

SB 708

RELATING TO SMOKING.

Requires the Department of Taxation to issue smoking establishment permits to establishments and premises that hold certain classes of liquor licenses; requires permit holders to post specified signs; specifies that conflicting county laws shall not supersede state law; makes conforming amendments.

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**SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS, MILITARY AFFAIRS AND HEALTH**

S.B. 708, RELATING TO SMOKING

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

**February 8, 2011
2:45PM**

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health opposes S.B. 708 which would amend Chapter
2 328J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to allow smoking in establishments and on premises that hold certain
3 classes of liquor licenses, requires the Department of Taxation to issue smoking establishment permits,
4 requires holders to post specified signs, preempts counties from superseding state law, and make
5 conforming amendments.
- 6 **Fiscal Implications:** Potential revenue to general fund from permit fees. Defer to the Department of
7 Taxation for any calculation of potential revenue gain.
- 8 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill would amend Chapter 328J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by
9 allowing smoking in establishments with certain classes of liquor licenses, thus eroding protections
10 against the involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke. It would also create a preemption for counties that
11 would prohibit them from passing county ordinances that supersede state law. This bill would reverse
12 years of 'home rule' precedent where counties could act to protect their citizens. The bill would also
13 effectively remove the equal protections that have been provided under the current statute to protect all

1 workers and patrons in all enclosed and partially enclosed workplaces against secondhand smoke, a
2 known and proven carcinogen.

3 The clear purpose of the 2006 legislation was to create equal protections for all employees, in
4 every sector of the economy, across the state. For the vast majority of the businesses which have
5 complied with the law, these protections are working. There is appropriate signage, employees and
6 customers know that smoking is not permitted and are complying, and there are designated smoking
7 areas beyond the twenty foot perimeter from doorways and windows. As a result of the law, businesses
8 have encouraged workers who smoke to consider quitting, and there have been increases in calls to the
9 Hawaii Tobacco Quitline.

10 From a public health perspective, to now create an exemption for certain classes of liquor
11 licenses would be to disregard the public health findings from the US Surgeon General's reports from
12 2006 and 2010 detailing the risks and harm from exposure to tobacco smoke. This measure goes against
13 the Legislature's intent in the 2006 law to provide for a workplace free from exposure to tobacco smoke
14 where an employee does not have to choose between a paycheck and their health.

15 This bill does not represent a forward step in improving the health for Hawaii's workers and
16 would effectively place more employees and customers at risk for tobacco related illnesses.

17 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**SENATE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION
REGARDING SB 708
RELATING TO SMOKING**

TESTIFIER: FREDERICK D. PABLO, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF
TAXATION (OR DESIGNEE)
COMMITTEE: HTH-PGM
DATE: FEBRUARY 8, 2011
TIME: 2:45PM
POSITION: OPPOSED

This measure, among other things, requires the Department of Taxation (Department) to issue "smoking establishment permits" to businesses that hold certain classes of liquor licenses.

The Department opposes this measure due to the impact upon the Department.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL EXPEND CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES—Because a permit can only be issued to businesses that meet the requirements of this measure and such rules as are adopted by the Department of Health, the Department will expend considerable resources training personnel in identifying eligible businesses and the acceptable classes of liquor licenses. This will divert the already strained resources of the Department away from its core mission of collecting taxes and insuring compliance with the tax law.

THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION SHOULD NOT REGULATE HEALTH CONCERNS—The Department points out that it is not the experts in regulating health issues. For example, this measure does not amend tax law. It amends health laws. As such, the Department opposes being charged with administering health related permits as contemplated by this bill.



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Testimony in strong OPPOSITION to SB 708

The American Heart Association strongly opposes SB 708. There can be no compromise when it comes to protecting the health of Hawaii's workers, or its public.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). An American has a coronary event (heart attack) nearly every 25 seconds, resulting in death about every minute. Smoking is the leading risk factor for heart disease.

Evidence suggests that exposure to secondhand smoke also can result in adverse health effects, including heart disease in nonsmoking adults. Secondhand smoke, also known as environmental tobacco smoke, consists of a mixture of gases and particles including smoke from burning cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, and exhaled mainstream smoke. Smoking bans are making progress at reducing involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke in workplaces, restaurants, and other public places in the United States and abroad. Such legislation has also provided the opportunity to study the effects of smoking bans on the health of smoking and nonsmoking adults.

Cardiovascular disease is a major public health concern. Study results consistently indicate that exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of coronary heart disease by 25 to 30 percent.

Furthermore, exposure to tobacco smoke – even occasional smoking or secondhand smoke – causes immediate damage to your body that can lead to serious illness or death, according to a report released in 2010 by U.S. Surgeon General Regina M. Benjamin. The comprehensive scientific report - Benjamin's first Surgeon General's report and the 30th tobacco-related Surgeon General's report issued since 1964 - describes specific pathways by which tobacco smoke damages the human body and leads to disease and death.

The report, *How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease: The Biology and Behavioral Basis for Smoking-Attributable Disease*, finds that cellular damage and tissue inflammation from tobacco smoke are immediate, and that repeated exposure weakens the body's ability to heal the damage. Even brief exposure to secondhand smoke can cause cardiovascular disease and could trigger acute cardiac events, such as heart attack. The report describes how chemicals from tobacco smoke quickly damage blood vessels and make blood more likely to clot. The evidence in this report shows how smoking causes cardiovascular disease and increases risks for heart attack, stroke, and aortic aneurysm.

Given the prevalence of heart attacks, and the resultant deaths, smoking restriction laws save thousands of lives each year in the U.S. alone. The savings, as measured in human lives, is undeniable.

Alternatively, the costs of not restricting smoking in workplaces are equally staggering. According to the American Heart Association's 2010 Statistical Update, the total direct and indirect cost of CVD and stroke in the United States for 2007 is estimated to be \$286 billion.. The CDC estimates that smoking is responsible for direct medical costs of \$96 billion and

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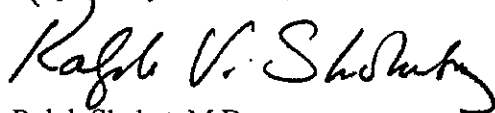
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lost productivity costs of \$97 billion, or a total estimated \$193 billion per year. Some estimates have put the annual costs of excess medical care, mortality and morbidity caused by second-hand smoke alone at more than \$10 billion.

The American Heart Association strongly urges Hawaii legislators to support the existing law which has proven to be a success from both a health and a business standpoint, and to fulfill their pledge to uphold the State Constitution in which Article IX, Section 1 states, "The State shall provide for the protection and promotion of the public health." Please oppose SB708.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph V. Shoher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Ralph Shoher, M.D.

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COALITION FOR A
TOBACCO-FREE HAWAII

To: Chair Will Espero, Cmte on Pub Safety, Gov't Ops, & Military Affairs
Chair Josh Green, M.D., Cmte on Health
Vice Chair Michelle Kidani, Cmte on Pub Safety, Gov't Ops, & Military Affairs
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Members, Joint Committee on PGM and HTH

From: Trisha Y. Nakamura, Esq., Policy and Advocacy Director 

Date: February 7, 2011

Hrg: Committee on HTH/PGM; February 8, 2011 in Rm 224 at 2:45 p.m.

Re: **Strong Opposition to SB 708: Relating to Smoking**

The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii strongly opposes SB 708 Relating to Smoking. We ask that you hold it in Committee.

