

Testimony for SB2398 on 3/19/2012 2:00:00 PM

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Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 10:46 PM

To: CPCtestimony

Cc: mjkfaux@aol.com

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: Comments Only
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Monica Medina
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mjkfaux@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/18/2012

Comments:

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Sincerely yours,

Monica Medina

I Support Tattoo Trade Shows In Hawaii

Raymond Watimar [raywatimar@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 3:46 AM

To: CPCtestimony

Tattooing is part of Polynesian culture and I want to keep the culture alive!...I support tattoo trade shows in Hawaii.

Mahalo Nui Loa

° Raymond Watimar aka Manta Ray
Louisville, Kentucky

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Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 5:59 AM

To: CPCtestimony

I support tattoo trade shows in Hawaii. My family and I are so excited to come to Hawaii every year for the tattoo trade shows. Thank you, Patty Christoher

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: Support with comment

Testifier will be present: Yes

Submitted by: Conor Haley

Dear CPC Committee Members,

This bill is incredibly important to the Tattoo community as well as the general public. This bill could be the first step toward protecting the people of Hawaii from serious and potentially lethal health risks.

We believe it would be a good idea to require this bill to have the Health Department consult with a task force of professionals in the industry. This will help address serious health issues regarding trade shows and public safety before they are allowed in Hawaii.

Imagine how devastating it would be to Hawaii if there was a global announcement about disease break out in Hawaii because of a tattoo convention that wasn't done properly!! The State would never fully recover from negative publicity like that.

Sincerely yours,

Conor Haley: Tattoo license # 1309, Tattoo shop owner, Tattoo artist and Piercer.

Michael Nash: Tattoo license # 801, Tattoo artist

Trever Wolverton: Licensed tattoo artist

I Support Tattoo Trade Shows In Hawaii

Victoria Haskell [kaiulani_1@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 10:37 PM

To: CPCtestimony

Aloha,

I just wanted to say that I believe, as a Hawaiian, tattoos are part of our culture and as an artist, I find it to be something very fascinating. I'd also just like to say that Hawaii is one of the Polynesian islands that influenced tattoos to the Western world. Thank you for taking your time to read this.

Mahalo, Victoria

Tattoo Trade Show

Hannah Keone [hk_keone@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 10:29 PM

To: CPCtestimony

I Support Tattoo Trade show in Hawaii.

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Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Paul Cismowski

Organization: Individual

E-mail: paulcismowski@gmail.com

Submitted on: 3/18/2012

Comments:

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: christy
Organization: Individual
E-mail: partyonbrah@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/18/2012

Comments:

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Sincerely yours,

Christy Hulen Aldred

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Conference room: 335
Testifier position: Support with comments
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sulu'ape-Steve.Looney
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 3/18/2012

Dear Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee
Members,

The bill before your committee is an important step in healthily regulating an industry that has been neglected of updated safety concerns and consumer protection, due to the lack of insight and resources available by our Hawaii Department of Health.

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Sincerely yours,

Sulu'ape-Steve.Looney

To the Members of the House Committee
on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

Since January of last year I have been practicing the art of permanent makeup tattooing. I attended the International Institute of Permanent Cosmetics in California to train, as well as went to a seminar held by a prestigious artist on Oahu. I have also been a licensed esthetician for nine years and have knowledge of blood born pathogens.

I am writing to you because I am concerned with the growing tattoo community becoming less regulated. In my experience, the permanent makeup field is already not up to par. I have come across permanent makeup artists that come out of their tattoo session with their gloves on and answer the phone, or use the computer. I have also seen people tattooing over blankets that can harbor pathogens and then not wash them after. I have been in group sessions where headgear was shared between artists and not properly sanitized in-between. I have explained to people doing these practices that the spread of pathogens cannot be seen with the naked eye and made suggestions to better protect unknowing consumers, but together as a state I would like to see that proper protocols are in place to ensure that more artists are aware and ensuring safety. This is of particular concern for the upcoming possibility of trade shows, where in an open environment, the attendees can only truly be safe if all participants are on the same page with safety precautions.

A taskforce of experienced tattoo artists with a extensive knowledge in blood born pathogens would ensure that there is proper protocols put in place that reflect the working knowledge of tattooists. It would also bring better communication between artists in this industry.

Please support the task force before trade shows are put in place.

Thank you for your consideration and your time,

Jamie Moran

I support tattoo trade shows in Hawaii

Loralee Haskell [lollyhvs40@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 9:38 PM

To: CPCtestimony

please support our artists in Hawai'i. It is a cultural art to start with. If there is any question about health & safety, just set some requirements, but don't disqualify them.

