

# HB 672, HD2, SD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO HEALTH.

Report Title: Vapor Product Sale or Purchase to Minors Prohibited

Description: Prohibits the sale of any tobacco product or vapor product to a minor under eighteen years of age and the purchase of any tobacco product or vapor product by a minor under eighteen years of age. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

Companion: SB652

Package: None

Current Referral: HTH, CPN

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HB0672HD2SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH

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Director of Health

March 28, 2013  
9:30AM, Rm. 229

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the prohibition of the  
2 sales/furnishing to and the purchase of electronic smoking devices by minors and suggests using the  
3 preferred definition of electronic smoking device. The DOH further recommends that cigarettes,  
4 smokeless tobacco, and all other tobacco products be placed in locations within a store that are  
5 inaccessible to youth.

6 **Fiscal Implications:** None

7 **Purpose and Justification:** The DOH proposes using the preferred definition of electronic smoking  
8 device as "any electronic product that can be used to simulate smoking in the delivery of nicotine or  
9 other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic  
10 cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, or electronic pipe, and any cartridge or other component  
11 of the device or related product."

12 The term, "vapor product" is too narrow as it refers only to a noncombustible tobacco derived  
13 product containing nicotine and is not inclusive of the electronic mechanism which simulates smoking  
14 and delivers nicotine and other substances, the cartridge, or other components of the device. Such a  
15 restrictive definition would only refer to current products. The DOH further questions the need to alter

1 the law's current definition of tobacco in any shape or form as this may impact other statutory  
2 references.

3 Smoking and tobacco use remain Hawaii's and the nation's leading cause of preventable  
4 morbidity and mortality. In Hawaii there are over 1,100 deaths each year attributed to a tobacco-related  
5 illness costing approximately \$336 million in medical and health care costs. Each year approximately  
6 1,500 Hawaii youth become new daily smokers. The tobacco companies spend more than \$42 million  
7 annually in Hawaii on advertising, marketing, and promotions to attract 'replacement smokers'.

8 Electronic smoking devices have become increasingly prevalent and widely available since their  
9 introduction to the U.S. market in 2007. They are advertised as technologically advanced and "healthier  
10 alternatives" to tobacco products using youth-relevant appeals such as celebrity endorsements,  
11 trendy/fashionable imagery, and fruit, candy and/or alcohol flavors. Electronic smoking devices present  
12 a compelling introduction to the sensation of smoking by allowing users, not only to mimic the tactile  
13 sensations of smoking, but also actually appear to blow smoke. These devices promote a physiological  
14 addiction to an addictive drug, as well as a psychological habituation to smoking.

15 The 2011 Hawaii Youth Tobacco Survey reported that 5.1% of public high school students in the  
16 state reported using an electronic smoking device. The Hawaii Department of Education has just  
17 released a memo classifying the possession and/or use of electronic cigarettes as a contraband offense  
18 subject to disciplinary actions.

19 The stated purpose of the original version of this measure was to reduce the number of minors  
20 and youth who smoke through the restriction of the placement of tobacco sales and advertising by  
21 adding a new section to chapter 328J, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS): Placement of cigarettes and  
22 tobacco products. The DOH is also concerned about youth access to tobacco products at the point-of-  
23 sale, and recommends appropriate language that would align with the federal Family Smoking  
24 Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (FSPTCA) of 2009 on the sale of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

1 The recommended language is more inclusive than the current FDA restriction by addressing all other  
2 tobacco products.

3 (a) "Except as otherwise provided under this section, a retailer may sell cigarettes, smokeless  
4 tobacco, and all other tobacco products only in a direct, face-to-face exchange between the  
5 retailer and the consumer. Examples of methods of sale that are not permitted include  
6 vending machines and self-service displays.

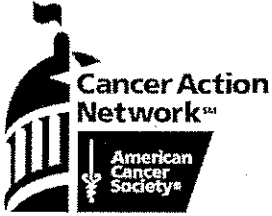
7 (b) This section shall not apply to retail tobacco stores, bars, or any establishment for which the  
8 minimum age is eighteen."

9 In 2008, the Tobacco and Alcohol Advertising Survey (TAAS) revealed 97% of the retail stores  
10 in Hawaii that sell tobacco had tobacco products at the point-of-sale, and 62% of these stores had  
11 tobacco products at the eye-level of children (3 feet or less).

12 A report in the journal, *Tobacco Control*, stated that preventing the display of tobacco products  
13 leads to a decrease in the number of youth experimenting with and becoming addicted to those tobacco  
14 products. The DOH recognizes that prohibiting self-service displays where the customer has direct  
15 access to tobacco products is a realistic action to discourage tobacco company products at point-of-sale.  
16 This measure would reduce consumer, and specifically youth, exposure to and impulse purchases of  
17 these products. Smokers who are attempting to quit believe that these restrictions can support their  
18 cessation efforts.

19 The DOH supports the prohibition of the sales and purchase of electronic smoking devices to  
20 prevent the deleterious effects on the health and safety of Hawaii's youth and also limiting the  
21 placement of tobacco products in retail stores to help prevent a new generation of youth in Hawaii from  
22 being influenced to start smoking and support people in quitting tobacco.

23 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
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Decision Making: March 27, 2013; 9:30 a.m.

**HB 672, HD2, SD1 - RELATING TO HEALTH**

Cory Chun, Government Relations Director – Hawaii Pacific  
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Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on HB 672, HD2, SD1, which prohibits the sale of any tobacco product or vapor product to a minor under eighteen years of age and the purchase of any tobacco product or vapor product by a minor under eighteen years of age. We take no position on the electronic cigarette portion of this measure at this time but urge the committee to make amendments to this measure to include product placement of tobacco products contained in the original version.

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.

SB 642, which previously only addressed product placement of tobacco products, was amended to include amendments to the medical marijuana program. As a result, we would urge this committee to consider including language relating to product placement to keep this issue moving. Specifically, we recommend language from the FDA rules on the placement of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco, but also including all tobacco products:

“A retailer may sell cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, and all other tobacco products only in a direct, face-to-face exchange between the retailer and the consumer. Examples of methods of sale that are not permitted include vending machines and self-service displays.”

This provision is a reasonable compromise to address the ongoing concerns of the Attorney General regarding any possible interpretations that the previous bill would require tobacco products to be hidden from sight. Thank you for your consideration on this measure.



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To: The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair, Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
Members, Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
From: Jessica Yamauchi, Executive Director  
Date: March 27, 2013  
Hrg: Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection; Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in Rm 229  
Re: **Support for HB 672, HD 2, SD1 Relating to Health**

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Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB 672, HD2, SD1 which would prohibit the sales of electronic smoking devices (referred to as vapor products in this bill) to minors.

The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii (Coalition) is an independent organization in Hawaii working to reduce tobacco use through education, policy and advocacy. Our organization is a nonprofit organization of over 100 member organizations and 2,000 advocates that works to create a healthy Hawaii through comprehensive tobacco prevention and control efforts.

The Coalition recommends replacing the term vapor products with electronic smoking devices in this bill. Electronic smoking devices are used to vaporize liquid in cartridges that contain varying levels of nicotine. Often times the cartridges are candy flavored (over 30 flavors available) which entice youth. Currently these devices are readily available at mall kiosks and small shops throughout our state and are priced as low as \$10 for the disposable varieties.

