

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 15, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 672
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 672
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the number of minors
and youth who smoke, by:

- (1) Restricting the placement of and advertisements for
cigarettes and tobacco products;
- (2) Defining "electronic cigarette" or "e-cigarette";
- (3) Including electronic devices under the definition of
"tobacco" and "tobacco products"; and
- (4) Prohibiting the sale of electronic devices to a minor
under the age of eighteen and the purchase of an
electronic device by a minor under the age of eighteen.

The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii and an individual
supported this measure. The Department of Health supported the
intent of this measure. The Department of the Attorney General,
The Libertarian Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Food Industry Association,
ABC Stores, VOLCANO Fine Electronic Cigarettes, and numerous
individuals opposed this measure. Several individuals submitted
comments.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting provisions limiting the display of advertisements for cigarettes and tobacco products;
- (2) Defining "electronic smoking device";
- (3) Prohibiting the sale of electronic smoking devices to minors under the age of eighteen; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 672, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 672, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



