

HB 1267, HD1



*THE JUDICIARY, STATE OF HAWAII*

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Health**

Senator Josh Green, Chair

Senator Clarence K. Nishimura, Vice Chair

Friday, March 18, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

by

Judge Steven S. Alm

Circuit Court, First Circuit

---

**Bill No. and Title:** House Bill No. 1267, H.D. 1, Relating to Health Care

**Purpose:** Makes appropriations to provide for health services and programs. Directs an additional portion of Tobacco Settlement Funds into the general fund.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary strongly supports Section 9 of this bill which provides the Judiciary with \$3,521,545 for FY 2012 for purchase of service contracts for court substance abuse programs and the Hawaii's Opportunity Probation with Enforcement program, or HOPE Probation.

Currently, more than 1,700 high-risk convicted felons on Oahu are in HOPE Probation. The most common denominator among HOPE probationers is their addiction to drugs, usually crystal methamphetamine, although many are also addicted to alcohol, tobacco, and other substances.

HOPE probationers, unlike the majority of offenders who are on regular probation, face intensive random drug testing and immediate jail time as a sanction for a positive drug test or any other violation of the conditions of probation. As a result, the majority of HOPE probationers are able to successfully abstain from drug use without treatment from a service provider. Nevertheless, a segment of this population will choose to participate in a drug treatment program or they are ordered by the court to undergo treatment as a last resort before being sent to prison.



House Bill No. 1267, H.D. 1, Relating to Health Care  
Senate Committee on Health  
March 18, 2011  
Page 2

Unfortunately, access to drug treatment services by HOPE probationers and the many other probationers in the Judiciary's specialty courts has been severely constrained due to reductions in general fund appropriations sustained by the Judiciary in the last few years.

The one-time funding provided by this bill will help shorten the time offenders must wait for drug treatment slots to open up, allow more offenders to participate in drug treatment, and increase the likelihood that they will successfully abstain from drugs and stay out of jail and/or prison.

Reducing the time offenders must wait for treatment and increasing the likelihood that they will succeed on probation means that more offenders can be accepted into HOPE and the other specialty courts. Dr. Angela Hawken, of Pepperdine University, the principal researcher for HOPE, testified to the House Finance Committee that each offender in HOPE currently saves the State of Hawaii more than \$4,000 in prison costs. With the additional funding provided by this measure, we anticipate that we can save the state even more.

Perhaps as important, if not more so, as the potential cost savings to the state is the positive, beneficial ripple effect that happens when an offender beats his or her drug addiction and becomes a contributing member of the community. When former felons become "whole" again, the health and well-being of their immediate and extended family members, friends, as well as community, improves.

The additional funds provided by this bill may also be used to establish another drug-testing venue, such as at the Kapolei Court Complex, for use by offenders who live and work on the west side of Oahu, especially those who cannot drive and have to commute by bus. Currently, drug tests are only administered at the courthouse in downtown Honolulu on Punchbowl Street.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



LORETTA J. FUDDY, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
P.O. Box 3378  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96801-3378

In reply, please refer to:  
File:

### Senate Committee on Health

### HB1267 HD1, RELATING TO HEALTHCARE

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
Interim Director of Health

March 18, 2011; 3:00PM

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly opposes HB1267 HD1.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** Section 2 of the measure proposes that the incoming tobacco settlement special
- 3 fund (TSSF) revenue distributions, 15% for the emergency and budget reserve fund (rainy day fund) and
- 4 6.5% for the tobacco prevention and control trust fund (trust fund) portions, be diverted into the general
- 5 fund in fiscal years (FY) 2012 and 2013. Section 3 proposes to appropriate \$25 million from the trust
- 6 fund to the general fund in FY2012. Section 4 proposes to appropriate \$10 million from the TSSF to the
- 7 Department of Human Services (DHS) for costs associated with Medicaid programs in FY2012.
- 8 Section 5 proposes to appropriate \$5 million from the TSSF to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
- 9 for costs associated with comprehensive health care services in FY2013. The diversion of the TSSF
- 10 from the new revenues and the trust fund assets will reverberate across the departments and programs
- 11 that currently rely on the special fund, especially for public health purposes, since these programs were
- 12 cut drastically in the last several amendments to the distribution of the TSSF in Chapter 328L-2, of the
- 13 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).
- 14 **Purpose and Justification:** The proposed appropriations are not in keeping with the intent of the
- 15 original Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) that was entered into in 1998 with four of the major



1 tobacco companies. The recitals section in the agreement says the payments ...*will achieve for Settling*  
 2 *States and their citizens significant funding for the advancement of public health, the implementation of*  
 3 *important tobacco-related public health measures. . .* In keeping with the spirit of the original lawsuit  
 4 and the MSA the 1999 Hawaii State Legislature passed Act 304, and stated that, *The fund shall serve as*  
 5 *a mechanism to maximize financial resources for tobacco prevention and control, health promotion and*  
 6 *disease prevention programs, children's health programs, and to serve as a long-term source of stable*  
 7 *funding for prevention-oriented public health efforts* (SB1034 CD1). While the DOH and tobacco  
 8 prevention and control trust fund portions were created in fidelity with the original lawsuit and intent of  
 9 the MSA, public health now receives the least from the settlement payments.

10 The DOH provides the following tables to illustrate the impact of the redistribution of the TSSF  
 11 and the potential implications of HB1267 HD1. Table 1 is an abridged review of changes since Act 304  
 12 established the TSSF in 1999. The general fund now receives 25.5% of the special funds. Table 2  
 13 provides the projected impact to agencies should funds be diverted.

14 Table 1. Abridged Review of TSSF Distribution Changes

Distributions	Act 304 1999 SLH	Act 270 2001 Special Session	Act 119 2009 SLH
Rainy Day	40%	25.5%	15%
DOH/DHS S-CHIP	25% + 10%	25% + 10%	15% + 10%
Tob Trust Fund	25%	12.5%	6.5%
UHJABSOM	N/A	28%	28%
General Fund	N/A	N/A	25.5%

19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

Table 2. Impact of Projected Diversions to TSSF Distributions for FY12 and FY13 (in millions)

Diversions and Distributions	FY12 /FY13	FY2012	FY2013
DHS Medicaid FY12	N/A	10.0	N/A
HHSC FY13	N/A	N/A	5.0
Ceiling	50.1	50.1	50.1
Total for Distribution	50.1	40.1	45.1
Rainy Day	7.0	0	0
Trust Fund	3.1	0	0
DOH	7.0	5.6	6.4
DHS S-CHIP	4.7	3.8	4.2
UHJABSOM	13.2	10.5	11.9
General Fund	12.8	18.9	21.2
Assessments to Gen Fund	2.3	1.3	1.5

**Impact on public health agencies:** As noted on the Table 1, DOH portion was reduced funding from 25% to 15% which after supplanting of general funds resulted in more than a 50% cut to the Healthy Hawaii Initiative (HHI) prevention budget. Prior to the 2009 Session reduction, the DOH received close to \$13 million of the special fund. This proposed measure would reduce funding to DOH to \$5.6 million in FY12 and \$6.4 million in FY13. The TSSF is the only source of state funding now in the DOH for obesity prevention, and chronic disease prevention, management and control programs. No general funds go to these programs and through economic downturns all general funded positions and operational costs were transferred to the special fund. Currently 38 positions in the DOH are on the special fund, and the TSSF serves as a match for the various federal grants for the remainder of the positions and operations in the HHI and the Chronic Disease Management and Control Branch.

Besides DOH employees, the DOH through contracts funds targeted strategies to promote nutrition, physical activity, and tobacco control, and the prevention of obesity, and supports evaluation and assessments. These budgets were reduced in previous years and the proposed diversion would require deeper cuts. All of the Department of Education resource teachers for physical and health education, and the Wellness Guidelines school demonstration project are through DOH funding. The University of Hawaii (UH) Department of Public Health Sciences in the UH John A. Burns School of Medicine (UHJABSOM) receives funding for positions for evaluation and assessment, and to train

1 graduate students for the public health workforce. The original HHI framework was to provide TSSF  
2 for community organizations while the state implemented social marketing campaigns and overarching  
3 activities towards policy, systems and environmental changes to promote healthy behaviors. HHI has  
4 not released any new competitive funding opportunities for community organizations since FY2009.  
5 HHI has not been able to produce and release new public education messages. Past social marketing  
6 campaigns in partnership with retail, schools and community organizations successfully contributed to  
7 increases in public awareness, attitudes, and behavior change.

8         The need remains to stem the impending health, social and economic cost from increasing  
9 obesity rates and unhealthy behaviors. Obesity rates for youth increased 38% from 1999 to 2009  
10 (YRBS) and doubled for adults from 2000 to 2009 (BRFSS). Physical activity rates increased by 34.4%  
11 for youth from 2005 to 2009 and 53.2% for adults from 2001 to 2009. Only 60% of people reported  
12 having sidewalks in their neighborhoods and only 30% having bike paths (HHI Survey 2009). Fruit and  
13 vegetable consumption by adults increased 5% from 2000 to 2009 and decreased by 19% for youth from  
14 1999 to 2009. Only 42% of state employees reporting having healthy menu options in workplace  
15 cafeterias and none had vending machines with at least 51% healthier beverage and snack options  
16 (CHEW Fal 2010). Cuts to prevention funding hampers the ability for public health to maintain basic  
17 strategies to work on policies and systemic changes that will support healthy behavior changes.

18         **Impact on tobacco prevention and control:** Table 1 and 2 illustrate the erosion of funding for  
19 tobacco prevention and control programs. The trust fund is administered by the DOH and receives  
20 guidance from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Board. The advisory board has  
21 recommended budgets of \$6.7 million in calendar year 2010 and \$12.6 million in calendar year 2011.  
22 The ambitious budget reflects the growing concern to reach people groups that are disproportionately  
23 affected by tobacco use and its ensuing social and health consequences. The tobacco control program is  
24 designed to assure all smokers and those at risk from exposure or initiating will benefit from services

1 especially in places with higher smoking rates. The Hawaii Quitline is structured to provide counseling  
2 services and nicotine replacement therapy regardless of insurance status. Community grant awards are  
3 stratified so neighbor island organizations are always equitably represented. Hawaii county has the  
4 highest smoking prevalence rate at 18.9% compared to Kauai 13.1%, Honolulu 14.8%, and Maui 16.5%  
5 (2008 BRFSS).

6 The trust fund which was originally established to provide funding in perpetuity for tobacco  
7 prevention and control programs in Hawaii is facing an irreversible raid. The diversion through  
8 elimination of the funding stream for two FYs and appropriation out of the existing assets of the trust  
9 fund would erode funding for the comprehensive program necessary to continue the downward trend of  
10 tobacco initiation amongst youth and tobacco use reduction amongst adults. Since 2000 youth smoking  
11 prevalence in Hawaii has gone down 54% (YRBS 2000 to 2009) and 22% for adults (BRFSS 2000 to  
12 2009). Many of the individuals who suffered as a result of tobacco use are no longer here to speak out.  
13 The trust fund represents the opportunity for public health to help children grow up living tobacco free  
14 lives, and that those who are addicted have the help needed to stop, and that the public can continue to  
15 benefit from smoke free environments.

16 As of September 30, 2010, the trust fund assets were valued at \$54 million with \$7.2 million  
17 obligated at the time. As of FY2010 the trust fund had received \$75 million from the TSSF and total  
18 cash disbursed was \$44 million. Already, the current spending will need to be slowed the trust fund will  
19 not be able to sustain a comprehensive tobacco prevention and control program to meet the needs of the  
20 public.

21 **Impact on public health and social service programs outside of DOH:** The rainy day fund  
22 was designed to provide a safety net to fund health, safety, welfare and education programs. It is  
23 administered by the Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) and funds must be appropriated through  
24 legislative action. Loss of the revenue will negatively impact organizations that rely on the fund when

1 general revenues are not available through state agencies such as the DOH. The DOH defers to B&F on  
2 the detail of organizations that have received appropriations from the rainy day fund.

3 **Impact on UHJABSOM and DHS:** The UHJABSOM currently receives 28% of the TSSF  
4 distribution to pay for debt service obligations and annual operating expenses of the new medical school.  
5 DHS receives up to 10% of the total yearly revenue to fund the immigrant and Compact of Free  
6 Association costs in the Medicaid Children's Health Insurance Program that are not federally  
7 reimbursable. The DOH defers to both agencies on the impact of the diversion of the TSSF to their  
8 budgets.

9 The tobacco industry settled with the states because doing so was a good business decision. The  
10 promotion and societal impact of this dangerous product will not end soon. The settlement payments  
11 are the only source of state funding for tobacco prevention and control, and to address the rising tide of  
12 obesity, and reduce the burden of diabetes, strokes, heart disease, asthma, cancer and diabetes. We  
13 respectfully request the Senate Health Committee to hold HB1267 HD1. The passage of HB1267 HD1  
14 would hinder public health strategies to reduce the burden of chronic disease, a long-term solution  
15 toward improving the quality of productive years of life. The DOH respectfully submits that this is  
16 contrary to the current efforts to reform healthcare and to push forward with systems changes underway  
17 through wellness driven outcomes.

18 Thank you for this opportunity to testify.  
19

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



WESLEY LUM, PhD, MPH  
DIRECTOR

LORETTA FUDDY, ACSW, MPH  
ACTING DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

Telephone  
(808) 586-0100

Fax  
(808) 586-0185

STATE OF HAWAII  
**EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING**  
NO. 1 CAPITOL DISTRICT  
250 SOUTH HOTEL STREET, SUITE 406  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-2831

**Committee on Health**

**HB1267, HD1, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.**

**Testimony of Wes Lum**  
**Director, Executive Office on Aging**  
**Attached Agency to Department of Health**

**Friday, March 18, 2011**

**3:00 p.m.**

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports Section 11 of this measure and  
2 defers on the fiscal implications until the Executive Budget has been finalized. Should funds be  
3 available, EOA requests that these funds be placed in EOA's base budget (HTH 904). Also, EOA  
4 requests that this bill be amended as specified below.

5 **Fiscal Implications:** Since July 1, 2002, EOA has received base funding of \$4,854,305 from the  
6 General Appropriations for Kupuna Care services on an annual basis. This measure appropriates  
7 an additional \$2,963,411 for each of year of the fiscal biennium. Working with our county offices  
8 on aging, EOA has determined that \$2,888,412, in addition to our base budget, is needed to  
9 provide access to affordable and quality home and community based services that are client-  
10 centered and family-supportive.

11 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA recommends that this measure be amended as follows:

12 1. Reflect \$2,888,412 as the funding request (page 5, line 13). EOA has worked with our  
13 county offices on aging to verify the accuracy of the appropriations requested to  
14 support seniors. As a result, we have reduced the original request from \$2,963,411 to



1           \$2,888,412, as this is a better reflection of the costs to fulfill our current service needs.

2           Please note that this new figure also includes funding for home delivered meals as well  
3           as for eligible older adults who are discharged from an acute care hospital.

4           2. Reference the Department of Health as the expending agency (page 5, lines 19-20).

5           This measure incorrectly names the Department of Human Services as the expending  
6           agency for these services.

7           Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

ALAN ARAKAWA  
Mayor

JO-ANN T. RIDAO  
Director  
Housing & Human Concerns

JAN SHISHIDO  
Deputy Director  
Housing & Human Concerns



DEBORAH ARENDALE  
Executive on Aging

PHONE (808) 270-7755

FAX (808) 270-7935

E-MAIL: mcoa.adrc@mauicounty.gov

**COUNTY OF MAUI**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS**  
**MAUI COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING**  
*AN AREA AGENCY ON AGING*

ONE MAIN PLAZA  
2200 MAIN STREET, SUITE 547  
WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

**Committee on Health**

**HB1267, HD1, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE**

**Testimony of Deborah Arendale**  
**Executive on Aging, Maui County Office on Aging**

**Friday, March 18, 2011**

**3:00 p.m.**

**MCOA's Position:** Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA) supports Section 11 of this measure. Should funds be available, MCOA requests that these funds be placed in the base budget (HTH 904) of the Hawaii State Executive Office on Aging (EOA), attached agency to the Hawaii Department of Health. MCOA requests that this bill be amended as specified below.

**Fiscal Implications:** Since July 1, 2002, EOA has received base funding of \$4,854,305 from the General Appropriations for Kupuna Care services on an annual basis. This measure appropriates an additional \$2,963,411 for each of year of the fiscal biennium. The county offices on aging and EOA have determined that \$2,888,412, in addition to the base budget, is needed to provide access to affordable and quality home and community based services that are client-centered and family-supportive.

**Purpose and Justification:** MCOA recommends that this measure be amended as follows:

1. Reflect \$2,888,412 as the funding request (page 5, line 13). EOA has worked with the county offices on aging to verify the accuracy of the appropriations requested to support seniors. As a result, the original request has been reduced from \$2,963,411 to \$2,888,412, as this is a better reflection of the costs to fulfill the current service needs. Please note that this new figure also includes funding for home delivered meals as well as for eligible older adults who are discharged from an acute care hospital.
2. Reference the Department of Health as the expending agency (page 5, lines 19-20). This measure incorrectly names the Department of Human Services as the expending agency for these services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS**  
C O R P O R A T I O N*"Touching Lives Everyday"***Senate Committee on Health  
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair**

Friday, March 18, 2011  
3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 229  
Hawaii State Capitol

**Testimony Supporting House Bill 1267, HD1, Relating to Health Care**  
Makes appropriations to provide for health services and programs. Directs an additional portion of Tobacco Settlement Funds into the general fund. Effective July 1, 2030.  
(HB1267 HD1) (\$)

**Alice M. Hall**

Interim President and Chief Executive Officer  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the **Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporation Board of Directors**, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **strong support of HB 1267, HD1** that makes appropriations to the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, state Department of Human Services, Preschool Open Doors Program, state Judiciary, state Department of Health, Kupuna Care Program, and HHSC, the state's community hospital system.

As you are fully aware, services of the HHSC facilities have a tremendous impact on our island communities, in acute, long-term care, and rural care. HHSC hospitals with high Medicaid levels and high charity care by nature have poor payer mixes so we have less ability to shift costs for this care than other hospitals. HHSC hospitals with high Medicaid and charity care volumes often must pay physicians to treat these patients who are frequently sicker and more in need of treatment.

Medicaid and QUEST payments to HHSC hospitals on average cover only 59 percent of what it costs the hospitals to deliver the care. As a result, HHSC's hospitals lost approximately \$47.1 million in fiscal year 2010 for providing care to Medicaid and QUEST patients.

Our safety-net hospitals are themselves needy because we have limited opportunity to expand revenues and cut costs. Like other hospitals HHSC faces daunting financial pressures from rising costs, including downward pressure on revenues, rising drug

costs, aging infrastructure, payment for physician coverage, significant charity care, compliance costs in response to new federal regulations, and the need to keep pace with technology. .

By providing a new funding option through the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement special fund, the state of Hawaii will help to maintain access to care for those citizens most in need of medical care and by doing so, help to address health disparities in this State.

HHSC fully understands the large projected shortfalls faced by the state of Hawaii, and how this kind of funding decision is extremely difficult to make while lawmakers try their best to respond to the needs of every state agency. HHSC wants to work with this Committee and the Legislature to find a solution that is fair to all agencies in need. At the same time, we respectfully submit to the Committee's decision of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before this committee.





Building Independence for Challenged Lives

PRESIDENT & CEO  
Marian E. Tsuji

LANAKILA PACIFIC  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Chair*

Lynn Zane  
*Vice Chair*  
Ken Hayashida  
*Secretary*  
Ko Miyataki  
*Treasurer*  
Derek Mizuno

*Directors*

Riki Amanoo (Ret. Judge)  
Brenda Cantwright  
Russell Chun  
Stephen Downes  
Susan Eicher  
Les Murashige  
Audrey E.J. Ng, Esq.  
Samuel Tanimoto  
Masaichi Taka  
Bob Toyofuku  
Henry L. Wong, Ph.D.

LANAKILA PACIFIC  
FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Chair*

Randy Pereira  
*Vice Chair*  
Peter Kay  
*Treasurer/Secretary*  
Rebecca Rude Ozaki, Ph.D.

*Directors*

Kyle Chock  
Debra Kagawa Yogi  
Ed Kageyama  
Jo Kamae Byrne  
Micah Kane  
Arnold Martines  
Mark Platte  
Mark Yamakawa  
Todd Yamanaka  
Teri Yamashige  
Sherri Yim  
JoAnn Yosemite  
Lynn Zane

1809 Bachelor Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
Phone: 808-531-0555  
Fax: 808-533-7264  
www.lanakilapacific.org



State of Hawaii  
Senate Committee on Health  
The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

March 18, 2011; 3:00pm  
Room 229

**HB 1267, HD 1, Relating to Health Care**

Good afternoon, Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Senate Health Committee,

Lanakila Pacific supports measure HB 1267, HD 1, Relating to Health Care. Our testimony pertains to Section 11, which provides much needed additional funding Kupuna Care.

The Kupuna Care appropriation in the base budget has remained flat at \$4.8 million since 2002, despite our rapidly aging population's even more urgent need for these critical services. Although the 2010 Legislature appropriated a one-time \$3.5 million supplemental amount, this appropriation is needed on an ongoing sustainable basis by making it part of the base budget.

As a Kupuna Care service provider, Lanakila Meals on Wheels, a program of Lanakila Pacific, serves more than 250,000 meals for seniors each year. Our staff and volunteers deliver more than a nutritious meal, as they may be the only person that the senior will spend time with each day. Our average meal recipient is a woman of Asian or Pacific Island decent, 83 years old with an income of less than \$1,000 per month.

As a Kupuna Care program, we also provide nutritional education and counseling, monitor health and welfare, and serve as an important bridge to support services, helping seniors remain in their homes rather than more costly premature institutionalization.

The appropriation of this funding is vital as it will provide an ongoing, sustainable source of revenue for seniors and their caregivers who depend upon Kupuna Care. Aging network providers cannot meet the current and growing demand for services when faced by years of flat or reduced State and Federal funding.

We urge you to support seniors by supporting Kupuna Care funding, as it funds safety net programs that support the most isolated and vulnerable seniors in Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

**Marian E. Tsuji**  
**President & CEO**



Senate Committee on Health  
HB1267 HD1  
3 PM March 18, 2011  
Conference Room 229

Testimony of the Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Board  
Testimony of Elizabeth Tam, M.D., Chair

TOBACCO PREVENTION  
AND CONTROL  
ADVISORY BOARD

Elizabeth Tam, M.D, Chair

James Howell, Vice Chair

Judith Sakamoto

Charman Akina, MD

Beth Hoban

Kuulei Serna, PhD

Karen Moriyama, PhD

Danette Tomiyasu, MPA

The Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Board strongly opposes HB1267 HD.

The advisory board strongly requests that the Senate Health Committee hold HB1267HD1 in committee.

Hawaii must preserve the trust fund for its original intended purpose as stated in Act 304, 1999 Session Laws of Hawaii.

These funds have been strategically and comprehensively applied to bring down smoking rates for adults and youth.

This measure will cost the citizens of Hawaii more money in health and medical care costs.

- Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the Hawaii
- 153,700 Hawaii adults currently smoke cigarettes
- 1,200 people die each year due to cigarette smoking
- An estimated 24,000 persons suffer with at least one serious tobacco-related illness.
- Smoking costs the Hawaii \$335 million per year in direct medical expenses (\$117 million from Medicaid), and \$308 million per year in lost productivity.

For all these reasons, we respectfully request that you hold this bill in Committee.

Yours truly,

Elizabeth K. Tam

2011.03.17

15:24:25 -10'00'

*Elizabeth K. Tam*



"More Than A School"

Board of  
Directors  
2010-2011

March 17, 2011

Officers

Sandy Ryan  
*President*

To: Senators Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Doug Karatsu  
*Vice President*

Re: **Opposition to HB 1267, HD 1** for Senate Health Committee Hearing  
On Friday, March 18, 2011 at 3 p.m.

Nancy Bulosan-  
Marvin  
*Treasurer*

Aloha,

Anne Leete  
*Secretary*

My name is Sandy Ryan, and I am the Board President of **Hui Malama Learning Center** on Maui.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. The CDC reports that, nationally, about 20 percent of adults smoke and that declines in smoking have stalled in recent years. **The tobacco industry spends nearly \$13 billion on marketing** each year. Unless prevention efforts are increased, smoking rates, especially among youth, are expected to increase. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers. Please do not back down on this promise.

Board of  
Directors  
Ed Ginoza  
Dave Gorman  
Mark Kibbee  
Phillip Lowenthal  
Brad MacArthur  
Scott Obley

Please hold HB 1267 HD 1 in Committee. The physical and financial health of our youth is at stake.