The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii (Coalition) is the only independent organization in Hawai'i whose sole mission is to reduce tobacco use through education, policy and advocacy. Our organization is a nonprofit organization of over 3,000 organizations and members working to create a healthy Hawaii through comprehensive tobacco prevention and control efforts. In 2006, the Coalition and its partners worked to pass the Smoke-Free Workplaces Law—HRS 328J. Hawaii became the 14th state to adopt a comprehensive statewide law to address dangerous secondhand smoke exposure in workplaces. This law ensures that workers and patrons are free of secondhand smoke in enclosed and partially-enclosed areas open to the public.

The measure before you today will undermine some of the protections guaranteed to workers and those who patronize businesses—the right to breathe air free of tobacco smoke. This measure will allow bar owners to purchase a “smoking establishment permit” from the Department of Taxation to allow smoking in their bar. This is a step in the wrong direction. Eroding our strong Smoke-Free Workplaces Law opens the door to more businesses seeking exemptions from the Smoke-Free Workplaces Law. This measure also creates an unequal playing field for bars, allowing a minority to profit at the expense of the public health. **Our public deserves the right to smoke-free air. And, it is the role and responsibility of lawmakers to regulate business when the health and safety of the public is concerned.**

I. The Smoke-Free Workplaces Law Is Necessary for Workers and the Public's Health

The measure provides no protections for workers. Workers employed in a bar that elects to purchase a smoking establishment permit will be exposed to secondhand smoke and the numerous risks associated with it—for some, the health threats are so serious that they will be

forced to quit or worse suffer with life-threatening harms to earn their wage. The only way to protect workers and patrons from involuntary secondhand smoke exposure is to prohibit smoking in enclosed and partially enclosed areas as we have now.

II. Secondhand Smoke is a Serious Health Threat and Can be Lethal

Secondhand smoke is dangerous; the U.S. Surgeon General in 2010 notes that any level of exposure to secondhand smoke is dangerous and can be harmful. The International Agency for Research on Cancer and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency both note that environmental tobacco smoke (or second-hand smoke) is carcinogenic to humans. Secondhand smoke contains 7,000 identifiable chemicals, 69 of which are known or probable carcinogens. And, The World Health Organization states that “[s]cientific evidence has firmly established that there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke (SHS), a pollutant that causes serious illness in adults and children. There is also indisputable evidence that implementing 100% smoke-free environments is the only effective way to protect the population from the harmful effects of exposure to SHS.”¹

Secondhand smoke, or involuntary or passive smoking, is a known cause of lung cancer, heart disease, low birth-weight births, and chronic lung ailments. The CDC notes that 50,000 Americans die each year from lung cancer and heart disease attributable to secondhand smoke exposure.² The Institute of Medicine (“IOM”) most recently reported in “Secondhand Smoke Exposure and Cardiovascular Effects: Making Sense of the Evidence” on conclusive evidence that secondhand smoke causes heart disease, including heart attacks. The IOM committee of scientific experts concluded “there is a causal relationship between smoking bans and decreases in acute coronary events” and “the evidence reviewed by the committee is consistent with a causal relationship between second-hand smoke exposure and acute coronary events, such as acute MI (myocardial infarction).”

¹ World Health Organization, “Protection from Exposure to Secondhand Tobacco Smoke – Policy Recommendations,” 2007. Available at http://www.who.int/tobacco/resources/publications/wntd/2007/PR_on_SHS.pdf.

² Centers for Disease Control, “Annual Smoking-Attributable Mortality, Years of Potential List Lost, and Productivity Losses – United States 2000-2004,” MMWR 57(45), November 14, 2008. Available at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5745a3.htm>.

III. Neighboring Businesses and Their Workers and Patrons Would Also Be Exposed to and Not Protected from Secondhand Tobacco Smoke

There is no ventilation system that will keep workers safe from second-hand smoke exposure and remove all of the toxins and particles found in secondhand smoke. In 2006, the US Surgeon General in "The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke" concluded that ventilating buildings, or trying to separate smokers from nonsmokers cannot eliminate secondhand smoke exposure. This measure does not only impact bars and the workers in those bars. If passed, the measure will impact other businesses that neighbor bars who acquire "smoking establishment permits", and those who work and patronize those businesses.

IV. Smoke-Free Workplaces Laws Do Not Harm Businesses

One year after Hawaii's Smoke-Free Law went into effect, it was found "there is no evidence to suggest that the Hawaii Smokefree Law has harmed the hospitality or tourism industries as a whole"³ according to the Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Additionally, the Surgeon General reported that "[e]vidence from peer-reviewed studies shows that smoke-free policies and regulations do not have an adverse economic impact on the hospitality industry."⁴

V. Support for the Smoke-Free Workplaces Law Has Grown Since the Law Went into Effect

In 2007, 82 percent of Hawaii residents supported the law. In 2008, that number grew to 85% a majority of Hawaii's residents. Additionally, Hawaii residents care about the health of workers. In 2007, 77% of Hawaii residents strongly agreed that all workers in Hawaii should be protected from exposure to secondhand smoke in the workplace. In 2008, that number increased to 82% of a majority of residents supporting protections for workers.

The Legislature must maintain our Smoke-Free Workplaces law. It is effective public health policy. It is fair and equal to all business owners. It protects worker and the public. It improves our health and saves lives. Please remain committed to the health of our workers and the public. We ask that you hold this measure in Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

³ Hyland, Andrew et. al., "One Year After the Hawaii Smokefree Law: Tourism and Hospitality Economic Indicators Appear Unaffected," available at http://hawaii.gov/health/about/reports/year_after_smoke.pdf.

⁴ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Health Consequence of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General. 2006. Available at <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/secondhandsmoke/report/>.

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February 7, 2011

Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations,
And Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair

The Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair

Re: Hearing on Senate Bill 708
Tuesday, February 8 at 2:45 p.m.
Room 224

Chairs Espero and Dr. Green and Committee members:

I am a volunteer for the American Cancer Society here on Maui, and submit this testimony in strong opposition to Senate Bill 708, "A Bill For An Act Relating To Smoking". This proposed bill would allow places where we work and public areas that we go to, to be smoke filled.

It was a tremendous step forward to prohibit smoking in our work areas and public areas. As employees and members of the public, we should not have to be subjected to secondhand smoke which places our health at serious risk—whether it be at work or going out to a restaurant. Permitting bars and night clubs to allow smoking is a great step backwards. We should be able to be at work and go to public places without being subjected to the risks of a smoke filled environment.

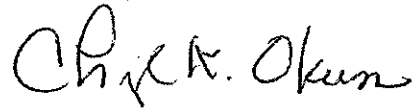
Smoking and second hand smoke puts our health at risk and is known to cause not only lung cancer, but many different kinds of cancer (i.e. breast, oral cavity, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, bladder, stomach, cervix, kidney and pancreas, and acute myeloid leukemia). The Center For Disease Control estimates that 46,000 deaths a year are related to second hand smoke.

Smoke-free laws such as what Hawaii currently has, continue to be passed. There are now 39 smoke-free states and Hawaii was the 14th state pass a smoke-free law. I have seen that having a smoke-free law has

positive impacts on myself, family, and friends. The smoke-free law is working and should not be rolled back

I urge you not to pass proposed SB708 because it is vital that we have Hawaii's smoke-free law in place to save lives, and create a cleaner and healthier work place and environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl K. Okuma". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Cheryl K. Okuma



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SB 708 Support with amendments to insert Marijuana following every mention of Tobacco in the bill.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, February 8, 2011
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224

Marijuana is safer than tobacco or alcohol.
Marijuana is not associated with the harmful health effects of tobacco or alcohol.
Marijuana is not associated with the social degeneration and harm associated with alcohol or drug abuse.