Aloha,

Lolly Haskell

Mom, Christian, Artist, Hawaiian

I SUPPORT TATTOO TRADE SHOWS IN HAWAII"

LEIMOMI CRONIN [leimomi.cronin@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 9:31 PM

To: CPCtestimony

I SUPPORT TATTOO TRADE SHOWS IN HAWAII"

i am from hawaii and live in the mainland and support the trade show in hawaii. historically people are inspired by this ancient craft from my islands and i hear about it all the time it's inspiration to everyone and needs to be preseved at it's roots.

vegas, even where i live of all places "SALT LAKE CITY UTAH" supports the tradeshow in a healthy community positive way, hawaii is so much more advanced from the closeminded ness of a state such as Utah and needs to show this in it's decisions.

There is nothing wrong with tatoos, so implement a healthy positive event to preserve the art.

MUCH MAHALO

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testimony hearing

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Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2012 3:47 PM**To:** CPCtestimony**Cc:** Danny Casler [Danny@npmusic.com]; lynsey.hall@hawaiianairlines.com

Aloha! Senators, First , Please may i say. " I SUPPORT TRADE SHOWS IN HAWAII"
My name is Antone Paresa Hall , born and raised Aiea, Oahu.
i am a special event promoter, currently my latest project is "The Pacific Ink and Art Expo" Scheduled for August of this Year!
Secondly, BILL 2398 Has Excellent safety and standards for tattoo equipment sale to licensed and of age clientele. This is good for the Industry, But PLEASE realize the opportunity that comes with a tattoo convention or grand scale event such as this. Majority of the opposition speak mostly for themselves in regards to a convention,primarily to protect what they call there industry!
speculating on outrageous and usually over extreme testimonies in regards to proper tattoo safety and hygiene.

The Facts are:

1.Tattoo conventions are done safely and successfully all over the united states and the world.

Sydney , Australia averaged 30,000 people on a 3 day show weekend. Las Vegas,Houston,New York,Texas,Arizona and many more countries as well.

So is Hawaii that Incapable of doing the same?

DOH regulates 105 current Licensed Shops tattooing in this state every day.

each shop with 2 to 3 artist working at once, everyday of the week.

All presently following state regulations and guidelines. If you add that up its a tattoo convention everyday of the week in Hawaii alone!

And the Fact Again is , There is NO disease or serious infection breakout due to the process of tattooing Any where. PLEASE CHECK THE FACTS, CONVENTIONS ARE SAFE!

If properly organized Like i will be doing along side Mr.Peter Oshiro director of Boh DEPT of SANITATION. We will Educate,We will bring Awareness, and We will Produce Results.That Safety and Tattooing can Be executed at a Large Scale tattoo convention! I invite you to come and witness this Event in August and see the dedication we have to Safety,Awareness and cultural education on Grand Scale. This is My home, These are my people! they deserve the best and Safety comes with it! Mahalo! Allow trade shows!

PACIFIC INK AND ART EXPO 2012

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Testifier will be present: Yes

Submitted by: Javen B. Guzon

Organization: Individual

E-mail: javeng@yahoo.com

Submitted on: 3/17/2012

Comments:

I support Tattoo Trade Shows and Coventions in Hawaii and I support the revision of SB-2398.

I SUPPORT TATTOO TRADE SHOWS IN HAWAI'I

Jasmine Fua'au [pjfuaau@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 9:23 PM

To: CPCtestimony

Aloha,

I wanted to put my support in for a tattoo trade show in Hawai'i. Having this type of show in the state of Hawai'i will not just help our economy but it will allow artists to show case their talents. Another great reason is that we are lucky to have a cultural practitioner of Hawaiian tattooing. Having a tattoo trade show will help to perpetuate Hawaiian culture as well.

Mahalo,
Jasmine Fua'au

Pacific Ink Expo

bob north [mr.paleale@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 6:51 PM

To: CPCtestimony

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We have to have the Pacific Ink and Art Expo!!! Please don't deny us all a way to be educated and impressed. This will be an amazing event, that will promote tourism and boost the economy! It will be a great time featuring bands for entertainment and some of the best tattoo artists in the country!- Aloha Rob

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Submitted by : Kathleen Sweet

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Sincerely yours,

Kathleen M. Sweet

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Organization: Individual

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Organization: Hawaii Licesnsed Tattoo Artist

Submitted by : Sergio Dowd

I support the task force in updating safety regulations to go into place so that the department of health in Hawaii will be more advised of updated Health, safety and consumer issues in tattooing.

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Attachments: SB_2398_SD2_Amendments[1].pdf (756 KB)

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Sean McCreedy
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sean@tattoolicious.com
Submitted on: 3/18/2012

Comments:

RELATING TO TATTOO ARTISTS.