Ex-Officio  
Alan Arakawa  
Kelly King

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comment in opposition to HB 1267 HD 1.

Honorary  
Diane Ho

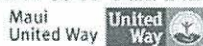
Sincerely,

**Sandy Ryan**  
Board President

Executive  
Director  
V. Pualani Enos

HMLC is committed to equality of educational opportunity and does not discriminate in offering access to its educational programs and activities on the basis of race, color, gender, age, national origin, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

375 Mahalani Street, Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793  
(808) 244-5911 Fax: 242-0762





*The Official Sponsor of Birthdays*

March 16, 2011

Committee on Health  
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair

**Hearing:**

March 18, 2011, 3:00 p.m.  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

**RE: HB1267, HD1 – Relating to Health Care**

**Testimony in Strong Opposition**

Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Committee on Health. Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony in strong opposition of HB1267, HD1 which would take tobacco settlement funds that would subsidize health services and programs.

The American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific Inc. is a community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer. This mission includes advocating for effective tobacco control measures.

We would point out for the committee that Hawaii's adult smoking rate is 14.4% and the youth smoking rate is currently at 11.3%, the second lowest in the nation. Ten years ago, our adult smoking rate was 20.6% and the youth smoking rate was 38.4%. This dramatic reduction in smoking can be attributed to Hawaii's effective tobacco control efforts over the last decade. This effort was funded in most part by the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund via community grants to nonprofit organizations statewide.

However, the last four years have not been healthy ones for the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund. Because of the state's budget crisis, the allocation into the Fund has been cut from 25% to 12.5% to 6.5% today. This provides slightly more than \$2.8 million annually to the Fund. This year the fund is expected to expend \$8.3 million for tobacco and health related programs.

**If this fund is reduced and not protected, there soon will be no money for tobacco control. We will then see major increases in both the adult and youth smoking rates. We will also see increases in cancer and heart attacks. In the end, these increases will cost Hawaii hundreds of millions of dollars.**



We understand that Hawaii's economic difficulties are acute. However, we would ask the committee to consider funding programs such as Medicaid and State Hospitals from other sources, and not from Tobacco Settlement Funds. We believe that the legislature should seriously reconsider the proposed tax on sugar sweetened beverages.

The Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity at Yale University has estimated that, in Hawaii, a 1¢ per ounce tax would generate \$65 million per annum. If the tax were doubled to 2¢ per ounce the legislature could easily ensure the viability of many critical health programs.

**We would respectfully request that this measure be held in committee.**

Mahalo for allowing us the opportunity to provide testimony regarding HB1267, HD1.

Sincerely,



George S. Massengale, JD  
Director of Government Relations



1132 Bishop Street, Suite 1920  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Phone: 866-295-7282  
Website: [www.aarp.org/hi](http://www.aarp.org/hi)

To: Senate Committee on Health  
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

Date: March 18, 2011, Conference Room 229, 3:00 p.m.

Re: **HB 1267, HD1 – RELATING TO HEALTH CARE**

Chairman Green and Committee Members:

My name is **Barbara Kim Stanton, State Director of AARP Hawaii.** AARP is a membership organization of people 50 and older with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii. We are committed to championing access to affordable, quality health care for all generations, providing the tools needed to save for retirement, and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to Americans age 50+.

**AARP is in strong support of HB 1267, HD1,** which makes appropriations to provide for health services and programs, and directs an additional portion of Tobacco Settlement Funds into the general fund. AARP's testimony pertains to the portion of the bill relating to the appropriation of funds to Kupuna Care.

The bill appropriates \$2,963,411 out of general revenues for fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, to provide additional funding for the Kupuna Care program. This would provide needed funds for Kupuna Care programs that meet our elderly population's urgent need for assistance and enables them to live in their homes as long as possible. Kupuna Care programs are home and community based programs that provide a more cost effective alternative to institutional care. The current \$4.85 million base budget appropriation has remained unchanged since 2002. Although the 2010 Legislature appropriated a one-time \$3.5 million (consisting of \$3 million for Kupuna Care, and \$500,000 for meals for the elderly) supplemental amount by way of Act 191, SLH 2010, these funds are needed on an ongoing, sustainable basis. Seniors and caregivers need assurances that they will continue receiving occasional, yet critical respite services.

AARP is requesting to maintain 2010 funding levels for Kupuna Care with an appropriation of \$3 million for Kupuna Care and \$500,000 for meals for the elderly. These amounts would be in addition to the \$4,854,350 base budget amount of the executive office on aging.

The Kupuna Care appropriation is vital to support the increasing demand for services from our rapidly aging population:

- Hawaii's population over age 65 is increasing rapidly and projected to increase by 86% between 2007 and 2030.
- More than one out of every five (22%) Hawaii residents will be age 65 or older in 2030.
- The population ages 85 and over will increase by 64% between 2007 and 2030.

- Approximately 169,000 family caregivers are the backbone of Hawaii's long term care system and currently provide \$1.4 billion a year of unpaid care.
- The number of family caregivers is declining. The primary family caregiver group is 50-64 years old. This group will decline by 10% by 2030, and cause further strain on seniors and remaining caregivers.

We urge you to support seniors by passing HB 1267, HD1 as it funds safety net programs that support our most vulnerable population – the elderly, caregivers, and seniors.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.



91-1841 Fort Weaver Road  
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706  
Phone 808.681.3500  
Fax 808.681.5280  
Email [efs@cfs-hawaii.org](mailto:efs@cfs-hawaii.org)  
[www.childandfamily-service.org](http://www.childandfamily-service.org)



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Shelley B. Thompson  
CHAIR

Kathy Inouye  
FIRST VICE CHAIR

Rann Watumull  
SECOND VICE CHAIR

Christine Camp  
SECRETARY

Mark Yamakawa  
TREASURER

Robert Fujitaka  
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Howard S. Garval  
PRESIDENT & CEO

Stephanie Ackerman  
Carol Ai May  
John L. Arizumi  
Kyle Chock  
Micki Evslin  
Russell Figueiroa  
David Haverly  
Alan L. Hoffman  
Stanley Hong  
Tim Johns  
General (Ret.) Dwight Kealoha  
Anton Krucky  
Frances P. Lui-Kwan  
Lori Lum  
Gayle Marumoto  
Steve Metter  
Terri Motosue  
Maurice Myers  
Gina Pohlabei  
Djuan Rivers  
Michele Saito  
Joanie Shibuya  
Jonathan Steiner  
Earl Stoner  
Colleen Wong

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Justine Balauro  
Head Start Policy Council Liaison  
JoAnn Freed  
Early Childhood Consultant

ACCREDITATION

Council on Accreditation

AFFILIATIONS

Alliance for Children  
and Families  
Hawaii Island  
United Way  
Maui United Way  
Kauai United Way



Aloha United Way

**Testimony on HB 1267, HD1 RELATING TO STATE FUNDS**

Senate Committee on Health  
Chair: Sen. Josh Green, MD  
Vice -Chair: Clarence K. Nishihara  
Friday, March 18, 2011, 3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 229

Testimony submitted by: Lucille Calderon,  
Child & Family Service – Kauai Administrator

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on HB1267, HD1. I am opposed to the cuts in this bill to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

My name is Lucille Calderon, the Child & Family Service – Kauai Administrator. CFS provides a broad array of family and youth services including Tobacco Cessation Services on the island of Kauai.

Our Kauai Family Center Tobacco Cessation Program helps Kauai adults quit smoking. Child & Family Service has been providing Tobacco Cessation Services to families on Kauai for more than three years. Our clients range from those that simply need and want to quit smoking, to those that also are dealing with homelessness or mental illness. We outreach to folks across the island, hold cessation classes every quarter (each class is 8 weeks long), and hold individual counseling sessions.

More than 80% of the participants served in our Tobacco Cessation services this year were women that were classified as moderate to heavy smokers (15 to more than 25 cigarettes a day) and they had been smoking for many years. When these women make a commitment to stop smoking, they make a tremendous improvement in the health of their whole household. As we all know, children are often the ones who suffer negative health outcomes from living in a home filled with second hand smoke especially those prone to asthma. The Tobacco Cessation services are especially important for our pregnant women on Kauai. Smoking is well known to be related to negative birth outcomes such as low birth weight and preterm delivery. The Tobacco Cessation services have a strong evaluation component that has shown the services to be effective in helping people to quit altogether or at least decrease the level of smoking.

Our efforts to help smokers quit and prevent the next generation of smokers has already been reduced through past funding cuts to the Trust Fund % going to tobacco prevention and control. Tobacco prevention and cessation services work and every time a mother or father quits smoking – we improve the health of every member of the family and take a positive step in preventing the children from becoming smokers as they grow up.

It is so important to continue to support tobacco cessation services. We have seen the health issues that come with smoking including the loss of our clients who didn't quit before it was too late. It is such a pleasure to work with our clients who have smoked for 40 years and have quit! They appreciate the skills we provide and the genuineness of our staff to help them quit smoking. Also, their families are extremely grateful when their loved one quits.

If the revenue stream from the Tobacco Settlement is taken away from funding for tobacco prevention and control, Kauai residents will not have access to culturally appropriate services to help them quit. Smokers on Kauai are able to connect with someone locally in our community and our clients trust our program & staff. Our work is not done as I am sure you yourself know of someone that smokes. We still have many people to serve.

I strongly urge that you protect funding for tobacco prevention and cessation efforts.

Mahalo for providing the opportunity to submit testimony.





American Heart Association | American Stroke Association

Learn and Live.

Serving Hawaii

## Testimony Strongly OPPOSING HB 1267 HD1

The American Heart Association strongly OPPOSES HB 1267, HD1. The intent of this bill, among other issues, is to divert funds currently targeted for tobacco prevention, control and cessation programs to cover Medicaid costs to the state, as well as divert other chronic disease prevention funding used by the Department of Health for efforts such as the reduction of obesity. The end result, however, would be a likely increase in Medicaid costs to the state due to increases in tobacco-related illnesses and lost productivity. This bill would inappropriately limit tobacco prevention efforts in the state, both by reducing funding of direct cessation efforts and by impairing support of the Medical School with their important contribution to the treatment and prevention of tobacco-related disease. It would, in effect, be mortgaging the future health of the state and leaving taxpayers to cover future tobacco-related costs (which now total well over a half-billion dollars per year) instead of remaining committed to reducing those costs.

The limited funds that the state currently invests in health, and in preventing unhealthy lifestyles, pay off in enormous returns in savings to the state. According to a study done by Penn State last year, the annual direct costs to Hawaii's economy attributable to smoking alone are estimated to be in excess of \$1.1 billion, including workplace productivity losses of \$215 million, premature death losses of \$449 million, and direct medical expenditures of \$444 million. That is despite the enormous progress we have made since the inception of the special fund in reducing teen smoking by half to less than 10%, and reducing adult smoking from approximately 25% to approximately 15%. Unfortunately, even if proposed funding cuts to these prevention programs were to be eventually restored when the economy improves, it would take years to restore the infrastructure of programs that have been created to address these vital health issues.

### **Tobacco use remains the leading preventable cause of death in our state and in the country, and the leading risk factor for heart disease and stroke.**

The U.S. Centers For Disease Control (CDC) recommends that Hawaii needs to invest a *minimum* of \$15.2 million each year to fund a fully effective, comprehensive tobacco control program. The most that Hawaii has invested since the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund was established was approximately \$8 million. At the same time, according to the Federal Trade Commission, the tobacco companies spend approximately \$42 million each year marketing their deadly products in Hawaii to addict another generation of our youth.

Allocations to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund were halved from 25 percent of annual Tobacco Settlement Funds received by Hawaii to 12 ½ percent in 2001. Some of these funds have been used for construction of the new University of Hawaii Medical School. Certainly the new doctors trained by the medical school are a crucial resource both for treating the diseases of tobacco use and for their efforts to prevent such diseases. However, allocations to the Trust Fund have then been subsequently cut in half again so that currently only 6 ½ percent of the Settlement Funds directly fund tobacco prevention, cessation and control programs. Both the medical school and the cessation programs presently depend on stable funding from this source and it must be maintained.

#### Serving Hawaii since 1948

For information on the AHA's educational or research programs, contact your nearest AHA office, or visit our web site at [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org) or e-mail us at [hawaii@heart.org](mailto:hawaii@heart.org)

**Oahu:**  
677 Ala Moana Blvd., Ste. 600  
Honolulu, HI 96813-5485  
Phone: 808-538-7021  
Fax: 808-538-3443

**Maui County:**  
J. Walter Cameron Center  
95 Mahalani Street, No. 13  
Wailuku, HI 96793-2598  
Phone: 808-224-7185  
Fax: 808-224-7220

**Hawaii:**  
400 Hualani Street, Ste. 15  
Hilo, HI 96720-4333  
Phone: 808-961-2825  
Fax: 808-961-2827

**Kauai:**  
(Served by Oahu office)  
Phone: 808-538-7021  
Fax: 808-538-3443


**"Building healthier lives,  
free of cardiovascular  
diseases and stroke."**

During the last decade the AHA has been overjoyed to see a 30% decline in heart disease- and stroke-related deaths in Hawaii. Much of the credit for this enormous success is attributed to improvements in care, largely by physicians trained at our Medical School, and to reductions in smoking rates, a result of the efforts of these physicians working with the successful cessation programs supported by the Tobacco Settlement Funds. In fact, many of the other leading risk factors for cardiovascular diseases actually increased during that decade. If we are to sustain the success we have already achieved, prevention of the leading health risk factors must be the focus during the next decade. We could easily slip backwards into increasing death rates without a prevention focus. The AHA has established a 10-year 2020 goal to focus on prevention and improve cardiovascular health in our population, while reducing heart attack and stroke deaths by an additional 20%. The cuts to prevention programs and the training of physicians proposed in HB 1267, HD1 would work directly against that goal.

**Tobacco settlement funds should be used specifically to help those who are harmed by tobacco, both by supporting continued improvement in their care and restraining the continued use of tobacco, especially by our children.**

The AHA strongly urges opposition to HB 1267, HD1 and encourages legislators to identify a more appropriate source of funding for the state's Medicaid and other programs, one that will not ultimately contribute to increases in Medicaid costs.

Respectfully submitted,



Ralph V. Shohet, M.D.

Cardiologist

Member, American Heart Association Oahu Metro Board



**Oahu**  
680 Iwilei Road, Suite 575  
Honolulu, HI 96817  
Tel: (808) 537-5966  
Fax: (808) 537-5971  
lung@ala-hawaii.org

**Maui**  
95 Mahalani Street,  
Suite # 28-1A  
Wailuku, HI 96793  
Tel: (808) 244-5110  
Fax: (808) 242-9041  
alahmaui@ala-hawaii.org

**Hawaii**  
39 Ululani Street  
Hilo, HI 96720  
Tel: (808) 935-1206  
Fax: (808) 935-7474  
alahbi@ala-hawaii.org

**Website:**  
[www.ala-hawaii.org](http://www.ala-hawaii.org)

**E-mail:**  
[lung@ala-hawaii.org](mailto:lung@ala-hawaii.org)

**Lung HelpLine**  
1-800- LUNG-USA  
(586-4872)

---

**Fighting for Air**

Founded in 1904, the  
American Lung Association  
includes affiliated associations  
throughout the U.S.



March 18, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair  
Members, House Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to for HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
3 p.m. in Conference Room 229

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

**American Lung Association in Hawaii** and other organizations are saving lives and money while fulfilling the purpose of the Master Tobacco Settlement agreement by preventing thousands of children from starting to smoke and helping hundreds of teens and adults stop smoking. To divert any of the funds from this purpose will dismantle the gains we have worked diligently to achieve to support a healthy Hawaii. States such as Indiana, Massachusetts, and California that cut tobacco prevention and control funding have seen smoking rates jump back up.

Cuts made by the 2009 State Legislature to the amount of dollars going into that Trust Fund have resulted in a significant reduction in smoking cessation and prevention programs in Hawaii this year. Because of those cuts many successful community-based smoking prevention and control programs are being discontinued. For example, the American Lung Association in Hawaii will no longer be able to provide the elementary school-based Word of Mouth smoking prevention program to approximately 3,000 students a year, or help 250 teens quit smoking a year and reinforce not smoking for thousands more.

**Smoking costs Hawaii:**

Direct Health Care Expenditures:	\$444,702,858
Workplace Productivity Losses	\$215,228,739
Premature Death	\$449,648,655
Total Cost to State Economy	\$1,109,580,252

As states look for ways to reduce costs, helping people quit using tobacco is an important solution.

Programs that prevent children from starting to smoke and help others kick the addiction save money and lives. Needing money to combat hard economic times is not a rationale to short circuit the intent of the Master

Tobacco Settlement and to marginalize our children's and our future generations' health.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to HB 1267, HD1.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debbie Odo, Tobacco Control Manager  
Phone: (808) 537-5966 ext. 216  
E-mail: [Dodo@ala-hawaii.org](mailto:Dodo@ala-hawaii.org)

March 17, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair  
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair  
Senate Health Committee

Re: **STRONG OPPOSITION to HB 1267 HD1**, Relating to State Funds  
Hearing on March 18, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., Room 229

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1267 HD1. The Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii is opposed to this bill. Further cuts in funds designated to reduce the scourge of smoking in Hawaii would be counter-productive to the health of all our citizens, especially to our most vulnerable youth.

The Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii has been utilizing Tobacco Settlement funds administered by the Hawaii Community Fund for the past four years at its various clubhouses. Currently, our Waianae Clubhouse is providing smoking avoidance programs for the youth of the Waianae area. Children in the Leeward Coast area are especially in danger of becoming smokers given the high levels of adult smokers in this area. The programs that our clubhouses provide have been proven to work. On a statewide basis, we have seen strong reductions in youth smoking from almost 25% in 2000 to just above 11% in 2009. Continued tobacco avoidance and cessation programs are needed to keep this progress going.

I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.



David Nakada

Executive Director



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF HAWAII

**Administrative Office**  
1523 Kalakaua Ave.  
Suite #202  
Honolulu HI 96826  
Tel 808-949-4203  
Fax 808-955-4496  
www.bgch.com

**Board of Directors**

David Hudson  
President

Joan Bennet  
Michael Broderick  
Suzy Churchill  
Kimberly Dey  
Robert Fujioka  
Cathy George  
Larry Gilbert  
Renee Gomes  
Walter Guild  
Paul Hallin  
Chip Hammond  
Lloyd Haraguchi  
Michael Jones  
Ann N. Katekaru  
John Komeiji  
Benjamin Kudo  
Mary Lou Lewis  
Jan Luke-Loo  
Michael Peter Loo  
Richard Marine  
Bruce M. Nakaoka  
Todd Nohara  
Dee Oswald  
Dr. Nancy Pace  
Djuan Rivers  
Steve Robertson  
Steve Rodolfich  
Crystal Rose  
Glenn Sexton  
Marcia Taira  
Michael A. Town  
August Yee  
Robin Yoshimura

**Board of Advisors**

Robbie Alm  
H. Mitchell D'Olier  
Richard W. Gushman II  
Ron Schmid  
Ronald C. Ward  
Wadsworth Yee

**Founder**

Charles C. Spalding

**Executive Director**

David Nakada



Aloha United Way

*The Positive Place For Kids*





**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF THE BIG ISLAND

March 16, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair  
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Health

Re: **STRONG OPPOSITION** to HB 1267 HD1, Relating to State Funds  
Hearing on March 18, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 229

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1267 HD1. I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

My name is Jay Ihara, Director of Operations of the Boys & Girls Club of the Big Island. BGCBI provides youth development programs to young people age 6-17 years old.

Our community needs funding from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to keep kids from tobacco use and to help smokers quit. Eliminating the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund means that there will be no revenues dedicated for our crucial tobacco prevention and control efforts.

This is deeply alarming. Our efforts have already seen a severe reduction in funding for tobacco prevention and control. In 1999, the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund received 25% of the Tobacco Settlement Dollars. In 2001, the Trust Fund portion was cut down to 12.5%. And in 2009, it was cut again to 6.5%. We cannot afford to cut it down completely.

Our programs funded by the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust fund are Too Good for Drugs and Violence-evidence based curriculum to prevent youth from using tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; Power Hour-a homework help program for youth; Goals for Graduation-introduces academic goal setting to youth by linking their future aspirations with concrete actions today; Teen Character & Leadership programs that affords teens an opportunity to gain valuable leadership and service experience. Collectively these programs instill skills in young people to become productive adults.

Our programs work. We have seen strong reductions in youth smoking from almost 25% in 2000 to just above 11% in 2009. Our concern is that this progress will end if funds are further cut. All that stands between our youth starting to smoke and the tobacco industry is our tobacco prevention efforts. These efforts will be gone if funds are stopped.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jay Ihara  
Director of Operations  
Boys & Girls Club of the Big Island

100 Kamakahonu Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Ph: 808-961-5536  
Fax: 808-961-5189

Visit the Club's Website  
at [www.bgcbi.com](http://www.bgcbi.com)

*Chief Professional Officer*  
Zavi Brees-Saunders

*Chief Volunteer Officer*  
Bill Walter

*Chief Volunteer Officer Elect*  
Toby Taniguchi

*Vice-President*  
Donn Mende

*Treasurer*  
Ivan Nakano

*Secretary*  
Newton J. Chu

*Past Chief Volunteer Officer*  
Ivan Nakano

*Directors*  
Barbara A. Hastings  
Bill Takaba  
Bonnie Geiger  
Cyrus Wilson  
Harold Yada  
Ivan Nakano  
Julia Neal  
Leonard Paik  
Mitch Roth  
Randy Kurohara  
Rhea Lee  
Russell Chin  
Russell Hayashi  
Warren Lee  
Wayne Yamauchi



Member Agency



# PALALAMA SETTLEMENT

810 NORTH VINEYARD BOULEVARD • HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817 • PHONE 845-3945 • FAX 847-2873

FOUNDED IN 1896, INCORPORATED IN 1910: SERVING THE INDIVIDUAL, THE FAMILY, THE COMMUNITY

**2011  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Jackson Nakasone  
*President*  
Richard Sutton  
*First Vice President*  
Jarrett Walters  
*Second Vice President*  
Daryle Nekoka  
*Third Vice President*  
Roland Chang  
*Treasurer*  
Randal Hashimoto  
*Secretary*

Peter Akamu  
Mary Ann Changg  
Johnny Chiem  
Linda Gee  
Bruce Greek  
Tom Griffin  
Ismale "ish" Eustaquio  
Lynn Kinney  
Maude O. Lau  
Kenneth Lee  
Roy Oshita  
Paula Rath  
Paul Saito  
Neil Tagawa  
Thao Tu Tran  
Carrie Wong  
Denis Wong  
Alan Yamamoto  
James Yamamoto

Jean Evans  
*Executive Director*

**To: Senate Committee on Health**  
**For: Hearing Scheduled for March 18, 2011 at 3:00 pm in Room 229**  
**Re: TESTIMONY IN STROG OPPOSITION TO HB 1267, HD 1**

Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members,  
Senate Committee on Health:

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to  
hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Cuts made by the 2009 State Legislature to the amount of dollars going into that  
Trust Fund have resulted in a significant reduction in smoking cessation and  
prevention programs in Hawaii. States such as Indiana, Massachusetts, and  
California that cut tobacco prevention and control funding have seen smoking rates  
jump back up.

Smoking continues to kill more people that does AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, illegal  
drugs, murders and suicides combined, while also costing Hawaii over a half a billion  
dollars in annual health care costs and loss of productivity.

These programs are saving lives and money while fulfilling the purpose of the master  
tobacco settlement agreement by preventing thousands of children from starting to  
smoke and helping hundreds of teens and adults stop smoking. To divert any of the  
funds from this purpose will dismantle the gains we have worked diligently to achieve  
to support a healthy Hawaii.

Please continue to help all our communities to counter the tobacco industry's  
predatory tactics and keep our children and future generations tobacco-free. Needing  
money to combat hard economic times is not a rationale to short circuit the intent of  
the master tobacco settlement and to marginalize our children's and our future  
generations' health.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation  
suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts  
ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Sincerely,

Jean A. Evans, MPH, Executive Director



TO : COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Senator Joshua Green, Chair  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice-Chair

FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.  
POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS (PABEA)

HEARING: 3:00 pm Friday, March 18, 2011  
Conference Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: HB 1267 HD1 Relating to Health Care

POSITION: As a member of The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, I strongly support HB 1267 HD1 which would provide additional funds for the Kupuna Care program through the fiscal year 2013.

