

**SB652**

**TESTIMONY**



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**  
S.B. NO. 652, RELATING TO HEALTH.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 6, 2013                      **TIME:** 2:15 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 229

**TESTIFIER(S):** David M. Louie, Attorney General, or  
Blair Goto, Deputy Attorney General, or  
Earl R. Hoke, Jr., Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Green and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General appreciates the intent of this bill in trying to decrease the use of tobacco products. However, we oppose the bill for legal and practical reasons.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) ban advertising that promotes or encourages the purchase or use of cigarettes or tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, within twenty-five feet of children's products or toys or within twenty-five feet of where cookies, candy, ice cream, gum, or snacks are sold, (2) require advertisements that promote or encourage the purchase or use of cigarettes or tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, to be displayed at least four feet above the floor, and (3) require that cigarettes or tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, be stored for sale behind a counter in an area accessible only to employees of the business.

We have a number of concerns with this bill. First, the advertising placement restrictions of this bill as they apply to cigarettes would be pre-empted by federal law. Second, the advertising placement restrictions as they apply to other (non-cigarette) tobacco products would violate the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Last, the requirement that cigarettes and tobacco products be stored for sale in an area accessible only to employees of the business may have the unintended consequence of impeding the ability of the Tobacco Enforcement Unit of the Department of the Attorney General to enforce diligently the laws that relate to the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products.

We note that in 1999, the state of Massachusetts adopted numerous advertising regulations limiting outdoor and point-of-sale advertising of cigarettes and tobacco products. With respect to cigarette advertising, the United States Supreme Court found that the regulations were pre-empted by the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act (FCLAA). Lorillard Tobacco Co. v. Reilly, 533 U.S. 525, 551 (2001). Based upon the reasoning of the Court, we would anticipate, with respect to cigarette advertising, that a court would also find FCLAA pre-emption for a ban on cigarette advertising within twenty-five feet of children's products or toys or within twenty-five feet of where cookies, candy, ice cream, gum, or snacks are sold, as well as for a ban on cigarette advertising less than four feet above the floor.

In addition, the United States Supreme Court has recognized that commercial speech falls within the purview of First Amendment protection. The Court has afforded commercial speech a measure of First Amendment protection commensurate with the protection afforded to other constitutionally protected speech. *See Reilly*, at 553-54. The Court reasoned that:

The State's interest in preventing underage tobacco use is substantial, and even compelling, but it is no less true that the sale and use of tobacco products by adults is a legal activity. We must consider that tobacco retailers and manufacturers have an interest in conveying truthful information about their products to adults, and adults have a corresponding interest in receiving truthful information about tobacco products.

Id. at 564.

The Court went on to state that

Massachusetts may wish to target tobacco advertisements and displays that entice children, much like floor-level candy displays in a convenience store, but the blanket height restriction does not constitute a reasonable fit with that goal. . . . There is no de minimis exception for a speech restriction that lacks sufficient tailoring or justification.

Id. at 567.

The Reilly Court concluded that, with respect to other tobacco products, the First Amendment bars a ban on tobacco (non-cigarette) product advertising within 1000 feet of a school and a ban on advertising lower than five feet from the floor of a retail establishment. *See*

Reilly at 565-66. Again, based upon the Court's reasoning, we would anticipate, with respect to other tobacco products, that a ban on advertising that promotes or encourages the purchase or use of cigarettes or tobacco products within twenty-five feet of children's products or toys or within twenty-five feet of where cookies, candy, ice cream, gum, or snacks are sold, as well as a ban on cigarette advertising less than four feet above the floor, would also be invalidated by the First Amendment. This is because the twenty-five foot zone restriction imposed by this bill places undue burdens on free speech. The twenty-five foot restriction would ban advertising within a restrictive circle with a twenty-five-foot radius or fifty-foot diameter with a circumference of approximately 157 feet, which is the equivalent of 1,962 square feet of retail space. Such a large restrictive advertising ban impedes on tobacco retailers' and manufacturers' interest in conveying truthful information about their legal products to adults, and adults have a corresponding interest in receiving truthful information about tobacco products. As a result, we recommend that the new section to be added to chapter 328J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by section 2 of the bill on pages 4-5, lines 11-21 and lines 1-16, be deleted.