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

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

4 "~~§321-~~ Restrictions on sale of tattoo supplies. (a)

5 No tattoo supplies shall be sold:

6 (1) to any person under the age of eighteen years.

7 (2) Any person not licensed under this chapter as a
8 tattoo artist; or

9 (3) Any tattoo shop without a permit issued by the
10 department pursuant to section 321-373.5 and any
11 rules adopted pursuant to chapter 321.

12 (b) As used in this section, "tattoo supplies"
13 means tattoo machines ("guns"), needles, tubes
14 (steel and disposable), pigment (ink), clip
15 cords, foot switches, and power supplies.

16 §321-Blood test required for licensure. In addition to
17 other requirements as may be imposed by the department for
18 licensure as a tattoo artist, beginning on January 1, 2013,

1 every applicant for a license shall pass a blood borne pathogen
2 test developed specifically for the tattoo industry and
3 approved by the director as a prerequisite for licensure.
4 A person who holds a license under this part shall pass the
5 blood borne pathogen test every two years after the
6 initial test for licensure in order to continue to hold a
7 license under this chapter."

8 SECTION 2. Section 321-373.5, Hawaii Revised
9 Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as
10 follows:

11 "5321-373 Regulation of tattoo artists. The
12 department shall adopt rules [~~under~~] pursuant to chapter 91
13 to implement this part. The rules shall include but not be
14 limited to:

- 15 (1) Prohibiting the use of injections, unless
16 administered by a physician or osteopathic physician
17 licensed under chapter 453, or by a registered nurse
18 licensed under chapter 457;
- 19 (2) Appropriate restrictions on topical anesthetics;
- 20 (3) Prescribing procedures and conditions for
21 sterilization, storage of sterilized equipment,
22 resterilization, and disposal of discarded needles

- 1 and other equipment;
- 2 (4) Creating examination standards; [and]
- 3 (5) Fixing penalties and fines for violations of this
- 4 part or any of the rules adopted by the department
- 5 [-]; and
- 6 (6) Defining "trade show" and the licensing of trade
- 7 shows as they relate to tattoo artists, shall be
- 8 defined by the department in accordance with task
- 9 force findings identified Section 6 of this bill.

10 SECTION 3. Section 321-373.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,

11 is amended to read as follows:

12 "[§321-373.5[-] Permit; required for tattoo shop and

13 temporary locations. (a) No person, partnership, firm,

14 corporation, or other legal entity shall operate a tattoo

15 shop or temporary location without a permit pursuant to

16 department rules.

17 (b) Each initial permit application under this section

18 shall be accompanied by a fee of \$125 for a permit valid for

19 one year. For renewal of a permit, each applicant shall pay a

20 fee of \$75 per year. Initial permit application and renewal

21 fees may be increased by not more than \$10 per year.

22 (c) All permits shall expire on December 31 of each

1 year. The application for a permit renewal shall be
2 submitted to the department in writing on or before December
3 31 annually.

4 (d) The department may issue a temporary permit
5 valid for a maximum of seven consecutive days per calendar
6 year for locations other than a permitted tattoo shop for
7 the purpose of a [~~trade show,~~] product demonstration[~~-~~] or
8 educational demonstration; provided that the [~~show or~~]
9 demonstration shall meet all safety and hygiene standards
10 as specified by the director and in this chapter[~~-~~]; and
11 provided further that no body modifications or body
12 piercing shall be conducted at the demonstration. The
13 temporary permit application shall be made in writing to
14 the department at least sixty days prior to the scheduled
15 event, shall include specific measures to meet specified
16 health and safety standards, and may be subject to a site
17 inspection. Temporary permit applicants shall pay a \$50
18 nonrefundable application fee in addition to[~~-~~

19 ~~(1) A \$500 nonrefundable permit fee for an event~~
20 ~~featuring not more than forty participating~~
21 ~~tattoo artists, or]~~

22 ~~(2) A] a \$50 nonrefundable permit fee for an event~~

1 featuring less than three participating tattoo artists
2 demonstrating for educational purposes only, without
3 compensation, consideration, or donation by the public;
4 provided that the department may annually increase [the
5 ~~fees specified in paragraphs (1) and (2)] \$50 nonrefundable~~
6 permit fee by not more than [~~\$100 and~~] \$10 per year[,
7 ~~respectively.~~] "

8 (e) Tattoo trade shows in the State shall be
9 prohibited until department of health has taken
10 task force recommendations into consideration and
11 determined that such activities are in compliance
12 with department of health policies and regulations
13 as required under section 321-373."