Currently, there is no federal regulation of the contents or production of electronic smoking devices (commonly known as e-cigarettes). According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) website:

As the safety and efficacy of e-cigarettes have not been fully studied, consumers of e-cigarette products currently have no way of knowing:

- whether e-cigarettes are safe for their intended use,
- how much nicotine or other potentially harmful chemicals are being inhaled during use, or
- if there are any benefits associated with using these products.

Additionally, it is not known if e-cigarettes may lead young people to try other tobacco products, including conventional cigarettes, which are known to cause disease and lead to premature death<sup>1</sup>.

Given how little is known about the contents and health effects of electronic smoking devices, we are very concerned about the current accessibility of these products to our youth. It is

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/PublicHealthFocus/ucm172906.htm>



currently legal to sell these products to children, as well as to allow sampling of the product in malls and kiosks.

Additionally, the original version of this bill dealt with the issue of product placement of all tobacco products. We respectfully ask that this issue be placed into this bill once again and offer the following as recommended language:

A retailer may sell cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, and all other tobacco products only in a direct, face-to-face exchange between the retailer and the consumer. Examples of methods of sale that are not permitted include vending machines and self-service displays.

The proposed language mirrors the federal regulations around the sale of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco<sup>2</sup>, we request that “all other tobacco products” be added to ensure that all tobacco products are prohibited from being sold in any self-service display.

This recommended language will keep the products away from our youth and take away a powerful marketing tool currently enjoyed by a deadly industry. Prohibiting self-service tobacco displays is a promising practice that many states are considering or have enacted. Minnesota law prohibits self-service displays of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco, except in age-restricted retail tobacco stores that derive at least 90 percent of their revenue from the sale of tobacco and tobacco-related products.<sup>3</sup> Similarly, New York State prohibits self-service tobacco displays in retail stores that are open to minors.<sup>4</sup> California has also passed similar legislation and defines self-service displays as “the open display of tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia in a manner that is accessible to the general public without the assistance of the retailer or employee of the retailer”<sup>5</sup>.

Tobacco products are still the leading cause of preventable disease and death. We can reduce this by making sure youth never start and tobacco users have every opportunity to quit. This measure will continue to place Hawaii at the forefront of tobacco prevention and control.

Our recommendation at the present time, based on existing public health research, is that (1) sales of electronic to minors be prohibited, (2) “vapor products” be referred to and defined as electronic smoking devices in this bill, and (3) the recommended language around product placement be added to the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

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Executive Director

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<sup>2</sup> 21 C.F.R. § 1140.16

<sup>3</sup> MINN. STAT. § 461.18, subd. 1.

<sup>4</sup> N.Y. PUB. HEALTH LAW § 1399-cc(7).

<sup>5</sup> § 22962



March 28, 2013

To: The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Cory Smith, Volcano Fine Electronic Cigarettes  
President and Owner

**RE: HB672, HD2, SD1 – support current draft.**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Volcano Fine Electronic Cigarettes supports HB672, HD2, SD1 as currently written and requests that your committee pass the bill as is. We support prohibiting sales of vapor products to minors and already have a company policy reflecting that position.

The bill's current language and definitions are both fair and appropriate because they reflect industry definitions while ensuring that sales of nicotine containing products to minors are prohibited.

The current draft defines tobacco products and vapor products to be inclusive of the wide range of nicotine-containing products by using the term "product made or derived from tobacco" as well as defining an e-cigarette as a "vapor product" which would include electronic pipes or cigars. The original bill uses the term "tobacco in any shape or form" which might not capture a product that contains nicotine but no tobacco.

HB672, HD2, SD1 avoids overstepping federal regulations by exempting any product regulated by the FDA under Chapter V of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Chapter V of that act is where the pharmaceutical nicotine products -- which are used to quit smoking -- are regulated. The original bill and the HD1 could be misconstrued to cover products like nicotine gum or other nicotine replacements.

We believe that the term "vapor product" is appropriate and best serves the purpose of the bill because it is specific and focuses on prohibiting sales of the nicotine cartridges. The original drafts used the terms "electronic cigarette" and





“electronic smoking device” which are problematic and could result in future confusion since the definitions are inclusive of all components including the ion battery, metal casing, and plastic mouthpiece.

It would be inappropriate to regulate all components of the product because only the cartridge contains nicotine.

These products are still relatively new, having been introduced to the US market around 2008. They have the potential to deliver health benefits because it is theoretically possible to vaporize a variety of liquid substances, including essence of acai berry, essence of salmon, and other foods containing vitamins and antioxidants.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Volcano’s representative Melissa Takaaze at [m.takaaze@gmail.com](mailto:m.takaaze@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

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Re: Strong Support for HB 672, HD 2, SD 1: Relating to Health.

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I strongly support HB 672, HD 2, SD 1, but recommend changing the language in the bill from vapor products to electronic smoking devices. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.

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I strongly support HB 672, HD 2, SD 1, but recommend changing the language in the bill from vapor products to electronic smoking devices. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.

Jayson O'Donnell  
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To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection

Re: Strong Support for HB 672, HD 2, SD 1: Relating to Health.

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Mahalo

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Members, Senate Committee on Commerce and  
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I strongly support HB 672, HD 2, SD 1, but recommend changing the language in the bill from vapor products to electronic smoking devices. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.

Elise Davis  
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To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection

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I strongly support HB 672, HD 2, SD 1, but recommend changing the language in the bill from vapor products to electronic smoking devices. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.

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Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection

Re: Strong Support for HB 672, HD 2, SD 1: Relating to Health.

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Aloha kakou

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong and unwavering support of HB 672, HD 2, SD1. This measure will prohibit the sales of all electronic smoking devices (referred to as vapor products in this bill) to minors under the age of 18. Electronic smoking devices are used to vaporize liquid in cartridges that contain varying levels of nicotine. Cartridges are also available in candy-flavors (over 30 flavors available) which entices youth. On my way to work this morning, I observed a group of high school students electronic smoking devices and, if I didn't know any better, I would have thought that they were smoking cigarettes. Their actions, behaviors and "group relating" were very much like those of smokers. Currently these devices are readily available at kiosks and small shops, including shops that do not carry any other tobacco product.

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I strongly support, with no professional or personal reservations, HB 672, HD 2, SD 1, but recommend changing the language in the bill from vapor products to electronic smoking devices. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.

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John A. Hau'oli Tomoso, MSW, ACSW, LSW  
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I strongly support HB 672, HD 2, SD 1, but recommend changing the language in the bill from vapor products to electronic smoking devices. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.

Beau Lani Barker  
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I strongly support HB 672, HD 2, SD 1, but recommend changing the language in the bill from vapor products to electronic smoking devices. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.

Adam Espiritu

Kapolei, HI 96707

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection

Re: Strong Support for HB 672, HD 2, SD 1: Relating to Health.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 672, HD 2, SD1. This measure will prohibit the sales of all electronic smoking devices (referred to as vapor products in this bill) to minors under the age of 18.

I strongly urge you to pass HB 672, HD2, SD1 which would prohibit the sale of electronic smoking devices to minors. We also ask that you consider banning the sampling of this product.