We are also concerned that the new section to be added to chapter 328J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, contained in section 2 of the bill on pages 3-4, lines 10-21 and lines 1-10, will adversely impact the ability of the Tobacco Enforcement Unit of the Department of the Attorney General to ascertain whether cigarettes are properly stamped with tax stamps and whether cigarettes are approved for sale in the State of Hawaii. Historically, those who wished to evade the payment of cigarette taxes often stored the noncompliant product in back areas or under counters that were not readily visible to those tasked with investigating contraband cigarette sales. By requiring that cigarettes and tobacco products that are for sale be stored behind a counter accessible only to the personnel of the business, this new section will, unintentionally, facilitate the sale of untaxed, contraband cigarettes. As a result, we recommend that the new section to be added to chapter 328J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by section 2 of the bill on pages 3-4, lines 10-21 and lines 1-10, be deleted.

Accordingly, due to the constitutional and other issues with section 2 of this bill, we respectfully ask that sections 1 and 2 of the bill be deleted and the remaining sections be renumbered if this bill is to pass.



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TO: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair; Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

FROM: Hawaii Food Industry Association - Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

RE: SB 652 RELATING TO HEALTH

POSITION: HFIA opposes this bill.

To the Chair and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

Many of our retailers have expressed grave concerns about their inability to implement this law. Our members feel that this bill creates a very difficult level of micro-managing of their retailing functions. Retailers have long recognized the health hazards of smoking cigarettes and for that reason they store cigarettes and certain tobacco products behind their counters. However, some specialty tobacco products, like cigars, can at times be available as self-service.

Regarding the component on advertising of cigarettes and tobacco products, this violates the commercial of free speech doctrine. Provisions dictating exact distances that advertisements can be placed from gum or snacks are especially difficult to implement therefor retail stores will have to fear being fined for violating despite their best attempts to comply with the law.

There are already strict laws and penalties that prohibit the sale of cigarettes and tobacco to minors. Sting operations have proven to be successful in this area. While it is in the best interest of the legislature to promote non-use of tobacco products by minors,

government should not write laws on how retailers should merchandise their stores, and legislators should not over regulate for the sake of doing it.

Educating our keiki on the harmfulness of cigarettes and tobacco products should start at home and in schools. The tobacco settlement money funds many non-profit organizations to educate and increase awareness of the use of tobacco-related products.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Aaron Pudiquet	Individual	Oppose	No

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Acy Wood	Individual	Support	No

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Adam Brassfield	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: strongly against regulating electronic cigarettes. it is not a tobacco product and does not need to be treated as such,

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Adam Bright	Individual	Oppose	No

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adam Burnett	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Aloha, I don't believe electronic vapor devices should be classified as tobacco products. I think this is a step in the direction of big tobacco trying to get e-cigs into their market in which they control. When I vape an electronic cigarette, I dont use a tobacco flavor and none of my friends do. To treat this product as a tobaccoo product which does not contain tobacco or produce smoke is clearly not in the interest of the public. I go to the different kiosks and I don't want those products to be removed from the malls. This thing has saved my life because of the health benefits and I dont want anything to inhibit me from continuing to quit cigarettes with the success that I have had with the convenience of how the product is available here in Hawaii today. You should make a separate law for just the liquids and cartridges with nicotine liquid. Its hard to call a charger or a wire or a battery a TOBACCO PRODUCT?? I do strongly believe that e-cigs should be kept out of the hands of children and that all should be carded to buy the product which I believe all persons already are. Mahalo, Adam Burnett

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Adelaide Lanuza	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ailene Cariaso	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aina Alfonsi	Individual	Oppose	No

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Alan K. Kawamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have never picked up a cigarette since I bought my Inferno e-cigarette. I have listned to the campaign adds about quitting smoking. I feel if you combine e-cigarette products with cigarette products and make them hard to access you will lose some people who want to quit smoking like I have

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Alan Whaley	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I see no reason why this is being compared to smoking. Using a vapor should be endorsed as a way to stop tobacco products. This has been started by tobacco manufacturers for sure. Please oppose. Thanks

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Alan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill because I am attempting to quit smoking. This is a way for me to stay out of the smoking section. Putting me back in the smoking section will cause me to continue smoking.