14 SECTION 4. Section 321-374, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
15 is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

16 "(c) The department may issue, to tattoo artists who
17 are not licensed in the State, temporary licenses that are
18 valid for a maximum of fourteen consecutive days per
19 calendar year for:

20 (1) Educational [~~trade show,~~] or product
21 demonstration purposes; or

22 (2) The purpose of practicing the occupation of

1 tattoo artist at a permitted tattoo location.
2 Temporary licensees shall be subject to this part and
3 applicable rules."

4 SECTION 5. Section 321-374, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
5 is amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

6 "(e) An applicant for a temporary license shall
7 have ~~[either]~~:

8 (1) Passed a blood borne pathogen course developed
9 specifically for the tattoo industry, approved by the
10 director, within two years of the date of application: ~~[or]~~
11 and

12 (2) Passed the state tattoo artist written
13 examination withing two years of the date fo the
14 application."

15 (f) Temporary license fees may be increased
16 annually by not more than \$10.

17 (g) Licensed tattoo artists shall tattoo only in a
18 shop or temporary location that has a valid unrevoked
19 permit issued by the director. [L 1990, c 285, pt of §2; am
20 L 1996, c 202, §7; am L 2009, c 11, §36 and c 130, §4]

21 SECTION 6. (a) There is established a tattoo artist
22 task force to review chapter 17, Hawaii Administrative

1 Rules, relating to tattoo artists, with the goal of
2 enhancing the regulation of tattoo artists. The tattoo
3 artist task force shall be co-chaired by the chair of the
4 senate committee on health and the chair of the house
5 committee on health. In addition to the chairs, the
6 governor, senate president, and speaker of the house of
7 representatives shall each select three members to the
8 tattoo artist task force; provided that one member selected
9 by each appointing authority shall be a person licensed
10 under chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as a tattoo
11 artist. An individual representing Hawaiian cultural
12 practices shall also serve on the task force.

13 (b) No members shall be made subject to chapter 84,
14 Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that member's
15 participation as a member of the task force.

16 (c) The tattoo artist task force shall hold public
17 meeting for the purpose of receiving input from members of
18 the general public.

19 (d) The tattoo artist task force shall report its
20 findings and recommendations, including proposed
21 legislation to enhance the regulation of tattoo artists, to
22 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the

1 convening of the regular session of 2013. The legislative
2 reference bureau shall assist the task force in preparing
3 its report and any proposed legislation; provided that the
4 task force submits a draft of the task force's proposals to
5 the legislative reference bureau no later than November 1,
6 2012.

7 SECTION 6. Every person licensed as a tattoo artist
8 under chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as of the
9 effective date of this Act shall be required to pass a
10 blood borne pathogen test developed specifically for the
11 tattoo industry and approved by the director of health, no
12 later than , as a requirement to continue
13 to be licensed as a tattoo artist.

14 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is
15 bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is
16 underscored.

17 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Tattoo Trade Shows in Hawaii

Annaliza Reiko A. Namiki [rnamiki@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 2:07 PM

To: CPCtestimony

I fully support tattoo trade shows in Hawaii.

I was born in the Philippines, raised in Japan, and been living in Hawaii for 20 years and I have never seen a culture that embraces tradition of tattoo as much as they do in Hawaii.

Both my fiance and I am a licensed tattoo artist in the state of Hawaii. Although I am not as active as I hope to be in the industry, (my full time job is translator/operator at the Hilton Hawaiian Village) my fiance goes to average of 5 tattoo conventions in the mainland every year. I have the privilege of being part of it once or twice a year depending on the hotel occupancy here, but it would be SO WONDERFUL and great for the people of Hawaii to have it right here in their own land. People in Hawaii only see what these tattoo magazines and social media (facebook, twitter, etc.) shows and never have the opportunity to experience it.

Every conventions we've been to has been great. Meeting serious fine craftsmen from all over the world is simply amazing and exciting... I think it's admirable to have a tattoo convention to be held here, on the island of Hawaii, the most isolated population in the United States, to share talents and spirits of Aloha. Seriously, I wasn't born here, but I grew up here - and I can never imagine myself living anywhere else... I love traveling and seeing different parts of the world, but I have to always call this my home - My son was born here, I made a home here, and my body is heavily tattooed with big pieces that consists of my Japanese crest and art that holds great meaning to my family and I (that's normally covered at work.) - and I am sure I'm not the only one that take body art very seriously with deep meanings behind it.

I would love to see a convention with people from all over the island and the mainlands, perhaps Japan, artists and enthusiasts, just experiencing what Hawaii has to offer. I understand some questions health and safety concerns; we are all required to be bloodborne/pathogen certified, Health Department of Hawaii Sanitation Branch provided tattoo artist licensed, annual physical check up and owns tattoo shop with Health Department inspection. We understand the seriousness of cross contaminations and types of bacteria, and the sterilization methods. If anything, we would know a whole lot about it then many people out there that doesn't know the tattoo industry; I used to be one. It's not only tattooing but it's also about educating society ABOUT health and safety.