The "recreational use" of Marijuana is also therapeutic for the individual and society.
Marijuana medically is safer than aspirin and less psychedelic than cough medicine with DM.
Alcohol is associated with risk taking behavior, drug abuse and date rapes.
Marijuana is not.

Marijuana is not a precursor to other more dangerous drugs, chemically or socially.

Natural Cancer Wellness Foundation supports the Amsterdam model not any oppressive black market schemes inconsistent with the standard American business and medical models.

Marijuana extract by mouth cause the elimination of cancer cells in humans. [see youtube *Run for the Cure*] Nobody really wants to die.
Everybody wants medicine nobody wants poison.
Ninety to 99% of cancer patients want natural cancer wellness.

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Monday, February 07, 2011

The Honorable Will Espero & Josh Green, Chairs
and Members
Hawaii State Legislature
Senate Committees on Public Safety & Health
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street

In opposition to Senate Bill 708, relating to smoking.

Chair Espero, Chair Green, and members of the Senate Committees on Public Safety & Health:

On behalf of UNITE HERE Local 5, a local labor organization representing nearly 11,000 hotel, health care and food service workers employed throughout our State, I hereby register our organization's opposition to Senate Bill 708 that would exempt bars and clubs from Hawaii's Smoke-Free Workplaces Law.

SB 708 stands to weaken Hawaii's comprehensive Smoke-Free Workplaces Law by allowing bars and clubs the ability to purchase a smoking establishment permit. Our current law ensures basic protections for workers and the public—freedom from exposure to second-hand smoke.

At this time, we humbly ask that you defer SB 708. Our state cannot afford to compromise workers and the public's health.

Sincerely,

Cade M. Watanabe
Community/Political Organizer

From: kawikc@aol.com
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Subject: Testimony as per SB708 2/8/11

Testimony for committee hearing by PGM/Health...Tuesday 2:45pm Rm 224

By: Kawika Crowley Hawaii Bar Owners Assoc. and Hawaii Smokers Alliance

Good afternoon my fellow citizens...my name is Kawika Crowley. I am with the Hawaii Bar Owners Assoc, representing over 100 small businesses across the state, along with thousands of its employees. Also i am the co chair of Hawaii Smokers Alliance representing close to 40,000 tobacco lovers across the state, of which 80% vote.

Recently, Global Warming scientists got caught with their pants down falsifying data, skewing #'s and outright lying to advance their agenda. Today, you would be considered slightly lolo for believing in global warming, or "climate change" as they now call it. It is now regarded as one of the biggest money making scams of the last half century.

Another scam which is turning out to be one of mankind's most Sinister has its pants falling as well. That scam is the notion of "The Killer Dangers Of Second Hand Smoke". This ridiculous scam has spawned off thousands of Smoking Bans in cities, states, and nations, across the world, generating BILLIONS of dollars for its proponents, while sending tens of thousands of small businesses to their early graves. Fortunately the voices of the masses always has the last say. Just in the last year close to a dozen nations have either amended or are amending their draconian smoking bans, including France just a few weeks ago. In our country, 27 states allow for reasonable smoking exemptions for bars, including most recently the city of Las Vegas. The city of Galveston shelved entirely their ban a few months ago, as their tourist numbers were tanking and their revenue dollars were disappearing. The Blow Back to these draconian smoking bans is happening all over the world as i speak. Contrary to the mantra of our opposition, the evidence is now indisputable and undeniable that **SMOKING BANS KILL SMALL BUSINESS**. Over 4,000 pubs in Ireland and England have gone under in just the last 3 years due specifically to their draconian bans.

Another huge factor in this blow back is the amount of Doctors and Scientists speaking out against the research process of our opposition. For the sake of the integrity of the the scientific community more and more are speaking out. Epidemiologist and Toxicologist, Gio Batta Gori, former deputy director of the National Cancer Institute stated in his recent report titled "The Bogus Science of SHS", his words, "Why must we promote this process under the tyranny of Deception". Dr. Robert Madden, former director of the New York Cancer Society recently stated as per data retrieved on the effects of SHS...his words, "This data is scientifically weak and controversial, as well as probably flawed". From esteemed medical publications such as Lancet, The New Scientist, and the British Medical Journal, they are all now questioning the integrity and honesty of what is now being termed as The SHS Bogus Science. Lastly, Dr. John Dale Dunn of the Heartland Institute Chicago recently stated, "I can state with confidence that SHS can irritate some, but it does not kill...those claiming thousands of deaths from SHS to the public are DECEITFUL for a political goal...they are LIES".

In closing may i put this into perspective. Health care costs in America total over 2.4 TRILLION dollars every year. Out of that tobacco related costs are \$135 Billion, less than 5% of all costs. 1.4 Trillion of the total, over HALF of the total costs is attributed to health issues such as obesity, being over weight, lack of exercisè, and diabetes. Tobacco is just an easier child to spank. Let's start spanking the real bad kid...a tax on cheeseburgers would be a great start.

Please consider our smoking exemption bill. A business owner should be able to make his OWN decision whether to cater to a smoking clientele or not, leaving Big Government out of that decision. By the way, Hawaii's most respected business publication, PBN agrees with our bill, including the former Star Bulletin, not to mention well over 40 lawmakers in this building. mahalo for your time. kawika crowley

From: LorrieAnn Santos [mailto:lsantos@queens.org]
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To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

Re: Strong Opposition to SB 708.

I support the 2006 Smoke-Free Workplace law as is. The current law protects all workers from exposure to secondhand smoke.

I oppose SB 708 as it would erode the law and place employees at risk for exposure to secondhand smoke, as well as those of innocent patrons. Exposure to tobacco smoke – even occasional smoking or secondhand smoke – causes immediate damage to your body that can lead to serious illness or death, according to a report released by U.S. Surgeon General Regina M. Benjamin.

Hawaii's smoke-free law has been one of the best pieces of public health legislation our Legislature passed. Because of it, I now work in a place that is smoke free. My family and I do not have to be exposed to other people's secondhand smoke, especially when dining out in restaurants or enjoying an evening with family and friends to hear our local entertainers in bars or clubs. And the next generation see less smoking around them, so that hopefully, in the future the addiction, health costs, and lost lives due to tobacco use will no longer be at the expense of our communities.

Please continue to do the right thing to keep Hawaii smoke free. Please hold SB 708 in Committee.

Mahalo,

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From: Camille Chong [mailto:ccnalu@hotmail.com]
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Mahalo,

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Mahalo,

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Please continue to do the right thing to keep Hawaii smoke free. Please hold SB 708 in Committee.

This law has protected Hawaii's families and it's working. Please don't bow to pressure. Visitors are coming in droves, they all want healthy places to eat and drink too!

Mahalo,
Toni Symons

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From: Erin Moncada [erin.moncada@cancer.org]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 11:13 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

Re: Strong Opposition to SB 708.

I support the 2006 Smoke-Free Workplace law as is. The current law protects all workers from exposure to secondhand smoke. I work for the American Cancer Society and I know that smoke-free workplaces save lives.

I oppose SB 708 as it would erode the law and place employees at risk for exposure to secondhand smoke. Exposure to tobacco smoke – even occasional smoking or secondhand smoke – causes immediate damage to your body that can lead to serious illness or death, according to a report released by U.S. Surgeon General Regina M. Benjamin.

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Mahalo,

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From: Kathleen Sass [redwinehi@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 12:59 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 7089

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

Re: Strong Opposition to SB 708.

I support the 2006 Smoke-Free Workplace law as is. The current law protects all workers from exposure to secondhand smoke.