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Albert Martini	Individual	Oppose	No

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Albert	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We oppose defining electronic cigarettes as tobacco products because this definition will ultimately lead to the state applying the very same tax structures, marketing and retail regulations, and use-restriction laws that are either being proposed, or that are already in place for traditional cigarettes to electronic cigarettes. Electronic cigarettes are not comprised of tobacco and do not emit any smoke, thus, any law that seeks to apply restrictions to e-cigarettes that are either proposed or already in place for tobacco based cigarettes, is misguided and not in the interest of public.

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Alec Fisher	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Unfortunately I cannot provide a typical "word" style document. All i have to offer is the stance that this product will provide a healthier environment for the state, and ultimately increase tourism. In my opinion, people are more likely to frequent locations not filled or surrounded by tobacco smoke. E-cigarettes offer many people an effective quitting technique and therefore should not be taxed and given a cost increase.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alexander Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Alexis M Busse	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alice Cabodol	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Why are you trying to restrict electronic cigarettes as well? It's not nearly as dangerous as cigarettes.

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Alika Tavares	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aloha Andaya-Bohol	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This shouldn't be passed it is not the same thing it's a different product and is better and healthier

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Alysha Toyama	Individual	Oppose	No

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Amanda Noonan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Amber	Individual	Support	No

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Amy Hashimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Mehus	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the passing of this bill. Electronic cigarettes are not the same as tobacco products. There is no second hand smoke or anything that can harm others emitted from the product.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anacleo Que	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: i oppose the bill that prohibit the electronic cig. smoking from public places because its not a real cig.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Haberer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Continued discrimination against electronic cigarettes produces the wrong message. In a society desperate to get users off of smoking cigarettes, the e-cig is an excellent alternative that is significantly healthier. continuing to ban, restrict, and corner out the e-cig makes this alternative less approachable

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Andy Wiers	Individual	Oppose	No

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angel angelkalani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to give testimony in favor of having vapor smoke cigarette allowed in public places. It is not harmful to the public nor to my self. I feel it is a safe way for Mr to enjoy my smoking with out being harmful to others.

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Angela	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please don't let this bill pass. It is unfair.

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Angelic Tua	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ann Marie Lindsey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Annette Agredano	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: e-cigarette is a great thing to do. It doesn't emit smoke just water vapors. It can be used in public places where smoking is not allowed. It has been a great change for my health. I'm not having the hacking cough very day all day. My doctor even commented that the e cigarrete is a great thing to do.

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Annie Yamaguchi	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Annie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose that you are trying to classify electronic cigarettes as tobacco products which it is not. It seems like just another avenue for you legislators to oppress the smoking society and impose more taxes on us. It seems to be a discrimination, targeted at smokers but not drinkers of alcohol or other known items that can or is not harmful. Seems to me like America is no longer the home of the free, we are fast losing our individual rights with government trying to control more and more.

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Anthony Endrina	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have used volcano for a year and I absolutely cant stand cigarettes. Thanks to ecigarettes, I have been able to stay away from harmful cancer causing chemicals.

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Anthony	Individual	Oppose	No

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Antoinette Kaleopaa	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: vaping helped me to quit smoking

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Arnel Abendanio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It helps kick the habit of smoking without the second hand smoke!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashley Moi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: it safee than smoking a cigarette

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Ashley Nishiyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Im against banding electronic cigarettes in public places!!

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Ashley Salvido	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ashley Takata	Individual	Oppose	No

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ashwin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Athena Considine	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aubrey Jandoc	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: ecigs do not have all the chemicals that regular cigarettes. They also do not have the smell or smoke.

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Audrey Matsumoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Austin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is a safe and 100% healthy alternative to smoking and it you are trying to ban people from being healthy wherever?! Ridiculous. What comes out of our mouths on exhale is nothing but fog. Quit debating stupid things and pull your heads out of your asses and figure out the budget

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Ava McKeehen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Blaine Morin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: to say a device that prevents waste puts more money in Hawaii and uses the same chemicals as medical devices is the same a cigarette is simply foolish. most people i know will simply smoke regular polluting cigarettes again if the prices go up. vaporizers require more care to maintain but we do it for those around us and for our budgets. keep Hawaii beautiful. say no to calling propylene glycol with 2.4% nicotine the same as burning tobacco leaf and paper smoke. why ban or hinder the elimination of thousands and thousands of cigarette butts in a state that relies on its natural beauty for its economy. taxing these devices is penny wise and pound foolish.

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Bliss Raymond	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: These devices shouldn't be lumped in with tobacco products.