So please allow this tattoo convention - thank you.

- Reiko

"Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect. It means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections"

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Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by : Sean McCready

March 17, 2012

To the Honorable Robert N. Herkes, Chair, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sean McCready and I am a member of the Coalition for Safe Tattooing and an experienced tradesman in the tattoo industry for over 11 years. I have extensive training in cross contamination technique regarding blood borne pathogens and have also given a lengthy presentation of the dangers of blood borne pathogens in a seminar as a featured speaker to over 40 faculty members at Department of Health in 2008. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 2398 to this committee.

The coalition of safe tattooing recognizes a benefit of having tradshows present in Hawaii. It's a great place for Artists to network and be inspired in relation to tattooing. However there is a lack of preparation of consumer protection issues that need to be addressed. Due to fiscal implications, the Health Department as stated hasn't the resources, experience or finances to appropriately set these in place at this time. This bill supports a task force to offer research and provide the best direction in offering these events to make sure consumers are protected.

One consumer protection issue is the concern of pricing and refunds in relation to forced cash sales and abilities for consumers to have a pathway to legitimate related refunds especially when dealing with non visa compliant working foreign artists. Secondly patrons purchasing tickets for themselves and children not being aware of explicit nudity on public display at events such as these. These are just but a few examples of issues the task force could assist in preparing a responsible path for the operation of trade shows in Hawaii.

If this committee decides to pass out this measure, I have concerns with the language in Bill S.B. 2398 and suggest that technical amendments and clarifications be made to prohibit tradeshows in the state until department of health has taken task force recommendations into consideration and determine that such activities are in compliance with the department of health policies and regulations as required under section 321-373

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on S.B. 583, S.D. 1.

1 convening of the regular session of 2013. The legislative
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Tattoo trade show

Custom Pua [custompua@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 1:10 PM

To: CPCtestimony

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TESTIMONY FOR SB2398 SD2

Peggy Sucher, Licensed Tattooer and Studio Owner
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Most Respectfully

Peggy Sucher

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To: CPCtestimony

Cc: tattoohawaii@hotmail.com

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: Support

Testifier will be present: Yes

Submitted by: Peggy Sucher

Organization: Individual

E-mail: tattoohawaii@hotmail.com

Submitted on: 3/18/2012

Comments:

Thank you for consideration of my testimony.

Peggy Sucher

Tattoo Expo 2012

paul van [vanpaulp@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 12:22 PM

To: CPCtestimony

Hi,

I'm writing this in support of the Pacific Ink and Tattoo Trade Expo 2012! I have been to many tattoo expos in other cities and they have all been a very positive experience. Please allow the Pacific Ink and Tattoo Expo 2012 to happen. Thank you.

Paul Van

March 17, 2012

To the Honorable Robert N. Herkes:

My name is Sean McCready and I am a member of the Coalition for Safe Tattooing and an experienced tradesman in the tattoo industry for over 11 years. I have extensive training in cross contamination technique regarding blood borne pathogens and have also given a lengthy presentation of the dangers of blood borne pathogens in a seminar as a featured speaker to over 40 faculty members at Department of Health in 2008.

The coalition of safe tattooing recognizes a benefit of having tradshows present in Hawaii. It's a great place for Artists to network and be inspired in relation to tattooing. However there is a lack of preparation of consumer protection issues that need to be addressed. Due to fiscal implications, the Health Department as stated hasn't the resources, experience or finances to appropriately set these in place at this time. This bill supports a task force to offer research and provide the best direction in offering these events to make sure consumers are protected.

One consumer protection issue is the concern of pricing and refunds in relation to forced cash sales and abilities for consumers to have a pathway to legitimate related refunds especially when dealing with non visa compliant working foreign artists. Secondly patrons purchasing tickets for themselves and children not being aware of explicit nudity on public display at events such as these. These are just but a few examples of issues the task force could assist in preparing a responsible path for the operation of trade shows in Hawaii.

Therefore I would suggest that technical amendments and clarifications be made to prohibit tradeshows in the state until department of health has taken task force recommendations into consideration and determine that such activities are in compliance with the department of health policies and regulations as required under section 321-373

Thank you,

Sean McCready
808-779-4243

Please see pages 3, 5 + 6
Highlighted



RELATING TO TATTOO ARTISTS.

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

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

4 "§321- Restrictions on sale of tattoo supplies. (a)

5 No tattoo supplies shall be sold:

6 (1) to any person under the age of eighteen years.

7 (2) Any person not licensed under this chapter as a
8 tattoo artist; or

9 (3) Any tattoo shop without a permit issued by the
10 department pursuant to section 321-373.5 and any
11 rules adopted pursuant to chapter 321.