My little sister Mary Helen was a waitress for 17 years-she died at age 34, and all her organs were necrotic, likely from a mesenteric artery clot. Did the second hand smoke in her workplace contribute to her early demise? We have no doubt that second hand smoke is deadly. There will always be those who go into service industries, many of them young, many of them lifelong waitresses or bartenders. As the ad says, being a waitress or waiter (or a bartender) is not a crime, it should not incur a death sentence. We know that smoke-free workplaces are healthier, and that these laws also result in more people successfully quitting tobacco use.

I oppose SB 708 as it would erode the law and place employees at risk for exposure to secondhand smoke. Exposure to tobacco smoke – even occasional smoking or secondhand smoke – causes immediate damage to your body that can lead to serious illness or death, according to a report released by U.S. Surgeon General Regina M. Benjamin.

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Mahalo,

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From: Joyce Garcia [j_garcia56@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 9:40 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

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I support the 2006 Smoke-Free Workplace law as is. The current law protects all workers from exposure to secondhand smoke.

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Mahalo,

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From: Ruby Tidwell [rubyjt479@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 8:42 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

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I oppose SB 708 as it would erode the law and place employees at risk for exposure to secondhand smoke. Exposure to tobacco smoke – even occasional smoking or secondhand smoke – causes immediate damage to your body that can lead to serious illness or death, according to a report released by U.S. Surgeon General Regina M. Benjamin.

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Mahalo,

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From: Jennifer Lee [mailto:kainoamakana@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:51 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

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Mahalo,

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From: Debbie Odo [mailto:DOdo@ala-hawaii.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:06 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Mahalo,

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From: Jill Friedman [mailto:jillf2184@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 5:57 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Mahalo,

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From: Dianne Ishida [mailto:dianne@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 5:30 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Please continue to do the right thing to keep Hawaii smoke free. Please hold SB 708 in Committee.

Mahalo,
Dianne Ishida

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From: Dee Dee Nelson [mailto:mauionion@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 4:57 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

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Mahalo,

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 4:11 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: vkramos@aloha.net
Subject: Testimony for SB58 on 2/8/2011 3:15:00 PM

Testimony for PGM 2/8/2011 3:15:00 PM SB58

Conference room: 224
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Victor K. Ramos
Organization:
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Phone:
E-mail: vkramos@aloha.net
Submitted on: 2/3/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill. This legislation takes away accountability and promotes illegal activity. It's an attempt by those with a particular agenda to take what is "bad" and label it "good." Their mantra is, "If we don't like the law, we will change it to make what is illegal...legal."

From: Dmitry Krupitsky [mailto:dmitrykrupitsky@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 3:00 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

Re: Strong Opposition to SB 708.

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I oppose SB 708 as it would erode the law and place employees at risk for exposure to secondhand smoke. Exposure to tobacco smoke – even occasional smoking or secondhand smoke – causes immediate damage to your body that can lead to serious illness or death, according to a report released by U.S. Surgeon General Regina M. Benjamin.

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Please continue to do the right thing to keep Hawaii smoke free. Please hold SB 708 in Committee.

Mahalo,

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From: Sally Ancheta [mailto:sally@tobaccofreehawaii.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 3:38 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

Re: Strong Opposition to SB 708.

I strongly support the 2006 Smoke-Free Workplace law as is. The current law protects all workers from exposure to secondhand smoke. It has helped us offer Smoking Cessation programs at the work place and it has created healthy indoor air for all of our Hawaii workers.

I oppose SB 708 as it would erode the law and place employees at risk for exposure to secondhand smoke. Exposure to tobacco smoke – even occasional smoking or secondhand smoke – causes immediate damage to your body that can lead to serious illness or death, according to a report released by U.S. Surgeon General Regina M. Benjamin.

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Mahalo,
Sally Ancheta
Tobacco-Free East Hawaii Coalition Coordinator

Sally Ancheta
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From: Angela Sy [sya@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 7:55 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

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Hawaii's smoke-free law has been one of the best examples of public health legislation our Legislature passed. Because of it, I now can go to public places and be assured that it is smoke free. do not have to be exposed to other people's secondhand smoke. And our keiki see less smoking around them.

Please continue to do the right thing to keep Hawaii smoke free. Please hold SB 708 in Committee.

Mahalo,

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From: Rose Anne Navalta [laupahoehoe21@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 3:23 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

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Please continue to do the right thing to keep Hawaii smoke free. Please hold SB 708 in Committee.

Mahalo,

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From: Krystyna Aune [krystynaane@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 3:23 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Mahalo,

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From: Lolita Baracao [lbaracao@crch.hawaii.edu]
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Mahalo,

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From: Garrett Doyle [kailuahawaii808@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 2:50 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: STRONG OPPOSITION TO SB 708

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

Re: STRONG OPPOSITION TO SB 708

I support the 2006 Smoke-Free Workplaces law as is. The current law protects all workers from exposure to secondhand smoke.

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If anything, what you NEED to be doing is to put some serious teeth in the existing smoking ban, so that rogue bars (such as those three bars owned by E & J Lounge Operating Company in Honolulu - O'Tooles, Irish Rose Saloon and Kelley O'Neills) will be strongly discouraged from disobeying it. (Such punitive actions should include immediate suspension and/or revocation of business licenses, liquor licenses, immediate shutdown, etc.)

Please continue to do the right thing to keep Hawaii smoke free. PLEASE HOLD SB 708 in Committee.

Mahalo,

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From: Anna Mayeda [anna.mayeda@cancer.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 2:57 PM
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Mahalo,

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From: Michele Nihipali [nihipalim001@hawaii.rr.com]
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Mahalo,

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From: Megan Inada [minada@kkv.net]
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To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

Re: Strong Opposition to SB 708.

I support the 2006 Smoke-Free Workplace law as is. I'm am very thankful that I can go out anywhere in Hawaii without having to expose myself to deadly second hand smoke. More than that, it help protects all employees from having to expose themselves to to deadly second hand smoke on the job.

I am an ex-smoker. I have worked hard to stay quit and don't want to have to breathe in anyone else's smoke. Some people argue for the rights of smokers, but what about the rights of people to safe air?

Therefore I oppose SB 708 as it would erode the law and place everyone at risk to the harmful effects of tobacco smoke.

I am so thankful that Hawaii's law makers had the foresight to see the importance of protecting its citizens by enacting our smoke-free law. As a public health advocate I think it is one of the best pieces of public health legislation our Legislature passed. Because of it, I now work in a place that is smoke free. It not only protects people from second hand smoke, it encourages people to quit, and changes social norms around smoking.

Please continue to do the right thing to keep Hawaii smoke free. Please hold SB 708 in Committee.

Mahalo,

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From: JoAnn Tsark [jtsark@imihale.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 1:58 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Mahalo,

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From: John Pimentel [johnpi32@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 1:05 PM
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Mahalo,

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From: Stacey Krenelka [stacey@ccmaui.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 1:35 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Mahalo,

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From: Cecily Nago [cecily.nago@cancer.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 1:34 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Hawaii's smoke-free law has been one of the best pieces of public health legislation our Legislature passed. We have worked long and hard to be sure that everyone benefits from smoke-free workplaces and bars. It would be quite shameful if we backslide! WE ALL deserve to breathe clean smoke-free air no matter where we are!

Please continue to do the right thing to keep Hawaii smoke free. Please hold SB 708 in Committee.

Mahalo,

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From: Abby BRown-Watson [abbykailua@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 1:12 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

Re: Strong Opposition to SB 708.

