the issuance of a temporary license.”

Rationale:

The current draft does not specify that application fees are non-refundable in the case of denial of a license. Our preliminary draft included the phrase: “in the event of denial of an application, application fees will not be refunded to the applicant. The “non-refundable” phrase should somehow be included.

321-B(c) (p. 3, lines 11-15) currently reads:

“An applicant for...and shall have”

Suggested Language:

“An applicant for a temporary license shall comply with section 321-374(c) and shall have either:

- 1) Passed a blood borne pathogen course developed specifically for the tattoo industry, and approved by the director, within two years of ~~{taking the course}~~ the application; or
- (2) Passed the state tattoo artist written examination within two years of the application.

Rationale:

This is the another change we see as ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL. The terms “either” and “or” were omitted from the official draft of the bill. The Department of Health and Sanitation is horribly understaffed. With the increased popularity of tattooing, there has been a demand for a greater frequency of administration of the tattoo examination. This is a burden for the DOH. Allowing alternative courses with examinations allows for visiting tattooists to obtain temporary permits prior to scheduled trade-shows and demonstrations while alleviating much of the increased burden placed on the DOH. In addition, several of these courses include practicum and are quite in-depth, and sufficient for determining if a tattooist is qualified and adequately trained in proper hygiene. The rationale for the other wording change is self evident—again, the wording in the official draft, and the mis-placed comma drastically changes intended meaning.

321-B(d)(1) (p.3, lines 18-19) currently reads:

“Are appropriately licensed...without the State; and”

Suggested Language:

“Are [~~appropriately licensed in~~] professional tattooists in jurisdictions without the State; and”

Rationale:

Approximately 13 states do not require licensure. We do not want to limit temporary Hawai'i licenses to only those holding licenses elsewhere. Temporary licenses should be available to all professional tattooists meeting the specified Hawai'i State requirements, regardless of licensure elsewhere.

321-374(b) (p. 4-5, lines 19-2) in regards to permanent licenses currently reads:

“(b) The applicant shall be required to show by examination the knowledge of the provisions of this chapter including knowledge of virology, bacteriology, and aseptic techniques to ensure that infection and contagious disease will not be transmitted by the application of tattoos.”

Suggested Language:

“(b) The applicant shall [be required to show by examination the knowledge of the provisions of this chapter including knowledge of virology, bacteriology, and aseptic techniques to ensure that infection and contagious disease will not be transmitted by the application of tattoos] have met the requirements specified in either Section 321 (c)(1) or Section 321(c)(2).”

Rationale:

This paragraph is ambiguous. Is it referring to the state administered examination? Is it referring to the alternative examination and course allowed for temporary permits (see 321(c) (1) and (2)? Or both? It is our intention that permanent resident tattooists be allowed both alternatives and the same options in licensing requirements as those seeking temporary licenses.

321-374(c)(2) (p. 5, lines 14-15) currently reads:

“Has completed the hepatitis...Code of Federal Regulations 1910.1030(f)”

Suggested Language:

“Has completed the hepatitis...Code of Federal Regulations 1910.1030(f) and has signed the appropriate waiver/declamation.”

Rationale:

321-374(c)(3) is part of 321-374(c)(2) and absolutely should not be a separate article. The waiver and/or declamation is part of the same sentence that appears above and is directly out of the OSHA (HIOSH) standards. It is inappropriate standing alone, as it now appears.

321-374(b)(14) (p. 8, lines 10-15) currently reads:

“Practicing tattooing while...the tattoo shop.”

Suggested Language:

“No person with a communicable disease which may be transmitted despite universal precautions may practice tattooing while actively infectious. The director may require a formal letter or certificate signed by a duly licensed physician stating that the tattoo artist's health is not a risk to clients or fellow employees before returning to work.”

Rationale:

This may be problematic due to the current federal HIPAA and Equal Employment Opportunity acts. The issue is currently addressed in the Departmental Rules and Regulations (11-17), which we hope will be revised in the near future. We have discussed the wording of such a clause with staff members in the Infectious Disease branch of DOH, and the John A. Burns School of Medicine and have their recommended wording (above). However, we still see this as being potentially problematic. Our concern is that such a clause, unless very carefully worded, could not

only be a liability and violation of the HIPPA act, but could result in our bill not passing. We would appreciate your careful consideration and possible editing of the wording of this article.

We urge you to support SB1263 with these suggested revisions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Support of SB1263 Relating to the permitting of tattoo shops and licensure of tattoo artists.

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Rodney Powell - Behavioral Health Advocate / Tattooist.

This testimony is in support of Senate Bill 1263 (HB1499). I am a licensed tattooist and also a social worker working in behavioral health. In my work, I have encountered numerous public health concerns due to laws that do not fully protect our community. I work with indigent populations who, often times, will place themselves at risk unknowingly. I believe it is the responsibility of those who are licensed in our State to practice tattooing to uphold their art to the fullness of the law. Within this, however, it is the State's responsibility to continuously revise these laws so that they safeguard our community and provide for accountability.

Seeing how disease prevention can lead to healthier communities, I am in full support of this bill with the recommended revisions, and I urge that the current statues be updated. In addition to health reasons, tattooing has increased in popularity tremendously in recent years, and the laws must adjust accordingly to better facilitate licensing and permits in a SAFE manner.

Additionally, this bill will also substantially increase revenues for the state for the following reasons:

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- 3) Fees are substantial for temporary permits for conventions, so additional revenues will be involved.

This is all done without necessarily increasing the workload on Department of Health and Sanitation, as it offers options for examinations other than those administered by the Department.

Please accept my testimony in support of this bill.

Sincerely,
Rodney Powell
Behavioral Health Social Worker
Licensed Tattooist

Health Committee:
Sen. David Ige, Chair
Sen. Josh Green, Vice-Chair

Hearing: Tuesday, 2/10/09, 8:30 am

Support of SB1263 Relating to the permitting of tattoo shops and licensure of tattoo artists.

Submitted by:

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This testimony is in support of Senate Bill 1263 (HB1499). I am a certified HIV counselor and tester, and work with the U.S. Pacific Island Jurisdictions towards developing HIV prevention services, building community capacity, and supporting community leadership in directing how services are provided.

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Dear Senators:

I am writing in reference to SB 1263 which is an update of the current Hawaii Tattoo Regulations. As a licensed tattooist, a board member of both the Alliance of Professional Tattooists and the National Tattoo Association and a 28 year veteran of the trade I am in support of this bill WITH the correct revisions submitted. Without the revisions the bill is not feasible.

As part of the coalition that penned the original bill I believe our regulations are long overdue for updating. The health issues of today coupled with the popularity of tattooing warrant adapting our state's obligation to protect the health of our people.

This bill covers all forms of tattooing: modern electric, traditional (hand tap) and cosmetic. As blood born pathogens know NO boundaries it is imperative that we give the Health Department the proper authority to oversee body invasive procedures.

This bill increases licensing and inspection funding for the Department of Health to alleviate costs incurred for site inspections, testing and other expenses. It allows for trade shows and educational exhibits under the right health related constraints.

With the revisions which bring the bill back to our original submission we feel we have eased a bit of the burden on our Department of Health. The revisions must be implemented in order to truly represent that opportunity.

Thank you for your considerations,

Peggy Sucher

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