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Bonifacio Garalde	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Vapor and smoke, two very different things. Not to mention that certain vapors aren't against the law but should be.

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Bonnie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Volcanoecigs are not a potential health risk to others. It replaces ordinary cigs with a better solution at hand.

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Boysen aipolani	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Electronic cigarettes have no tobacco products and therefore should be withdrawn from this bill.

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Brad Yamada	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There is no study that reinforces this bill.

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Brian Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose

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brandan silva	Individual	Oppose	No

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brandon chai	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brandon Key	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The electronic cigarett is a great tool to help people quit smoking cigarett. It allows people to get away from smoking areas so they can not be pressured to pick up another cigarett. The e-cigarett does not produce the same smell or toxins to the air as a regular cigarett. I quit smoking cigarett due to this product and I stand by it 100%. If more people turn to electronic cigarett there will be less cigarett butts on the street making this beautiful state cleaner and nicer.

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Brandon Quiocho	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brenda Mendes	Individual	Oppose	No

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February 2, 2013

Dear Committee Members,

I oppose HB Bill 1321, HB Bill 896, SB Bill 1127, SB Bill 652, and HB Bill 672.

Electronic cigarettes cannot be defined with tobacco. Tobacco is not even used in this product, so how can it be grouped with tobacco. Research has proven that the effects of vapor smoke and tobacco smoke are not the same

At the website Informa healthcare.com, research on the effects of cigarette smoke and e-cigarette vapor on indoor air quality were studied. The conclusion was that there are no apparent risk to human health from e-cigarette emissions based on the e-cigarette vapor and tobacco smoke samples. The study compared four different high nicotine e-liquids. Vaporized emissions were collected and compared to common tobacco smoke by products. They found that tobacco smoke by products exceeded risk limits indicating a condition of "Significant Risk" of harm to human health. With regard to cancer risk analysis, no vapor sample from e-liquids exceeded the risk limit for either children or adults. The tobacco smoke sample approached the risk limits for adult exposure. To read more, please go to:

<http://informahealthcare.com/doi/abs/10.3109/08958378.2012.724728>

Research was conducted by T.R. McAuley (Consulting for Health, Air, Nature, & A Greener Environment, LLC, Corporate Headquarters, Queensbury, NY, USA, email is [mcauleyt@airqualitychange.com](mailto:mcauleyt@airqualitychange.com)), R.K. Hopke (Center for Air Resources Science & Engineering (CARES), Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, USA), J. Zhao (National Vapers Club, Long Island, NY, USA), and S. Babaian.

Therefore, I believe you should not redefine tobacco to include e-cigarettes. E-cigarettes have assisted many who have tried to quit tobacco smoking. I am one of them. E-cigarettes are healthier than tobacco smoke and therefore should not be discouraged from being sold or used in public areas. I hope that you will consider my testimony and vote no on HB Bill 1321, HB Bill 896, SB Bill 1127, SB Bill 652, and HB Bill 672.

Thank you,  
Brenda Shiroma, Private Citizen

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brent kamiya	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
brian kessler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a non smoker but I oppose this bil as an example of overreach and intrusivness of government

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Brian Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose

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Brian Pascual	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Briana Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: In hearing about this bill, i think about the way our country is supposed to be ran. What big tobacco is doing is minimizing our right to the pursuit of happiness including happiness through health. With the passing of such bill, it is truly belittling ones desire to break the habit of smoking tobacco. Water vapor and carbon monoxide cannot be classified together. That is too simple even for the least scholarly person to misunderstand.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bruce Pattison	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The only part of this bill that I oppose is placing e cigarettes under a tobacco definition. E cigarettes do not contain tobacco and should not be placed in the same category.

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Bryan asato	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
bryan teshima	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: its a great product for both sides. its a win, win situation. ecigs is the future of smoking without harming anyone around you who wishes not to smoke.

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Bryant Ilban	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bryson Freitas	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bryson kekahuna	Individual	Oppose	No

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Byron Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

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Caesare Santiago	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Caleb Lobanov-Rostovsky	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a part of Military, I must be able to perform at my best. I use to be a full time smoker and just recently quit. The product from volcano enabled me to quit and have the freedom to smoke any where as I pleased. I strongly appose this bill and hope it will not pass.

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Calista Kotorakos	Individual	Oppose	No

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Candace Uehara	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Caplos Pacheco	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill.