I strongly support the 2006 Smoke-Free Workplace law as is. I smoked 19 years before I wised up, found help and quit the dangerous habit. Because I did I've had the privilege to live to my present healthy age of 71, with hopes for many more years.

My brother, and two friends who didn't quit, died in their 50's, after many years of poor health caused by smoking. How sad. How evil of tobacco companies to hook us on these deadly drugs. Quitting was the hardest thing I ever did (after years of trying to quit) and today's cigarettes are much more addictive.

My daughter is a bartender who does not smoke. She's only in her 40's but had years of exposure to second-hand smoke. We pray for her.

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Mahalo,

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From: Marci Miyasaki [marcimiya@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 12:07 PM
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Mahalo,
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From: Forrest Batz, PharmD [fbatz@hawaii.edu]
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From: Anne LaPorte [alaporte@hawaii.rr.com]
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Mahalo,

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From: Anjj Lee [anjj@anjlee.com]
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I am a musician and have had to work in environments where bars are filled with smoke and have no windows and don't make any kind of effort to circulate fresh air. I felt suffocated for years. The smoke also inhibits singing and affected my ability to perform. This law has saved me and many others from the harmful effects of second hand smoke. The laws should be there to protect the public first. I understand businesses need to make money, but people still go to bars even with the smoking law in effect and because this law is not being properly enforced I know of a few bars in Waikiki and around Hawaii that are still breaking this law. So this law does not need to be changed because the people who want this law changed will allow smoking in their bars, anyway. Just go see for yourself on any given day.

Musicians need to be protected because we want to work but not in these conditions and if smoking is allowed in bars, again, we will have no choice but to endure it if we want to work. When I used to work as a bartender, I also had to endure customers who blew smoke directly into my face, without giving it much thought. I want to keep the message out there that non smokers need to be respected and that smokers are infringing on our rights to breathe and live healthy, lung cancer-free lives.

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Mahalo,

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From: Valerie Chang [copd.hawaii@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 11:54 AM
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Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

Re: Strong Opposition to SB 708.

I live in your district and vote in all elections. I support the 2006 Smoke-Free Workplace law as is. The current law protects all workers from exposure to secondhand smoke. I, my husband and children all have asthma and severe allergies to tobacco smoke.

I oppose SB 708 as it would erode the law and place employees at risk for exposure to secondhand smoke. Exposure to tobacco smoke – even occasional smoking or secondhand smoke – causes immediate damage to your body that can lead to serious illness or death, according to a report released by U.S. Surgeon General Regina M. Benjamin. It creates emphysetameous changes in the lungs of those who breathe tobacco smoke that are visible by CT scan.

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From: Jeff Baker [mauiacademy@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 8:20 AM
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Mahalo,

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Mahalo,

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From: Jean Evans [jevans9999@hotmail.com]
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To: PGM Testimony
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It wasn't long ago that most restaurant air was polluted with cigarette smoke. Maybe you were used to it then, but now that it's gone from our restaurants, bars and all other indoor public spaces, clean air adds to our enjoyment and improves our health.

When State legislators enacted the 2006 public places smoking ban, they did so knowing there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Some businesses now claim they've been harmed by the law. Whether or not that's true, the law's overriding public benefit is that smoke no longer damages the health of employees and patrons alike.

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As a society, we strive to improve working conditions and eliminate threats to health and safety. The no-smoking law has done that for all Hawaii residents and deserves our continued support.

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Mahalo,

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From: Beverly Wong [fbad4@hotmail.com]
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From: Debbie Claypoole [dclaypoole@hhsc.org]
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From: helen bressler [helenpbressler@gmail.com]
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From: Kent Kasaoka [kkasaoka@cwassociatescpas.com]
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Mahalo,

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From: Sally Jo Manea [keahimanea@gmail.com]
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Hawaii's smoke-free law is one of the best laws our Legislature ever passed. Please continue to do the right thing to keep Hawaii smoke free. Please hold SB 708 in Committee.

Mahalo, Sally Jo Manea, Kapaa, Kauai

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From: Daniel Gluck [dan_gluck@yahoo.com]
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Mahalo,

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From: Robin Hirano [rhirano@yahoo.com]
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From: Stanley Tsukamoto [stsukam@yahoo.com]
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From: Mahana Chang [mchang@lanaicommunityhealthcenter.org]
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From: Michelle Gray [mmg2b@msn.com]
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Mahalo,

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From: Napua Spock [nspock@hawaiiipca.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 11:13 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Mahalo,

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From: Valerie Yontz [vyontz@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 11:05 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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From: Beau Lani Barker [beau.barker@cancer.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:33 AM
To: PGM Testimony
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Mahalo,

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From: Juan Moncada [juan@tobaccofreehawaii.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:19 AM
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Mahalo,

Juan Moncada

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From: Sarah Taliaferro [sarah.taliaferro@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:19 AM
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Mahalo,

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From: Rae Watanabe [raew@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 10:43 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Mahalo,

Rae Watanabe
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Honolulu, HI 96816

From: Noel Kent [noelk@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 10:40 AM
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Mahalo,

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From: Carole Vida [carole.vida@meoinc.org]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 8:28 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Mahalo,

Carole Vida
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Wailuku, HI 96793

From: Marilyn Gagen [mgagen@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 9:26 AM
To: PGM Testimony
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My husband's entire family smoked – my husband, both his parents, and his two sisters and brother, as well as most aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. This legacy of smoking is not uncommon among families that smoke. Both my in-laws died from smoking. My father-in-law died of lung cancer and my mother-in-law died from emphysema. My husband died from cardiovascular disease caused by smoking at the age of 59 after smoking for more than 45 years. He wanted to quit smoking for many years, but tried and failed numerous times. It wasn't until he used Chantix that he was able to successfully quit smoking 18 months before he died. But unfortunately the damage was already too far along. My husband's aunt also died from cardiovascular disease as a lifelong smoker. Of my husband's siblings, only his one sister has been able to successfully stop smoking. Of his six nieces and nephews, all smoked at one time or another. One nephew has quit on his own and one niece quit after getting breast cancer. The rest are still smoking.

Please continue to do the right thing to keep Hawaii smoke free. Please hold SB 708 in Committee.

Mahalo,

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From: Lisa Maddock [biedy143@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 9:12 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Mahalo,

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From: Lucy Mefy [lmeffy@kkv.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 9:06 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Mahalo,

Lucy Mefy
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From: John A. H. Tomoso [jtomoso@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 4:40 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Re: Strong Opposition to SB 708.

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Please continue to do the right thing to keep Hawaii smoke free. Please hold SB 708 in Committee.

Mahalo,

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From: Joseph Pedro [josephf.pedro@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 12:11 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Mahalo,

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From: Elise Davis [eldavis@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 7:03 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

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Hawaii has seen a great reduction in smoking rates thanks to strong anti-smoking legislation. You can continue to protect people's health from diseases lung cancer, which is the deadliest cancer in America. I am in the public health field in cancer prevention. I urge you to continue Hawaii's fight against tobacco related diseases.

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Mahalo,

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From: Hannah Hedrick [hedrickhneca@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 11:21 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Mahalo,

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From: curtis paul chun [hewo@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 1:39 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Curtis Chun: "...the trials and tribulations triumphed become meaningless on relapse....". It would be a reversal of humanity and science. Please do not authorize more insanity to our world - there is already too much as it is.

Mahalo, Curtis Chun
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February 7, 2011

The Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair

The Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair

Hearing on SB708 – Tuesday at 2:45 PM – Room 224

Testimony in Strong Opposition

Chairs Espero and Dr. Green:

I am in strong opposition to SB708.