I strongly support HB 672, HD 2, SD 1, but recommend changing the language in the bill from vapor products to electronic smoking devices. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.

Kim Swartz  
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To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection

Re: Strong Support for HB 672, HD 2, SD 1: Relating to Health.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 672, HD 2, SD1. I, Dawn L. Hunt, support this measure that will prohibit the sales of all electronic smoking devices (referred to as vapor products in this bill) to minors under the age of 18. Electronic smoking devices are used to vaporize liquid in cartridges that contain varying levels of nicotine. Cartridges are also available in candy-flavors (over 30 flavors available) which entices youth. Currently these devices are readily available at kiosks and small shops, including shops that do not carry any other tobacco product.

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I strongly support HB 672, HD 2, SD 1, but recommend changing the language in the bill from vapor products to electronic smoking devices. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.

Sincerely,  
Dawn L. Hunt

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Members, Senate Committee on Commerce and  
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PLEASE PROTECT OUR YOUTH FROM ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES IN THE SAME WAY YOU PROTECT THEM FROM CIGARETTES.

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BARBARA MANEJA

Honolulu, HI 96819

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My name is Lorraine Leslie and I serve as the Hawaii Director for the American Lung Association in Hawaii. Thank you the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to HB 642.

The mission of the Lung Association is to saves lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through education, advocacy and research. We work for healthy lungs and healthy air.

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Angela Sy  
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QLSSC #413, attn: Maile Goo  
Honolulu, HI 96817



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To Legislators,

My name is Makana Gabin. I am from Wailuku, Maui. I am writing because I feel that we should have a lot more stricter laws on e-cigarettes.

E-cigarettes should have an age restriction on it to prevent a lot of younger people to not use it. They also have little to no research on long term effects of e-cigarettes. How do we know if it a truly "safer" product?

All in all, I think that we should have better laws on e-cigarettes so there could be less people getting addicted to nicotine. Thank you for you time to read this.

Sincerely,  
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PEP  
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Dear Legislators:

My name is Makamae Auwe, and I am a senior at Baldwin High School. It is my first year participating in the Peer Education Program. I am writing this because I strongly support this measure.

E-cigarettes are found to have addictive substances in them too. Storeowners do not ask the age of buyers when purchasing e-cigarettes. Being a peer educator has taught me a lot about e-cigarettes and how they actually do affect someone who uses them.

Peer education has allowed me to find the truth about e-cigarettes and continue to be aware and bring awareness to those who don't know the risk of using a product with nicotine. Please consider my testimony.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Legislators:

My name is Yvonne Ngalu, and I am a senior at Baldwin High School. I am also a participant in the Peer Education Program. I am writing in hopes of increasing some laws and regulations over e-cigarettes.

Electronic cigarettes have no age restriction or no age limit. Some places say that you need to be 18 and older to purchase one, yet no ID or age is asked upon purchase. These products are found everywhere now making them easy to purchase.

As an older sister, cousin, and friend of younger children, I believe that any Electronic cigarettes should require ID upon purchase and be placed behind counters. This will make it less accessible to teenagers.

I hope you take into consideration all the things that I have said in my letter. Please help us protect our youth. They are the future of tomorrow, but won't be able to have a future in a hospital bed.

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Legislators,

My name is Shalia-Tiana Dellomes-Silva and I'm a senior at Baldwin High School. I have been participating in the Peer Education Program for 2 years. I'm writing to you today because I am in strong support of this bill.

I'm asking you to place an age restriction on e-cigarettes. Even though there is not tar, there is still nicotine and people are still consuming chemicals. E-cigarettes are not safe. A 2009 analysis of 18 samples of cartridges from 2 leading e-cig brands found cancer-causing substances in half of the samples. We need to have ID required when purchasing. Please place an age limit of 18 years old on these items.

Mahalo nui loa,  
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Dear Legislators,

My name is Annette Kinchiro, and I'm a senior at H.P. Baldwin High School. I'm in the Peer Education Program, and I'm writing to you in support this bill.

A major concern is e-cigarettes. We need to put an age restriction on these. E-cigs are becoming normal things around school. Kids smoke these in class behind the teacher's back because it's odorless. To prevent the incidents, we need to put age restriction on them. E-cigarettes have nicotine in them so it is still addicting.

Thank you for taking time to read this. I hope that this helps you think about doing something about these products.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Legislator,

My name is Jordyn Clarke. I am from H.P. Baldwin High School in Wailuku, Maui. Being in PEP really makes you realize how much of a bad influence nicotine has on our younger generation. I think something needs to be done and I support this bill.

There should definitely be an age restriction on e-cigs. E-cigs are still bad and have nicotine. We don't even really know the whole effects. They could be worse.

Thank you for your time. I really appreciate it.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Legislators,

My name is Chloe Yap and I am a current senior at Baldwin High School on Maui. I am an active student in my school's student government and various different sport and clubs on top of it. I have recently become a part of a program at Baldwin called the Peer Education Program, where we learn about current issues facing my peers in this day and age. One issue that has recently come to my attention is the teenage use of e-cigarettes. There are many new tobacco products that many teenagers do not know the effects of that they are taking part in.

I call to you, the elected officials, to fight for putting age restriction on the electronic cigarettes that more and more teenagers are taking part in. We need more restriction on the electronic cigarettes. There needs to be an age restriction. Young people should not be using them. They harm young people very much and set them up to be lifelong nicotine users at a young age.

I encourage you to look into this issue and to take action. It's very important and harmful to young people of Hawaii. Thank you very much for taking time to read this letter. I understand your time is valuable, and this is an important topic.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Legislators,

Hi. My name is Nomi Macadangdang. I'm from Wailuku, Maui, and I go to Baldwin High School. I am part of the Peer Education Program (PEP) and I'm writing to advocate and help stop the influence of e-cigarettes.

Also, there should really be an age restriction on e-cigs. Too many kids, too young for real cigarettes, are getting e-cigs and no one is caring. These kids are getting e-cigs to feel older or feel cool. The fact is, they're still putting harmful chemicals into their body. Nicotine or not, people inhale chemicals with e-cigs. If you place an age restriction on e-cigs, there will be less young, naïve children/teens who buy e-cigs.

You have the power to ultimately help us. The companies that make these products don't care about us. They just care about the money. Please help us.

Sincerely,  
Nomi Macadangdang  
PEP  
Wailuku, Maui



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I think it is very important to put an age restriction on the sale of electronic cigarettes. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

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Aloha, my name is Calcee Nance. I am 15 years old, I live on the island of Kauai and I attend Kauai high school as a freshman. I am involved with REAL.

I support HB672 because e-cigarettes are just like regular cigarettes: BAD FOR YOU!  
They are both bad for you & minors! Youth should not be allowed to buy e-cigarettes,  
just like how minors are not allowed purchase regular tobacco.

Thank you for your consideration.

Calcee Nance

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Aloha! My name is Micah Abalos. I am 14 years old, I live on a beautiful garden island of Kauai, and I am a freshman attending Kauai High school. I'm also a member of Boys & Girls Club Lihue Kauai. I am writing in support of this bill.

I'm interested in this topic because as of last summer I attended a REAL summit in UH, which was about empowering the youth in stopping the tobacco industry. I support the HB672 bill because I know that it is wrong to place e-cigarettes in places where underage youth can see them easily and realize "Oh hey? That looks interesting, I think I'm gonna get that because it's not bad like regular cigarettes." But what they don't know is that e-cigarettes are just as dangerous as regular cigarettes.