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Carinthia Armitage	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It help out with family time instead going out to smoke a cigarette.

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carl Nonaka	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Celine Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is my understanding that this bill is trying to include e-cigarettes in the current tobacco laws. I am ver disappointed if this is true. I have been a cigarette smoker for over 20 years and have tried various methods of quitting. Using the Volcano e/cigarette has been a tremendous help, not only for myself but my husband, friends, coworkers etc. and on the path to becoming nicotine free. We are no longer smoking hundreds of different chemicals everyday. My breathing has improved, my taste buds are back... I couldn't be happier with this alternative. There is no second hand smoke, smell, etc.! If there have been studies that can confirm e-cigarettes pose the same harmful effects as a regular cigarette it should be included with this bill and made public. If this is just a way for our state to tax the consumer, shame on you! I ask that you really consider the true differences between a real and e-cigarette. Mahalo, Celine

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Chad Joseph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have smoked cigarettes for about 13 years and am in the process of breaking it. This will help lots of people quit, so banning it would just not be the right decision.

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Chanse Uyeda	Individual	Oppose	No

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Charlene Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Charles Fallau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: electronic cigarettes are NOT the same as tobacco products. It's a much healthier and affordable alternative to cigarettes. But if you continue to try to restrict them or ban them as you do regular cigarettes, people aren't going to use them. Electronic cigarettes have helped me slowly ween myself off of Nicotine.

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charlston salvacion	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: dont pass the bill

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Charnette	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chase Santiago	Individual	Oppose	No

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February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

To: Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Support for SB 652, Relating to Health**  
Committee on Health  
Hearing; February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2:15pm; Room 229

Aloha Senators:

My name is Che Sabol. I am a Registered Voter residing in Honolulu, Hawaii. I'm part of REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry. And I am in strong support of SB 652.

I think it's extremely important to make a change now to storefront tobacco marketing. Youth and young adults are influenced from media more now than before and tobacco companies entice them through their advertising. It's proved through research that youth and young adults are more susceptible to using tobacco due to advertising. Ads for new tobacco products make youth curious about products that look very similar to candy.

As a father and role model to my 9 year old daughter I want to protect her from tobacco marketing. I am also a counselor for education with teens and families. The young generations of Hawaii are being targeted by the tobacco industry as "replacement smokers" to keep Big Tobacco profits strong. **Supporting SB 652 shows that you as elected officials have a commitment to stand-up for our younger generations** and protect us from a powerful and cold-hearted tobacco industry.

Mahalo for your support of SB 652.

Che Sabol  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
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Chelsey Santiago	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chelsie Waiolama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Against this because I started thid because of the smoking ban. I have noticed a difference in my health. Happy about this n now u want to take it away. Whats next. The government forced us to do this, now its forcing us to do move on.

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cherry medrano	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chi Pio Mok	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: All evidence will tell you e cigs have no relation to a real cigarette..other than nicotine... and therefore have no relationship to each other...I oppose this bill to tax ecigs as tobacco

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Chloe Fiddler	Individual	Oppose	No

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chris arinas	Individual	Oppose	No

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chris chun	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris Jon	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris Kaminaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have been using an e-cig for the past year and I have since stopped purchasing tobacco. I enjoy the fact that I can use wherever I go and in my home without having the odor that tobacco leaves. My wife also appreciates it that my clothes smell cleaner.

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Chris Maxson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Christian Yamada	Individual	Oppose	No

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Christina Verne's	Individual	Oppose	No

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Christine Dolfo	Individual	Oppose	No

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chrstine garvie	Individual	Oppose	No

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christine saloricman	Individual	Oppose	No

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christol	Individual	Oppose	No

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Christopher Ka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe this bill should not be passed because there is no harm in this vapor. In fact it has helped tobacco users more than harm them. It's helpful and way cheaper than buying packs of cigarettes and the second hand smoke isn't an inconsideration to those around you. It should not be categorized with tobacco for it does not contain any and is completely the opposite from it for it is much healthier from my experience.

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Christopher Kam	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe that electronic cigarettes should not be categorized as tobacco products simply because it does not contain tobacco nor the hurtful chemicals that tobacco has. It's actually helpful to people who are trying to quit and has no harm to those around. Briefly to say that there is no actual reason to prove that electronic cigarettes are harmful to society. If anything, they should just change it to VAPORIZING and not even include the name "cigarette" within its category.