We should not go back to smoke filled workplaces and public places. I have a right to breathe clean air in public places and at work, and I do not want to roll back the law so my health is at risk to earn a living or when I go out to a restaurant.

Our workers and the public should not be exposed to secondhand smoke which leads to serious health risks and forces many to risk their health to earn a living.

Allowing bars and night clubs to permit smoking again would be taking a very huge step backwards.

We must keep Hawaii's Smoke-Free Law strong. It has been over 5 years since law passed. The law is working! It is saving lives and creating a cleaner, healthier work and public environment.

Since our smoke-free law went into effect, I have personally seen the positive impact the law has had on my family, friends and coworkers. It has saved hundreds of lives and protects all of us from the health hazards of secondhand smoke.

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Smoke-free laws are continuing to be passed. Hawaii was the 14th state to pass a smoke-free law. Now there are 39 smoke-free states.

Please don't allow a few bar owners amend the law. Please do not let this happen. Hawaii's Smoke-Free Law is a good one.

Please do not take away our safe workplaces and public places. Don't give some businesses a license to kill!

Sincerely,

Cathy Abbott

February 7, 2011

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Senator Will Espero, Chair

The Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair

Hearing on SB708 – Tuesday at 2:45 PM – Room 224

Testimony in Strong Opposition

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Joanne Itano

From: jenny hausler [jenhausler@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 12:27 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: George Massengale
Subject: SB 708 - Strong Opposition

February 7, 2011

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Senator Will Espero, Chair

The Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair

Hearing on SB708 – Tuesday at 2:45 PM – Room 224

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Jennifer S. Hausler

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Ph. 808 455 3242

From: Kerri Okamura [Kerri.Okamura@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 9:43 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Mahalo,

Kerri Okamura
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February 6, 2011

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Senator Will Espero, Chair

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Sincerely,

Carol Adams
Volunteer, American Cancer Society

From: Lara O`Connor [islelara@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 1:42 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

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Hawaii's smoke-free law has been one of the best pieces of public health legislation our Legislature passed. Because of it, I now work in a place that is smoke free. My family and I do not have to be exposed to other people's secondhand smoke. And the next generation see less smoking around them.

Please continue to do the right thing to keep Hawaii smoke free. Please hold SB 708 in Committee.

Mahalo,

Lara O`Connor
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From: Rachel Kruse [rkruse@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 7:54 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

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Mahalo,
Rachel Kruse

Rachel Kruse
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Pahoa, HI 96749

From: Erin Bantum [eocb44@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 3:51 PM
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Mahalo,

Erin Bantum
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Kaaawa, HI 96730

From: Elizabeth Tam [tameliza@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:16 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Strong Opposition to SB 708

Dear Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Kidani, and Joint Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

Re: Strong Opposition to SB 708.

I support the 2006 Smoke-Free Workplace law as is. The current law protects all workers from exposure to secondhand smoke. Hawaii's smoke-free law has been one of the best pieces of public health legislation our Legislature passed, providing protections throughout our island state.

SB 708 would erode the law and place employees at risk for exposure to secondhand smoke. Please continue to do the right thing to keep Hawaii smoke free and hold SB 708 in Committee.

Mahalo,

Elizabeth Tam
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Honolulu, HI 96816

From: Bernie Sakoda [sakoda@hawaiiink.net]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 12:07 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Hearing on SB708 - Testimony in Strong Opposition

Honorable Chairs Will Espero and Dr. Green:

As a Cancer survivor, I am in strong opposition to SB708.

We should not go back to smoke filled workplaces and public places. I do not want to roll back the law when my health could be of risk. Allowing bars and night clubs to permit smoking again would be taking a very huge step backwards.

We must keep Hawaii's Smoke-Free Law strong. It has been over 5 years since the law passed. IT IS WORKING! It is savings lives and creating a cleaner, healthier work and public environment.

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Let us keep our work and public places safe. MAHALO!

Sincerely,

*Bernadette H. Sakoda
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From: curtis paul chun [hewo@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:56 PM
To: PGM Testimony
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Curtis Chun: This 2nd testimony regards my chemical sensitivities that will take me out. I do not proliferate any airborne toxicants (which includes both tobacco combust and the pharmaceutical nicotine released by electronic cigarettes (really wickedly potent stuff and harmful). I must breathe it because my neighbor is affixed. The nicotine is repositied and effectively transfers to my residence interior where I must continuously breathe it due to wind currents. Be aware that repositied nicotine unleash airborne nicotine even while my neighbor is away due to thermal agitation of the nicotine surfaces in corridors and baffles of the delivery route (conveyance passages).

Mahalo,

curtis paul chun
91-1070A Keokolo St
Kapolei, HI 96707

From: Gail Rombaoa [mrs_gailr@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:09 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: SB708 Testimony in Strong Opposition

Email: PGMTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

February 7, 2011

The Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair

The Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair

Hearing on SB708 – Tuesday at 2:45 PM – Room 224

Testimony in Strong Opposition

Chairs Espero and Dr. Green:

I am an American Cancer Society volunteer from Waimanalo. I am in strong opposition to SB708.

We should not go back to smoke filled workplaces and public places. I have a right to breathe clean air in public places and at work, and I do not want to roll back the law so my health is at risk to earn a living or when I go out to a restaurant.

Our workers and the public should not be exposed to secondhand smoke which leads to serious health risks and forces many to risk their health to earn a living.

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Sincerely,
Gail Rombaoa

From: kkapahu@aol.com
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 5:32 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: *****SPAM***** Senate Bill 708 in support for hearing

Kevin Kapahu
85-175 Farrington Hwy
Waianae, Hawaii

I am totally in support of senate bill 708. It's about time. It's about time that arrogant people stop making choices for other people. I think I'm smart enough to choose where I want to hang out and who I want to work for.

However, I would like to thank those that want to put the power of choice in their own voters hands. I want to vote for a Martin Luther King not a Kim Jung IL. As a lifelong liberal, I think we need to pass this bill.

Mahalo, Kevin Kapahu

From: Lisa Oshiro [lisayoshiro@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 5:00 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Testimony for SB-708

Testimony for the hearing on Feb. 8th
PGM/HTH committees
SB-708

Strongly Support

From: Lisa Oshiro
411 Hobron Ln.
Honolulu, HI 96815
lisayoshiro@gmail.com

It is clear that the smoking ban is bad for business in bars. People shouldn't have to break the law to not be treated like trash and thrown out into the street. Bar owners and staff shouldn't have to break the law to give adults what they want from an establishment. **People who work in these bars shouldn't have to be punished in their pocketbooks for a ban they never asked for.** Also this bullshit about second hand smoke killing thousands is so absurd that it insults my intelligence. How much did the anti-smoking nuts get payed for this junk "research"???

Sincerely, Lisa Oshiro

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 8, 2011
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Testimony for SB708
Position: STRONG SUPPORT

Dear Honorable Committees,

I support bars that have experienced economic hardship to be able to be exempt from the ban. I support this bill for several reasons.

- 1.) The ban has caused significant hardship to a number of bars in the community to the point where they have to let people break the law. The Honolulu liquor commission's own sales numbers showed that the industry lost millions of dollars in sales after the ban. Before the ban it had experienced steady growth of 5% per year from 2003 to 2006. If we recall bars owners joined together to file a lawsuit against the state for loss of business. Furthermore our research has shown that the ban has affected bars unevenly, with some taking far greater losses than others, based on who their clientele was. This was further backed up by former Honolulu Liquor Administrator Dewey Kim who reported to the Small Business Regulator Review Board that certain segments of the bar industry were "really hurting" from the ban.
- 2.) Enforcement of the ban will be costly, problematic, and cruel. We have only to look to other states to see the results. In Ohio for example the Health department levied \$33,100 in fines against Zeno's bar in Franklin county. Zeno's, put in a clearly disparate situation between giving the majority of their customers what they want and the ban, the *1851 Center for Constitutional Law*, took up Zeno's case pro-bono.