E-cigarettes have nicotine in them; therefore, they are also addicting just like regular cigarettes. Last year at the REAL summit, I heard a story about how a guy that was smoking and e-cigarette and it had a short out and it blew up in his face. Half of his face was burnt because of an e-cigarette. These products are unsafe.

I feel E-cigarettes should be illegal for minors because just like regular cigarettes, it's very unhealthy for their health and even in younger ages, they can die and have cancer and all those bad diseases in their early age.

Sincerely,  
Micah Abalos

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Dear Legislators:

My name is Kawai LaBatte. I am from Wailuku on the island of Maui and am a freshman at Baldwin High School. I'm part of REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry. I strongly support this bill.

Now there is an alternative to tobacco by using E-cigs. Those companies say it's better than smoking and helps people quit smoking. This has not actually been proven. There is no research to support the effects of using the e-cig. E-cigs are highly accessible to kids at kiosks in the mall. They need to be moved behind counters. The youth play with the e-cig, and they use it to taste the new flavors. There needs to be an age limit on e-cigarettes.

Mahalo for your support for E-cig regulation.

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Dear Legislators,

My name is Kelly Takushi, and I am a senior at Maui High School. I am currently a state board leader for REAL, Hawaii's youth-led movement exposing the lies and manipulations of the tobacco industry. I am writing this testimony in strong support for this bill. I believe it is highly beneficial to place an age restriction of 18 years old on e-cigarettes. Also, it would be good to move these products behind the counter for better regulation.

E-cigs are the cool thing for high school students to do. Right now at my high school, there are numerous students who walk around the campus smoking these. Some of these students, who are under 18, purchased these products themselves from kiosks in the mall. E-cigarettes are very deceptive because they are not regulated like cigarettes, even though they are still addictive and dangerous because of the nicotine. By placing an age restriction and by moving these products out of kiosks, you will cut down the number of youth that will have access to the products and become users.

Thanks for supporting this bill and overall for supporting this cause to protect our youth. By passing this bill, it will make a difference.

Thanks,

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Dear Legislators,

My name is Miguel Morales. I am from Wailuku on the island of Maui. I'm part of REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry, and I support this bill.

Though I have my own thoughts about e-cigs, as being a person who stands for the choices that people make, I believe that helping this bill pass will help to prevent more people to start smoking. An age restriction of 18 years old on e-cigarettes could help the next generation and would help to keep e-cigs out as something "fun" to do. This also goes for other variations of tobacco products as well. The less tobacco products that are easily reachable by anyone, and the more programs and advocacy we have for anti-tobacco, the more likely that the future of Hawaii will be a bright one for those living in our nation.

The young kids and pre-teens of Hawaii are being targeted by the tobacco industry as "replacement smokers" to keep Big Tobacco profits high and running. By supporting this bill, you show that you are making a commitment to stand-up for Hawaii's future citizens and protect us from a tobacco industry that is not looking out for the well-being of its customers, but rather the numbers that go into their bank accounts from the dangers being brought upon and imposed to Hawaii's youth.

Mahalo for your support.

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Dear Committee:

My name is Michele Magdirila. I am from Molokai and I am a young adult advocate with REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry. I am in strong support of HB 672

I support this measure because I strongly believe there needs to be an age restriction of at least 18 years old to purchase and sample e-cigarettes because there is nicotine in them and we don't know the long term effects of using these products therefore youth should be protected from even trying them as kids. I also believe these should only be available in specialty stores where other tobacco products are sold....NOT in the middle of malls where youth shop and go to hand out. Having these products so visible sends the wrong impression that they are proven to help people quit smoking (which is not proven scientifically). Also these e-cigs look like any other electronic toy that youth like to mess with these days.

When I have visited a e-cig kiosk at the mall I was told that it "wasn't a chemical, just vapor". I think this is false advertising since there definitely has be something to make them appear to smoke the way they do. Also the people at the mall selling them were blowing the vapor smoke right in the face of me and others walking by. I just don't believe this should be legal in Hawaii.

Please support HB 672.

Mahalo,

Michelle Magdirila



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Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, Committee for Commerce & Consumer Protection  
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Re: **Strong Support for HB 672, Relating to Health**  
Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
Hearing; March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 9:30am; Room 229

Dear Senators:

My name is Rose Anne Navalta. I am from Laupahoehoe and with REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement. I'm in strong support of HB 672 to create a strict age requirement for the purchase of e-cigarettes in Hawaii.

I also believe we need to restrict the location of sale for these adult only products. They should NOT be in the middle of malls where youth are hanging out.

I strongly believe these products are being aggressively marketed to my generation and that by saying they are a healthier alternative to smoking the retailers are not being truthful about the fact that little is actually known about the health effects of these products.

I ask for your support of this measure HB 672.

Mahalo,

Rose Anne Navalta

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Dear Senators:

My name is Silver Hunt and I am from Kauai. I am also a member of REAL in strong support of HB 672.

I strongly believe in an age restriction on the electronic cigs because little is known about the health risks in consuming the vapors that are produced while using the e-cigs. Also they do contain nicotine and come in different flavors which makes them youth friendly.

I urge you to support HB 672 in placing an age restriction on these products. This will promote a healthier generation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Silver Hunt

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Dear Senators:

My name is Melissa Chong. I am from Hilo and am a young adult advocate with REAL. I am writing in strong support of HB 672 relating to e-cigarettes.

I do strongly believe there should be an age restriction for the purchase of e-cigarettes. Although they say its sold to only 18 years old and up younger youth still are able to buy it. The e-cigarette is just as bad for you just like cigarettes so the claim that its not harmful isn't true. With no age restrictions its easier for their product to be sold and harm those who buy them and use them.

I have visited an e-cigarette kiosk at Ala Moana Shopping Center. I was told information that I do not believe is true from the sales person including that this product is a safe alternative to smoking cigarettes, that there are no chemicals in this product, and that it helps you quit smoking cigarettes. From what I have researched I do not think any of what he said is true.

I was also shocked at the e-cigarette packages which liked like Ed Hardy and Juicy Couture which are brands and designs that are very popular with young people. Also there were flavors to pick from like cherry, vanilla, and other candy flavors. It made me think that these products are made to entice youth into to experimenting with nicotine.

I hope you will pass this measure to protect young people under 18 and those of us in our early twenties from targeting by untruthful companies.

Thank you,

Melissa Chong  
Hilo, Hawaii

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Dear Committee:

My name is Makeda Morris. I am part of REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco. I am in strong support of HB 672.

I have visited the E-Cigarette Kiosk at Ala Moana Shopping Center to get more info on this product. I had a very odd experience. I was told by the sales person that the e-cig is better than traditional cigarettes for your health. He asked me how old I was and I responded that I'm not yet 18 years old and then he asked I would like to try to e-cig product at the booth. I was pretty shocked.

I think that these products should be sold only in specialty tobacco stores and there definitely should be a minimum age to purchase just like there is with traditional tobacco products. The fact is that we don't know the long term effects of these products: its not proven safe for the public but yet can be accessed by underage citizens and is being heavily marketed to us.

