

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
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To: Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair
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HB 672, HD1 - RELATING TO HEALTH

Cory Chun, Government Relations Director – Hawaii Pacific
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 672, HD1 , which restricts the placement of cigarettes and tobacco products; prohibits the sale of any electronic smoking device to a minor under eighteen years of age and the purchase of any electronic smoking device by a minor under eighteen years of age; and defines "electronic smoking device".

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), the advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, is the nation's leading cancer advocacy organization. ACS CAN works with federal, state, and local government bodies to support evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem.

ACS CAN is concerned over the continued use of tobacco by youth and supports the restriction of tobacco products by placing the products behind the counter. We believe that continued marketing of tobacco products to children is a part of the problem. This measure proposes a solution, keeping tobacco products away and out of sight. We believe this measure will have a positive impact on youth smoking rates.

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