The court found that the Health Department had acted improperly for fining the bar and refusing to fine the smokers themselves. The case is now in a costly series of appeals.

Furthermore, the media attention the case generated exposed that bar smoking bans are difficult and costly to enforce. It was exposed that the taxpayers in the end had to foot the costs of enforcing a sumptuary law against consenting adults quietly enjoying themselves on private property.

As of Feb 2010

Cost to enforce the Ohio ban = \$2,400,000

Total fines levied (\$100-\$2,500) = \$1,100,000

Total fines successfully collected = \$ 473,000

Total net loss to taxpayers = -\$1,927,000

Total net loss assuming all fines can be collected without any additional enforcement or court costs to the state.

= -\$1,300,000

<http://www.toledofreepress.com/2010/02/27/law-center-ohio-bars-can-fight-smoking-ban-fines/>

However SB708 is a revenue generator that can successfully remove most of the need for costly and draconic enforcement while at the same time putting badly needed monies in the general fund via the sale of permits that make sure proper signage is posted.

- 3.) As for the "second hand smoke" argument, it is dubious at best. The first large study that the anti-smoking lobby pushed though was a meta-analysis known as the "1993 EPA" study claiming that environmental tobacco smoke was killing 3000 people a year. The study was taken to federal court and found to be a biased and unscientific fraud. That the EPA had withheld data, had a biased pre-determined outcome, redid the study when they didn't get the results they wanted, had cherry picked data, and other wise abused meta-analysis. Meta-analysis itself is highly vulnerable to something called "selection bias". Selection bias is when unfavorable data or studies are ignored. The EPA eventually appealed this ruling only on lack of regulatory weight (no one had gotten fined due to their sham study). The anti-smoking lobby still proudly uses the study as gospel to this day.

Some years later the World Health Organization did a large study on environmental smoke and cancer. In this study they found one group that was exposed to environmental tobacco smoke to have LESS of a cancer incidence and the other to have a small increase. However this small increase was not statistically significant, in other words the sample group was too small and the margin for error too large. Nevertheless the WHO shamelessly did science by press conference (a danger sign of junk science) claiming a clear link between environmental tobacco smoke and cancer. Never mind that their own numbers did not statistically reflect that!

- 4.) Finally, the public is in support for an exemption for bars. This would be especially true in the case of hardship. While the anti-smoking lobby claims high levels of support for the ban, keep in mind that this is based on a highly loaded question from a telephone poll. Basically if you say no to the ban in bars based on their question, by default you have to say yes to smoking in family restaurants, offices, banks, retail shops, and even day care centers and hospitals. Few people would say yes to all of these places together.

However, when Gallop polls asks the question in a way reflecting the intent of SB708, you get a far different response.

Gallop polls did the poll three times between 2005 and 2010 and consistently found support for a total smoking ban inside of bars to be only 29-31%.

Support for a total ban inside of restaurants during that time frame was between 54 and 59%. SB708 does not exempt restaurants.

5.) Finally this article in the Honolulu Weekly shows why bars are letting people break the law, not because they are "scofflaws", but because of the hard reality.

'The place was like a morgue,' says Cliff, who agreed to talk to us on condition of anonymity. The reason: he allows his customers to routinely break the law. The bar's owner also requested that his establishment remain nameless for the same reason.

...He claims his business dropped by at least 75 percent. 'After that, I begged the owner to let my customers smoke,' he says. 'I even offered to pay for any fine we might get out of my own pocket.'

Eventually the owner capitulated. Cliff brought the ashtrays out for the first time in February. 'It wasn't an immediate change,' he says, 'but it did start picking up. After two weeks I was up-not back up to original levels-but I was the first person to break one thousand [dollars] in the till since the ban passed.'

It wasn't long before other bartenders followed his example."

I ask you to please pass SB708 to support the civil liberties of consenting adults on private property, do what is economically sound, and support the majority will of you constituents.

Mahalo, Michael Zehner
750 Amana Street, #608
Honolulu, HI 96814
808-952-0275

Bruce Paternoster
Pacific Heights Rd
Honolulu, Hawaii

Testimony

RE: SB708 Allowing Smoking license exemption for bar owners

Position: Strong Support ,,

I, Bruce Paternoster, a United States of America citizen since 1962, declare that the smoking ban is wrong, unethical and unconstitutional. I believe it is wrong to illegalize smoking in any establishment. If a person wants to smoke, he or she should be allowed as long as the owner of the place, whether that be public or private says it ok. Not the Government.

Sincerely,
Bruce Paternoster

Erin Harty
Honolulu, Hawaii
Hotmailataoldotcom@Yahoo.com

Testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: Support for SB708 Smoking Exemption License for Bar Owners
Honorable Committee Members:

I am a server in Waikiki. Freedom of choice for smokers and employee's. I do not tell people to smoke, don't try to tell me not to.

No one is forced to work in a bar; if an employee doesn't like the smell of smoke, then don't work at a bar that allows smoking and drinking where people like to hang out and party with legal substances; There are plenty of other places to work.

If a customer doesn't like Tobacco Smoke, they should go to another bar, one that the owners have chosen to designate as a non-smoking bar.

I go to bars to relax, part of that relaxation, for me, is smoking; again I don't tell other how they should relax, so please don't try to tell me how to do the same.

If you were truly worried about your health, you should try reading a label on a bottle of liquor. That stuff is bad for you too! So let's stop this draconic prohibition and bring back some sanity and sanctity to our civilized society.

Thank you for your time.

Erin Harty

Lynn Hughs
Kahuhipa St
Kaneohe, Hawaii

Testimony@Capitol.Hawaii.gov

RE: Smoking License Exemption SB708
Position: Strong Support

Honorable House Members of the Committees:

If smoking is legal, then smokers should be allowed to smoke wherever private property owners allow it. This means Bars, Restaurants, or private residences for that matter.

If someone is against that basic freedom, then they can choose to go to like-minded establishments, there are thousands to choose from here in the State.

Not every Bar will be a smoking bar, but then again, not every bar would have to be the completely one-sided desire of the Anti-Smoking Special Interest Groups.

Sincerely,
Lynn Hughs

David Maguire
Honolulu, Hawaii
Pugatori007@yahoo.com
SB 708 Smoking license Exemption for Bar Owners
Position: Strong Support

To the Honorable members of the Committees:

I have been a bartender for over 15 years, and I work in a smoking bar. I have chosen this line of work, I like my customers, even though they are smokers. They have given me a proven, viable livelihood for many years, and I do not believe the over exaggerated claims of SHS exposure. I have been around smokers my entire life, and I'm still here. The passage of SB708 smoking license exemption, would allow me to do my job, service my customers and continue to provide me with an income that in Hawaii's high cost of living keeps me off the government entitlement roles. Thank you for your consideration of my opinion of the matter.

Regards,
David Maguire

Francois Ponce
Kama Mai Drive
Pearl City, Hawaii

Testimony

SB-708 Smoking License exemption for Bar Owners

Position: Strong Support

Honorable Committee Members:

I think people should have a choice whether to smoke or not in bars. I love the smoking ambience. Smoking should be tolerated.