RATIONALE:

The Policy Board for Elder Affairs has a statutory obligation to advocate on behalf of the senior citizens of Hawaii. While we advise the Executive Office on Aging, we do not speak on behalf of the Executive Office of Aging.

§ We understand the current fiscal crisis facing the state of Hawaii. However, the care of frail elders is an immediate need and should be an important priority for public support.

§ The Kupuna Care services, which persons not eligible for Medicaid services, enable families to care for their elders at home and also keep persons from having to go on Medicaid. Not to fund basic home and community services would result in many case of persons having to use higher cost residential care, usually at public expense.



To: The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair, Committee on Health  
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health  
From: Deborah Zysman, MPH, Executive Director  
Hrg: HTH Committee; March 18, 2011 in Rm 229 at 3:00 p.m.  
Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD 1, Relating to Health Care**

---

Thank you for the opportunity to provide strong testimony in opposition to HB 1267, HD , particularly sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, which will severely cut tobacco prevention in Hawaii by directing Tobacco Settlement funds away from tobacco control. The Coalition's opposition is based on grave concerns about the further erosion of funding for tobacco prevention and control, and the increase of early death due to tobacco-related diseases we will see if tobacco control efforts are further weakened.

#### **I. HB 1267, HD 1 Will Undermine Our Comprehensive Tobacco Control Efforts**

The measure before you will undermine our successful tobacco prevention efforts. To effectively reduce tobacco use, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend Hawaii spend \$15.2 million for comprehensive tobacco control efforts.<sup>1</sup> This measure will make this impossible to do by 2012. HB 1267, HD 1 proposes to

- cut \$25 million from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund;
- decrease the amount funding the Trust Fund<sup>2</sup> by diverting \$15 million from the Tobacco Settlement for Medicaid and the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation for two fiscal years (FY 2011 and FY 2012); and
- stop funding for the Trust Fund for two fiscal years (FY 2012 and 2013).

#### **II. Consistent Well-Funded Tobacco Prevention and Control Efforts Work; We Cannot Afford to Cut Tobacco Prevention**

Our programs are working efficiently and effectively to prevent disease and tobacco-related death. And our programs are saving the State money. Between 2002 and 2008, Hawaii saw a reduction in smoking (42,300 fewer adult smokers). This reduction saved 14,100 lives from tobacco-related deaths. And it saved an estimated \$402 million in direct medical costs, of which

---

<sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs, available at [http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/stateandcommunity/best\\_practices/pdfs/2007/bestpractices\\_complete.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/stateandcommunity/best_practices/pdfs/2007/bestpractices_complete.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Please note that the portions to the Department of Health's Health Hawaii Initiative, Department of Human Service's Children's Health Insurance Program, the UH Medical School, the Rainy Day Fund, and the General Fund will also be decreased.

\$53.9 million is attributed to Medicaid costs.<sup>3</sup> Compare the \$402 million saved to the \$58.6 million spent on tobacco prevention and control efforts from 2002-2008.<sup>4</sup> **Consistent funding for Tobacco Prevention & Tobacco-Dependence Programs saves lives and money.**

The Centers for Disease Prevention and Control estimates that in Hawaii, 62% of those on Medicaid smoke.<sup>5</sup> Tobacco still remains a major health issue that must be addressed through comprehensive efforts. Hawai'i still has over 150,000 adult smokers throughout the State. And more than 1,000 Hawai'i youth become daily smokers each year. Smoking costs us an estimated \$336 million dollars per year in smoking-related health care costs, \$117 million of which is attributed to Medicaid.<sup>6</sup> The work of tobacco-dependence treatment and prevention programs is not over.

### **III. Tobacco Settlement Funds Were Intended to Prevent Future Harm and Tobacco-Related Medical Costs Borne by the State**

Hawaii receives tobacco settlement funds because Hawaii residents lost their lives due to diseases from smoking and because of the tobacco industry's desire to profit; taxpayers and our state bore the burden of the resulting tobacco-related health-care costs. By joining the settlement, the Hawai'i State Legislature made a commitment to the people of Hawai'i to reduce youth use of tobacco and to advance public health.<sup>7</sup> We must work to make sure the next generation never experiences this suffering.

The Legislature's commitment was demonstrated by dedicating 25% of the Tobacco Settlement funds to tobacco prevention efforts. Over time, the portion for Tobacco Prevention and Control from the Tobacco Settlement has dwindled. A mere 6.5% of Tobacco Settlement funds now fund Tobacco Prevention and Control Efforts. We are concerned that this already emaciated portion will continue to shrink, thus ending tobacco prevention efforts that save lives and keep kids from tobacco.

---

<sup>3</sup> Email from Department of Health to author, citing ROI Calculation from DOH Epidemiologist Tonya Lowery St. John.

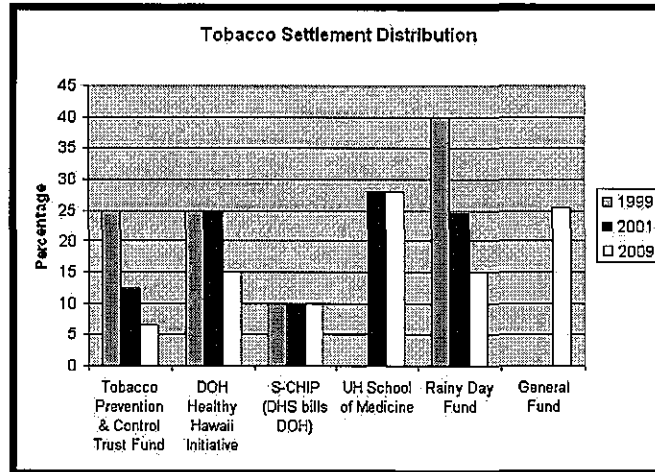
<sup>4</sup> Data from Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, "History of Funding for State Tobacco Prevention [and Control] Programs FY 2000-FY 2004" and "History of Funding for State Tobacco Prevention [and Control] Programs FY 2005- FY 2009."

<sup>5</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "State-Level Medicaid Expenditures Attributable to Smoking," PREVENTING CHRONIC DISEASE: PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH, PRACTICE, AND POLICY, July 2009.

<sup>6</sup> Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, "Toll of Tobacco in Hawaii" available at [http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/facts\\_issues/toll\\_us/hawaii](http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/facts_issues/toll_us/hawaii) (last visited Feb 14, 2011).

<sup>7</sup> Hawai'i upon signing the settlement, agreed to "reduc[e] underage tobacco use by discouraging such use and by preventing Youth access to Tobacco Products" and avoid further cost of litigation to "achieve for [Hawai'i and its] citizens significant funding for the advancement of public health." (See Master Settlement Agreement, Recitals. Available at <http://ag.ca.gov/tobacco/pdf/1msa.pdf> (last visited Jan 28, 2010).





#### IV. Hawaii Residents Want Tobacco Settlement Funds to Go to Tobacco Prevention

A recent poll of Hawaii residents indicates that 91% feel that it is important for a portion of the tobacco settlement funds to go to programs that prevent tobacco use amongst youth and help smokers quit and more than 80% want the amount of State funding for tobacco control programs to stay the same or increase.<sup>8</sup>

Because of our concern for the people of the State, the Coalition urges the Committee to ensure funding for tobacco prevention and tobacco cessation work in perpetuity. We can ill afford further cuts. We ask that you hold this measure in Committee. **Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.**

The Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii (Coalition) is the only independent organization in Hawaii whose sole mission is to reduce tobacco use through education, policy and advocacy. Our organization is a small nonprofit of over 3,000 organizations and members that work to create a healthy Hawaii through comprehensive tobacco prevention and control efforts. The Coalition started in 1996, under the auspices of the American Cancer Society. The Coalition, along with its founding members, played a key role in establishing the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund.

<sup>8</sup> QMark Survey, February 2011. "Public Attitude Towards Tobacco Settlement Funds".



DOING THE MOST GOOD

Founded in 1865

William Booth  
Founder

Linda Bond  
General

James Knaggs  
Territorial Commander

Edward Hill  
Divisional Commander

Lawrence Williams  
Executive Director

# The Salvation Army

Addiction Treatment Services

**Topic: HB1267 HD1 Relating To Health Care**

**To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH: Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice-Chair**

**When: March 18, 2011 Friday at 3:00 pm**

**Place: Conference Room 229**

## **WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1267 HD1**

**ALOHA CHAIR GREEN, VICE-CHAIR NISHIHARA, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

My name is **Larry Williams**, executive director of The Salvation Army Addiction Treatment Services, providing a comprehensive continuum of substance abuse treatment services for more than 1,200 adults annually, many of whom are referred from Hawaii's criminal justice system.

### **The Salvation Army ATS supports passage of House Bill 1267 HD1.**

Section 10 of HB1267 HD1 provides essential funding for purchase of service contracts for court mandated substance abuse treatment and the HOPE probation program.

Court-mandated drug abuse treatment has proven to be cost effective in reducing drug use and bringing about associated healthcare, crime, and incarceration cost savings. Positive net economic benefits are consistently found for drug abuse treatment across various settings and populations. The largest economic benefit of treatment is seen in avoided costs of crime (incarceration and victimization costs), with greater economic benefits resulting from treating offenders with co-occurring mental health problems and substance use disorders.

Evaluation results consistently indicate that project HOPE, by imposing sanctions for each probation violation, is highly successful at reducing drug use and crime, even among difficult populations such as methamphetamine abusers and domestic violence offenders.

House Bill No 1267 would enable many more adult offenders to participate in Project Hope and receive much-needed substance abuse treatment.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the **Senate Committee on Health support HB1267 HD1 by passing it out of committee.**

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input regarding this important subject matter.

Participating Agency



Aloha United Way

2228 Liliha Street, Unit 304 ♦ Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817 ♦ Tel: (808) 595-5808 ♦ Fax: (808) 529-1490  
Visit us at: [www.SalvationArmyHawaii.org](http://www.SalvationArmyHawaii.org)



Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health:

Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD 1 for Senate Health Committee Hearing on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 3 p.m.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Cecily Nago  
Community Manager, Health Initiatives  
East Hawaii Field Office

**American Cancer Society Hawai'i Pacific, Inc.**

**East Hawai'i Office**

120 Pauahi Street, Suite 302, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720-3048

Phone: (808) 935-9763 • Fax: (808) 935-9780 • 24-Hour Cancer Info: (800) 227-2345 • <http://www.cancer.org>

*MISSION STATEMENT*

*The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service.*





MĀLAMA I KE OLA  
HEALTH CENTER

MAIN CLINIC:

1881 Nani Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793  
(808) 871-7772  
Fax (808) 873-6320

SATELLITE CLINICS:

Ka Hale A Ke Ola  
Resource Center  
670-A Waiale Drive  
Wailuku, HI 96793  
  
Na Hale O Wainee  
Homeless Resource  
Center  
15 Ipu'Aumakua,  
Lahaina, HI 96761

**Date: March 17, 2011**  
**To: Chair, Co-Chair, and Members of the Hawaii State Senate Health Committee**  
**From: Helen Barrow, TTS, Mālama I Ke Ola Health**  
**Re: Please Hold HB 1267 HD 1 in Committee**

To the Chair, Co-Chair and Members of the Health Committee,

I respectfully ask the Health Committee to *hold* the measure HB1267 HD1 in committee. Mahalo for all the great work you continue to do to protect the two single most important factors to increase the quality of a person's health *tobacco prevention and cessation*. The Tobacco Trust Fund is our keiki's keiki's keiki's fund and was created to be held in perpetuity for future generations. Hawaii has done such a stellar job by protecting the trust for tobacco prevention and cessation. Continue the award-winning job that you have started by defending the Tobacco Trust Fund.

At Mālama I Ke Ola Health Center on Maui we provide tobacco treatment sessions at three clinic locations island wide. Many of our patients are struggling with chronic health issues, mental health challenges, substance abuse disorder and can be homeless as well. Most live on a small fixed income and have to choose between buying nourishing food or tobacco. Cessation counseling sessions are provided free of charge from the support of a grant from the Hawaii Community Foundation. If we did not have a grant for tobacco cessation many of these people would develop life threatening tobacco related diseases. We are grateful for this support and could not deliver this program without it. **Mālama I Ke Ola Tobacco Treatment** encourages people to quit and to stay quit for their health, their keiki and well-being.

Please listen to the voices of our patients below:

"Now that I quit I buy food now instead of cigarettes. "

- Patient of Mālama I Ke Ola Health Center

"If you had told me 3 months ago that I would not be smoking now I would have not believed you."

- Patient diagnosed with SAD and MH challenges

"I can walk to the car and come back inside to the clinic without stopping to rest. Before I would have had to wait outside to catch my breath. I have not been able to walk that far in a long time. I do



Maui United Way



not have to use my oxygen anymore at all.”

- Patient who quit tobacco and is in recovery from other drugs

“It is nothing short of a miracle that I quit .”

- Patient who is diagnosed with mental health challenges

“Quitting smoking helped me get the confidence to go interview and I have a job now.. We moved out of the Resource Center.”

- Patient who was homeless before.

Please mālama tobacco cessation and prevention in the State of Hawaii by holding Bill HB # 1267 in committee . Mahalo for this opportunity to express our concerns.

Respectfully submitted ,



Helen Barrow, TTS

Community Clinic of Maui *dba*

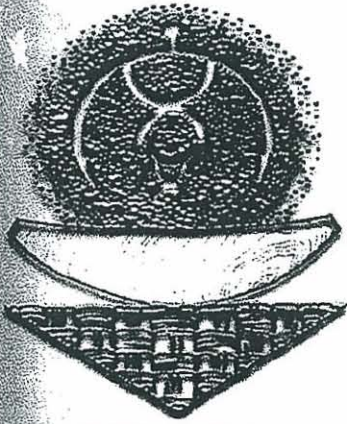
Mālama I Ke Ola Health Center

1881 Nani Street

Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Direct line: 808 872-4050

Fax :808 872-4029



*Uplifting the Nation*

*Hui Mālama Ola Nā ʻŌiwi*  
*Native Hawaiian Health Care System*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Executive Officers*  
*Mabel De Silva, Chair*  
*David J. Lovell, Vice-Chair*  
*Nathaniel Chang, Secretary*  
*Robert M. Yamada II, Treasurer*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*Michelle Malia Hiraishi*

**HILO OFFICE**

*69 Railroad Avenue, Suite A-3*  
*Hilo, Hawai'i 96720*  
*(808) 969-9220*  
*(808) 961-4794, fax*  
*www.huimalamaolanaoivi.org*

**PRIMARY CARE OFFICE**

*305 Wailuku Drive, Suite 6-B*  
*Hilo, HI 96720*  
*(808) 935-8484*  
*(808) 961-6710 fax*

**KA'Ū OFFICE**

*(808) 929-9700*  
*(808) 929-9744 fax*

**KONA OFFICE**

*(808) 323-3618*  
*(808) 323-2096 fax*

**PĀHOA OFFICE**

*(808) 965-5521*  
*(808) 965-5527 fax*

**WAIMEA OFFICE**

*(808) 885-0489*  
*(808) 885-0882 fax*

*Your Native Hawaiian partner*  
*in healthy living!*

March 16, 2011

Honorable Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Committee on Health

RE: **House Bill 1267**: Health Care; Appropriations; Tobacco Settlement Funds

Aloha mai:

Hui Mālama Ola Nā ʻŌiwi submits testimony in **opposition of HB1267**, reducing Tobacco Settlement Funds. Although Hui Mālama Ola Nā ʻŌiwi supports funding for health programs, reducing the current and any funding from the Tobacco Settlement Funds impacts the disparate population of Native Hawaiians that we serve.

Tobacco addiction impacts all chronic health diseases such as Diabetes, Hypertension, Cancer, and other respiratory conditions. Reducing funding appropriated for tobacco cessation, prevention and education programs will reduce the opportunities for people to improve their health.

As a former tobacco user for 30+ years, I know how hard it is to quit this addiction. As a Tobacco Cessation Specialist, I continue to remain tobacco free because of my ability to assist others who also want to be tobacco free. As part of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems, we were fortunate to receive Tobacco Settlement funding in the past. This funding enabled us to develop our comprehensive Tobacco Cessation Program, providing services throughout Hawai'i Island.

Mahalo for your time. Once again, I ask that you do not pass this bill or any other bills that may reduce the Tobacco Settlement Funding even more.

Mahalo,

**Leimomi Shearer, Tobacco Cessation Specialist**  
**Hui Mālama Ola Nā ʻŌiwi**





March 17, 2011

Dear Health Chair Senator Josh Green, MD and Vice Chair Senator Clarence T. Nishihara and members of the Health Committee:

Re: **Please hold HB 1267, HD 1 in committee**



Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **STRONGLY** opposing HB 1267, HD 1.

My name is Valerie Chang. I am **Executive Director of the Hawaii Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Coalition**, one of the few remaining grantees of the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund. Above is a photo that was taken at one of our recent monthly support group meetings. We provide free lung health clinics and cessation counseling statewide, support groups, and an annual COPD Education Day. We have provided lung testing at locations throughout Oahu, on Maui, Kauai, Hilo and Kona, testing over 1400 people in over 40 clinics, distributing over 450 cessation books to interested smokers and their loved ones, and mailed over 10,000 brochures and additional resources to Hawaii adults with COPD. We have held two clinics in Kona and will be holding another one there this September. We have also held a clinic in Waipahu and will be holding another one there this year. We are working with Wahiawa General's head of cardiopulmonary to set up a support group in Wahiawa. At each clinic, we speak with dozens of people and distribute material about COPD, smoking cessation, and lung health, including asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis.

Our organization provides services and support and improves treatment for Hawaii's people affected by Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), more commonly known as emphysema, chronic bronchitis and similar conditions. COPD is now the third leading cause of death and second leading cause of disability in the US. Our 2007 and 2008 survey data reveal that between 2.2-3.2% or about 22,000 to 30,800 of Hawaii adults have been told they have COPD, emphysema and/or chronic bronchitis. It is estimated that at least another 22,000 to 30,800 Hawaii adults remain undiagnosed while suffering from COPD. Tobacco smoking is the major cause of these health conditions. For more information and Hawaii Department of Health's Burden of COPD in Hawaii 2010 Report to go <http://hawaiicopd.org>.

Our community needs funding from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to keep kids from tobacco use and to help smokers quit. This bill would take away the funding from our tobacco prevention and control programs and our communities where we are doing the good work. It will worsen their health. Funds that are needed for important programs should come from other sources instead of constantly taking money from this source (including a careful audit of how funds are being spent, cutting waste and redundancies).

It is deeply alarming that this bill threatens to take so much from our dwindling tobacco prevention and control resources. We have already seen a severe reduction in funding for tobacco prevention and control. In 1999, the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund received 25% of the Tobacco Settlement Dollars. In 2001, the Trust Fund portion was cut down to 12.5%. And in 2009, it was cut again to 6.5%. We cannot afford any further reductions or cuts. As shown in the survey cited by the Coalition of Tobacco Free Hawaii, the people in Hawaii support the trust funds to go toward tobacco prevention and control programs. This bill would cut funds coming into the trust fund and further cut funds specifically earmarked for tobacco prevention and control programs.

The Burden of COPD in Hawaii 2010 Report notes that COPD prevalence is highest among the unemployed and those unable to work. COPD prevalence is 2-3 times higher among those subsisting on less than \$15,000 per year or below the federal poverty level compared with those in middle or higher income levels. These are the people our project reaches out to and provides information about lung health and smoking cessation. Without the grant funding from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund, we may have to close our doors, since many of the people we serve are at or below poverty levels.

Our programs work. We have seen strong reductions in youth smoking from almost 25% in 2000 to just above 11% in 2009. Our concern is that this progress will end if funds are further cut. All that stands between our youth starting to smoke and the tobacco industry is our tobacco prevention efforts. These efforts will be gone if funds are stopped. COPD alone is already costing our state \$55.9 million in direct hospital costs for patients who were brought to emergency rooms and/or hospitalized in 2008 for COPD (with 84-85% of those costs paid by Medicare or Medicaid/Quest), according to the Burden of COPD in Hawaii Report above! This is a significant part of the \$336 million in annual healthcare costs directly attributable to smoking and \$320 in smoking-caused lost productivity.

The survey done by QMark in February 2011 shows that 91% of Hawaii residents feel it is important for a portion of tobacco settlement funds to go to programs that prevent tobacco use amongst youth and help smokers quit. **The majority also feel that funding should be maintained at its current level.** Our organization provides direct services to many whose lives have been significantly affected by tobacco and will live compromised lives because of damage to their lungs. We still have much work to do to further reduce tobacco's expensive and deadly hold on people of Hawaii, including the 153,000 Hawaii residents who still smoke and need our help to quit.

Please continue to do the right thing to retain funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control Special Fund, which keeps our community programs working for tobacco prevention and control. We have lost many valuable community programs due to funding cuts and many more continue to be threatened. ***Please continue to protect funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control Programs.*** It will save our state so much money in healthcare costs and improved health for ALL of us! **Please DO NOT pass HB 1267, HD 1 out of committee.** Please let me know if I can provide any additional information and materials.

Aloha,  
Valerie Chang, JD  
Executive Director  
Hawaii COPD Coalition  
Website: [www.hawaiicopd.org](http://www.hawaiicopd.org),  
e-mail: [copd.hawaii@yahoo.com](mailto:copd.hawaii@yahoo.com)  
(808)699-9839  
733 Bishop Street, Suite 1550  
Honolulu, HI 96813





**HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS**  
C O R P O R A T I O N

*"Touching Lives Everyday"*

**Senate Committee on Health**  
**Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair**  
**Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair**

Friday, March 18, 2011  
3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 229  
Hawaii State Capitol

**Testimony Supporting House Bill 1267, HD1, Relating to Health Care**  
Makes appropriations to provide for health services and programs. Directs an additional portion of Tobacco Settlement Funds into the general fund. Effective July 1, 2030.  
(HB1267 HD1) (\$)

**Alice M. Hall**  
Interim President and Chief Executive Officer  
**Hawaii Health Systems Corporation**

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporation Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support of HB 1267, HD1 that makes appropriations to the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, state Department of Human Services, Preschool Open Doors Program, state Judiciary, state Department of Health, Kupuna Care Program, and HHSC, the state's community hospital system.

As you are fully aware, services of the HHSC facilities have a tremendous impact on our island communities, in acute, long-term care, and rural care. HHSC hospitals with high Medicaid levels and high charity care by nature have poor payer mixes so we have less ability to shift costs for this care than other hospitals. HHSC hospitals with high Medicaid and charity care volumes often must pay physicians to treat these patients who are frequently sicker and more in need of treatment.

Medicaid and QUEST payments to HHSC hospitals on average cover only 59 percent of what it costs the hospitals to deliver the care. As a result, HHSC's hospitals lost approximately \$47.1 million in fiscal year 2010 for providing care to Medicaid and QUEST patients.

Our safety-net hospitals are themselves needy because we have limited opportunity to expand revenues and cut costs. Like other hospitals HHSC faces daunting financial pressures from rising costs, including downward pressure on revenues, rising drug

costs, aging infrastructure, payment for physician coverage, significant charity care, compliance costs in response to new federal regulations, and the need to keep pace with technology. .

By providing a new funding option through the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement special fund, the state of Hawaii will help to maintain access to care for those citizens most in need of medical care and by doing so, help to address health disparities in this State.

HHSC fully understands the large projected shortfalls faced by the state of Hawaii, and how this kind of funding decision is extremely difficult to make while lawmakers try their best to respond to the needs of every state agency. HHSC wants to work with this Committee and the Legislature to find a solution that is fair to all agencies in need. At the same time, we respectfully submit to the Committee's decision of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before this committee.



March 17, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD 1 for Senate Health Committee Hearing on  
Friday, March 18, 2011 at 3 p.m.

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members,  
Senate Committee on Health:

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267,  
HD 1 in Committee.

My name is Patty Hoffman, Finance & HR Director of Hui Malama Learning Center (HMLC) on Maui.

The Maui community relies on funding from the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund to deter and prevent  
youth from tobacco use and nicotine addiction. Should you choose to eliminate this funding,  
revenues supporting crucial tobacco prevention and cessation programs will decrease, and our  
youth's intake of tobacco will likely increase.

The Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund has supported HMLC's programs for several years.  
Most recently, these funds are used to support youth in Middle School, High School, GED, Tutoring  
and students participating in extracurricular activities and projects. Our program "More Than Just A  
School" emphasizes school connectedness, which research shows to be the most effective means  
of youth development. Our programs serve to engage youth in education, project-based and hands  
on learning activities, career development through community mentorship and prevention classes  
and projects. We have seen tremendous positive changes and an increase in academic and  
extracurricular performance by students in these programs. Our programs exemplify developing the  
"whole person" which lends to thoughtful and wise decision making. Our students are responsive to  
awareness and prevention teachings which are helping to minimize any at-risk behaviors.