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christopher souza	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: ive been a smoker for over six years. converting to e-cigarettes were a hard thing to convert to in the begning but over all its a healthier product than real cigarettes and better for everyone around me. i conclude that this bill shouldnt be passed for many reasons one including its healthier for the smoker and also that its more eco freindly.

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Christopher Wilson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this because it hinders my free choice to try to quit smoking in a healthy way.

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Cindy Kaneko	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the bill as electronic vapor products are not tobacco products. The vaping does not emit any smoke, smell or tar byproducts. There is no second hand smoke to consider and I do not believe vaping infringes on anyone's rights. If we choose to vape, we have rights also.

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clayton tseu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am trying to quit smoking and ALL tobacco products by switching to an electronic cigarette device. Why can't something that is healthier than tobacco be displayed for sale? Don't put me in a smoking area with cigarette smoking people? DO NOT PASS THIS SENATE BILL 652!!

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codyanguay	Individual	Oppose	No

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conrad Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cory Ogara	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cory Tagawa	Individual	Oppose	No

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craig dean	Individual	Oppose	No

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Craig Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have been tobacco free for six months thanks to the e-cig. Don't think it should be subject to same rules as cigarettes.

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Curtis	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cy Yoshikawa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cynthia Cox	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cyrus Galdeira	Individual	Support	No

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danclifton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: ecigs saved my life

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have only one objection to this bill. I agree that tobacco products are dangerous and should not be around kids or accessible to them, however, vapor producing ecigarettes are not tobacco products. How do I know this? Simple, I am a reformed smoker. I quit smoking when I could no longer breathe well and when I couldn't stand the way I smelled any more. When I started on electronic cigarettes instead, I was able to breathe again and I no longer smelled like an ash tray. Friends and family members who are asthmatic could be around me again both while I am using the electronic cigarette and afterwards without having a reaction. The vapor did not affect our lungs as the smoke did before. Electronic cigarettes have made a world of difference for me and I am one of those reformed smokers who can no longer even tolerate the slightest hint of smoke around me.

I am asking that this bill not be considered as long as it wants to classify electronic cigarettes and the liquid used in them as tobacco products.

Very sincerely,

Dana Hileman

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel McBride	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Me and everyone that switched to vaping enjoy the convenience and health improvement of vaping. Adding tax and additional rules will kill both the smoking and vaping industry all together.

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Daniel Van Aken	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Daniel Wade	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a vapor user. I was a 2 pack day smoker, I decided to try the vapor to see if it would help me quit. I started with a 8 mg. Nicotine level and have worked my way down to zero. Now it was not only beneficial to my health but has also given me an extra 300 dollars a month. I like the flavors that are offered and would continue to use the vapor as a difference to say chewing gum. My wife is a NON smoker ans always complained I smelled like tobacco, now she not only doesn't complain she says some of the flavors have a great smell. So I ask you to not ban or treat this a s the same as smoking. It is not offensive nor is it a second hand smoke issue. Thank you for your time. Daniel Wade

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danny Graham	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Personally I strongly oppose SB652 as it will ultimately violate the constitutional rights of consumers who are 18 yrs.or older to purchase and consume electronic cigarettes and other related products. Furthermore i feel that it would be an act of corruption and greed on part of the state legislature to classify electronic cigarettes in the same category as tobacco since no actual smoke is emitted from the electronic cigarettes and,in essence,the state government would be placing the same restrictions on electronic cigarettes as tobacco for no other purpose but to levy taxes on electronic cigarettes which would lead to an increased cost to the consumers of such products. This is completely unfair, unethical and a violation of our constitutional rights of freedom of choice! Therefore,I,Danny Graham do hereby express my emphatic opposition to the passing of SB652!Thank you for your time and attention to this highly controversial issue.

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Dayna Kuhiiki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I think e cigarettes arent any harm as to the real thing...its the smell the people complain about and e cigaretts have a nice smell to it so I think it should be allowed to be smoked it public and allowed overall

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Darryl Lajola	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We oppose defining electronic cigarettes as tobacco products because this definition will ultimately lead to the state applying the very same tax structures, marketing and retail regulations, and use-restriction laws that are either being proposed, or that are already in place for traditional cigarettes to electronic cigarettes. Electronic cigarettes are not comprised of tobacco and do not emit any smoke, thus, any law that seeks to apply restrictions to e-cigarettes that are either proposed or already in place for tobacco based cigarettes, is misguided and not in the interest of public.