12 (b) As used in this section, "tattoo supplies"
13 means tattoo machines ("guns"), needles, tubes
14 (steel and disposable), pigment (ink), clip
15 cords, foot switches, and power supplies.

16 §321-Blood test required for licensure. In addition to
17 other requirements as may be imposed by the department for
18 licensure as a tattoo artist, beginning on January 1, 2013,

1 every applicant for a license shall pass a blood borne pathogen
2 test developed specifically for the tattoo industry and
3 approved by the director as a prerequisite for licensure.
4 A person who holds a license under this part shall pass the
5 blood borne pathogen test every two years after the
6 initial test for licensure in order to continue to hold a
7 license under this chapter."

8 SECTION 2. Section 321-373.5, Hawaii Revised
9 Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as
10 follows:

11 "5321-373 Regulation of tattoo artists. The
12 department shall adopt rules [under] pursuant to chapter 91
13 to implement this part. The rules shall include but not be
14 limited to:

- 15 (1) Prohibiting the use of injections, unless
16 administered by a physician or osteopathic physician
17 licensed under chapter 453, or by a registered nurse
18 licensed under chapter 457;
- 19 (2) Appropriate restrictions on topical anesthetics;
- 20 (3) Prescribing procedures and conditions for
21 sterilization, storage of sterilized equipment,
22 resterilization, and disposal of discarded needles

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and other equipment;

(4) Creating examination standards; [and]

(5) Fixing penalties and fines for violations of this part or any of the rules adopted by the department [-]; and

(6) Defining "trade show" and the licensing of trade shows as they relate to tattoo artists, shall be defined by the department in accordance with task force findings identified Section 6 of this bill.

SECTION 3. Section 321-373.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[§321-373.5]-] Permit; required for tattoo shop and temporary locations. (a) No person, partnership, firm, corporation, or other legal entity shall operate a tattoo shop or temporary location without a permit pursuant to department rules.

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

(c) All permits shall expire on December 31 of each

1 year. The application for a permit renewal shall be
2 submitted to the department in writing on or before December
3 31 annually.

4 (d) The department may issue a temporary permit
5 valid for a maximum of seven consecutive days per calendar
6 year for locations other than a permitted tattoo shop for
7 the purpose of a [~~trade show,~~] product demonstration[~~-~~] or
8 educational demonstration; provided that the [~~show or~~]
9 demonstration shall meet all safety and hygiene standards
10 as specified by the director and in this chapter[~~-~~]; and
11 provided further that no body modifications or body
12 piercing shall be conducted at the demonstration. The
13 temporary permit application shall be made in writing to
14 the department at least sixty days prior to the scheduled
15 event, shall include specific measures to meet specified
16 health and safety standards, and may be subject to a site
17 inspection. Temporary permit applicants shall pay a \$50
18 nonrefundable application fee in addition to[~~-~~

19 ~~(1) A \$500 nonrefundable permit fee for an event~~
20 ~~featuring not more than forty participating~~
21 ~~tattoo artists; or]~~

22 ~~(2) A] a \$50 nonrefundable permit fee for an event~~

1 featuring less than three participating tattoo artists
2 demonstrating for educational purposes only, without
3 compensation, consideration, or donation by the public;
4 provided that the department may annually increase [the
5 ~~fees specified in paragraphs (1) and (2)] \$50 nonrefundable
6 permit fee by not more than [~~\$100 and~~] \$10 per year[~~,~~
7 respectively.] "~~

8 (e) Tattoo trade shows in the State shall be
9 prohibited until department of health has taken
10 task force recommendations into consideration and
11 determined that such activities are in compliance
12 with department of health policies and regulations
13 as required under section 321-373."

14 SECTION 4. Section 321-374, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
15 is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

16 "(c) The department may issue, to tattoo artists who
17 are not licensed in the State, temporary licenses that are
18 valid for a maximum of fourteen consecutive days per
19 calendar year for:

- 20 (1) Educational [~~trade show,~~] or product
21 demonstration purposes; or
22 (2) The purpose of practicing the occupation of

1 tattoo artist at a permitted tattoo location.
2 Temporary licensees shall be subject to this part and
3 applicable rules."

4 SECTION 5. Section 321-374, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
5 is amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

6 "(e) An applicant for a temporary license shall
7 have ~~either~~:

8 (1) Passed a blood borne pathogen course developed
9 specifically for the tattoo industry, approved by the
10 director, within two years of the date of application: ~~or~~
11 ~~and~~

12 (2) Passed the state tattoo artist written
13 examination withing two years of the date fo the
14 application."

15 (f) Temporary license fees may be increased
16 annually by not more than \$10.