Programs like "More Than Just A School" work. Data shows that youth smoking has been reduced  
from 1 in 4 to approximately 1 in 10, a 13.2 % decrease from 2000 to 2009 despite the \$42 million  
dollars per year spent by tobacco companies in Hawaii. Tobacco prevention saves lives and money.  
We cannot afford to cut funding for critical programs.

I ask that you hold HB 1267 in Committee. Our community, our families, and our youth depend on  
education funded programs from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 1267.

Mahalo nui loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patty Hoffman", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Patty Hoffman  
Financial & HR Director





WAIANAE COAST COMPREHENSIVE  
HEALTH CENTER



March 17, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Health

Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD 1: Relating to Health Care  
Hearing on March 18, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 229

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1267, HD1. I strongly oppose all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

My name is Christy Inda, Director of the Preventive Health Department with the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center.

This bill will take funding away from the tobacco trust fund that provides grants to organizations working tirelessly to prevent and stop tobacco use, especially among very vulnerable populations in Hawaii. The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center is one such organization.

The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center serves the federally designated medically underserved rural community of Wai`anae and surrounding communities in the Leeward and Central regions of the island of Oahu. The Wai`anae Coast has the highest smoking prevalence in the State, with about 30% of the adult population being current smokers. E Malama I Kou Ha (care for your life-giving breath) is a tobacco cessation program at the Health Center that is funded by the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund and provides much-needed services to adult residents of the Leeward Coast, particularly Native Hawaiians and homeless. Approximately 20% of Native Hawaiians and 70% of homeless individuals regularly smoke tobacco. Furthermore, Native Hawaiians have greater lung cancer incidence and mortality rates, more than any other ethnicity in the State. Through funding from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund, we have been successfully implementing tobacco cessation and treatment programs in our community for nearly 15 years.

We hold classes on a regular basis at the Health Center and at two area homeless shelters. Our services are also requested on a quarterly basis at the Malama Recovery

substance abuse program, and at least two other area homeless shelters. We serve a very vulnerable population. There are no other tobacco cessation programs on the Wai'anae Coast that offer free comprehensive tobacco cessation counseling and treatment services. Between the years of 2006-2009, we served nearly 700 individuals seeking tobacco cessation services. Fifty-five percent of those individuals completed our tobacco cessation program and of them, nearly 50% were tobacco-free six months after completing the program.

We receive funding now to do this work because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention and cessation to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers. Please do not back down on this promise. HB 1267, HD 1 will prevent us from continuing to provide tobacco cessation services as we presently do, and have successfully done for nearly 15 years. We will likely see a rise in smoking rates among our Native Hawaiians and homeless members of the community, further worsening the health of this already health disparate community.

Our tobacco control programs and efforts must continue to save lives and our State money. Our adult and youth smoking rates are down because of the comprehensive efforts to have counter-marketing messages, youth prevention programs, and quit-smoking classes. But we still have more work to do. Every year, smoking costs Hawaii over half a billion dollars and the tobacco industry is spending \$42 million to market their deadly products here.

Please help to preserve the trust fund dollars for tobacco prevention/cessation and control programs. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong opposition to HB 1267, HD 1.

Sincerely,



Christy L. B. Inda  
[cinda@wcchc.com](mailto:cinda@wcchc.com)  
(808) 697-3511  
86-260 Farrington Highway  
Waianae, HI 96792



*"In Working, One Learns"*

Date: 3/17/2011

To: Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members,  
Senate Committee on Health

Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD 1 for Senate Health Committee Hearing on  
Friday, March 18, 2011 at 3 p.m.

Aloha Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

My name is Rick Rutiz, executive director of Ma Ka Hana Ka 'Ike in Hana, Maui. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to HB 1267, HD 1. I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control and I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Our tobacco-prevention program impacts high-school youth in the small, isolated community of Hana, Maui. Through hands-on skills training, our prevention program aims to get kids "high" on giving back to their kupuna and community, leading to feelings more desirable than those resulting from addictive substances like tobacco many youth use to combat feelings of despair and disconnection. Cutting this funding will greatly harm our ability to positively influence the lives of our young people.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers. Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco-prevention efforts ensure this.

I ask that you hold this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Rutiz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Rutiz  
Executive Director

**MA KA HANA KA 'IKE**

P.O. Box 968 ♦ HĀNA, HI 96713  
PH (808) 248-8581 ♦ FAX (877) 595-3585  
rick@hanabuild.org ♦ www.hanabuild.org



This letter is being written in favor of HB 1267, HD1.

The Kline-Welsh Behavioral Health Foundation dba The Sand Island Treatment Center has been serving the people since 1960. We are the oldest licensed Treatment Facility in the Pacific and have worked extensively with the Criminal Justice needing services to address their Substance-Related Disorders.

Without a doubt - Substance Abuse Treatment, when delivered by an experienced and proven Organization, is the most efficient use of the limited Tax Dollars in Hawaii to reduce criminal recidivism and rehabilitate repeat criminal offenders. When Substance Abuse Treatment is Coordinated closely with the court entities such as Probation and Parole, you allow for the offender to receive more timely and appropriate feedback for their behavior and the results yielded are fantastic. Unfortunately, this type of approach does require more resources and manpower but the benefits far outweigh the costs.

Please consider approving this measure and allow for the valuable and limited tax dollars to flow where it will be effectively, and efficiently, used. The number of Criminal Offenders needing real Substance Abuse Treatment will grow exponentially if inmates are brought home. Direct the funds to the Organizations best equipped to rehabilitate them.

Thank you for your time,

Kevin Konishi, CSAC

Kline-Welsh Behavioral Health Foundation

Ka'ala Farm, Inc.

*THE CULTURAL LEARNING CENTER AT KA'ALA*

*If you plan for a year, plant kalo. If you plan for ten years, plant koa.*

*If you plan for a hundred years, teach the children aloha 'aina.*



March 17, 2011

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health:

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267**, HD 1 for Senate Health Committee Hearing on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 3 p.m.

I am **opposed** to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

In 2002, the Honolulu Advertiser printed:

**Hawai'i is one of the worst states in the country for use of the tobacco settlement funds for smoking prevention, according to a national group. The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids has listed the state among the "most disappointing" for meeting Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for spending tobacco settlement funds.**

Over the years this has only gotten worse at the State continues to raid this fund. We know that funds are used at the State's discretion as upheld by the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit court, however, the point was to help counteract the well-known and documented adverse health effects of cigarette smoking in our community. As you also know, the Native Hawaiian population is amongst worst affected demographically.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation continue to suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**Dalani Tanahy**, Executive Administrator, **Ka'ala Farm Inc.**



## HAWAII SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION

**Topic: HB 1267 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.** Makes appropriations to provide for health services and programs. Directs Tobacco Settlement Funds into the general fund.

**To:** COMMITTEE ON HEALTH: Senator Josh Green M.D., Chair; Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair

**When:** March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Friday, at 3:00 pm

**Place:** Conference Room 229

Aloha Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara and Distinguished members. My name is Alan Johnson and I am the Chairperson of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, a hui of about 20 alcohol and substance abuse treatment agencies in Hawai'i.

### HSAC Supports SB1267

Drug courts convey positive economic benefits, including participant-earned wages and avoided incarceration and future crime costs. Probationers in Project HOPE receive swift, predictable, and immediate sanctions, which is effective for many offenders. However, if the offenders are motivated yet unable to change by sanctions alone, Judge Alm will refer them to treatment. Mandated treatment can be effective.

Often the criminal justice system can apply legal pressure to encourage offenders to participate in drug abuse treatment; or treatment can be mandated through a drug court or as a condition of pretrial release, probation, or parole. A large percentage of those admitted to drug abuse treatment cite legal pressure as an important reason for seeking treatment. Most studies suggest that outcomes for those who are legally pressured to enter treatment are as good as or better than outcomes for those who entered treatment without legal pressure. Those under legal pressure also tend to have higher attendance rates and to remain in treatment for longer periods, which can also have a positive impact on treatment outcomes.

Treatment agencies who are part of the Coalition report that outcomes with HOPE probationers have been very positive. HOPE probationers are definitely more responsive than other (non-HOPE probationers or parolees). When dealing with HOPE probationers, treatment counselors get a better and timelier response from both the probationers as well as from their probation officers. The reality of immediate consequences helps to motivate probationers as well as improve accountability. A weekend in jail causes sliding probationers to "wake up" ..... even the prospect of a potential few days of jail time certainly gets the attention of most HOPE probationers. Consequently, HOPE probationers are more engaged in treatment, which results in improved outcomes.

Evaluation results indicate that project HOPE, by imposing sanctions for each probation violation, is highly successful at reducing drug use and crime, even among difficult populations such as methamphetamine abusers and domestic violence offenders. In a one year, randomized controlled trial comparing HOPE probationers to probationers in a control group, HOPE probationers were 55% less likely to be arrested for a new crime, 72% less likely to use drugs, 61 % less likely to skip appointments with their supervisory officer, and



53% less likely to have their probation revoked.

Drug abuse treatment is cost effective in reducing drug use and bringing about associated healthcare, crime, and incarceration cost savings. Positive net economic benefits are consistently found for drug abuse treatment across various settings and populations. The largest economic benefit of treatment is seen in avoided costs of crime (incarceration and victimization costs), with greater economic benefits resulting from treating offenders with co-occurring mental health problems and substance use disorders.

*References: Please refer to [http://www.drugabuse.gov/PODAT\\_CJ/faqs/faqs1.html#5](http://www.drugabuse.gov/PODAT_CJ/faqs/faqs1.html#5)*

We appreciate the opportunity to provide information and are available for questions, if needed.

91-1841 Fort Weaver Road  
 Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706  
 Phone 808.681.3500  
 Fax 808.681.5280  
 Email cfs@cfs-hawaii.org  
 www.childandfamilyservice.org



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Shelley B. Thompson  
 CHAIR

Kathy Inouye  
 FIRST VICE CHAIR

Rann Watumull  
 SECOND VICE CHAIR

Christine Camp  
 SECRETARY

Mark Yamakawa  
 TREASURER

Robert Fujioka  
 IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR

Howard S. Garval  
 PRESIDENT & CEO

Stephanie Ackerman  
 Carol Ai May  
 John L. Ariatani  
 Justine Balauro  
 Kyle Chock  
 Micki Evslin

Russell Figueiroa  
 David Haverly  
 Alan L. Hoffman  
 Stanley Hong  
 Tim Johns

General (Ret.) Dwight Kealoha  
 Anton Krucky

Frances P. Lui-Kwan  
 Lori Lum

Gayle Marumoto  
 Steve Metter  
 Terri Motosue  
 Maurice Myers  
 Gina Pohlbel

Djuan Rivers  
 Michele Saito  
 Joanie Shibuya  
 Jonathan Steiner  
 Earl Stoner  
 Richard Wacker  
 Colleen Wong

PROGRAM RESOURCES

JoAnn Freed  
 Early Childhood Consultant

ACCREDITATION

Council on Accreditation

AFFILIATIONS

Alliance for Children  
 and Families

Hawaii Island

United Way

Maui United Way

Kauai United Way

Bill No: <b>HB 1267, HD1</b>	Title: RELATING TO HEALTH CARE
Committee: <b>COMMITTEE ON HEALTH</b> Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair	Hearing Date/Time: DATE: March 18, 2011 TIME: 3:00 p.m. PLACE: Conference Room 229
Submitted by: Name: Howard Garval Title: CEO	Contact Information: Phone: 681-3500 Fax: 681-1449
Testimony in: (X) <b>SUPPORT</b> ( ) OPPOSITION of proposed bill.	

We submit this testimony in STRONGSUPPORT of HB 1267, HD1, relating to Health Care. This testimony pertains to Section 11 on Kupuna Care.

The mission of Child & Family Service is strengthening families and fostering the healthy development of children. We do this by providing services from our youngest Keiki to our oldest Kupuna. Hawaii's strength comes from its 'Ohana which includes our elders.

The Kupuna Care Program provides a safety net of home and community based services to prevent institutionalization and support seniors in their homes. Many seniors have few resources. They do not qualify for Medicaid and may not have family living here to assist them. The waitlist for these services also increases as the senior population continues to grow.

Evidenced-based studies have reported that early intervention is the key to better outcomes for seniors requiring supportive services to remain in their community. A 2002 study in The Gerontologist reported "those elders who received case management had significantly higher subjective well-being and were less likely to be institutionalized or die than those in a comparison group." The study states that the implications of the results are that they "make a strong case for the importance of communitybased programs to the wellbeing of elders".

We also know that in Hawaii family caregivers currently provide \$1.4 billion a year of unpaid care. They need support and respite to be able to continue providing care to their loved ones. By providing them support we prevent seniors from being placed in a nursing home or care home.

The Administration on Aging has focused efforts on maintaining individuals in their homes. Program such as the Aging and Disability Resource Center, PersonCentered Hospital Discharge Planning, and the Community Living Program, all of which Hawaii has received funding for, rely on the services provided by the Kupuna Care funds for those who have no other resources. The monies the state will save from premature institutionalization and re hospitalization will more than make up for the funds that would be appropriated for Kupuna Care Services.

Sincerely,

**Howard S. Garval**



Aloha United Way

*Our Mission: Strengthening Families and Fostering the Healthy Development of Children*

To: Committee on Health, Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Date: Friday, March 18, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 229, 3:00 pm.  
Re: HB 1267, HD1 - Relating to Health Care

Chair Green and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1267, HD1, Relating to Health Care**. My testimony pertains to Section 11 on Kupuna Care. My name is **Kathryn Okazaki**, I am a caregiver for my parents ages 96 and 93, and live in the Aiea-Halawa Heights area.

The passage of this bill is vital as:

- Funding for Kupuna Care is needed **to continue support** for those currently accessing the services provided through these funds **and to address the growing unmet need for home and community based services** for the frail Kupunas who do not qualify for Medicaid and cannot afford the services needed.
- Caregivers need resources in place to support and keep as many of our frail elders at home to help them retain their health, dignity and quality of life versus the more costly alternative of being in nursing homes or similar facilities.

I left my job to provide care for my parents who were experiencing a variety of health problems. I found that it was too difficult to balance both work and care giving at the same time so I gave up my steady income. I've now been taking care of them for four years and I have been fortunate to keep my parents at home. Currently my parents have been able to pay for the services they need, or I have been able to provide them. However, it is evident to me from speaking to many friends in my situation, that there are many others that are not as fortunate as my family. Not everyone can leave their job to care for their parents. And, given the high cost of care, I know that one day my parents will run out of money and will not be able to pay for these services.

- Hawaii needs a program in place to help those who are unable to afford the services without requiring that they become impoverished to get it. **Please support Kupuna Care and Meals to the Elderly by yearly appropriating \$3 million and \$500,000, respectively, out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii.**

Kathryn Okazaki  
99-515 Kaholi Pl.  
Aiea, HI 96701  
March 17, 2011



**Capital Tax**

---

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:59 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Cc:** mz9995@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1267 on 3/18/2011 3:00:00 PM

Testimony for HTH 3/18/2011 3:00:00 PM HB1267

Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Michael Zehner  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mz9995@hotmail.com](mailto:mz9995@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

**Comments:**

THIS BILL IS EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED. IF PEOPLE WANT TO SMOKE, THEY SMOKE. IF THEY DON'T, THEY DON'T.

WITH EACH SMOKER SAVING \$91,000 ON AVERAGE IN LIFETIME HEALTH CARE COSTS PER THE NETHERLANDS MINISTRY OF HEALTH, MAYBE AT LEAST THESE ILL GOTTEN FUNDS CAN AT LEAST HELP THE ECONOMY AND NOT PROFESSIONAL BIGOTS AND THEIR SOCIAL ENGINEERING AGENDA!

MAHALO

To: The Committee on Health  
The Honorable Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
The Honorable Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair

Date: Friday, March 18, 2011 3:00 pm

Place: State Capitol, Room 229

From: Rose Nakamura, Administrator, Project Dana

Subject: Testimony in support of HB1267, HD1, Relating to Health Care

I am in strong support of HB 1267, HD1 – Relating to Health Care.

This House Bill 1267, HD1 addresses the great need for additional funding of Kupuna Care beyond the Executive Office on Aging base budget and reflects an urgency to support Kupuna Care under Section 11.

Demographics indicate that very soon, Hawaii's older adults will make up a glaring 25% of Hawaii's population. Most people's desire is to age in place at home and it is far less expensive for individuals and for the government, if they should do so. A safety net of home and community based services is needed to allow people to have access to Kupuna Care.

Kupuna Care is a cost effective program and plays a vital role in maintaining seniors to live happily in their homes. Assistance of providing quality care to include case management, information and referral, meals on wheels, personal care, transportation, housing, attendant care, etc. are needed services for seniors to age in place in Hawaii's community. The numerous unmet needs of older adults must be met.

Funding for Kupuna Care is imminent and needs your strong support of an additional \$2,963,411.00 to the base budget.

Thank you very much.

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:07 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Cc:** toddhairgrove@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1267 on 3/18/2011 3:00:00 PM

Testimony for HTH 3/18/2011 3:00:00 PM HB1267

Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Todd Hairgrove  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [toddhairgrove@yahoo.com](mailto:toddhairgrove@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:





Alan Shepard  
Tobacco Treatment Specialist  
808-292-8950  
[ashepard@waikikihc.org](mailto:ashepard@waikikihc.org)

Name: Giovanni Hale

Length of time Quit/ or Amount Cut back:

1-3 months       3-6 months      Amount Cut Back:  
 6-9 months       9+ months      \_\_\_\_\_

Please take a moment to explain why The Waikiki Health Center's Tobacco Cessation Program is Important to you:

Support has been critical FOR ME STOPPING SMOKING

AND REMAINING SMOKE FREE. ALAN WAS KEY IN

my overall success. For many in the community

ALAN IS THE ~~+~~ CRITICAL STEP TO QUITTING

AND STAYING <sup>W</sup> SMOKE FREE"



Alan Shepard  
Tobacco Treatment Specialist  
808-292-8950  
[ashepard@waikihc.org](mailto:ashepard@waikihc.org)

Name: Kiana Rivera

Length of time Quit/ or Amount Cut back:

    1-3 months

    3-6 months

Amount Cut Back:

    6-9 months

    9+ months

Please take a moment to explain why The Waikiki Health Center's Tobacco Cessation Program is Important to you:

Since the start of WHC's Tobacco Cessation Program,

over 200 individuals have either quit or attempted to quit

smoking. That's over 200 individuals that wouldn't otherwise consider

quitting tobacco use, over 200 individuals that reduce health risks of

the overall community. To take away WHC's Cessation program,

is to take away from the community. It's absence is a disservice to the greater Hawaii.



Alan Shepard  
Tobacco Treatment Specialist  
808-292-8950  
[ashepard@waikikihc.org](mailto:ashepard@waikikihc.org)

Name: Brandi Tamasona

Length of time Quit/ or Amount Cut back:

   1-3 months

   3-6 months

Amount Cut Back:

   6-9 months

   9+ months

from a pack a day to a pack every 2 days.

Please take a moment to explain why The Waikiki Health Center's Tobacco Cessation Program is Important to you:

I have tried everything and instead of trying  
to quit cold turkey WHC has got me cutting  
down and looking into other methods to  
eventually quit and it really helps to have  
a quit coach to walk me through it.





Alan Shepard  
Tobacco Treatment Specialist  
808-292-8950  
[ashepard@waikihc.org](mailto:ashepard@waikihc.org)

Name: Denise Baez

Length of time Quit/ or Amount Cut back:

   1-3 months

   3-6 months

Amount Cut Back:

   6-9 months

   9+ months

from 3/4 pk to  
1-2 cig per day.

Please take a moment to explain why The Waikiki Health Center's Tobacco Cessation Program is Important to you:

the support groups and information to help quitting.

Also the "I'm not going to let you give up on trying to

quit" attitude staff has. If one method of quitting

doesn't work they try to find another method. If I

had to do this on my own I would probably still  
be smoking almost a pack a day. The program  
put me with a supportive knowledgeable staff that keeps  
me motivated to quit completely.



Alan Shepard  
Tobacco Treatment Specialist  
808-292-8950  
[ashepard@waikihc.org](mailto:ashepard@waikihc.org)

Name: Clayton Hawoken

Length of time Quit/ or Amount Cut back:

1-3 months

3-6 months

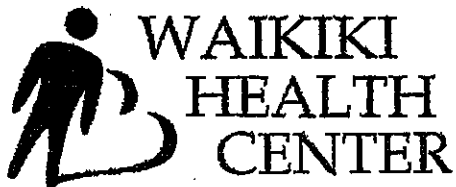
Amount Cut Back:

6-9 months

9+ months

Please take a moment to explain why The Waikiki Health Center's Tobacco Cessation Program is Important to you:

Because they sharing about  
what in the tobacco that  
bad for your health. and  
for the



Alan Shepard  
Tobacco Treatment Specialist  
808-292-8950  
[ashepard@waikikihc.org](mailto:ashepard@waikikihc.org)

Name: Connie Matsushima

Length of time Quit/ or Amount Cut back:

1-3 months                       3-6 months  
 6-9 months                       9+ months

Amount Cut Back:  
1 pack 2-3 days to 0-1 cigarette a day

Please take a moment to explain why The Waikiki Health Center's Tobacco Cessation Program is Important to you:

see attached

---



---



---



---



---



I met with one of the specialists here at WHC, Alan Shepard and told him I really wanted to quit smoking. After several weeks of counseling with Alan and going on the patch, I went from smoking 1 pack every 2-3 days to 0 to 1 cigarette a day. The specialists at WHC are very knowledgeable and caring, not to mention the convenience of where the center is located. I also noticed there are a lot of less fortunate people here in this area which makes it much easier for them to go to WHC and get help as oppose to going to another location that is not convenient. It's like a one stop shop. If you have an appointment with the Doctor and they recommend you stop smoking, you can easily make an appointment to see a Tobacco Specialist.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'AS' or similar, located below the main text.

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health:

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD 1** for Senate Health Committee Hearing on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 3 p.m.

I am strongly opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

My name is Valerie Saiki and I am one of two contractors that provide tobacco education: prevention and cessation to youth on Kaua'i. Our program, under Na Lei Wili Area Health Education Center, is also a current grantee receiving funds from the tobacco trust fund.

In fact, since implementing the in-school tobacco control programs (2002 for Waimea High and feeder schools and 2004 for Kapaa High and feeder schools) we can see a reduction in Kauai youth tobacco rates over the past 5 years (see chart below). However, when compared to the state average, of 12.6% high school students aged 14-18 years old reported tobacco-use in the past 30 days in 2005 to 11.3% in 2009 (Hawaii Youth Tobacco Survey), Kauai is below the state average.in fact 2.8-6.5% less than the state average. These results can be contributed to the collection of tobacco prevention activities offered through a variety of in-school and after school programs.

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Kapaa High School*</b>	18.8%	8.5%
<b>Waimea High School*</b>	9.5% (year 2006)	5%
<i>(Kauai School's Average)</i>	<i>14.5%</i>	<i>6.75%</i>
<b>Hawaii Youth Tobacco Survey (HYTS)</b>	12.6%	11.3%

\*In-School tobacco survey conducted by school district for Kauai's School Based Tobacco Control Program

The chart above is great representation that tobacco education, directly in the school lowers tobacco use, which in turn will eventually lower the health care costs associated with tobacco related illnesses. Hawaii cannot afford to raid the tobacco settlement trust fund dollars at the expense of burdening tomorrows generation with preventable diseases and rising health care costs. Tobacco prevention is a notable ways that will reduce the state's overall health care financial burden. Help our keiki increase tobacco-awareness so they can make honest choices for Hawai`i's future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**Valerie K. Saiki**

**Tobacco Control Specialist**

Kauai's School Based Tobacco Control Project-Na Lei Wili AHEC

MARILYN J. GAGEN, CPA LLC

March 17, 2011

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health:

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD 1 for Senate Health Committee Hearing on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 3 p.m.**

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention and cessation programs work. They save money and, more importantly, these programs save lives. The State of Hawaii cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We cannot afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harm because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure. The State of Hawaii is already below the level of CDC recommended funding for tobacco cessation and control programs.

My husband died two years ago at the age of 59 from tobacco related diseases. He had tried many times to quit smoking and finally with the help of Chantix was able to quit shortly before his death. But the damage was done. The best form of tobacco control is prevention. Please don't let even one day go by with underfunded tobacco prevention programs. The people of Hawaii, especially the youth, are at risk for costly health care and premature death from tobacco use. Other states that have reduced funding for tobacco prevention and control have seen increases in tobacco use, especially among their youth. ***Please don't balance the state budget at the expense of the health and lives of our citizens.***

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Marilyn J. Gagen



March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators:

My name is Shay Revuelto. I am from Mililani, a Senior at Kamehameha Schools, and a State Leader with The REAL Movement.