Not every bar should be non-smoking. This offers no diversity in choice for the citizens of our Island state. The U.S. government are the biggest producers of cigarettes, either directly or indirectly, so they should be responsible for what they have done and what they continue to do.

AMEN!

Francois Ponce

Steven Pochop Jr.
Ala Poha PI.
Honolulu, Hawaii

HTH/PGM committee hearing
RE: SB 708 Smoking Exemption for Bar Owners
Position: The strongest of Support for Sensible Legislation

Honorable Committee Members:

I am writing to address the issue of the ban on smoking in local restaurants and bars. When people go out to enjoy the nightlife of Hawaii, they want to enjoy the freedom of the liberties they enjoy at home, in public. Business revenues have been severely affected by this intrusive limitation.

The bill of rights expresses in no uncertain terms the equality of mankind which also implies the equalities of the liberty they enjoy.

Freedom is the ability to choose religion, democracy, the pursuit of happiness, etc. Allow people the choice to smoke in public places. When I go to a bar, I accept there will be smokers, drunkards, loud music and sometimes, foul language. Singling out smokers is a discrimination. If we are banning those things that are unpleasant, let's entertain prohibition and overturn ROE VS. WADE.

History teaches us not to repeat the past. Do not make the mistake of Government interfering in the personal freedoms of its people again!

Respectfully,
Steven Pochop Jr.

David Walfish
Honolulu, Hawaii
haolepono@gmail.com
Testimony

SB708 Exemption
Position: Support

Members and Chairs of the Senate HTH and PGM committees:
I am an American. I love to smoke cigars. I need a
place to go, in public that will allow me to express
myself, legally.

Please do the right thing.
David Walfish

John Leahy
520-241-6501

Smoking Exemption Permit
Strong Support
SB708

Honorable members of the Committees:

I chose to smoke. Patrons who enter an establishment that allows smoking also make a choice.

If smoking offends you, then it is your choice if you want to spend your money and time in a place that allows this activity.

It is not the governments place to make these choices for us. Instead of placing a ban on smoking, leave it up to the business owner to decide their own policy. People are more than capable of deciding for themselves as to what they allow themselves to be exposed to.

Respectfully,
John Leahy

Dean Aity
Waikiki

Dean.aity@gmail.com

Testimony

RE: SB708 Smoking License exemption for bar owners

Position: Support

Honorable Senate committee members of PGM and HTH:

As an Project Engineer, it is my responsibility to oversee construction workers. My business carries certain inherent risks. As a businessman, those risks are freely assumed, as it should be. No unnecessary governmental intrusions!

Businesses as a general rule do not like to exist on government entitlements. **It** is not their purpose. They innately want to thrive in the free market place, this is and has always been the American way, that was until the new smoking ban laws went into effect.

By passing this bill, you accomplish the righting of a grievous wrong that has been done to the Bar Service Industry. Business people set the standards of an industry, OSHA plays a role in deciding acceptable risk levels. These levels have never been proven to be exceeded by the opponents of this exemption. I urge you to seriously consider giving the free market and the individual's rights and responsibilities as to freedom of choice concerning legal products an adult activities. This all boils down to freedom of choice and individual rights.

Thank you for considering my opinion on this matter.

Respectfully,

Dean Aity

Keaki Fujinaka
Box 73391
Honolulu, HI

RE: smoking license exemption SB708

I strongly support this legislation

I am borrowing this story from my friend Kekoa Taliaferro, but it just made perfect sense to me. The only other thing I would add is the current smoking ban laws are discriminatory in nature and only afford Choice to those individuals who are adverse to Tobacco.

"I think the smoking ban in it's current form infringes on the rights of the people of our society to choose their own acceptable risk levels, if any. For the people who choose to work in smoky environments, i.e. bars or yakiniku restaurants, they can always choose to work somewhere else if they personally believe that this is a health issue. By the way, have any of you been to Camelia's yakiniku house lately? You come out smelling like Kal Bi. But no one seems to mind that stench. In fact, I have never been in a bar that smoky in my entire life."

I dare you to go there for lunch and sit among the 50 burning yakiniku grills. See how well those employee's are being protected from SHS, and let's not forget the children who are sitting in all that Carbon Monoxide and chemical filled toxic, but oh so *ana* smelling air.

It is simple, Individual proprietors should choose their smoking policies. Not the government.

Regards,
Keaki Fujinaka

From: Tim Lemke [timlemke20@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 5:08 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: Sen. Josh Green
Subject: I support sb 708 as a non-smoker

HTH and PGM hearing on Tuesday

Tim Lemke
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Senate Bill #708
Testimony in Support

Dear Senators,

I first of all would like you to know THAT I AM A LIFELONG NONSMOKER. That being said I do support SB-708 to exempt bars from the smoking ban. Alot of my friends smoke and I don't think they should be treated like dogs when we go out to a bar. Also for me when all my friends have to go outside I either have to sit there for the next 10-15 minutes bored out of my mind with nobody to talk to or I have stand out there in the elements with them which I sure don't enjoy! I'm also concerned that the ban has discouraged Japanese visitors from coming to Hawaii, hurting all of us economically.

I also would like to be clear that i would not support amending the bill to have family type restaurants being exempt from the ban since kids can't choose where they go if a parent orders them into an establishment. Adults on the other hand are free to choose where they work and where they want to hang out.

Please pass SB 708 the way it is.

Mahalo, Tim Lemke

From: jacobknolls@skins4life.com
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 4:45 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: testimony Sb 708

TESTIMONY FOR THE PGM/HTH COMMITTEE HEARING ON 2-8-11

DATE: Tuesday, February 8, 2011
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

I strongly support SB 708.

We need to pass this bill. It's a civil rights issue. Didn't the World Health Organization do a massive study that found no statistical significant link between second hand smoke and disease in non-smokers? Then they turn around and claim it's dangerous. Their own statistics don't support their own claim! I was watching a video clip online about it the other day how the anti-smoking people basically lie to pass bans. Oh and wasn't the anti-smokers "EPA study" found to be a scam in Federal court? How come they still use it?

I spoke to my own medical doctor about this and he confided in me that the "second hand smoke research" was "rather biased and dubious at best" that is was "part of the overall political goal to help people quit smoking by passing bans to make people more inclined to quit". And that getting lawmakers to pass bans because of it, he said that "the concept dubious as it is wasn't really morally wrong because it would help people quit". I asked if he would go on record about this, but he refused stating that his "colleagues would be livid" if he did. Then he said that if I just quit it wouldn't bother me so much any more and that his clinic had programs to help me quit. I wasn't interested!!!

Yes, the smoking ban is bad for business in bars. I've seen it myself in one downtown bar that had a lot of smokers. They lost a lot of business, so it is no surprise that they are now a "smokeasy". I myself STOPPED GOING OUT until I found smokeasies to go to. Prohibition doesn't work, it never does. Let's be reasonable and let the person choose for themself.

**Sincerely, Jacob A Knolls
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jacobknolls@skins4life.com**

From: Honolulu Tavern [party@honolulutavern.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:55 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Bill SB-708

Dear Sirs & Madams,

I am a bar owner in Waikiki. I ask for your support on this bill to give us a fighting chance in the market. The lack of a smoking bar option for our tourist trade is hurting not only our return business but also state revenue. It is time for our state to stop stifling our business and welcome our foreign visitors.

I want to make it clear that while I am not sure that I would take advantage of this option in my location, I believe that the choice for the bar owner to decide the pro's and con's of smoking in each establishment is the root of the free enterprise system and in the best interest of our state.

Sincerely,

Byron E. Chalfont

Owner

Honolulu Tavern

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