17 (g) Licensed tattoo artists shall tattoo only in a
18 shop or temporary location that has a valid unrevoked
19 permit issued by the director. [L 1990, c 285, pt of §2; am
20 L 1996, c 202, §7; am L 2009, c 11, §36 and c 130, §4]

21 SECTION 6. (a) There is established a tattoo artist
22 task force to review chapter 17, Hawaii Administrative

1 Rules, relating to tattoo artists, with the goal of
2 enhancing the regulation of tattoo artists. The tattoo
3 artist task force shall be co-chaired by the chair of the
4 senate committee on health and the chair of the house
5 committee on health. In addition to the chairs, the
6 governor, senate president, and speaker of the house of
7 representatives shall each select three members to the
8 tattoo artist task force; provided that one member selected
9 by each appointing authority shall be a person licensed
10 under chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as a tattoo
11 artist. An individual representing Hawaiian cultural
12 practices shall also serve on the task force.

13 (b) No members shall be made subject to chapter 84,
14 Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that member's
15 participation as a member of the task force.

16 (c) The tattoo artist task force shall hold public
17 meeting for the purpose of receiving input from members of
18 the general public.

19 (d) The tattoo artist task force shall report its
20 findings and recommendations, including proposed
21 legislation to enhance the regulation of tattoo artists, to
22 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the

1 convening of the regular session of 2013. The legislative
2 reference bureau shall assist the task force in preparing
3 its report and any proposed legislation; provided that the
4 task force submits a draft of the task force's proposals to
5 the legislative reference bureau no later than November 1,
6 2012.

7 SECTION 6. Every person licensed as a tattoo artist
8 under chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as of the
9 effective date of this Act shall be required to pass a
10 blood borne pathogen test developed specifically for the
11 tattoo industry and approved by the director of health, no
12 later than , as a requirement to continue
13 to be licensed as a tattoo artist.

14 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is
15 bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is
16 underscored.

17 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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I SUPPORT TATTOO TRADE SHOWS IN HAWAII

Nathan Wheeland [nathanwheeland@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 11:40 AM

To: CPCtestimony

Tattoos are a way of life in Hawaii. They need to have this trade show! It will be good for Hawaii!
Thanks.

-Nate

I SUPPORT TATTOO TRADE SHOWS IN HAWAII

David Casler [trailblazer1977@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 11:39 AM

To: CPCtestimony

It would be asinine to not allow what other states allow. If Hawaii's health department does not have the capabilities to deal with it then it says MORE about the department than it does about the industry. It's is a major source of tourism that should not be overlooked.

I SUPPORT TATTOO TRADE SHOWS IN HAWAII

Rock Em Buttons [rockembuttons@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 11:05 AM

To: CPCtestimony

Here is why- It is a place where people that share the same love for art and tattoos to come together and have a fun filled day. I have been to any tattoo trade shows and honestly they are a lot of fun and peaceful. Its awesome to walk around and meet new artist that you wouldn't actually get to meet. I have found a lot of amazing and talented people at tattoo trade shows. So please lets make one happen in the beautiful state of Hawaii. I have never been to Hawaii and this trade would mean I would finally be able to go and visit your beautiful state.

Thank you,
Allison Navarro

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Crista Rowland [cristarowland@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 11:03 AM

To: CPCtestimony

They are held all over the world. Why should the state of Hawaii exclude itself from a valuable resource!! I am an art enthusiast in all it's forms and also believe in the art of tattoo! Think of all the revenue to be made from people all over the world gathering for a trade show!! Everyone will benefit. A tattoo trade show is no different than any other large scale exposition or trade show. They all have their issues, but still happen.....

I SUPPORT TATTOO TRADE SHOWS IN HAWAII!!

Mahalo,
Crista Rowland

I SUPPORT TATTOO TRADE SHOWS

Danny Casler [Danny@npmusic.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 10:16 AM

To: CPCtestimony

I am personally amazed this was put into our bill. Im borderline offended as someone being in the industry for as long as I have, with tattoo tradeshows taking place all over the world, it almost feels like discrimination. The board of health has been at every meeting claiming the public safety is NOT at risk and that they have done due diligence to ensure that these expos (happening in EVERY state in the US but Hawaii), are in fact SAFE, and create a very large spurt in the ECONOMY while the artists from all around the world are here and the tourists who do and will fly in for these expos. Our culture here is rich and full of love and light and the art showcased here will bring more in and send more out to the world. I OPPOSE strongly any amendments to ban trade shows here in Hawaii. Its morally not right when time and time again the DOH are giving it the green light. Please take my sincere request and lets remove this from the bill. Thank you!