Please consider passing HB 672 protect the health and well-being of Hawaii's young citizens.

Thank you,

Makeda Morris  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Aloha.

Hi my name is Mark Marquez. I am from Kailua-Kona. I'm a REAL youth leader and I go to Konawaena High School. I am in support of HB 672.

I would like the legal age to buy electric cigarettes to be 18 years or older. And I don't want to have to see them so I think they should be held behind the counter. Young kids like should not have to see them because then we will want to try them.

Mahalo,

Mark Marquez

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Dear Senators,

Aloha, my name is Madieson Felicilda. I am 18 years old and a Maui High School graduate. I am a REAL board member. REAL is not an acronym, but REAL is a youth led movement against the tobacco industry. REAL is anti-industry, not anti-smoker. REAL takes on the tobacco industry's tactics and fights back! I am writing in support of HB 672.

As you may know, currently there isn't an age restriction on E-Cigarettes. This allows anyone to purchase this type of product. A 10-year old could walk up to the kiosk/counter and purchase one of these in any mall. E-Cigarettes are flavored and are affordable. The cheapest is at about \$30 which is very price friendly for youth. The products are also available in flavors. My little cousins ask me what the E-Cigarettes are because of these flavors. It makes it seem like candy. I don't like watching my younger cousins interest in these products. Also electronics are the big thing that everyone takes interest in these days, especially youth.

It has been said that E-Cigarettes help people quit smoking and that it doesn't require the smoking of tobacco and therefore may be safer. None of these things have been proven. And the fact is that these products do contain nicotine which is addictive.

It is my opinion that E-Cigarettes are a loop hole around the smoke-free workplaces law here in Hawaii. Even if smoking an e-cigarette, it gives off the impression that smoking is still a normal and acceptable behavior.

From a different safety standpoint, there have been cases reported of small children ingesting the nicotine liquid products and they have been poisoned or almost killed.

I encourage you to support me and the 6,000 youth advocates of REAL in passing HB 672. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please kokua and help our future generation of our keiki. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Madieson Felicilda  
Maui

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Aloha State Legislators,

My name is Jessica Owen. I currently attend the University of Hawaii Maui College. I am a Board Member for REAL, Hawaii's youth-led movement against the tobacco industry. I am writing this letter to you to show my support of this bill. I strongly believe in it and want you to consider going back to the original intention of this bill. I believe this bill should be passed and enforced.

The newest trend on the market is electronic cigarettes. These are very popular among Hawaii's youth. I have met many young kids who have boasted how they got an e-cig and smoked it. This form of tobacco has become cheaper and I believe it's to directly target the youth. This type of nicotine product also needs to be regulated. There should be a mandatory age limit of 18 years old so younger children are not able to obtain it. Our local mall even has it out in the open and sold at a kiosk. It's directly in the middle of the mall; so wherever you go you see it.

This needs to be stopped. Our generation should have the ability to grow up strong and healthy and not be tempted by fancy advertising to start using nicotine products. Supporting this bill shows that you care for Hawaii's youth and want them to grow up healthy and strong. Your support protects the vitality and youth of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your support!

Jessica Owen  
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REAL  
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Dear Legislators,

My name is Loren Amaral and I am from Volcano, Hawaii. I am with REAL and am writing in strong support of HB 672 to put on age restrictions on e-cigarette sales.

I am of age and have visited the sales kiosks. There is very high pressure at these locations to sample the product. This is why I believe we need to have age restrictions on the sale of the products BUT I also think the products should be sold in adult only stores that are not open for just anyone to walk up to. It sends wrong impressions to young people that these products are safe to use especially since the sales people continue to repeat over and over that these products are better for you than regular cigarettes.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,  
Loren Amaral  
Volcano, Hawaii



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Dear Senators:

My name is John Pimentel. I am a young adult advocate with REAL in strong support of HB 672.

I believe there need to be minimum age requirements for the sale of e-cigarettes to protect youth from becoming addicted to nicotine. Also I think you as decision-makers should take it the next step and allow that e-cigarettes be sold only in adult stores that require you to be at least 18 years old to enter.

When I visited an e-cigarette kiosk I was shocked to be told how “healthy” these vapors are. I think there is a lack of understanding by many people that this product has not been approved by the FDA or tested for the long term impact on health. Also it DOES CONTAIN NICOTINE which is addictive.

Thank you for your support of HB 672 to protect Hawaii’s young people.

John Pimentel

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Aloha Senators:

My name is Kerilee Erice. I am a member of REAL, Hawaii's youth-led movement against the tobacco industry. I am writing this testimony in support of HB 672.

Currently, we do not have an age restriction on the sales of these electronic cigarettes, so basically a 10-year old could walk up to a kiosk or counter and buy these products. The e-cigarettes from a child's perspective is that it's just like a toy. Though it doesn't have any tobacco, it still contains an amount of nicotine, which is highly addictive. And there have been cases reported where children have died from accidentally ingesting the liquid contained in these e-cigarettes.

The e-cigarette is being marketed as a way for people who smoke to stop smoking because it has a smaller amount of nicotine than regular cigarettes, and it would supposedly ween a smoker of traditional cigarette use. But this has not been proven scientifically yet.

Hawaii has really pushed forward with the smoke-free laws; people can no longer smoke in bars, restaurants, or planes and must be at least 20 feet from any entrance to smoke. With these e-cigarettes, smokers can use this product as a type of loophole from the smoke-free laws and smoke wherever they want.

On Maui, the kiosk that sells e-cigarettes was placed in the busiest side of the mall right in front of a drop-in day care center for children and near an in-mall playground. This may have been intentional, but the reality is that children can easily go up to that kiosk from the playground centers and are being exposed to the act of smoking which impacts their ideas that this is totally ok. And most of the sales associates I've observed at the kiosk also smoked the e-cigarette while working, which gave off the impression that it is okay to be smoking in the mall, which again leads back to the smoke-free loophole.

I am asking you to please pass HB 672. We need to get control of this negative trend in our state.

Mahalo,  
Kerilee Erice

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Aloha,

Hello, my name is Jadeen Orton. I am a student at Pahoia high school and a member of REAL; a youth led movement exposing the truth about big tobacco. I am in strong support of HB 672.

I believe that we need to do something about these e-cigarettes. I was in the mall walking and a salesman (with the e-cigs) just walked up to me asking me if we smoke and started to show up all the products. Though I informed this guy I do not smoke he continued to attempt to sell me these products. I am not of age to even purchase tobacco products! I am also worried about this happening to other youth.

HB 672 will give better protection to young people from becoming addicted to nicotine.

Thank you,

Jadeen Orton  
Pahoia, Hawaii

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Dear Senators:

My name is Jennifer Pescador. I am from Kailua and in strong support of HB 672. I also want to let you know that I am part of REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry and therefore know quite a bit about tobacco and nicotine.

I am in favor of this bill because it will create a statewide minimum age requirement for the sale of e-cigarettes products in Hawaii as well as a much needed tax increase on the product to make it less reasonable for young people to purchase.

I believe these products are just another way of promoting rebelliousness among smokers to get around smoke-free laws that restrict traditional tobacco smoking in public place throughout Hawaii. Also I think it's a way to market addiction of nicotine to youth masked in a tech-friendly device that makes it seem completely harmless. The reality is we have no idea what the long-term health effects will be from using these untested and unregulated products.