I'm in strong opposition to HB 1267 which would reallocate funds from the Hawaii Tobacco Trust Fund into Hawaii State General Funds.

This legislation would greatly impact the work of those in tobacco prevention and control, such as REAL, who receive funding from Tobacco Trust Fund to do important work to reduce the amount of youth who become tobacco users by telling the truth about tobacco industry marketing tactics.

While we have made progress in reducing the amount of tobacco use among young people in Hawaii, tobacco companies continue to target our generation through tobacco advertising in convenience stores and supermarkets that portray tobacco use as a social norm in Hawaii. Research shows that youth who are exposed to tobacco marketing, even just for a short time, are more likely to become tobacco users.

Funding for tobacco control from the Tobacco Trust Fund is already stretched. Additional cuts to the funds will result in a loss of tobacco prevention efforts. These are programs not only affect my generation but also the future generations because we are working to change the social norms about tobacco.

We need you do the right thing to protect Hawaii's keiki. Please oppose HB 1267.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Shay Revuelto  
Mililani



March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**

Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Hello,

I'm **Moshammed (Sunny) Islam** from McKinley High School. I'm involved with tobacco prevention through REAL and Teenline and am opposed to cuts to the Tobacco Trust Fund through HB 1267.

With REAL we are working everyday to eliminate the control that tobacco companies have in Hawaii through ads in our stores and targeting of youth. There is no doubt our work is not done in this area. We cannot take a cut in the funds that support programs like REAL. This will endanger our generation and those to come because then smoking rates are going to go back up.

Please oppose cuts to the Tobacco Trust Fund by opposing HB 1267. You have the power to truly protect my generation with your decision.

Thank you,

Sunny Islam

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

My name is Rebecca Marini. I'm a student at Aiea High School on Oahu and a **Statewide Leader with REAL**. I am strongly opposed to HB1267 that would move funds from Hawaii's Tobacco Trust Fund.

The money in the Trust Fund is designated for tobacco prevention related programs that will help save state funds needed to pay for health problems caused by tobacco use. Using the Tobacco Trust Fund for anything other than its intended purpose will cut down on the funds currently fund tobacco prevention like REAL which means we won't be properly educating our communities and teens about tobacco. For sure that will lead to increases in tobacco use and cost the state of Hawaii even more money in prevention and health care costs.

Please think this through and oppose HB1267.

Thank you,

*Rebecca Marini*  
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators,

My name is Melissa Chong. I'm 21 years old. I'm representing REAL: Hawaii's Youth Movement Exposing Big Tobacco. I'm in strong opposition to HB1267 that would cut tobacco prevention funding from the Tobacco Trust Fund to move funds to general funds.

Groups like REAL rely on funds from the Tobacco Trust Fund to do our work for tobacco control. Without these funds we can't continue to fight against companies that are spending more than \$42 million a year in Hawaii to promote their deadly and addictive products. We just can't stop this fight against tobacco companies because that is what the companies are waiting for. Using the Tobacco Trust Fund for something other than tobacco control is exactly what tobacco companies want to see happen because then there is no one to stand up to them.

Tobacco control and prevention in the state of Hawaii has definitely worked! Tobacco use rates have dropped but the fight isn't over! The Tobacco Industry continues to target youth through the development of new types of products that get around our smoke-free workplaces law and placing tons of tobacco ads and special displays in the stores we shop at! As long as the tobacco companies are focusing in on our communities we need to continue to stand up against them and do our best to counter-market their efforts!

There is no doubt that if tobacco control efforts are cut then tobacco use rates will go back up. This will cost the state millions and millions of dollars in health care costs in the near future. So I'm asking you to please protect Hawaii's future by opposing HB1267 HD 1. Saving the trust fund for tobacco control and prevention will ultimately save the state money in the long run by cutting health care costs plus it will save lives. So let's continue to stay strong against the tobacco industry in Hawaii.

Thank you very much,  
**Melissa Chong**  
Hilo, Hawaii

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

My name is Rebecca Marini. I'm a student at Aiea High School on Oahu and a Statewide Leader with REAL. I am strongly opposed to HB1267 that would move funds from Hawaii's Tobacco Trust Fund.

The money in the Trust Fund is designated for tobacco prevention related programs that will help save state funds needed to pay for health problems caused by tobacco use. Using the Tobacco Trust Fund for anything other than its intended purpose will cut down on the funds currently fund tobacco prevention like REAL which means we won't be properly educating our communities and teens about tobacco. For sure that will lead to increases in tobacco use and cost the state of Hawaii even more money in prevention and health care costs.

Please think this through and oppose HB1267.

Thank you,

*Rebecca Marini*

Ewa Beach, Hawaii



March 16, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators,

My name is John Pimentel and I am a young adult leader from Naalehu with REAL: Hawaii's Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry. I am writing to you because I want the Tobacco Trust Fund to continue to be used for the purpose of tobacco prevention and control. So I am in strong opposition to HB 1267 that would move funds from Tobacco Trust Fund.

The tobacco industry makes so much money off of youth who they target as lifetime customers of their addictive product. These companies have no regard for the fact that their product is deadly. Also these companies continue to market products such as candy flavored tobacco to young people for experimentation in order for them to become addicted to nicotine. They also spend millions of dollars in Hawaii each year on storefront tobacco ads to promote their addictive products in our local communities.

The Tobacco Trust Fund enables campaigns and groups like REAL to counter-market the tobacco industry's targeting tactics and implement tobacco prevention initiatives. If we, along with the many other groups that are supported by the Tobacco Trust Fund, lose our funding for our work, smoking rates and cancer rates in Hawaii will go up and there will be no one to expose Big Tobacco's lies about their products which means tobacco companies will gain even more control.

Community groups like REAL offer teens a chance to join the movement, stand up for what we believe in, and change our lives. We can't afford to lose this.

Please, I do not want to see Tobacco Trust Fund monies used for anything other than tobacco prevention in Hawaii. We are making a difference. Please let us continue to do just that. Please oppose HB 1267

Thank you very much,  
John Pimentel  
REAL Young Adult Leader

March 16, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB 1267.

My name is Abrahm Arkin, I am a graduate of Konawaena High School on the Big Island. I am a part of REAL, Hawaii's Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry.

I strongly believe the Hawaii Tobacco Trust Fund should be preserved for tobacco prevention efforts such as REAL. That is what the funds were intended for.

Please oppose HB 1267. Hawaii needs funding for tobacco prevention and tobacco treatment programs to protect our children and families' health.

Thank you,

Abrahm Isaiah Arkin  
76-6257 Alii Drive, C  
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

March 16, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

**Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators,

My name is Monica Medrano and I'm a Senior at Baldwin High School on Maui. I am a member and statewide leader of REAL: Hawaii's youth-led movement exposing the lies and manipulations of the tobacco industry. I am **STRONGLY OPPOSED TO HB 1267** that would reallocate funds from the Tobacco Trust Fund to general funds.

By moving these funds the Tobacco Trust Fund prevention efforts will be greatly reduced, if not lost completely. Ultimately that means that smoking and tobacco use rates will increase. Also tobacco prevention efforts such as REAL will not be able to continue our work to stand up to tobacco companies who are aggressively targeting our generation.

As a teenager in Hawaii, I believe that the funding is greatly needed for tobacco prevention to continue to protect my generation. Please take action to **OPPOSE HB 1267**.

Sincerely,

Monica Medrano  
REAL Statewide Leader  
Maui

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Legislators,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony in **STRONG  
OPPOSITION TO HB 1267.**

My name is Brittany Marini. I'm a graduate of Campbell High School and a current student at Hawaii Pacific University. I am an active member of The REAL Movement which educates the youth generation about the tactics used by the tobacco industry to recruit new tobacco users replace the thousands of smokes that die each year in Hawaii from tobacco related illnesses.

If funds from the Tobacco Trust Fund are cut, campaigns like The REAL Movement as well as many others that focus on tobacco prevention will be lost. The work we are doing to counter the efforts of tobacco companies is **EXTREMELY** important and will impact future costs in health care costs to the State, as well as improve the lives of people in Hawaii.

I'm asking you to **OPPOSE** HB 1267 and use the funds for what they were intended to be used for: tobacco prevention and control.

Mahalo,

Brittany Marini



March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha Legislators:

My name is Loren Amaral from Volcano, Hawaii. I'm a young adult leader with The REAL Movement.

I'm opposed to HB 1267 that would result in the cut of funds for tobacco prevention programs that are currently funded by The Tobacco Trust Fund.

There is still a lot of work to do for tobacco prevention and without these funds we are not going to be able to do this work.

I'm asking that you please take action by opposing HB 1267.

Mahalo,

***Loren Amaral***

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha,

My name is Dayne Sakai and I'm from Hilo. I'm a part of REAL that educates youth about the tobacco industry and allows youth to express themselves through their personal talents to take a stand against tobacco.

I'm not in favor of HB 1267 because it will cut funds from the MSA Trust Fund and programs like REAL will lose our funds to help protect our generation from addiction. There is still a lot of work to do in prevention. We need more funds for this, not less.

Thank you for opposing HB 1267.

Dayne Saiki  
Hilo, Hawaii

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Committee:

My name is Makeda Morris from Honolulu. I'm a student at McKinley HS and Leader with REAL. I'm in opposition to HB 1267 that would cut Tobacco Trust Fund dollars.

It's my opinion that the Tobacco Trust Fund dollars need to be used for projects that relate to tobacco control and prevention which was the original intention. Without prevention programs and tobacco control efforts we lose our voices to stand up to tobacco companies.

We have to regard Tobacco Trust Fund as something special that without it we risk sacrificing our chances of a better future for Hawaii's people and economy. Please oppose HB 1267.

Thank you,  
*Makeda Morris*  
Honolulu, Hawaii

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

My name is Silver Hunt. I'm from the island of Kauai where I am a member REAL and Smoke-Free Kauai Coalition. I am opposed to HB1267 that would move funds from the Hawaii Tobacco Trust Fund.

Saving the Tobacco Trust Fund of the Master Settlement Agreement is going to affect tobacco prevention programs that are already not funded enough.

It's important that Hawaii's Tobacco Trust Fund be used toward what it was originally meant for which is tobacco prevention efforts like REAL.

Please oppose HB1267.

Thank you,

Silver Hunt  
Anahola, Hawaii



March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha Committee:

My name is Donalyn "Leimamo" Naihe. I'm from Hana, Hawaii and I'm part of REAL. Today I'm writing in **strong OPPOSITION of HB 1267** which would move funds from the Tobacco Trust Fund into Hawaii's General Funds.

I'm asking that you do not touch these funds because there is already so little of it being used for tobacco prevention. A cut to this fund means we are going to lose more of our programs that help protect Hawaii's young people from ever starting to use tobacco and support people who want to quit.

I joined REAL because I want to make a difference in Hawaii by fighting against the tobacco industry. This is a very important issue since tobacco companies are not backing down at trying to get youth in Hawaii as customers.

We can't afford to lose our programs that are helping to protect all of Hawaii's people. Please OPPOSE HB 1267.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify,

Donalyn Naihe  
REAL  
Hana, Hawaii

March 17, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators,

My name is Stephen Duadua. I'm a REAL Member and live on the Big Island of Hawaii.

I'm asking you to strongly oppose HB 1267 that would cut funds from the Hawaii Tobacco Trust Fund that are currently being used for tobacco prevention and cessation programs including Hawaii's Youth Advocacy Group known as REAL.

REAL is important to me as well as to our community. REAL allows youth to be heard and gives us the ability to stand up to tobacco companies that continue to target us everyday. REAL also teaches us to make changes in our communities that help to make healthier lives for ourselves and others.

Currently Hawaii has one of the lowest smoking rate in the nation among youth. If we cut the Tobacco Trust Fund that supports tobacco prevention and cessation programs, smoking rates will increase as well as healthcare costs. And eventually we will also see more people dying from tobacco related disease.

Groups like REAL have made great strides in tobacco prevention and if you cut the Tobacco Trust Fund now, all the money and time spent on youth prevention will be reversed. And Hawaii will end up paying more for tobacco prevention and cessation efforts later down the line.

I hope you will take all these things into consideration when you make your decision. Please oppose HB 1267 to protect my generation and those to come from nicotine addiction.

Mahalo,

Stephen Duadua  
Pahoa, Hawaii

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Dear Legislators,

I'm Hannah Fuqua from Maui. I am currently a member of REAL, Hawaii's youth-led movement exposing the lies and manipulation of the tobacco industry. I am writing today to ask you to oppose HB 1267.

Since being in REAL, I have learned leadership skills and am proud to be involved in such an important group. That is why I am writing to support continued use of the Tobacco Trust Fund for tobacco prevention programs.

Without this funding, campaigns like REAL would not continue to exist. Without your support, Hawaii's youth risk becoming smokers.

Please oppose HB 1267.

Thank you,

Hannah J. Fuqua

Maui

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha!

My name is Lea Meliza Pigao. I am from the beautiful island of Maui and currently attend University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am writing because I do not want Hawaii's Tobacco Trust Fund to be used for anything other than what is was originally intended to be used for which is tobacco prevention and cessation. That is why I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to HB 1267.

The Tobacco Trust Fund should continue to be used for tobacco prevention because that is what the Hawaii State Legislature originally determined it SHOULD be used for. I truly believe that the Tobacco Trust Fund has benefited young people like me. Tobacco companies continue to target youth more than others because of our vulnerability and how we are easily influenced. The Tobacco Trust Fund supports campaigns and programs like REAL that allows us to counter-market the tobacco industry's influence. If REAL and other community prevention groups lose their funding, smoking rates will go up, especially for young people. Also there will be no one to expose the tobacco industry, and these tobacco companies will gain higher control.

I plead with you not to take any of the Tobacco Trust Fund monies away from tobacco prevention. I truly believe this statewide youth movement and other programs like REAL are making a difference. The children are the future, and I know we can make a difference in Hawaii. Please oppose HB 1267.

Thank you,  
Lea Meliza Pigao  
Honolulu, Hawaii



**From:** Angelina M Lovell [amlovell@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 5:04 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** HB 1267

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health:

Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD 1 for Senate Health Committee Hearing on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 3 p.m.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Angelina M. Lovell  
PharmD Candidate 2012  
University of Hawaii at Hilo  
College of Pharmacy

March 16, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators:

My name is Nicole Sutton. I am the Project Director for REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry. I am testifying today in strong opposition of HB 1267 which would result in the reduction of funds for tobacco prevention and control programs by directing a portion of Tobacco Settlement Funds into general funds.

Since the Master Settlement Agreement the tobacco control community in Hawaii, made up of many organizations and thousands of individual advocates, has worked tirelessly to develop and implement evidence-based community programs and initiatives for the purpose of tobacco prevention. Many of these programs specifically focus on youth tobacco prevention and cessation. As a result, tobacco use rates have dropped significantly across Hawaii. But still much work remains as there is considerable disparity in those affected by tobacco and continued aggressive targeting of youth as customers by the tobacco industry.

Cuts to the Tobacco Trust Fund would lead to less programming on the frontlines of prevention to counter the influence of this industry resulting in more young people recruited as tobacco industry customers each year, less outreach to those who wish to quit, increased rates of tobacco-related diseases, increased health care costs, and ultimately the death of thousands of individuals.

I am asking you today to oppose HB 1267. Our state needs to take a strong stance to preserve these funds for their intended purpose of tobacco prevention and cessation.

Mahalo,

Nicole Sutton  
REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry  
Pearl City, Hawaii

March 16, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha Legislators,

My name is Jennifer Pescador and I am a registered voter. I live on Oahu and currently attend UH West Oahu. I also belong to REAL: Hawaii's Youth-led Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry. I am asking for your support to oppose HB1267 which would reallocate funds from the Tobacco Trust Fund to general state funds.

Tobacco prevention works and this has been shown in the last few years in Hawaii with some of the lowest tobacco use rates among youth across the nation. Our state has also successfully passed in Hawaii's Smoke-free Workplaces Law and it alone has changed Hawaii significantly. Still there is more work to do and we need to save the trust fund to support programs that are working and have worked to counter-market the influence of tobacco companies in our communities.

Funds from the Tobacco Trust Fund help Hawaii's tobacco control community work against OTPs (other tobacco products) that are youth-friendly, such as Camel SNUS, and other candy flavored tobacco products as well as the E-Cigarette trend. If the Tobacco Trust Fund is reallocated it will cut the amount of funds available for tobacco prevention and limit our ability to fight the battle against a tobacco industry that preys on the young generations.

Hawaii now has one of the lowest youth tobacco use rates in the nation but without adequate funding to continue prevention programs tobacco rates will go back up. Tobacco prevention is a long-term investment that we need to stay committed to in order to sustain our efforts and work to keep tobacco out of our communities. By opposing HB1267 you will show how much we care about and trust these prevention programs and that we are also committed to protect our youth and people of Hawaii so that we can live a healthy and tobacco-free life.

I have been a smoker and realize how much it's impacted my life. I continue to battle the urge of nicotine and know that it's a problem that I will have to overcome before I bring my own keiki into the world. It's also hard to know that by having been a tobacco customer I have supported a business that has caused the death of thousands of people everyday in our country and I'm write this testimony to make sure that my voice is heard. Please help me and others who don't want tobacco companies to prey on our children to use their deadly product.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB1267.

Mahalo,

Jennifer Pescador, Kailua, Hawaii

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators,

Please accept my testimony in strong opposition to HB 1267.

My name is Courtney Viernes-Silva. I have been a REAL youth board member for over six years now. REAL is a youth-led anti-tobacco company movement. HB 1267 would reallocate funds from the tobacco trust fund into the general fund leading to significant cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control in Hawaii.

If Hawaii cuts these funds tobacco companies will have even more of a chance to continue to target, addict, and kill more of our people. I believe Hawaii should keep the Tobacco Trust Fund for the purpose it was meant for which is tobacco prevention and control.

I ask you to protect my generation by OPPOSING HB 1267.

Much Mahalo,

Courtney Viernes-Silva  
Statewide Youth Leader  
REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry  
Ewa Beach, Hawaii



March 16, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha Legislators,

My name is Michelle Magdirila from the island of Molokai. I'm a statewide leader and registered voter with REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry in strong opposition to HB 1267 which would cut funds from the Master Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund to put in general funds.

I'm asking you to please **save the MSA Trust Fund for what it was meant for: tobacco prevention and cessation programs.** This will save Hawaii millions of dollars in future health care costs and protects young people right now from becoming addicted "customers" of Big Tobacco companies that don't care about anything but profits.

Tobacco prevention works! But so does tobacco advertising. Without **adequate funds to do tobacco prevention work our hands are tied to actually successfully counter the \$42 million dollars a year that tobacco companies are spending to advertise in Hawaii.**

We need you to hear our voices. We need more funds NOT LESS to be able to do prevention work. Please oppose HB 1267.

Mahalo,

Michelle Magdirila  
Molokai  
REAL

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators:

My name is Sheryll Yotsuda. I attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am an alumnus of REAL: Hawaii's Youth Movement, Exposing the Lies of the Tobacco Industry. I am strongly opposed to HB 1267 and want to see the Tobacco Trust Fund be used for the purpose of tobacco control.

The tobacco industry is making a killing off of young adults and youth of my generation. They do not care that they are targeting us with deadly products like candy flavored tobacco and new products like SNUS of which there is no research on the health effects of using.

The Master Settlement Agreement funds provides the Tobacco Trust Fund which enables campaigns and groups like REAL to counter the influence of the tobacco industry by creating community programs and initiatives to spread the truth about tobacco use. Less Tobacco Trust Fund dollars means that groups that work in tobacco prevention will lose funding for their efforts, smoking rates in Hawaii will go back up and there will be no efforts to expose the truth about the tobacco industry need to recruit at least 1200 new smokers everyday to replace the 1200 people they kill every single day!

Please do not allow these companies a chance to gain control in Hawaii. Please oppose HB 1267. REAL and other groups are making a difference in tobacco control. Please let us continue to do just that.

Mahalo nui loa,

Sheryll Yotsuda  
REAL! Alumni Network  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**From:** Hye-ryeon Lee [hyeryeon@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:55 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** HB 1267, HD 1 for Senate Health Committee Hearing on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 3 p.m.

To: Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health:

Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD 1 for Senate Health Committee Hearing on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 3 p.m.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB 1267, HD 1. My name is Hye-ryeon Lee and I live at 3094 Kaloaluiki Street in Manoa valley. I am a health communication researcher and on the faculty at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

I am writing this letter to urge you to hold hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee. HB 1267 will dramatically decrease the funding of community programs that help people quit smoking and educate youth about the dangers of tobacco use. The allocations to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund must not be reduced. Decreases in funding will dismantle the gains we've made to support a healthy Hawaii. Our comprehensive tobacco prevention and control efforts have resulted in significant gains—our high school youth smoking rates are below 10% and Hawaii has the second lowest tobacco-related deaths at 1,200 a year.

The Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) Best Practices Guidelines for tobacco control recommends that to be most effective, the state of Hawaii should be spending between \$10.8 and \$23.4 million on a comprehensive, statewide tobacco control program. At the current allocation of 12.5%, the Trust Fund is receiving approximately \$5 million per year. By spending the money on prevention we can save money on health care in the end. The data is clear on this: Based on the experience in CA and MA every dollar spent on tobacco prevention and cessation can save up to \$3.00 in health care and other associated costs spend because of tobacco use. Prevention saves our state money and lives.

The purpose of the tobacco settlement with the tobacco industry was to offset the costs the state incurred in association with tobacco use. In settling this case, the 46 states involved indicated the funds would be used to reduce the impact of tobacco use. While there are many programs deserving of funding, the tobacco settlement funds should first and foremost be used for its intended purpose - tobacco prevention and control. Tobacco use costs the state and it's residents over \$328 million each year in health and other associated costs, not to mention the pain and suffering to tobacco users and their families from disability and premature death. Good news is that all these human and financial costs associated with tobacco use can be prevented. However, to prevent tobacco use in Hawaii, we need an adequate level of funding. I strongly believe that t is your responsibility as a representative of your constituents to ensure this.

If money is diverted, smoking rates will increase. Massachusetts cut their funding from 48 million dollars in 2002 to 2.5 million dollars in 2004. Per capita cigarette consumption increased by 3.2% and significant declines in youth smoking rates were dramatically stalled. We cannot afford to lose ground in the fight against tobacco and its serious effects on people! Despite these hard economic times, Hawaii's lawmakers must continue to invest in the health of Hawai'i people. There is still a lot of work to do. Native Hawaiians smoke 7% more than the general population and \$336 million is spent in annual health care costs directly-caused by smoking.

Please preserve funding of tobacco prevention and control programs and oppose efforts to decrease the 12.5%

dedicated to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund. Please hold this bill in committee. I thank you for your work to make Hawaii one of the healthiest in the nation. Please continue to support the funding of comprehensive tobacco prevention and control funds.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter or if you need additional information on this issue. I can be reached at 741-0406 by phone and [hyeryeon@hawaii.edu](mailto:hyeryeon@hawaii.edu) by e-mail.

Sincerely,

Hye-ryeon Lee, Ph.D.

Note: Opinions presented here are personal views and not the official views of the University of Hawai'i or any other organization or entity.



March 16, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha Legislators,

My name is Brandon Antonius. I live on Maui and currently attend Maui Community College. I belong to REAL: Hawaii's youth-led movement exposing the lies and manipulation of the tobacco industry. I am asking you to oppose HB 1267.

With the passing of Hawaii's Smoke-free Workplaces Law, our generation is now being constantly barraged with advertisements for other tobacco products (OTPs). These other tobacco products are youth-friendly and come in candy flavors like peach, grape, strawberry, and cherry. OTP products are specifically popular among youth and are much cheaper and simpler to hide the use of.

Funds from the Tobacco Trust Fund helps Hawaii's tobacco control community work against campaigns that promote youth-friendly products, such as Camel SNUS, and other candy flavored tobacco products. If the Tobacco Trust Fund is cut tobacco prevention programs will also take a cut not allowing us to adequately fight the battle against a tobacco industry that preys on my generation. Hawaii now has one of the lowest youth tobacco use rates in the nation but without adequate funding to continue prevention programs tobacco rates will go back up.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB 1267 that would reallocate funds from the Tobacco Trust Fund to General State Funds.