--
Danny Casler

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Tattoo Trade Shows

Marcus Busekrus [maverick1ba@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 10:44 AM

To: CPCtestimony

Hello,

I am a Hawaii resident and have been my entire life. I caught wind that a small group of people wants to prohibit tattoo shows in Hawaii. I find this to be intolerable. The basis of a free State is that we allow and encourage the free trade of goods and ideas. If we begin with banning Tattoo shows based on the bogus argument of "health and safety," then we create a slippery slope scenario where intolerance and ignorance can trump freedom. This is not the state I believe in. Please allow the tattoo expos (and all other free trade industries) to continue operation in Hawaii.

Thanks,

Marcus

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Jeremy Christopher [breeze4820.jc@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 10:31 AM

To: CPCtestimony

I SUPPORT TATTOO TRADE SHOW IN HAWAII! Its very important that this keeps happening. It helps people come together and share their stories, to meet new friends. Thats what is important in life that we all get along. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Christopher

I SUPPORT TATTOO TRADE SHOWS IN HAWAII

Lisa Zoellick [marie23lisa2002@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 10:25 AM

To: CPCtestimony

Cc: Danny Casler [Danny@npmusic.com]

I SUPPORT TATTOO TRADE SHOWS IN HAWAII

~Lisa

"Life moves pretty fast...you don't stop and look around once and a while, you could miss it" ~Ferris Bueller

*******SPAM******* **I SUPPORT TATTOO TRADE SHOWS IN HAWAII**

Georgiana Marilena Enescu [georgiana.enescu@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 10:25 AM

To: CPCtestimony

I SUPPORT TATTOO TRADE SHOWS IN HAWAII.

I love tattoo culture and I want a trade show in Hawaii.

I SUPPORT TATTOO TRADE SHOWS IN HAWAII

Shane Chisum [crimsontkd@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 10:18 AM

To: CPCtestimony

Hello,

I just wanted to share with you that I fully support Tattoo Trade shows in Hawaii. We have never ever had one here before. I grew up here my whole life and are very adamant about Tattooing. Some people think it's just scarring your body but to me its like telling your life story through your body. I am not doing it to just ink up my body for no reason. Every tattoo I have means something to me and that is whats important so PLEASE let us have our first tattoo show/convention. It would mean the world to me and a lot of people here in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Shane Chisum

"I SUPPORT TATTOO TRADE SHOWS IN HAWAII"

Dan McOsker [dmcosker@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 10:19 AM

To: CPCtestimony

To whom it may concern,

The above subject line is true. I am not from Hawaii but I have a lot of friends there and I do visit often. In fact my next visit will be in June and during that visit a good friend of mine who runs a shop in Waikiki will be working on adding to an original tattoo he did for me several years ago. Trade shows are a good thing all around for tattoo artists, known and unknown, to get their name out there. For most it is their livelihood. Many of us kindly ask you to consider not shutting down tattoo trade shows in your beautiful State. I've been to only a handful of trade shows and I can personally say I have witnessed no health code violations whatsoever. All safety and personal protective equipment is used at all times. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Daniel McOsker

I SUPPORT TATTOO TRADE SHOWS IN HAWAII

Charles Thorpe [charlesthorpephotography@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 10:13 AM

To: CPCtestimony

I don't see why people would want to put a stop to this trade show. This is a way of living for a lot of people and it is a true art form just like painting and photography. Please bring Hawaii the awesome trade show that so many good people are working hard for. Without freedom of expression we are all just the same.

Thank you so much for your time

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Testimony for CPC 3/19/2012 2:00:00 PM SB2398

Conference room: 325

Testifier position: Support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Don Heitkotter

Organization: Individual

E-mail: uncltmtattoo@msn.com

Submitted on: 3/18/2012

Comments:

Aloha from Kauai. I am a licensed tattoo artist and shop owner on Kauai. I believe the language and the content of SB 2398 needs to be taken seriously by the Department of Health and the CPC. Despite the view of the DOH, tattooing is a dangerous high risk profession that needs serious regulation upgrade with air-tight language before tattoo trade shows are allowed to proceed. Inclusion of adequate funding for the DOH to enforce the new laws should be included. Considerations for "proper" Blood Borne Pathogens Training, proper licensing criteria and banning the sales of equipment to unlicensed tattooers should be included as well as other provisions for updating Hawaii's outdated tattoo laws. The proposed "task force" needs to have licensed, experienced, State of Hawaii tattooers from both sides of this issue, as well as legislators in order to call itself balanced. Not doing so will cause the interest of the few to be served rather than the over 2000 licensed tattooers in this state. We need to proceed with the "task force" with caution and proper research so they new laws will be compiled in a way that will be clear and concise so no part of it can be misconstrued or misinterpreted again. This will take time as anything done well always is. Aloha, Uncle Tim