All the kiosks for these products are located in the most busy areas of our malls: Ala Moana – near the stairs and entrance to the food court, Pearlridge – near the stairs, exit of the mall, bank machines, and the entrance from the old area to the new area of uptown mall, and Windward Mall is in the center of the main mall across from the escalators from the 2<sup>nd</sup> level. I also have sat and watched the aggressive targeting of youth and young adults by the sales people at these kiosks. There is no doubt in my mind that this is their target market. That is also obvious with the colorful packaging and numerous fruit flavors available. I also DO NOT believe the marketing for these products is truthful.

I would like to see you take HB 672 to the next level and either ban the sale of these products all together in Hawaii or require them to be sold in specialty tobacco shops where no one under the age of 18 years old is permitted.

Thank you,

Jennifer Pescador

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, House Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Support for HB 672, Relating to Health**  
Committee on Health  
Hearing; March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 3:00pm; Room 229

Dear Legislatures,

My name is Alicia Huliganga, a junior at Lahainaluna High School in the island of Maui. I am a member of REAL Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry. I am a strong supporter of this bill to place an age restriction to E-cigarettes.

As far as e-cigarettes go, it's not uncommon for me to see some of my peers having them around. It is very easy for them to buy these products. They think it's cool and that it doesn't harm them as much as a normal cigarette, but most of them release the same amount of nicotine as a conventional cigarette. Also, since they are becoming cheaper, they have become in the budget of high school students and even younger. There should be an age restriction on e-cigs since they are just like a regular cigarette. Just because it's electronic doesn't mean it won't have a negative effect on you. Please enforce an age restriction of 18 years old on e-cigarettes.

The younger generations, us, the future people are being targeted by the tobacco industries. We're their future customers to keep their business going through the years, and they are making us hooked at a young age. As a legislator, you supporting this bill means you support a brighter future for us, where you as an adult, as a role model are willing to stand up for us.

Mahalo for your support.

Alicia Huliganga  
Lahaina, Hawaii  
REAL  
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Aloha.

I am Aquilena Hamilton. I live in Kailua-Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii where I go to Kealakehe High School. I am also apart of REAL Hawaii. I am in strong support of HB 672

I am in strong support of this law because I believe it should be illegal to sell electric cigarettes to minors. I also believe these products should be placed behind counters along with tobacco products. As a teen in Hawaii we have too many pressures to experiment with addictive substances and we don't need anymore.

Thank you for your time,  
Aquilena Hamilton

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Aloha Committee members:

My name is Alana Laanui and I am a part of REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco. I am in strong support of HB 672.

E-cigarettes have been becoming increasingly popular in the state of Hawaii, and I personally know multiple friends who have obtained E-cigarettes who are all under the age of 18. This product claims to be a healthy alternative to regular cigarettes, when the truth is there is no real knowledge known about the effects of this product. The fact is that today youth in Hawaii have access to this potentially dangerous product, and there is no regulation against this product. I believe that there should definitely be some regulation against these products in order to protect against the health of Hawaii. By having a minimum age requirement for purchasing E-cigarettes we will be safeguarding the youth of Hawaii.

I strongly suggest you consider passing HB 672, in order to ensure the health of Hawaii's youth.

Thank you,

Alana Laanui  
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

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Aloha,

My name is Adriana Hernandez-Rubio. I am involved in REAL and I attend Konawaena High School. I would like to say that I support this bill which will prevent youth under the age of 18 from being able to buy electronic cigarettes.

I think this bill needs to be passed because we don't know the effects of the product right now because it has not been out long enough, so by buying his product we are like guinea pigs. The big companies are using us to see what the product will do and how it will affect us. I do not think that it is fair that we are being treated like nothing. We are human beings and we deserve to not have this put upon us. We are not guinea pigs and don't need to buy these products.

I think that by preventing youth from buying this product the companies will not have as many sales later on because if we buy this product now we will get addicted and we will be their next generation of customers, but if we don't buy the product they will not have another generation to keep their sales going and they will eventually be stopped. I think we should all support this bill so that later on this will no longer be happening to the generations to come.

Thank you.

Adriana Noemi Hernandez-Rubio



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Dear Legislators:

My name is Abe Arkin and I'm from Kona. I am part of REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry. I'm in strong support of HB 672 to restrict electronic cigarettes.

I strongly support an age restriction on e-cigarettes. Currently there are no age restrictions on this hazardous product. With no age restrictions currently in place, there is a potential for youth to purchase and use this product. E-cigarettes do have Nicotine, an addictive substance. Supporting an age restriction would restrict youth access to these products and decrease the use of nicotine by youth. Ultimately reducing the number of people who become addicted to nicotine will reduce health problems and keep many generations of Hawaii's people safe.

I urge you to support HB 672 for our families and the youth of our future.

Sincerely,

Abrahm Arkin

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Aloha Legislators,

My name is Leo Tuisaloo. I am from Aiea, Hawaii. I attend Kapiolani Community Center and I am with REAL: Hawaii's youth movement exposing the tobacco industry. I am writing in strong support of HB 672.

I support this bill to restrict sales of E-cigs because it should be allowed to be sold to kids. People think E-cigs are a better form of smoking when it's really not. It's basically having them start buying a form of cigarettes at a young age so they'll be hooked on nicotine by the time they'll be able to buy actual cigarettes.

I want you to help pass this law because we need to help our communities to better the lives and health of youth.

Mahalo,

Leo Tuisaloo  
leo.tuisaloo@yahoo.com

To:

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Re:

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Dear Senators:

My name is Deandra Viluan. I am from Kihei on the island of Maui and am a young adult advocate with REAL. I am writing in strong support of HB 672 relating to e-cigarettes and age restriction.

I firmly believe there should be an age restriction for the purchase of e-cigarettes. It is currently legal in Hawaii to sell e-cigarettes to minors under the age of 18. The youth are taught that smoking is bad their health, yet it is still cool to walk around with a cigarette. E-cigarettes give them this opportunity to walk around feeling cool with a cigarette without smelling stink and polluting everyone's air. Vendors that sell the e-cigarette claims healthier benefits than traditional cigarettes; however, the e-cigarette is just as bad for you. No age restrictions makes it easier and more attractive for youth to purchase them.

As a college student at Kapiolani Community College, which is a non-smoking campus, the e-cigarettes have grown to be more popular amongst the students that it is very common to see users at almost every building using their e-cigarette. Some students even use their e-cigarettes in the library and cafeteria. I don't think people are informed about how it really isn't a safe alternative to cigarettes. Kapiolani Community College even had to send out an e-mail reminding students and staff that we are a non-smoking campus and e-cigarettes are apart of this ban.

Aside from no age restriction, vendors selling e-cigarettes attract the youth by offering a variety of different nicotine flavors such as vanilla, grape, and cherry. There are even more exciting flavors such as Cotton Candy, Aloha Apple and Jungle Fruit. These products are deliberately lure youth into to experimenting with nicotine.

I hope you will pass this measure to protect young people under 18 and those of us in our early twenties from targeting by untruthful companies.