Mahalo,

Brandon Antonius  
Wailuku, Hawaii

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha Legislators:

My name is Rose Anne Navalta from Laupahoehoe, Hawaii. I'm a current student at UH Hilo and a Statewide Leader with REAL. I'm in STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 1267 that would move funds out of The Tobacco Trust Fund.

These funds are currently being used to fund important programs like the one I belong to which is REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry. Our work is very important because tobacco companies have not stopped targeting my generation as potential replacement customers. This is such a major issues in Hawaii because we have made really good progress to lower tobacco rates. But if we don't continue with successful prevention programs like REAL tobacco companies will just take over and tobacco use rates will go back up.

It's important to me that REAL continues because as a member I have gained life-long skills, self-confidence in myself, found me voice to stand up about things that I believe are wrong, and felt empowered to do things and make a difference in Hawaii that I didn't imagine was possible. By finding my voice I've been able to speak for other people who can't speak up for themselves like small children.

If you allow funds to be taken away from the Tobacco Trust Fund we will not be able to continue the fight against Big Tobacco companies who are in our local communities with their storefront advertising.

Please make the right decision to protect good prevention programs like REAL and help us accomplish our mission to protect Hawaii's people from addiction and death. Vote to oppose HB 1267.

Thank you,

Rose Anne Navalta  
Hawaii

March 16, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha Legislators,

My name is Jennifer Pescador and I am a registered voter. I live on Oahu and currently attend UH West Oahu. I also belong to REAL: Hawaii's Youth-led Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry. I am asking for your support to oppose HB1267 which would reallocate funds from the Tobacco Trust Fund to general state funds.

Tobacco prevention works and this has been shown in the last few years in Hawaii with some of the lowest tobacco use rates among youth across the nation. Our state has also successfully passed in Hawaii's Smoke-free Workplaces Law and it alone has changed Hawaii significantly. Still there is more work to do and we need to save the trust fund to support programs that are working and have worked to counter-market the influence of tobacco companies in our communities.

Funds from the Tobacco Trust Fund help Hawaii's tobacco control community work against OTPs (other tobacco products) that are youth-friendly, such as Camel SNUS, and other candy flavored tobacco products as well as the E-Cigarette trend. If the Tobacco Trust Fund is reallocated it will cut the amount of funds available for tobacco prevention and limit our ability to fight the battle against a tobacco industry that preys on the young generations.

Hawaii now has one of the lowest youth tobacco use rates in the nation but without adequate funding to continue prevention programs tobacco rates will go back up. Tobacco prevention is a long-term investment that we need to stay committed to in order to sustain our efforts and work to keep tobacco out of our communities. By opposing HB1267 you will show how much we care about and trust these prevention programs and that we are also committed to protect our youth and people of Hawaii so that we can live a healthy and tobacco-free life.

I have been a smoker and realize how much it's impacted my life. I continue to battle the urge of nicotine and know that it's a problem that I will have to overcome before I bring my own keiki into the world. It's also hard to know that by having been a tobacco customer I have supported a business that has caused the death of thousands of people everyday in our country and I'm write this testimony to make sure that my voice is heard. Please help me and others who don't want tobacco companies to prey on our children to use their deadly product.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB1267.

Mahalo,

Jennifer Pescador, Kailua, Hawaii

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators:

My name is Sheryll Yotsuda. I attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am an alumnus of REAL: Hawaii's Youth Movement, Exposing the Lies of the Tobacco Industry. I am strongly opposed to HB 1267 and want to see the Tobacco Trust Fund be used for the purpose of tobacco control.

The tobacco industry is making a killing off of young adults and youth of my generation. They do not care that they are targeting us with deadly products like candy flavored tobacco and new products like SNUS of which there is no research on the health effects of using.

The Master Settlement Agreement funds provides the Tobacco Trust Fund which enables campaigns and groups like REAL to counter the influence of the tobacco industry by creating community programs and initiatives to spread the truth about tobacco use. Less Tobacco Trust Fund dollars means that groups that work in tobacco prevention will lose funding for their efforts, smoking rates in Hawaii will go back up and there will be no efforts to expose the truth about the tobacco industry need to recruit at least 1200 new smokers everyday to replace the 1200 people they kill every single day!

Please do not allow these companies a chance to gain control in Hawaii. Please oppose HB 1267. REAL and other groups are making a difference in tobacco control. Please let us continue to do just that.

Mahalo nui loa,

Sheryll Yotsuda  
REAL! Alumni Network  
Honolulu, Hawaii



March 16, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha Legislators,

My name is Michelle Magdirila from the island of Molokai. I'm a statewide leader and registered voter with REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry in strong opposition to HB 1267 which would cut funds from the Master Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund to put in general funds.

I'm asking you to please **save the MSA Trust Fund for what it was meant for: tobacco prevention and cessation programs**. This will save Hawaii millions of dollars in future health care costs and protects young people right now from becoming addicted "customers" of Big Tobacco companies that don't care about anything but profits.

Tobacco prevention works! But so does tobacco advertising. Without **adequate funds to do tobacco prevention work our hands are tied to actually successfully counter the \$42 million dollars a year that tobacco companies are spending to advertise in Hawaii.**

We need you to hear our voices. We need more funds NOT LESS to be able to do prevention work. Please oppose HB 1267.

Mahalo,

Michelle Magdirila  
Molokai  
REAL

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

**Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators,

My name is Justin Ragasa and I am a registered voter and constituent in Hawaii's 30th House District. I'm in strong opposition of HB 1267 that would move funds from the Hawaii Tobacco Trust Fund.

By reallocating the funds, there will be less money available to fund prevention programs. Without prevention programs, people will not know of the dangers they will bring to themselves if they participate in certain activities such as smoking. Sure, with the advancements in technology and the scientific breakthroughs in health, we can mask almost any of the health issues brought on by smoking. However, this will come at a cost which the patient will have to front. If they have medical insurance, that's great! But what about the thousands of Hawaii's residents without insurance? We, fellow tax-payers, will need to help cover the costs. These costs can be over thousands of dollars per-person, and there will probably be several thousands of people going in for the same thing.

The hundreds of thousands of dollars that would be used to treat patients could actually be saved with Prevention Programs. Prevention programs such as the University of Hawaii's BEAT-IT, a tobacco cessation program, expose the dangers of tobacco use and help current smokers quit. In the long-run they will have not have higher medical costs.

Please oppose HB 1267. It is important that the Hawaii Tobacco Trust Fund to be used for Tobacco prevention programs instead of going to the general fund.

Thank you,

Justin Ragasa

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators:

My name is Shay Revuelto. I am from Mililani, a Senior at Kamehameha Schools, and State Leader with The REAL Movement.

I'm in strong opposition to HB 1267 which would reallocate funds from the Hawaii Tobacco Trust Fund into Hawaii State General Funds.

This legislation would greatly impact the work of those in tobacco prevention and control, such as REAL which receive funding from Tobacco Trust Fund to do important work to reduce the amount of youth who become tobacco users by telling the truth about tobacco industry marketing tactics.

While we have made progress in reducing the amount of tobacco use among young people in Hawaii, tobacco companies continue to target our generation through tobacco advertising in convenience stores and supermarkets that portray tobacco use as a social norm in Hawaii. Research shows that youth who are exposed to tobacco marketing, even just for a short time, are more likely to become tobacco users.

Funding for tobacco control from the Tobacco Trust Fund is stretched. Additional cuts to the funds will s

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

**Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators:

My name is Alexander Halley. I attend Baldwin High School on Maui. I am involved in a youth-led movement against the tobacco industry called REAL. I am writing to ask you to **STRONGLY oppose HB 1267** that would reallocate funds from Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement (MSA) Trust Fund.

These funds currently provide majority of funding for Hawaii's tobacco prevention and cessation programs on all islands. Continuing to fund tobacco prevention and cessation programs can make a difference at the state and community level when it comes to keeping tobacco use rates low among my generation.

REAL is one of the best programs that I've ever been in and has helped me in so many ways. Without good programs like this youth tobacco use rates WILL go back up and tobacco companies would be unstoppable.

Please oppose HB 1267 to keep youth tobacco prevention alive in Hawaii.

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators:

My name is Che Sabol. I am a Registered Voter residing in the Manoa District of Honolulu, Hawaii.

I'm in strong opposition to HB 1267 which would reallocate funds from the Hawaii Tobacco Trust Fund into Hawaii State General Funds.

This legislation would greatly impact tobacco prevention and control efforts which are currently funded through the Tobacco Trust Fund. Great progress has been made in reducing tobacco use among young people in Hawaii but still there is more work to be done. Tobacco companies continue to recruit customers to replace those that die each year as a result of tobacco use.

The Hawaii Tobacco Trust Fund is a trust specifically allotted for the use of prevention and intervention programs aimed to decrease health risks and tobacco use among youth and adults. These prevention and intervention programs are a critical investment, which the State of Hawaii must consider to protect the health and social wellbeing of Hawaii's children, youth, and adults.

As a father of a little girl, I am most concerned for her health, safety, and wellbeing. As a committee, please think about the health, safety, and wellbeing of the children in your family and the type of life that you wish for them as you make this decision. Please oppose HB 1267.

Mahalo,

Che Sabol, MSCP

*Manoa*



## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Maile Goo [maileg@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:10 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Maile Goo  
3683 Woodlawn Terr. Place  
Queen Liliuokalani Ctr for Student Services #413 Honolulu, HI 96822

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** HELEN BRESSLER [SMOKEFREEATPATH@GMAIL.COM]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:11 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money.

As the smoking cessation counselor at the Path Clinic in Kaimuki, delivering smoking cessation advice and support to pregnant women who use tobacco I wholeheartedly understand the above statement.

The burden caused by tobacco use to the unborn child includes risk of preterm delivery, birth complications and intra-uterine death. To the infant it causes 95% chance of being hospitalized in the first year of life if the mother smokes whilst holding/breastfeeding the child. There is also increased risk of SIDS, ear infections, behavioral problems.....the list goes on. The economic burden to the state is huge, not only in lost employment by mother and other family members but also by future generations as they grow up affected by parental tobacco use.

The costs of providing health care to pregnant and postpartum women who smoke, and their infant has not been estimated; yet with the majority of the women seen at Path being on subsidised health care it is logical to assume the cost of tobacco prevention/cessation far outweighs the economic burden of tobacco related health care.

To support the above one woman who came through Path's smoking cessation program had already had 3 preterm births. All infants had initially remained in ICU, paid for by medicaid. By coming through the smoking cessation program she was able to make quit attempts, reduce the amount of use and delivered her first healthy baby.

Others who have come through the program have also delivered healthy babies; this is especially important as some of the women already have older children who have been affected by maternal smoking (asthma, respiratory illness).

It is a documented fact that pregnant women metabolize nicotine at faster rates than the general population; their need for tobacco products therefore increases during pregnancy. This makes cessation programs, providing necessary education and quit support all the more vital.

Part of the tobacco funds at Path include steps to address tobacco use in young women before they become mothers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Helen P Bressler RN  
Path Clinic

HELEN BRESSLER  
845 22ND AVE  
HONOLULU, HI 96816

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Aloha from Maui,

My name is Marie Quindica-Cuomo. I am a registered voter and reside in Kihei on the island of Maui.

As a mother of 2 young adult males, I strongly oppose HB 1267. Teaching children from an early age to maintain healthy lifestyles really works! My sons are 21 and 19 and neither smoke or are tempted to try.

I am a former smoker who smoked for 20 years and quit smoking 22 years ago so I could have healthy babies! My sons come from a long line of smokers. Their paternal grandfather who underwent a triple cardiac bypass and now has emphysema at 25% lung capacity, may also have lung cancer at age 80. He smoked for more than 40 years. We have also lost my older brother to lung cancer at age 54. My husband still smokes and cannot beat the addiction.

Please oppose HB 1267 and keep the Tobacco Trust Fund for what it's meant for: to support smoking cessation and prevention.

Mahalo,  
Marie Quindica-Cuomo  
Kihei, HI

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators,

My name is Candace Akahi and I'm a student at University of Hawaii Maui College. I live in Makawao, Maui...born and raised.

I'm writing this letter because I do not agree with cuts to the Tobacco Trust Fund which will take away from tobacco prevention. I think that tobacco prevention programs work and if you take any funds away from the Tobacco Trust Fund there will be more smokers, especially in teens. We need these programs to help keep the smoking rate down. Eliminating these funds would take away so many programs that are helping to prevent and stop people from smoking. I strongly oppose House Bill 1267. We need to continue to keep Hawaii smoke-free and keep our air clean. Taking away funds from the Tobacco Trust Fund would be a horrible decision.

Thanks,  
Candace Akahi



March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**

Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators,

Prevention control works. It helps save lives. This we know for sure. WE have brought down youth smoking that was 1 in 4 and is now 1 in 10 in just 7 years. When people don't smoke it brings down health costs and medical costs in a large way.

It is important that we keep the Tobacco Trust Fund monies because we have just reached such a wonderful place regarding smoking in Hawaii. You can sit in a restaurant or bar and enjoy yourself and not have to be bombarded by smoke. If prevention programs had not been in place, all of these things wouldn't have succeeded.

Also, with all this money that comes from taxing cigarettes, I would hope you would understand the importance of preserving the Tobacco Trust Fund for prevention.

Please, please, please strongly oppose HB 1267.

Mary Seavy  
U of H (Maui) Student  
Pukalani, Maui resident

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**

Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators,

My name is Suelem Rocha. I am a student of University of Hawaii Maui College and a resident of Haiku. I am testifying in opposition to the HB 1267, which would reduce the funds from the Tobacco Trust Fund and impact the funding of tobacco prevention and control programs.

The MSA Trust Fund helps Hawaii fight youth smoking early. It also promotes campaigns on the radio and television, as well as maintaining a Quitline. All these great campaigns do help and is saving our next generation from this deadly habit.

I am strongly asking you today to oppose HB 1267. Our state needs your help.

Sincerely,  
Suelem Rocha  
Student, UHMC  
Haiku, Maui

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** LorrieAnn Santos [lsantos@queens.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1:38 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

I also urge you to sit down with the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii, its grassroots and community partners, and the grantees, both former and current, of the Tobacco Trust Funds to discuss funding tobacco prevention and control.

The State of Hawaii, Department of Health, its programs, and special interest entities, like the UH Medical School, and individuals, in the form of consultants, have benefited immensely from the tobacco settlement monies.

Yet, year after year, it has been the community and its advocate, the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii, who have worked tirelessly to provide tobacco prevention, cessation, and control services and programs to our residents, both youth and adult.

They have worked unselfishly to build professional capacity statewide to ensure effective and quality services and programs, which has helped our State and County economies in the form of jobs, innovative programs and expanded services.

They have also, worked collaboratively with many county, state, national and international partners to make Hawaii one of the healthiest states with strong smoke-free public policies and laws. All the while doing this with an ever diminishing budget, due to cuts to fund things other than tobacco prevention, cessation, and control, such as UH to finance the medical school and its operational and administrative costs, to the Department of Human Services Children's Health Insurance Program, DOH Healthy Hawaii Initiative (physical activity and nutrition - without a nutrition department or nutritionist), and more recently to balance the State budget (general and special funds).

In 1997, the State of Hawaii was awarded yearly compensation from the tobacco industry to prevent it from marketing tobacco products to youth and to recover State resources spent addressing tobacco-related health problems and disabilities. Today, despite annual payments to the State of approximately \$20 million, only 6.5% is provided to Hawaii Community Foundation, with control from the DOH in disbursing funds into the community for tobacco prevention, cessation, and control.

Tobacco prevention, cessation and control efforts are working. We have significantly reduced smoking rates and positively changed social norms. We have saved lives. We have saved money in reducing health care costs and work productivity loss, while helping the economy with created jobs.

We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers. Government has benefited from the receipt of these

monies at the expense of the tobacco industry's victims; the majority being our State's most vulnerable citizens -- youth, minority, medically underserved, uninsured, mentally ill, and homeless.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation continue to suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention, cessation and control efforts ensure this.

Each year we not only have to fight to protect the tobacco settlement monies for appropriate use in funding tobacco prevention, cessation and control, but we also have to fight to protect our smoke-free policies and laws that are constantly under attack through efforts from the tobacco industry and their agents. I ask that you hold this measure, so our youth can grow to be contributing adults, and our adults can live to see their children and grandchildren.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

LorrieAnn Santos

LorrieAnn Santos  
45-415 Loli`i Street  
45-415 Loli Street  
Honolulu, HI 96744

**From:** Carole Vida [carole.vida@meoinc.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:49 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Carole Vida  
140 Pilikana Place  
Wailuku, HI 96793



March 17, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to oppose HB 1267. As you are all aware, smoking causes all sorts of health problems and the health care cost to provide medical for smokers continues to rise. I believe that cutting funds that provide tobacco prevention, education, and control will be detrimental to everyone especially youths. As adults we make the decision as to whether we want to smoke or not. However, children are more susceptible to peer pressure and without the proper education, children will not know the consequences of smoking.

I have an 11 year old son that's in sixth grade. I can educate him on the consequences of smoking and strongly advise him not to smoke, but I believe through tobacco prevention and education he will have more insight as to why smoking is not good at all. Let's not cut the funds and let's not let our children think smoking is okay because no one has educated them on health effects.

Sincerely,

L. Paranada, student

University of Hawaii Maui College

Kahului, HI

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**

Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha Legislators,

My name is Rachel Patrick and I am a student at UH Maui College. I am writing to oppose HB 1267, which would cause a decrease in the Tobacco Trust Fund and ultimately affect funding for tobacco prevention and control programs.

I am currently in a Human Biology course and have learned even more about the horrible effects tobacco use has on the human body. Fortunately, while growing up in Hawaii I have learned about the consequences of tobacco use through elementary, middle and high school. Cutting funds for youth education would definitely cause an increase in tobacco use among our youth.

Being a mom, I do not want to see my own child fall to the pressures of tobacco use because of a lack of education and prevention effort due to a bad decision about funding.

Currently my husband is trying to quit smoking and without the help of the tobacco quit line and other programs it would only further his delay in becoming completely smoke-free

Hawaii is known for other drug and addiction problems, and we do not want tobacco use to be another one. Please oppose HB 1267. Our youth and state need the Tobacco Trust Fund for tobacco prevention and control.

Mahalo,  
Rachel Patrick  
Wailuku, Maui

To: Committee on Health, Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Date: Friday, March 18, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 229, 3:00 pm.  
Re: HB 1267, HD1 - Relating to Health Care

Chair Green and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1267, HD1, Relating to Health Care. My testimony pertains to Section 11 on Kupuna Care. My name is Jack Katahira and I am retiree and live in the Alewa Heights area. The passage of this bill is vital for providing ongoing, sustainable source of revenue for Kupuna Care and meal delivery service. Appropriating the funds from the general revenues for Kupuna Care and meals will enable many of our seniors to remain at home for their care. This choice will be far less expensive for the individuals and for the government, if they should do so.

Home and community based services is needed to allow people who are not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid, but not wealthy enough to pay for services, to have access to respite services. Family Caregivers are the backbone of Hawaii's long term care system and currently provide \$1.4 billion a year of unpaid care. But they need help in the form of respite and some services. I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on HB 1267, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Jack & Helen Katahira  
1331 B Mamalu Street  
Honolulu, HI 96817  
Ph. 595-4443

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** tropicalhawaii@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:03 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** HB 1267 Testimony. March 18, 2011

3.16.2011

**To:** Committee on Health, Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 229, 3:00 pm.  
**Re:** HB 1267, HD1 - Relating to Health Care

Most Honorable Chair Dr. Josh Green, and Committee Members:

I write to ask you to SUPPORT HB 1267, HD1, Relating to Health Care. My testimony pertains to Section 11 on Kupuna Care.

Our Kupuna are the most vulnerable citizens of our State.

This bill will provide an ongoing, sustainable source of revenue for 'Kupuna Care'...a support system in place now, providing respite for seniors and their caregivers.

Our parents and grandparents were always 'there' for us. Please let us be 'there' for them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Olah  
P.O.Box 3294  
Honolulu, HI 96801



## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Mari Nakama [flossbrushrinse@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:06 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mari Nakama  
3672 manoa rd  
Honolulu, HI 96822-1135

QuickTime™ and a  
decompressor  
are needed to see this picture.

March 16, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair  
Senator Clarence Nishihara , Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Health

Re: STRONG OPPOSITION to HB 1267 HD1, Relating to State Funds  
Hearing on March 18, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 229

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1267  
HD1. I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention  
and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

My name is «GreetingLine», Tobacco Cessation and Prevention  
Counselor for the Westside of Kauai. Provides tobacco cessation  
and prevention programs to youth K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Ph: 808-634-4884  
Fax: 808-338-6807

We need to continue funding tobacco prevention and quit-smoking  
programs to protect our children and families' health. Tobacco  
prevention is saving our next generation.

**Tobacco Prevention and Control Works:**

**It Saves Lives**, Tobacco use is the chief preventable cause of  
illness and death in our society, responsible for more than  
435,000 deaths in the United States. That's more deaths than  
alcohol, murders, AIDS, fires, homicide, car crashes, illegal  
drugs and suicides COMBINED. Each year 50,000 Americans die from  
exposure to secondhand smoke. Smoking is a known cause of  
cancer, heart disease, stroke, and COPD chronic obstructive  
pulmonary disease (CDC)

United States estimated total annual public and private healthcare expenditures caused by smoking is \$89.0 billion. Cost of lost productivity and forfeited earnings due to smoking related disability is estimated at \$92 billion per year in the United States (CDC)

The annual health care costs in Hawaii directly attributed to smoking are \$309 million. The smoking-attributable productivity losses in Hawaii are \$283 million about \$107 million of all Medicaid expenditures are spent on smoking-related illness and diseases. The residents' state and federal tax burden from smoking caused government expenditures is \$585 per household annually.

**Keeps Youth from Starting,** We've reduced youth smoking from 1 in 4 youth to 1 in 10 youth. Hawaii 9.7% High School (we were 24.5% in 2000) and 4.2% Middle School (we were 12.9% in 2000) students smoke cigarettes at least 20 of the past 30 days. (July 2010 Hawaii State Department of Health Executive Summary).

United States each day, nearly 4,000 young people under 18 try their first cigarette, and each day another 2,000 other kids become new regular daily smokers.

In 2003 the tobacco education and prevention program was put in place on Kauai at Waimea High and Waimea Canyon Middle Schools it was a pilot project for our island. Both schools change their school policy to tobacco education and cessation services as an alternative to suspension. In the beginning of this project our smoking rate was higher than the mainland and our Carbon Monoxide readings would read as high as 52 that is equal to two

packs of cigarettes a day. Now the highest Carbon Monoxide reading we'll get is 17 that is equal to 10 cigarettes a day. And every student we work with has move from pre-contemplation to thinking about quitting, setting quit date and/or quitting.

There have been so many students that we've helped stop smoking and even more that never started because of tobacco education, prevention and intervention. We've worked very hard in reducing our smoking rates in our schools and also with our families in our State of Hawaii. Please don't cut our very much-needed program that is killing our families.

Thank you,

«GreetingLine»

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Gloria Faltstrom [gloriam@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 9:53 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Gloria Faltstrom  
47-204 Ahaolelo Road  
Kaneohe, HI 96744



## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Kathleen V. Phillips [phillipsa008@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 9:58 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** HB1267 HD1.DOC

**To:** Committee on Health, Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 229, 3:00 pm.  
**Re:** HB 1267, HD1 - Relating to Health Care

Chair Green and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 1267, HD1, Relating to Health Care. My testimony pertains to Section 11 on Kupuna Care. My name is Kathleen V. Phillips and I use to be a family caregiver for my mom while at the same time raising my children and taking care of my husband. Many times while I had this responsibility, I had to travel off island for my job. The Kupuna Care meals for the elderly as well as the other services was a blessing for me as well as my mom and the many other seniors that need these services so desperately. Not having these services would be devastating to the care giver as well as the individual needing them. My husband is a deacon for the church and we have had the opportunity to reach out to many individuals....however, the need is so vast.....Because of this we have been able to see how important Kupuna Care is to these individuals. The passage of this bill is vital as:

The 2010 legislature appropriated \$3 million and \$500,000 for Kupuna Care and meals for the elderly for kupuna care, respectively, and our most vulnerable kupuna need an equal amount of funds this year.

This bill will provide an ongoing, sustainable source of revenue for Kupuna Care, that can be counted upon each year by seniors and their caregivers who depend and rely upon Kupuna Care to provide occasional, yet important respite services.

Most people want to remain at home and it is far less expensive for individuals and for the government, if they should do so. This is a win win all around. The cost factor is much less and the Senior member is much happier to be at home and among family 24/7.

