

LATE TESTIMONY

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Representative Henry Aquino, Chair
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HB 1964 - Relating to Cigarettes

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1968, which appropriates funds for the reduced ignition propensity (RIP) cigarette certification program.

Cigarettes are the leading cause of preventable deaths, and fire damage caused by cigarettes is another source of injury and property damage. While RIP certified cigarettes are not fireproof, they do provide a safer alternative to cigarettes that do not meet these standards.

Residential and commercial property damage, as a result of fire, is a major concern to the Waipahu community. As one of the largest communities with multi-family housing, fire caused by cigarettes could displace multiple families from a single structural fire.

This measure is another step to ensure that cigarettes sold in the State comply with reduced ignition propensity standards. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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