Thank you,

Deandra Viluan  
Kihei, Maui

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Aloha! My name is Kamella Dowells, and I am currently a student at the University of Hawaii, Maui Campus. I am writing this letter in support for new restrictions on the trending e-cigarette.

An epidemic taking over our youth is the e-cigarette phenomenon. "E-cigs" or vaporizers are a new way of getting the addictive nicotine fix without the smell, taste, or even the expense of traditional cigarettes. For an eighth of the price of a pack of cigarettes, you can purchase an e-cig that will last a year. By the push of a button you can inhale nicotine flavored any way you like it....chocolate included!

For long term smokers, it is heaven, but for youth it is a deadly, addictive path. My mother, a teacher at Maui Waena Intermediate school, came home and asked me what a "vape" was and if it was okay to confiscate it from her students. She had no idea what the "vape" or vaporizer e-cig was, nor did she know how dangerous it is.

I knew that many high school students had them, but now intermediate students? Soon it could be preschoolers! The scary thing about the e-cigs is that they come in nicotine and non-nicotine varieties, and young kids do not know how to tell the difference. I have heard stories of friends getting pneumonia from vaping too much or having asthma reappear for the first time in years. E-cigs are not a healthy option. Until the effects of the ecigs are fully understood and researched, these products should not be available to our youth. Therefore, there needs to be a mandatory age restriction of 18 years old or older on the purchase of e-cigarettes.

In conclusion, I would like to reaffirm my support for this bill to restrict the distribution of e-cigs to adults over the age of 18. As a student, an older sister, daughter, and future mother, I urge you to think about the futures of Hawaii's youth. Make the decision now to save our tomorrow. Mahalo for allowing me to have a voice.

Kamella C.H. Dowells

UHMC student  
Kahului, Maui  
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Aloha,

My name is Terrie Lazarus, and I am a resident of Maui County, Hawaii. I am extremely concerned about e-cigarettes and the lack of any laws regulating the purchase and use by minors. Youth can easily purchase these e-cigarettes at a kiosk in the biggest mall on Maui.

These e-cigarettes come in many sweet flavors like cotton candy so there is a huge deception around the fact that the user is putting nicotine into their body. Along with that in mind is the fact that it only takes a few uses of nicotine and the brain has permanent receptors to the nicotine. This was explained to me by my doctor and can easily be found on an internet search.

I have personally battled with a nicotine addiction for most of adult years. Out of 35 years of my life, I am lucky to have quit for about 7 of those years. The reason I started smoking when I was only 17 is because I was coaxed and manipulated by my boyfriend to join in with them.

I can see how this e-cigarette and the lack of controls will harm our young people. Please pass the current bill to regulate e-cigarettes by removing them from self-serving kiosks and placing an age restriction on the purchase of them.

If I could go back in time and never take nicotine into my system, I would.

Thank you,

Terrie Lazarus  
UHMC student  
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My name is Sydney Yanos. I'm a college student at the University of Hawaii Maui College. I just wanted to put in my testimony about age restrictions on e-cigarettes I strongly support this bill.

I feel that the advertising and marketing of these products are directed towards youth adults and adolescences. E-cigarettes have become very popular in Hawaii and easily accessible to younger children. I've found them at the mall out in the open for everyone to see. This needs to be stopped.

There needs to be an age restriction of 18 years old placed on e-cigarettes, and other tobacco products should be behind the counter, or even locked in case, like cigarettes are.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to be able to give my support on this bill.

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To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair, Committee for Commerce & Consumer Protection  
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My name is Younggran Phillips. I am currently attending the University of Hawaii Maui College. I am writing to support bill – on e-cigarettes and other tobacco products. I believe that other tobacco products should be behind the counter and out of the reach of youth's hands. Also, there needs to be an age restriction of 18 years of age to purchase e-cigarettes.

In stores, you will see other tobacco products placed next candy. Other tobacco should be moved behind the counter where the cigarettes are sold. This will help let minors know that it is unhealthy to use tobacco. I remember when my friends used dip and found out their tongue could fall off, which is a sign that these products are not healthy to use. Tobacco products should be behind counters but we are fooled by tobacco marketing. It sickens me that they are reaching to the younger generation.

I've heard that e-cigs are sold in malls and are open to all ages. I find that it is wrong to sell these products to kids. I don't want e-cigs to be sold to younger generations because I have a son, and I don't want him to grow up with that kind of influence on him. We should have an age restriction to selling e-cigarettes to keep out of range to minors.

I believe that selling other tobacco products should only be behind the counter like cigarettes and that e-cigarettes should have an age restriction. I truly believe that if this bill will pass there will be a better future for our youth. I would like to thank you for letting this bill pass for the better of our health.

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My name is Jadelyn Rabanes. I'm from Wailuku on the island of Maui, and I'm a student at the University of Hawaii Maui College. I am supporting this bill because I believe youth shouldn't be able to buy e-cigarettes.

Electronic cigarettes are a big hit here in Hawaii. Many people are moving away from traditional cigarettes and smoking these instead. To children, they think it's a fun item to have and to smoke. Since you can get different flavors, it gets children to think that what they are smoking is actually candy. I think there should be a certain age restriction on e-cigs. Young people should not have access to this product.

I would like to thank you for supporting this bill to help keep our kids safe. Age restrictions on e-cigarettes will help our kids so they don't start using these products and becoming addicted. Keeping kids away from these products is the best thing for everyone.

Sincerely,  
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My name is Hannah Mae. I live in Maui, Hawaii. I am currently attending UHMC. I am in a Human Biology class. I am writing this letter because I am worried about the marketing of e-cigarettes, and I want to show my support for this bill.

I think kids are directly targeted by e-cigarette advertisements, making the products look cool. Also, the ease of access, like being able to get an e-cig at the mall, makes these products enticing.

I think that selling e-cigarettes to kids should be banned, and there needs to be an age restriction. I don't want my kids to be able to get these products. I am not a smoker and I do not support the current marketing of these products. Please support this bill.

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My name is Daniela Copete, and I live in Makawao on Maui. I am currently a business student at UHMC, and I am taking a human biology course. This class has emphasized how much smoking and tobacco use affects your body. I am not a smoker, but I must say many or most of my friends and family members are regular smokers. It is unfortunate that their addiction has not allowed them to stop smoking.

With the new release of the e-cigarette and its accessibility, more and more kids are now becoming targeted. My intent on writing this testimony is to regulate the accessibility of the e-cigarettes and other tobacco products, as well as implementing an age limit to purchase e-cigarettes.

Marketing plays a huge role when placing items and determining your target audience. It is unfortunate that the tobacco companies focus on the young naïve kids to purchase and become addicted to their products. I have grown up seeing my close friend start smoking at fourteen/fifteen years of age. Making an age restriction to purchasing these candy flavored e-cigs would help reduce these underage kids buying these products. Younger children don't necessarily see the damage that it does to them.

Living on Maui, our mall has kiosks selling the e-cigarettes right in the middle. They have samples to try for their multiple flavors. Our youth should not be easily exposed to these products so please make a consideration of passing this bill to make an age limit and lessen the accessibility of these products.

Sincerely,  
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Greetings.

My name is Blayne Morton, and I am a smoker. I've used electronic cigarettes since high school and have smoked real cigarettes and cigars for years. Although I partake in this habit, I do so out of a stance of personal liberty. I believe adults have the right to do as they please; however, targeting of youth is a direct example of exploitation and violation of their own personal liberties. Therefore, I do strongly support this bill.