A safety net of home and community based services is needed to allow people who are not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid, but not wealthy enough to pay for services, to have access to respite services.

Your help in supporting this bill is greatly appreciated.

Kathleen V. Phillips  
3297 Old Haleakala Hwy.  
Makawao, HI  
96768

Telephone: 808-572-7226

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Pedro Haro [haroarvi@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:03 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Pedro Haro  
204 Koalele St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** BRITTNEY PASCUA [BRITTNEYPASCUA@HOTMAIL.COM]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 9:22 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

BRITTNEY PASCUA  
4291 KAILEWA ST.  
LIHUE, HI 96766

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Andrew Grandinetti [andrewg@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:19 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Andrew Grandinetti  
94-630 Kuaie St  
Mililani, HI 96789

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** JADE STICE [jadesticefin@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:20 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

JADE STICE  
Kamehameha Hwy  
kaneohe, HI 96744

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Megan Chan [mmchan@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:25 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Megan Chan  
3310 Niolopua Drive  
Honolulu, HI 96817



## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** jeanhn1@hawaiiantel.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:34 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** HB1267 HD1

It is imperative that the funding for Kupuna be a permanent part of the budget to insure that our seniors will be well taken care of as they age. May I remind the committee members that we all will be aging and there is no guarantee that any of us will not have a need for this funding.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Ishikawa  
801 South King Street  
Honolulu HI 96813

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Lara O'Connor [islelara@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:41 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Lara O'Connor  
1888 Kalakaua Ave.  
Apt #1505  
Honolulu, HI 96815

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Barbara Caballes [kamalani88@me.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 1:01 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara Caballes

Barbara Caballes  
94-309 Kahahele Street  
Waipahu, HI 96797

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Antonio Orozco [Veterinarioantonio@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:10 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Antonio Orozco  
Manoa  
Honolulu, HI 96824

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Trina Nahm-Mijo [nahmmijo@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:43 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

These monies fund innovative youth programs in some of the poorest communities in the state which have not only positive health outcomes but give at-risk youth socio-economic pathways to change their futures and uplift prospects for the whole state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Trina Nahm-Mijo  
PO Box 304  
PO Box 304, Kurtistown, HI 96760  
Kurtistown, HI 96760

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Joseph Pedro [josephfpedro@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:50 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Joseph Pedro  
2160 Vineyard Street #11  
Wailuku, HI 96793-1668



**From:** Cora Cho [Pepperchan@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:52 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Cora Cho  
129 Kaihona Way  
Kailua, HI 96734

**From:** HedrickHNECA@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:55 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Cc:** sally@tobaccofreehawaii.org  
**Subject:** Stop the insanity proposed in HB 1267, HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health:

Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD 1 for Senate Health Committee Hearing on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 3 p.m.

Having worked with Surgeon Generals of the Public Health Service since Julius Richmond was Surgeon General, I am strongly opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

I will be participating in a celebration of the 95th birthday of C. Everett Koop, best known for his support of HIV/AIDS education and for strengthening warnings about the individual and national destruction caused by addiction to tobacco.

In spite of national and local efforts, you know that youth continue to initiate smoking and smokers continue to smoke even when diagnosed with COPD and cancer and after suffering from smoking-related heart attacks and strokes.

You have seen the struggles of your own family members and friends, and you have seen reductions in smoking rates in recent years, due solely to support for prevention and cessation.

Where will you and members of your communities go for help if programs, made cost effective by the active participation of volunteers like me, are no longer available?

Please think about it and hold HB 1267, HD 1 in committee.

Mahalo,  
Hannah Hedrick  
Aloha Self-Care/Peer Support  
Member, Tobacco Free East Hawaii and Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii

**From:** Forrest Batz [fbatz@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:55 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB 1267

Dear Senators Green and Nishihara and Members of the Senate Committee on Health,

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**Forrest Batz, PharmD**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice



Education · Scholarship · Service  
*Improving Health in Hawai'i & Throughout the Pacific*

University of Hawai'i at Hilo College of Pharmacy  
34 Rainbow Drive, Hilo, HI 96720  
(808) 933-3854 (office) - (808) 933-3863 (fax)  
<http://pharmacy.uhh.hawaii.edu>

**From:** Karen Seth [kseth@queens.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:57 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Karen Seth  
44-361 Nilu St. #3  
KANEEOHE, HI 96744

**From:** Char Chang [char@bennetgroup.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:57 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Char Chang  
1212 Nuuanu Ave  
#2207  
Honolulu, HI 96817-4021

**From:** Chenise Blalock [cblalock@atlasinsurance.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:58 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Chenise Blalock  
94-1033 Lumikula St. #A  
Waipahu, HI 96797



**From:** Jennifer Bracamontes [jbracam@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:00 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jennifer Bracamontes

Project Coordinator  
HEALTHY Quit Smoking Program  
Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children

Jennifer Bracamontes  
1541 Dominis Street  
Honolulu, HI 96822

**From:** Rebecca Williams [rjwillia@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:00 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Rebecca Williams  
736 Hawaii St  
Honolulu, HI 96817

**From:** Michelle Kaaihue [mkaaihue@queens.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:07 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Michelle Kaaihue  
1301 Punchbowl St  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**From:** Barbara A. Hastings [Bahastings@me.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:09 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara A. Hastings  
2316C Ainakahele St.  
Hilo, HI 96720

**From:** Daniel Gluck [dan\_gluck@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:03 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Daniel Gluck  
Makanani Drive  
Honolulu, HI 96817

**From:** Michelle Gray [mmg2b@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:50 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Michelle Gray  
430 Lanipua Street  
Honolulu, HI 96825



**From:** Dmitry Krupitsky [dmitrykrupitsky@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:06 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Dmitry Krupitsky  
320 Ainakea Way 503  
Honolulu, HI 96815

**From:** Janelle Kubo [janeltk@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:08 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I appreciate it.

Janelle Kubo  
2860 Waiialae Ave.  
Apt. 114  
Honolulu, HI 96826

**From:** Silver Hunt [silverhunt@rocketmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:03 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Silver Hunt  
kealia  
Anahola, HI 96703

**From:** Elaine Watai [ewatai2@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:12 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aunty Elaine  
Substance Abuse Supervisor  
Alu Like, Inc.

Elaine Watai  
74-895 Kealakehe St.  
Apt.12B-A  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

**From:** Faith Rossman [alfaith@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:12 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am strongly opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. We have proved this again and again. It saves countless lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Faith Rossman  
73-1176 Kahuna Ao Road  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

**From:** Shelly [shelly@kidneyhi.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:21 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD 1 for Senate Health Committee Hearing on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 3 p.m.

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health:  
Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD 1 for Senate Health Committee Hearing on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 3 p.m.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure. Let's not be penny-wise and pound foolish.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

*Shelly Ogata RN, MPH*  
Hawaii Island Director  
ph. 238-3374/fax. 238-3201  
230 Kekuanaoa St. #104  
Hilo, HI 96720  
[www.kidneyhi.org](http://www.kidneyhi.org)



**From:** Valerie Yontz [vyontz@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:16 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

We are one of few states who got it "right" to use our tobacco master settlement money to control and prevention the harm from tobacco use.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Valerie Yontz  
677 Auwina Street  
677 Auwina Street Kailua, HI 96734-3430  
Kailua, HI 96734-3430



**From:** Jennifer Dang [jkfdang@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:18 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Once Tobacco Prevention, Control and Disease Prevention funds are moved to the General Fund, it will never be returned.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jennifer Dang  
1960 East West Road, D209  
none  
Honolulu, HI 96822

**From:** Zavi Brees-Saunders [zavi@bgcbi.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:20 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Zavi Brees-Saunders  
100 Kamakahonu St.  
Hilo, HI 96720

**From:** Veronica Yamagata [veronica.yamagata@coxradio.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:30 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Veronica Yamagata  
610 Kuliouou Road  
Honolulu, HI 96821

**From:** CHRISTINE BOWERS [CHRISBMAUI@GMAIL.COM]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 12:13 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

CHRISTINE BOWERS  
67 PONANA STREET  
KIHEI, HI 96753

**From:** Kent Kasaoka [kkasaoka@cwassociatescpas.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:38 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Kent Kasaoka  
700 Bishop Street, Suite 1040  
700 Bishop Street, Suite 1040  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**From:** Kathleen Christopher [kathleen@bgcbi.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:41 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Kathleen Christopher  
Resource Development Director  
Boys and Girls Club of the Big Island

Kathleen Christopher  
100 Kamakahonu Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

**From:** Juan Moncada [juan@tobaccofreehawaii.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:31 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Smoking kills more people than alcohol, AIDS, car crashes, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides combined -- and thousands more die from other tobacco-related causes such as fires caused by smoking and smokeless tobacco use.

At present, 27,400 kids under the age of 18 living in Hawai'i who will ultimately die prematurely from smoking. Each year 1,200 adults die from smoking. The health care costs in Hawai'i directly caused by smoking total \$336 million and a staggering \$656 million is spent on health care costs & lost productivity due to tobacco.

The financial and human burden created from tobacco addiction in Hawaii and the significant health impacts will rise if these funds are cut - we know this from other states that raided their funds early-on in the tobacco settlement. Please do NOT do this to your communities.

Please do not back down on from the promise make from the tobacco settlement. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Respectively submitted.

Juan Moncada  
P.O. Box 7621  
844 Hale Manu Street  
Hilo, HI 96720



**From:** Dan Domizio [domizio@awshi.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:34 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Every day we are confronted with the health sequelae of smoking; COPD, aggravated asthma, major declines in the health and the quality of life of many individuals and their families, even death. The tobacco settlement monies need to be spent where they were intended to be spent.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Dan Domizio  
12-4592 Pahoia Kalapana rd  
Pahoia, HI 96778

**From:** Cora Speck [cora.speck@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:42 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Cora Speck  
3131 Pualei Circle  
#16  
Honolulu, HI 96815

**From:** Cindy Knowles [Cindy\_Knowles@notes.k12.hi.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:43 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Cindy Knowles  
Kihapai street  
Kealakekua, HI 96750

**From:** Jay Ihara [jay@bgcbi.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:51 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jay Ihara  
100 Kamakahonu St  
Hilo, HI 96720

~~Colson~~

---

**From:** Pat Rivera [pboydrivera@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:54 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Pat Rivera  
1702 Kewalo Street  
#101  
Honolulu, HI 96822

**From:** Francine Wilson [fran@bgcbi.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 12:01 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Francine Wilson  
100 Kamakahonu St.  
Hilo, HI 96720

~~Electronic~~

---

**From:** Chris Fukui [chrisfukuimd@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 12:10 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Chris Fukui  
380 halaki St.  
Honolulu, HI 96821



**From:** CHRISTINE BOWERS [CHRISBMAUI@GMAIL.COM]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 12:13 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

CHRISTINE BOWERS  
67 PONANA STREET  
KIHEI, HI 96753

~~Confidential~~

---

**From:** Angela Sy [sya@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 12:26 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention saves lives. It saves money. We cannot cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Angela Sy  
1255 Nuuanu #414  
1960 East West Rd. Biomedical Bldg. D-104D Honolulu, HI 96817

**From:** Bryan Mih [bmih@kapiolani.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 12:52 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Bryan Mih  
1944 Naniu Pl  
Honolulu, HI 96822

**From:** Nandar Aung [naung\_22@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 12:53 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

nandar aung

Nandar Aung  
1711 E-W Rd,  
Honolulu, HI 96848

**From:** Lily Chan-Harris [naturehawaii@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1:07 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Lily Chan-Harris  
PO Box 1671  
16-267 Ilima  
Keaau, HI 96749

**From:** Paul Smith [ShadowWalker1600@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 12:39 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

I know for a fact that these programs work. I personally know 5 people in Hawaii that have either quit smoking are in the program to help them complete the program so they also can say, "I don't smoke anymore!" Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Paul Smith  
134 Kapahulu Ave  
#418  
Honolulu-Waikiki, HI 96815

**From:** Anna Mayeda [anna.mayeda@cancer.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1:32 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Anna Mayeda  
95 Mahalani St.  
Wailuku, HI 96793



**From:** Krystal Pelayo [kpelayo@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1:48 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Aloha Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention has been and continues to be a smart investment for Hawaii that reduces smoking, saves lives and saves money by reducing tobacco-related health care costs. With all the long-term savings and benefits to Hawaii taxpayers, it would be foolish if the state fails to maintain the funding for tobacco prevention.

Evidence is clear that when states cut or eliminate funding for tobacco prevention programs, progress stops and can even be reversed. The result is higher smoking rates and more tobacco-related disease, deaths and health care costs. This is the threat Hawaii faces if funding for tobacco prevention is cut even more than it has already suffered.

Hawaii's progress against tobacco would not have happened without the leadership and commitment from Senate Health Committee and state legislators who believed in these efforts. This progress will not continue without similar leadership and commitment today. I ask that you hold this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Krystal Pelayo

Krystal Pelayo  
5240 Likini St. Apt.#307  
Honolulu, HI 96818

**From:** Donn Mende [donnmende@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1:46 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Donn Mende  
PO Box 5476  
hilo, HI 96720

**From:** LaVerne Bishop [lbishop@halepio.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1:42 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

The purpose of the tobacco settlement is to impact the health of our community, which continues to be a successful, on-going battle. The money was not given to the states to balance their budget.

I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

LaVerne Bishop  
2959 Umi Street  
na  
Lihu'e, HI 96766

**From:** Mark Speck [xrayspeck@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1:58 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mark Speck  
3131 Pualei Cir  
#16  
Honolulu, HI 96815

**From:** Michelle Hiraishi [shess111@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 2:02 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Michelle Hiraishi  
2677 Kilauea Ave  
Hilo, HI 96720

**From:** Rob Guzman [Robguz4@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 2:02 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Rob Guzman  
12-159 Mapuana Ave  
Pahoa, HI 96778

**From:** Lorrie Akina [lorrie@huimalamahawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 2:05 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Lorrie Akina  
64-1035 Mamalahoa Hwy Ste. G  
Kamuela, HI 96743

**From:** Boyd, Manager Richard Boyd [boyd.mgr.mterrace@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 2:05 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Boyd, Manager Richard Boyd  
250 Kawaihae St  
250 Kawaihae St  
Honolulu, HI 96825-1936



**From:** Boyd, Manager Richard Boyd [boyd.mgr.mterrace@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 2:06 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Boyd, Manager Richard Boyd  
250 Kawaihae St  
250 Kawaihae St  
Honolulu, HI 96825-1936

**From:** JoAnn Tsark [jtsark@imihale.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1:26 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

JoAnn Tsark  
1669 B Palolo Ave  
1669 B Palolo Avenue  
Honolulu, HI 96816

**From:** Ivan Nakano [ivan.nakano@kamaainanissan.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1:56 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Ivan Nakano  
471 Kalaniana'ole Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

**From:** Bernadette Freitas [bernie@huimalamahawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 2:16 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Bernadette Freitas  
P.O. Box 1278  
Mamalahoa Hwy.  
Captain Cook, HI 96704

**From:** Hillary Ann Wilson-Yue [colina21@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 2:29 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We cannot afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Hillary Ann Wilson-Yue  
1030 Aoloa Pl. Apt. #303-B  
Kailua, HI 96734  
Kailua, HI 96734-5266

**From:** Steven Pavao [pavaos002@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 2:39 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Steven Pavao  
570 Akolea Road  
Hilo, HI 96720

**From:** Cyd Hoffeld [ghoffeld@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 2:40 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Cyd Hoffeld  
RR2 Box 4549  
Pahoa, HI 96778

**From:** Jamie Yamagata [jamieyamagata@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 2:51 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jamie Yamagata  
284 Mananai Pl  
3H  
Honolulu, HI 96818



**From:** Hazel Nakano [nakanoh005@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 2:59 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Hazel Nakano  
18-4369 Peck Road  
P. O. Box 223  
Mountain View, HI 96771

**From:** Carl Ciriako [Carl\_Ciriako@notes.k12.hi.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 2:59 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Carl Ciriako  
81-1043 Konawaena School Rd  
Kealahou, HI, HI 96750

**From:** Juan Moncada [juan@tobaccofreehawaii.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:02 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Last week my 11 year old great granddaughter was suspended from school because she had a package of cigarettes in her backpack. She is 11; ELEVEN. The time when kids begin to experiment with lots of scary things. Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Juan Moncada  
P.O. Box 7621  
844 Hale Manu Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

**From:** ammonroy borges [boyloverborges@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:03 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

ammonroy borges  
1384 railroad ave.  
hilo, HI 96720

**From:** Abby BRown-Watson [abbykailua@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:09 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Abby BRown-Watson  
769 N. Kainalu Drive  
Kailua, HI 96734

**From:** Warren Daquin [warren@alohaconsultingservices.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:03 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Warren Daquin  
PO BOX 1508  
PO Box 1508  
Kealakekua, HI 96750-1508

**From:** L. Chan [chanclan@surewest.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 2:36 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

L. Chan  
3310 Niolupua Dr.  
Honolulu, HI 96817

**From:** Dalani Tanahy [kaalafarm@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:26 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Dalani Tanahy  
PO Box 630  
Waianae, HI 96792



**From:** Patricia Fleck [aloha.pat@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:31 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Pat Fleck  
Resident  
Kailua-Kona

Patricia Fleck  
76-4353 LEILANI STREET  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

**From:** Mana Moo [Manamoo@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:36 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mana Moo  
4096 black point road  
Honolulu, HI 96816

**From:** Cindy Eshleman [theshleman@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:41 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Cindy Eshleman  
76181 Kealoha St.  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

**From:** Theodore Ferguson [ted@huimalamahawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 2:06 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Theodore Ferguson  
64-1035 Mamalahoa Hwy. Ste. G  
Kamuela, HI 96743

**From:** Alethea Kuulei Serna [kserna@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 6:40 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Why would you take from a fund that has proven fiscal responsibility and give it to other broken programs/systems that have not repaired themselves for fiscal soundness? This bill is a blow to all programs that have proven means of effectiveness. The broader message of letting this bill pass through committee is that fiscal accountability and responsibility don't matter; the more money you have, because a program has shown fiscal responsibility, the more money government will take to enable programs that have not proven fiscal effectiveness. To me, this is against all values that we are trying to teach our citizens and future generations.

Please do not back down on the promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Ku`ulei Serna

Alethea Kuulei Serna  
91-1269 Kuanoo St.  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

**From:** Alethea Kuulei Serna [kserna@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 6:40 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Why would you take from a fund that has proven fiscal responsibility and give it to other broken programs/systems that have not repaired themselves for fiscal soundness? This bill is a blow to all programs that have proven means of effectiveness. The broader message of letting this bill pass through committee is that fiscal accountability and responsibility don't matter; the more money you have, because a program has shown fiscal responsibility, the more money government will take to enable programs that have not proven fiscal effectiveness. To me, this is against all values that we are trying to teach our citizens and future generations.

Please do not back down on the promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Ku`ulei Serna

Alethea Kuulei Serna  
91-1269 Kuanoo St.  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Bessie Bourbeau [Mauibowler@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:03 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Bessie Bourbeau  
760 south kihei road 227  
Kihei, HI 96753

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Stephanie Franklin [stephdee23@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:05 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Stephanie Franklin  
551 Kailana St.  
St.  
Wailuku, HI 96793



**From:** Alvin Wong [anwprods@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:07 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Alvin Wong  
1163 Hooli Circle  
1163 Hooli Circle  
Pearl City, HI 96782

**From:** Dee Dee Nelson [mauionion@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:15 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Dee Dee Nelson  
46-435 Makena St.  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

**From:** Linda Brady [lbrady@ala-hawaii.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:25 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I know that you have difficult decisions to make. I also know that you understand the cost - financial, health, emotional, and spiritual, for individuals, families, communities, and EACH society - of tobacco addition in every form. Please retain the funding that will help us help everyone.

I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Linda Brady

Linda Brady  
633 Liholiho Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

**From:** Debbie Odo [DOdo@ala-hawaii.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:38 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Debbie Odo  
650 Iwilei Road  
Suite 208  
Honolulu, HI 96786

**From:** Julie Uyeno-Pidot [julie.uyenopidot@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:49 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Julie Uyeno-Pidot  
3626 Crater Rd.  
Honolulu, HI 96816

**From:** Brittany Santiago [brittany@bgcbi.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:53 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Brittany Santiago  
P.O. Box 953  
Naalehu, HI 96772

**From:** Ronald Kuriki [kurikir001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:56 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Ronald Kuriki  
1655-C Palolo Avenue  
Honolulu, HI 96816

**From:** Camille Chong [ccnalu@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:28 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Camille Chong  
1617 Young St., A101  
1617 Young St.  
Honolulu, HI 96826



**From:** Janice Bond [janbond@hawaiiink.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 8:12 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

My name is Janice S. Bond. I was Kauai's first Tobacco Coordinator for the Tobacco-Free Coalition, Co-vice Chair for the State Coalition with Dr. Elizabeth Tam, and the only neighbor island Tobacco Trust Fund Advisory Board member for six years from inception, helping form the state's strategic plan. I started the state's first youth coalition S.H.O.U.T. (Students of Hawaii Opposing Use of Tobacco) and accompanied 15 youth from Hawaii to the first TRUTH Summit in Seattle, Washington. I have produced six editions of "Smokers Talk: Stories of Struggles and Successes" and "In This Life, End Ice", two editions. I was a 2001 Ola Pono Individual Award winner having been nominated by then Lt. Governor Mazie Hirono. I have also been American Cancer Society's Legislative Advocate after being on the Kauai ACS board.

Our community needs funding from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to keep kids from tobacco use and to help smokers quit. Eliminating the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and HRS 328L-2 means that there will be no revenues dedicated for our crucial tobacco prevention and control efforts. Our efforts have already seen a severe reduction in funding for tobacco prevention and control. In 1999, the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund received 25% of the Tobacco Settlement Dollars. In 2001, the Trust Fund portion was cut down to 12.5%. And in 2009, it was cut again to 6.5%. We cannot afford to cut it down completely.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Janice Bond  
3920 Hunakai St  
Lihue, HI 96766

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members,  
Senate Committee on Health:

Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD 1 for Senate Health Committee Hearing on  
Friday, March 18, 2011 at 3 p.m.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold  
HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

My name is Derek Saiki and I'm from the island of Kauai. In high school I participated in  
an anti-tobacco advocacy program known as REAL: Hawaii's youth-led movement  
against the tobacco industry. I was a member from my freshman year at Kapa'a High  
School until I turned 18 and went to college. But even then, when I returned home on  
breaks I still helped out at REAL events on island. Being a part of the REAL program  
and having a tobacco education counselor at my high school supported me in my valuable  
life decision, never use tobacco.

I have never used tobacco in any form like chew, snus, cigars or cigarillos. Being a  
REAL member, they educated me on the various types of tobacco marketed, which might  
seem "cool" to youth but mask the dangers to your health and future. Tobacco  
advertisements and product placements could no longer target me.

I am an athlete. I played 5 sports in high school and continued to stay active in college.  
Deciding not to use tobacco was an easy and obvious choice, but it's not easy for many  
high schoolers. Without tobacco education how are youth today going to know the  
dangers of tobacco, or secondhand smoke?

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives and saves tax-payers money. Hawaii cannot  
afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We can't afford to have my generation  
suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Derek Saiki  
c/o Hale Wainani  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
2591 Dole St. I-1051  
Honolulu, HI 96822

Kauai Address:  
4883 Nonou Rd.  
Kapaa, HI 96746

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Chenoa Mano [cmano@wave.hicv.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:25 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Chenoa Mano  
730 Lanai Avenue Suite 120  
Lanai City, HI 96763

**From:** Sarah Taliaferro [sarah.taliaferro@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:34 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sarah Taliaferro  
2221 Booth Road  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**From:** Dina Shek [dinasf@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:43 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am strongly opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

I have the amazing fortune of working every day with families in Kalihi Valley, and I have seen firsthand that tobacco prevention programs work. I have seen pregnant women, children and young families live healthier lives because of the work of these programs. I am especially concerned that cuts to tobacco prevention and control funding will cause us to lose the gains made in tobacco cessation in Hawaii.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Dina Shek  
737 Olokele Avenue, #803  
Honolulu, HI 96816

**From:** Sarah Taliaferro [sarah.taliaferro@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:43 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sarah Taliaferro  
2221 Booth Road  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**From:** THEA Morales-McClendon [gwoth@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 9:31 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

THEA Morales-McClendon  
96 East Papa  
Kahului, HI 96732-2937

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 10:32 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Cc:** npacgoodlife@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1267 on 3/18/2011 3:00:00 PM  
**Attachments:** HB1267HD1 NPAC Testimony Health Comm..pdf

Testimony for HTH 3/18/2011 3:00:00 PM HB1267

Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kathie Pomeroy, N.D.  
Organization: Hawaii County Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [npacgoodlife@gmail.com](mailto:npacgoodlife@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:



**From:** David Haas [lihue.vet@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 10:57 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

David Haas  
3113 Oihana Street  
Lihue, HI 96766

**From:** Jice-Lynn Vinson Gourd [j-lynn@bgcbi.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 10:03 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jice-Lynn Vinson Gourd  
100 Kamakahonu St  
HIlo, HI 96720

**From:** Sally Jo Manea [keahimanea@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 9:46 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** opposition to HB 1267

Dear Legislator: It is vitally important to preserve tobacco cessation and prevention efforts in our schools and communities. If this bill is passed, teen tobacco prevention programs will cease and programs to help people quit smoking will stop. These programs work, and ultimately save the tax payers millions of dollars in health care costs. Please, do not sacrifice anti-smoking programs to balance the state budget. Raising taxes on alcohol and tobacco and other unhealthy products is a better way to balance the budget.

Sally Jo and Tepairu Manea  
6415 Olohena Road  
Kapaa, HI 96746

March 17, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha Legislators,

My name is Nicole Perea I am a Keaau High school Senior on the Big Island. I'm with REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry in strong opposition to HB 1267 which would cut funds from the Master Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund to put in general funds.

I'm asking you to please **save the MSA Trust Fund for what it was meant for: tobacco prevention and cessation programs**. Prevention programs like REAL are funded with the Tobacco Trust Fund. We expose the truth about the tobacco companies and bring awareness to others which discourages people from buying their deadly products. I am also a very active dancer and prevention programs like this help support living healthy lifestyles and encourage others to live active healthy lifestyles as well.

Tobacco prevention works! But so does tobacco advertising. Without **adequate funds to do tobacco prevention work our hands are tied to actually successfully counter the \$42 million dollars a year that tobacco companies are spending to advertise in Hawaii.**

We need more funds NOT LESS to be able to do tobacco prevention work. Please oppose HB 1267.

Mahalo,

Nicole Perea  
Big Island  
REAL

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha Legislators:

My name is Loren Amaral from Volcano, Hawaii. I'm a young adult leader with The REAL Movement.

I'm opposed to HB 1267 that would result in the cut of funds for tobacco prevention programs that are currently funded by The Tobacco Trust Fund.

There is still a lot of work to do for tobacco prevention and without these funds we are not going to be able to do this work.

I'm asking that you please take action by opposing HB 1267.

Mahalo,

***Loren Amaral***

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha Legislators,

My name is Grady Sullivan and I am a young adult on the Big Island. I'm am with REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry in strong opposition to HB 1267 which would cut funds from the Master Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund to put in general funds.

I'm asking you to please **save the MSA Trust Fund for what it was meant for: tobacco prevention and cessation programs**. Without prevention money programs would not have the funds needed to create amazing events. These events are the activities that entice people to want to get involved and potentially prevent them from smoking. Prevention programs bring awareness to others to do positive activities instead of negative ones.

Tobacco prevention works! But so does tobacco advertising. Without **adequate funds to do tobacco prevention work our hands are tied to actually successfully counter the \$42 million dollars a year that tobacco companies are spending to advertise in Hawaii.**

We need more funds NOT LESS to be able to do prevention work. Please oppose HB 1267.

Mahalo,

Grady Sullivan  
Big Island  
REAL

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha Legislators,

My name is Lovelynn Stamp and I am a youth on the Big Island. I'm with REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry in strong opposition to HB 1267 which would cut funds from the Master Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund to put in general funds.

I'm asking you to please **save the MSA Trust Fund for what it was meant for: tobacco prevention and cessation programs.** Prevention programs like REAL help youth to get active, become involved in community change, and use our voices to fight for what we believe in. Also tobacco prevention programs help us to join together for positive things and steer us away from negative things to help us lead productive lives. The prevention programs supported by the Tobacco Trust Fund not only assist in preventing negative involvement with tobacco but they also teach us valuable life skills such as public speaking and allow us to become productive members of society.

Tobacco prevention works! But so does tobacco advertising. Without **adequate funds to do tobacco prevention work our hands are tied to actually successfully counter the \$42 million dollars a year that tobacco companies are spending to advertise in Hawaii.**

We need more funds NOT LESS to be able to do prevention work. Please oppose HB 1267.

Mahalo,

*Lovelynn Stamp*  
**Big Island**  
**REAL**

~~Confidential~~

---

**From:** Chantelle lei Pascua [ewa\_princess\_1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 10:26 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Chantelle lei Pascua  
91-1726 Orrick Street  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706



~~Subject: [REDACTED]~~

---

**From:** Juli Kam [jules@nuvomusic.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 10:41 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Juli Kam  
1919 Fern St.  
Honolulu, HI 96826

**From:** Rebecca Regidor [rregidor@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:59 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Rebecca Regidor  
159 Anamuli St  
N/A  
Kahului, HI 96732-4501

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Steve Brenessel [ladydi@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:51 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

As a Respiratory Therapist, I see first hand the devastating effects of tobacco use on lung health. I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Steve Brenessel  
2992 Pacific Heights Road  
Honolulu, HI 96813

~~Private~~

---

**From:** Erin Moncada [erin.moncada@cancer.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:57 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Erin Moncada  
PO Box 7621  
Hilo, HI 96720

**From:** Gayle Hunt [haunanihunt@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:01 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Gayle Hunt  
PO Box 934  
Kealahou, HI 96750

**From:** Cheryl Albright [hi.albrights@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:35 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Cheryl Albright  
2344 Halekoa Drive  
Honolulu, HI 96821

**From:** Frances Rivero [frivero@bgch.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:02 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Frances Rivero  
91-884 Fort Weaver Rd. Suite A  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

**From:** Mona Maehara [m.maehara@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:10 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mona Maehara  
4300 Waialae Avenue  
Honolulu, HI 96816



**From:** Marci Miyasaki [marcimiya@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:11 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Marci Miyasaki  
2081 Young St  
#7  
Honolulu, HI 96826-2216

**From:** Ron Fleck [fleckconsulting@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 5:25 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Ron Fleck  
Vocational Consultant  
Ron Fleck Vocational Consulting  
Kailua-Kona, HI

Ron Fleck  
75-5660 Kopiko Street, c7-330  
kailua-kona, HI 96740

**From:** Allison Seales [Ahs@napuuwai.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:35 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Allison Seales  
8b Ualapue Place  
P.O. Box 1777  
Kaunakakai, HI 96748

**From:** jamie boyd [888.jkb@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:39 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

jamie boyd  
47-780 Ahuimanu Rd  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

**From:** Kathleen Koga [kathykoga@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 6:06 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. It is urgent that you hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention in Hawaii is working. It has saved many lives by preventing our youth from starting to smoke. Our youth smoking rates are among the lowest in the nation. It saves money because smoking causes many chronic diseases that cost our state millions of dollars in health care. We cannot afford to cut funding for critical programs that help smokers to quit and prevent youth from starting to smoke. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. Please prevent the next generation from suffering from the harms caused by tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts will ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Kathleen Koga

Kathleen Koga  
908 Puu Kula Drive  
Pearl City, HI 96782

**From:** Alana Steffen [alana@steffen1.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:48 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Alana Steffen  
2047 Nuuanu Ave., 1902  
1902  
Honolulu, HI 96817

**From:** Cheryl Reeser [joelypop@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:48 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Cheryl Reeser  
51-E Kealaloa Ave  
Makawao, HI 96768

**From:** Barbara Nosaka [barbrick@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:48 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara Nosaka  
2216 Ho'onanea Street  
Honolulu, HI 96822



**From:** Lori New Breast [mahnokini@3riversdbs.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 5:22 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Lori New Breast  
[mahnokini@3riversdbs.net](mailto:mahnokini@3riversdbs.net)  
East Glacier Park, MT 59434

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Beau Lani Barker [beau.barker@cancer.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 11:43 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Beau Lani Barker  
2370 Nuuanu  
Honolulu, HI 96817

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Lisa Maddock [biedy143@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 11:39 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Lisa Maddock  
120 Kaeleloi Pl.  
120 Kaeleloi Pl.  
Honolulu, HI 96821-2439

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Ashley Magno [magno.ashley@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 12:41 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Ashley Magno  
424 Aki St.  
Lahaina, HI 96761

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Michael Miranda [michaelmiranda@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:52 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD 1 for Senate Health Committee Hearing on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 3 p.m.

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health:

I am opposed to all funding cuts that may be imposed on tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

All forms of prevention (alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs) is more effective and financially feasible than treatment and aftercare. In my six years of work delivering prevention programs, I have witnessed first hand that the adage "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" holds true. So many participants--especially youth--benefit from the different tobacco prevention programs offered in after school settings by agencies such as the Boys & Girls Club, Kauai Economic Opportunity, Jump Start, REAL, the University of Hawaii System, and many more agencies and institutions.

I urge you to explore other areas to cut, or diversify revenues in order to maintain the level of tobacco prevention and control while still ensuring that citizens of Hawaii are able to continue to receive their medicaid benefits.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very respectfully,

Michael Miranda

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Joseph Pedro [josephpedro@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:00 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Joseph Pedro  
2160 Vineyard Street #11  
Wailuku, HI 96793-1668

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Ashley Ganal [ashleyganal@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 7:42 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Ashley Ganal  
94-249 Waikele Rd.  
94-249 Waikele Rd.  
Waipahu, HI 96797

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Rae Watanabe [raew@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:11 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Rae Watanabe  
La'i Rd  
Honolulu, HI 96816



## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Lee Medeiros [SusanJ.Medeiros@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:59 AM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Lee Medeiros  
P.O. BNox 987  
Mt. View, HI 96771, HI 96771

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Brittany Sorensen [BrittanySorensen808@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 1:20 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Brittany Sorensen  
2871 Aukoi St  
Lihue, HI 96766

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Terry Poaipuni [tpoaipuni@hnpkop.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 1:12 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Terry Poaipuni  
45561 Hana Hwy  
5101 Uakea Street  
Hana, HI 96713

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators,

My name is Cedric Cabero from Maui, Hawaii. I am a student at the University of Hawaii: Maui College, and currently studying Human Biology. I strongly oppose HB 1267, which is the reduction of funds from the Tobacco Trust Fund and tobacco prevention and control programs.

It is important to save this funding so the death toll of tobacco use drops. The youth can be saved from addiction to these deadly products and they can live a healthier and longer life.

The information I learned from college made me realize how tobacco kills people. Please oppose HB 1267.

Thank you,

Cedric Cabero  
Maui

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**

Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators,

I am a Hawaii resident and currently attending the University of Hawaii Maui College. I am also a dental assistant at a private practice who has seen the negative effects smoking has on our people here on Maui.

I strongly oppose the HB 1267. Cutting funds from the Tobacco Trust Fund will hurt the Hawaii community severely by costing the government more money due to more hospital visits due to sickness and disease smoking has caused.

Smoking kills more people each year than murder, accidents, or suicides. Our youth are our future, they will run this world soon and we need to teach them why smoking is bad. We need the Tobacco Trust Fund and all that it can do for us and our future.

Sincerely,  
Esmeralda Silva

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Legislators:

I am in strong opposition to House Bill 1267.

Tobacco is the number one cause of death in America. Tobacco companies add other carcinogenic matter beside the ones naturally occurring in tobacco. In our age of technology and communication capabilities, advertising these preventative methods is as easy as an event and many would agree more important than ever.

Tobacco companies aggressively and subliminally advertise to our youth. They strategically place posters, pictures and "Kool" phrases where 8-12 year old children will most likely observe it. We all know how influence-able children of that age are.

This Tobacco Trust Fund is of utmost importance, if only just to "Keep up" with Big Tobacco's propaganda. The fact that this bill is even being heard and voted upon is, in my strong opinion, ludicrous and very unsettling. Please vote "no" on this HB 1267, to protect the future for smokers and non-smokers alike. Tobacco Trust Fund money should be spent on productive and healthy changes as was intended.

Sincerely,  
Joel VanDenburg  
University of Hawaii Maui College  
Kihei, Hawaii

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**

Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha Senators:

My name is Volter Cabias and I am a student at UHMC currently taking Biology 100. I also have a family member who is losing his fight with lung cancer. My point is the opposition of House Bill 1267. The results of losing funds from the Tobacco Trust Fund that support tobacco prevention will be greatly felt especially in small communities such as the ones found on Maui.

My uncle who is dying from lung cancer never smoked his whole life and yet he still got the disease. He did work at a bar in one of the hotels on Maui and the cause of the disease is undoubtedly from the secondhand smoke he has received all the years working there. I slowly but surely saw him get weaker and weaker to the point he cannot even speak anymore. My aunty and cousins grow emotionally weaker with him. The effects of smoking can crush families physically and emotionally very easily.

Please oppose HB 1267 to make sure that our tobacco prevention and cessation programs are supported.

Mahalo,  
Volter Cabias

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Dear Legislator,

My name is Parker Luce. I'm a student at University of Hawaii at Maui. I'm writing to strongly oppose HB 1267.

If passed, this bill will take money away from educational programs on preventing tobacco use. In schools I believe that these educational programs teach kids and adults the dangers of using tobacco products and the health complications. As a kid growing up we had these programs, and I'm glad we did. That's why I don't smoke. Without tobacco quit hotlines, hundreds would have nowhere to turn to for free and confidential help.

I oppose HB 1267, having personally seen the health effects of losing a loved one. I enjoy knowing that kids can be taught not to smoke.

Thank you,  
Parker Luce  
Kahului, Maui



March 17th, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Aloha Legislators,

My name is Cassie Olaitiman from the Island of Maui. I strongly oppose HB 1267, which results in cutting funding from the Tobacco Trust Fund which will ultimately cut funds for tobacco prevention and control programs.

By continuing these very helpful and important programs, we will be able to help save many lives that tobacco use has destroyed. These programs may help smokers to discontinue tobacco use by using other methods to break this bad habit and support young people in making the decision never to start.

My grandparents were smokers a few years ago, and by having prevention programs out there, they have been able to quit smoking. My grandfather has complicated health problems due to the excessive tobacco use over many years. Because of tobacco prevention funding, my grandfather has been able to prevent serious health issues that could have escalated had he decided to continue his tobacco use.

Please continue to fund these programs through the Tobacco Trust Fund so that they may help others in the future to kick this bad habit. Please oppose HB 1267.

Mahalo,  
Cassie Olaitiman

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

**Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Dear Committee:

My name is Cami Iwata and I'm a registered voter from Ewa Beach. I'm writing in STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care.

I believe it is critical to preserve the Tobacco Trust Fund for what it was originally designated for: tobacco prevention and cessation.

Most of Hawaii's tobacco prevention programs receive support from the Trust Fund. If funds are cut we are sure to lose many of them. These programs are a vital part in the choices youth make about their current and future tobacco use.

Please oppose HB 1267.

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislator,

My name is Nancy Guzman from the island of Maui. I am currently attending the University of Hawaii Maui College. I am writing you this letter because I strongly oppose HB 1267.

I believe that you should NOT pass this law because we need that money to build more tobacco prevention and control programs. Tobacco is the number one killer and everyday people die of lung cancer.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Guzman

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**

Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

To Senate Committee on Health:

As a child who was born in the Island of Maui and raised in Kihei, I was also a child raised around grandparents who smoked around me. I am horrified to hear of HB 1267, which will reduce Tobacco Trust Fund resulting in reduced funding to programs that aid in preventing this disease called smoking that has been caused by the moral-less cigarette companies.

As a voter, I feel that we should have a say in preventing the children of tomorrow from these money hungry tobacco companies. They only think of the mighty dollar than the lives that they are killing slowly. I also want to mention the money that we save from the prevention of health problems related to smoking.

My name is Keanu Nakamura and I strongly oppose HB 1267 for the simple fact that the money we spend now in preventing smoking saves lives.

Sincerely,  
Keanu Nakamura

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

**Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**

Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators:

My name is Stephanie Franklin, and I work as Maui's Island Coordinator for REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry. I am writing in strong opposition of HB 1267, which would reduce funds from the Master Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund that currently funds tobacco prevention and control programs throughout Hawaii.

It is proven that tobacco prevention and control programs do work. They have successfully reduced youth smoking rates, helped people quit their addiction, and ultimately saved lives.

Unfortunately, tobacco companies spend \$42 billion annually in Hawaii alone to promote their deadly, addictive product. Big tobacco companies are directly targeting youth as replacement smokers. Tobacco products are often placed near youth friendly products, such as candy and ice cream, and are found in bright colors and candy flavors also attractive to youth. These extremely manipulative and deceptive techniques are used to recruit youth as the next tobacco customer.

Funding is required to continue fighting the Big Tobacco industry. Reduction in funding will likely cause smoking rates to rise, especially within the youth generation, which is reversing all hard work and positive results accomplished by tobacco prevention and control programs.

Please continue to support a healthier and smoke-free Hawaii. Please oppose HB 1267 and continue to use this funding for what it was set aside and intended for, tobacco prevention and control.

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

**Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**

Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Dear Legislators,

My name is Alec J. Bode. I am a second year Liberal Arts student at the University of Hawaii, Maui. I reside in the harbor town of Lahaina. After graduation my goal is to become involved in the medical field as a radiologist.

I am writing to you as a concerned voter who is strongly opposed to House Bill 1267, which would result in the reduction of the Tobacco Settlement Fund that is essential to support tobacco prevention and control programs.

By directing a portion of Tobacco Settlement Funds into general funds this will greatly affect making sure we have future non-smokers. I have been a smoker for 35 years and have recently taken advantage of a cessation program and am using the patch. I have struggled with the addiction of tobacco with many attempts at abstinence. Thanks to the Tobacco Settlement Fund there are programs available today for me. I fear these programs will suffer tremendously with the passing of HB 1267.

Mahalo,  
Alec J. Bode

March 17, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

To Senate Committee on Health:

My name is Lalaineya Esperanza. I am from Wailuku and currently attending UH Maui College. I am testifying in strong opposition to HB 1267, which would cut funds from the Master Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund. Tobacco is the number one killer in the world today. Tobacco kills more than alcohol, suicides, homicides, and AIDS combined.

Cuts to the funding won't allow programming to tobacco prevention programs and cessation hotlines. School programs won't be able to get much funds or material to influence the teenagers to not take up tobacco.

Tobacco companies spend \$42 million per year in Hawaii to advertise their deadly products. This is no time to cut back on the amount of money spent for tobacco prevention issues including: health programs, cessation hotlines, or school programs.

I am asking you to oppose HB 1267. Please preserve the funds for the intended purpose.

Thank you,  
Lalaineya Esperanza

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

March 17, 2011

Committee:

I am a biology student attending University of Hawaii Maui Campus and I strongly urge you to vote against HB 1267.

It is very apparent the impact that these tobacco prevention program have on our community. Kindergarten students come home and ask their parents to give up smoking all because of a tobacco prevention program made a presentation at their school. I live in Wailuku, Maui and have seen relatives and friends pass away due to smoking cigarettes and the harmful affects it has on their health. Not only does smoking cause direct damage to the one smoking but it is also proven that secondhand smoke can have long term and even fatal effects on anyone who may be near enough to breathe it in.

Here in Hawaii there is a large population of large families living in a single house. This may include grandparents, in-laws, and other extended family. If even a single person in that household is a smoker, the effects of second-hand smoke maybe double just because of the close proximity to so many family members: This includes the elderly and infant children alike, and no one likes affecting a child with such a damaging substance. But still very few people know this.

We need to have more tobacco education and prevention programs. These require funding from the Tobacco Trust Fund. Please oppose HB 1267.



Thank you,  
Matthew Naeole

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care**  
Health Committee Hearing; March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Legislators:

My name is Malia Klask, and I am a University of Hawaii: Maui College student residing on the island of Maui. I am testifying in strong opposition of HB 1267, which results in cutting of funds that support tobacco prevention.

As a mother, I would like to have the peace of mind that my daughter will be able to have the education and prevention resources available to her. I also strongly appreciate the fact that we are starting to definitely have a smoke-free Hawaii, where we can go to the park and not have to worry about being affected by second-hand smoke. Hawaii is improving, however, I feel we are not there yet and should not be cut short.

Please listen.

Malia Klask

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Nicole Shepard [nicoleshepard09@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 2:54 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Nicole Shepard  
350 Aoloa St. B240  
Kailua, HI 96734

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Napua Spock [nspock@hawaiiipa.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:28 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Napua Spock  
115 Kealaloa Avenue  
Ste. 601  
Makawao, HI 96768

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** MARCIA LAIMANA BULOSAN [laimana22@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:49 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

MARCIA LAIMANA BULOSAN  
2522 Date St. #902  
Honolulu, HI 96826

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Anna Goo [ana3683@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:17 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Anna Goo  
3683 Woodlawn terrace place  
Honolulu, HI 96822

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Stefan Keller [kellers@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:09 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

I have worked in health promotion for over 20 years now, and I have seen the positive results of prevention efforts. I also know that the tobacco industry is heavily investing in our youth, nationally and on our islands. The currently available funds for tobacco prevention and control are not even sufficient to provide the necessary information to our youth regarding the consumption of tobacco products or to offer services to all those in our state who want to improve their health and that of their families by quitting smoking. Cutting these funds further would be devastating on several levels: Necessary and successful prevention programs would have to be cut, leaving our citizens to the influence of the tobacco industry when it comes to making an informed decision; the existing infrastructure of highly qualified and incredibly motivated experts in the field would be destroyed, and even in financially better times it would take years just to rebuild what we have now; we would send the signal to our communities that we do not take the problem of tobacco consumption seriously enough anymore to provide funding for it. I understand that these are desperate times that require wisdom when it comes to do the best for our communities with the limited funds available. But the funds dedicated to tobacco prevention and control directly save lives. Please do the right thing for the health and well-being of the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Stefan Keller

Stefan Keller  
3029 Lowrey Ave  
Apt Q2223  
Honolulu, HI 96822

March 16, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair  
Senator Clarence Nishihara , Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Health

Re: STRONG OPPOSITION to HB 1267 HD1 , Relating to State Funds  
Hearing on March 18, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 229

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1267 HD1. I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

My name is Renee Schuetter, RN, M.Ed. and I currently administer The Path Clinic Smoke Free Program on Oahu. Funded by the Hawaii Tobacco Trust Fund, this comprehensive perinatal smoking cessation program supports women throughout the island of Oahu in quitting tobacco use in order to improve their health and the health of their infants, families, and communities. It is an effective program that could not exist without a Tobacco Trust Fund Grant.

HB 1267 HD 1 is deeply alarming. How can government justify failing to spend tobacco trust funds to counteract the public health impact of the tobacco industry in this country? How can it justify allowing tobacco companies to slickly advertise their deadly products and not use money provided by the tobacco companies to prevent people from using or help them stop using these products? I understand money is tight, but I also understand what it means to have a place where a young pregnant woman can be inspired to learn how to live without cigarettes. I see how it affects the health of her pregnancy, her pride in herself, and her hopes for the future of her family. Like many other citizens living in Hawaii, I believe our government has a moral responsibility to provide tobacco prevention and control programs in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** ana haro [estrellitalii@yahoo.com.mx]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:34 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

ana haro  
150 shaw st  
lahaina, HI 96761

## Feleai Tau

---

**From:** Cori Gift [cgift@kkv.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:34 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

As a Tobacco Treatment Specialist working within a Federally Qualified Health Center in a low income neighborhood, I know that Tobacco treatment works. I have seen numerous patients benefit from our services--services that are funded through these prevention and control programs. Tobacco treatment saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Cori Gift  
2239 N.School St  
Honolulu, HI 96819

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health:

Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD 1 for Senate Health Committee Hearing on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 3 p.m.

I am strongly opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Funding for tobacco prevention should be used only for this purpose. Tobacco prevention is highly critical to lower future tobacco related health care costs that would eventually end up being a burden to tax-payers. Using tobacco prevention funding for immediate solutions for deficits our state government has created could be devastating to the future of our state. How can you justify transferring tobacco prevention funds to other areas and creating a greater tobacco-related burden to tax-payers in the future? Tobacco prevention does work and it saves lives and money. Much of the tobacco prevention funds are directed to teenagers and children. It is incomprehensible to see our legislature using funds like this for present needs with no regards to our future generation.

I am 70 years old, born here in Hawaii, and I do think of the young people who are the future of our state. Tobacco prevention funding was created because the legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our tax-payers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

David F. Saiki  
4883 Nonou Rd.  
Kapaa, HI 96746