Electronic cigarettes, while containing no real tobacco, still contain high levels of nicotine. Although there indeed are zero nicotine varieties available, those that contain nicotine and addictive substances should NOT be allowed sales to minors.

I am a Maui resident, born and raised, and I understand the consequences of smoking, even more now as I attend UHMC and am taking a biology course. Hawaii's youth also have the right to personal liberty, which also means freedom from exploitive marketing. Please support this bill.

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To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair, Committee on Health  
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Committee on Health  
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Aloha.

I strongly support the bill to regulate the sale of e-cigarettes. In fact, I was not even aware that there is not an age restriction on this product. My name is Akua Po. I am a Maui resident and a paddler. As a paddler, I am concerned for the health of the youth. In my current biology class at UHMC, we learned the negative effects of using tobacco and the addictive substance nicotine.

One again, I can say that I hope the bill passes. There is no reason we should encourage younger people to buy nicotine products. With today's medical knowledge, it surprises me that it's even still legal.

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Hello,

My name is Beau Shelton. I live in Wailuku and have lived on Maui for over 9 years. I am currently enrolled in the University of Hawaii-Maui College. I'm writing this testimony in regards to the legislation on e-cigarettes. I think the idea of having an age restriction on e-cigs is a great idea.

I have multiple family members who use tobacco products and even a 15 year old brother who is a tobacco user. The health of my family members, especially my brother, is very important to me. By passing this legislation, you would be ensuring that future generations, including my brother, do not become a victim to nicotine.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this legislation.

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Dear Senators:

My name is Ray Manzano. I am from Wailuku on the island of Maui. I am writing in strong support of HB 672 relating to e-cigarettes and age restriction.

As a son to a father who smokes and a grandson to a grandpa that smoked, I am confident in the harmful effects that all tobacco products have. E-cigarettes advertise "healthier benefits" when compared to traditional cigarettes; however, e-cigarettes still contain nicotine that is vaporized into vapor, stimulating the act of smoking.

The act of smoking is still associated with being cool in television shows, movies and amongst the youth in school. It is currently legal to sell e-cigarettes to minors under the age of 18 in Hawaii. With no age restriction, the youth are even more compelled to try e-cigarettes because of their many flavors such as Hula Punch, Hawaiian Espresso and Maui Mango. Flavors like these give a sense of familiarization to the youth and allure them into experimenting with nicotine.

I strongly support an age restriction for the purchase of e-cigarettes. I hope you will pass this measure to protect young people under 18 and those of us in our early twenties from targeting by untruthful companies.

Thank you,

Ray Manzano  
Wailuku, Maui

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Dear Legislators:

My name is Melissa Rapoza and I am from Kurtistown, Hawaii. I am in strong support of SB 672.

I strongly believe there should be minimum age of at least 18 years old (with proper ID presented prior to purchase) for these e-cigarettes in Hawaii. I also believe they should only be sold in specialty adult smoke shops that require you be at least 18 years old to enter. I believe this law will protect our children and will also prohibit the normalization of smoking especially towards youth. It may not be traditional cigarettes smoking but it's just another thing for our youth to become addicted to that is unhealthy.

I am an adult and have visited the e-cigarette kiosks. I witnessed youth under the age of 18 being offered the product to sample. No one was asked prior for their age or asked to show ID. I also witnessed a youth under 18 purchasing an e-cigarette product. The people who work at the kiosks openly use the product in the mall. It's for all these reason that I believe we have to prohibit these products from being openly sold in places where youth for to socialize on a regular basis. I'm concerned that we are not protecting our youth from products that we have no idea of the long term health consequences of and are addictive.

Please pass HB 672.

Thank you,

Melissa Rapoza



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Dear Senators:

My name is Megan Chan and I am a Tobacco Treatment Specialist for the HEALTHY Program located at Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children. I am in strong support of HB 672 Relating to Sales of Electronic Cigarettes.

As a professional in the field of smoking cessation, I see patients on a daily basis who are **addicted to nicotine** and **want to stop**. Electronic cigarettes come in various enticing flavors and are freely **marketed, sampled AND sold to our youth**. These electronic devices carry varying levels of nicotine and are not currently regulated by the FDA. **What are we allowing our keiki to smoke?** Prohibiting the sale of electronic smoking devices to minors is another essential step toward protecting the youth of Hawaii.

I strongly urge you to support HB 672 and help us in our prevention effort to limit the sales of electronic smoking devices to persons under the age of 18.

Mahalo for your support of HB 672.

Sincerely,

Megan Chan  
Nuuanu, Oahu

Aloha,

Hello, my name is Lohe Kaawaloa. I am a student at Pahoa high school and a member of REAL; a youth led movement exposing the truth about big tobacco.

Those who sell e cigarettes state that it is better than regular cigarettes, however it is not. Any cigarette is bad for you no matter what brand or form it comes in. I watched a salesman attempt to persuade my Uncle into believing that it is a step down process from cigarettes and then talked about all the flavors that they have. We do not know what the effects of these cigarettes are so just like all their other products we are being used to see what the actual effects are.

Thank you,

Lohe Kaawaloa  
Pahoa, Hawaii

Aloha,

My name is Terrance Rapoza. I am a voter in Hawaii. Since hearing about these e cigarettes I have been concerned on our community. The tobacco company continues to try to find loop holes into getting their deadly products to consumers. We are uncertain as to what are actually in these e cigarettes. The retailers are only interested to persuade others to use their product. Youth are encouraged to try this product.

The advertisements that are handed out by the e cigarette retailers are portraying an illusion of a less harmful product.

I do not want my family, my children, our community to be continued to be their lab rats, to test products that are deadly upon us. Why would we allow deadly products that have been statistically proven to cause deaths and many other financial costs to be sold legally? We are doing a disservice to ourselves and our people by allowing products such as these to be sold.

Thank you,

Terrance Rapoza  
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Aloha Senators:

My name is Elizabeth Heppe and I am a resident of Kailua-Kona. I am a huge supporter of invoking age restrictions for electronic cigarettes through the passage of HB 672.

Due to the lack of information known about electronic cigarettes and the harmful effects it may have on ones health, I see it only fit that we protect our youth from something that could potentially be detrimental to their health. Supporting an age restriction for E-cigarettes will lessen the already heavy burden placed on today's youth to entice them to experiment with tobacco products that are addictive.

I urge you to protect our youth from electronic cigarettes by passing HB 672.

Thank you for your consideration and all time devoted to this cause.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Heppe

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Aloha! My name is Paulwin Tommy and I'm 17 years old. I am a student at Kauai high school. I am also a member of the boys and girls club high school program "Leaders in Training". I would like to support bill HB672 that would make e-cigarette sales to minors illegal.

Did you know that there is no age restrictions for purchasing e-cigarettes either in stores or online? I wouldn't want to see the little kids at boys and girls club smoking e-cigarettes. I believe that minors shouldn't be smoking at all. E-cigarettes and regular cigarettes can damage your health and affect them in their future because they both use nicotine.

Greatly consider my request for you support Bill HB672 to create a healthy future of Hawaii.

Sincerely,  
Paulwin Tommy