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Daryl Luat	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I Oppose this bill because I quit smoking to vaping for the convenience of smoking indoors and outside of designated smoking areas. i fully support vamping anywhere as it is not dangerous to anyone.

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Davelyn Magofna	Individual	Oppose	No

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david howarth	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Long	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Switching To E-Cigs Has Vastly Improved MY Quality of Life, As A Surfer Being Able to Breath Is An improtant Thing, And since switching i Have Been able to Improve on All Levels of Endurance And Ease of Breathing. I Feel That IS is A Better Alternative To Smoking Actual Ciggs, And Would Hate to See Vapor Ciggs Treated like Regular Ciggs. They Are Far less Offensive In terms of Smell and Appearance.

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david san nicolas	Individual	Oppose	No

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David Valdez	Individual	Oppose	No

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David	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe this to be an outrageous measure that should NOT pass! If anything the government should conduct research into the harmful effects of e-cigs before jumping to any conclusion and trying to passing any bill or measure or law about the safety and welfare of the general public. After all the research I have conducted on my own, I have found that e-cigs and the vapor they produce contain no harmful effects to an individual in the proximity of e-cig vapor. Therefore I protest this act.

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davin dasigo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Deanna Rezentez	Individual	Oppose	No

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debbie bautista	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debbie L Sur	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Although this product has nicotine, I have not read any medical research stating that it has the same harmful affects as tobacco products. I strongly feel that this product should not be included with tobacco restrictions until the medical industry proves otherwise.

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DEBBIE	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a former smoker, My husband has smoked for 39 years & has several medical issues but could not quit smoking until now with the Volcano E. I no longer have to smell the cigaret smoke or smell and his health has been getting better. You should be thankful for the E Cigarette, No liter as with a cigarette or smoke lingering in the air. I'm thankful they have this E Cigarette. Please leave them alone, We need something to help our smokers in America my husband doesnt like the gum, and the patch causes him rash and now you want to take the E Cigerette away from Smokers shame on you! There is nothing wrong with this E Cigarette and it helps keep our air clean. I don't smoke and I'm thankful for it!

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Delmer James Esteban	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
denise hoomana-igarashi	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis Lofaro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this, it's wrong.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Derin Okasaki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My reasoning against this is because i have never gotten a complaint in a public area for the years i have been using these products.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deshannon morrow	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I believe that we as smokers have found a win win with using vapor instead of cigs. We not trying to be disrespectful but should we not beagle to enjoy the same as someone who decides to have a drink with dinner....

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Diane Yoshida	Individual	Oppose	No

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Domo Beltrane	Individual	Oppose	No

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Don Loristo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose defining electronic cigarettes as tobacco products because this definition will ultimately lead to the state applying the very same tax structures, marketing and retail regulations, and use-restriction laws that are either being proposed, or that are already in place for traditional cigarettes to electronic cigarettes. Electronic cigarettes are not comprised of tobacco and do not emit any smoke, thus, any law that seeks to apply restrictions to e-cigarettes that are either proposed or already in place for tobacco based cigarettes, is misguided and not in the interest of the public.

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Donald Hennig	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dong Jin Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The electronic cigarette contains no tar, carbon monoxide, or harmful toxins like the ones that are found in normal cigarettes, e-cigs should not be compared nor subject to U.S. tobacco laws. It's not fair for the people!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dong Soo Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The government is just trying to control the people's lives once again and take all our money... Why would you try to compare e-cigs to tobacco? E-cigs do not give our harmful smoke nor contains tobacco! So why is that they are trying to include this in the tobacco law! Please stop trying to ruin people's lives! The people have spoken already!

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Donna Fritz	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I have been tobacco free for 2 years now thanks to Volcano E-cigs. I vape when I want & where I want and no one is offended. I am much healthier now as well, no more cough, asthma, or the offensive odor that I used to carry with me at all times. If you must smoke, smoke Volcano E-cigs!

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Donna Gishitomi	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
doris.m.cagle	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I was a pack a day smoker, because of volcanoe-cig i am no longer a cigarette smoker.I am oppose to the band, simply for the many reasons as there is no carcinogen in it/no vulgar stink cigarette smell/no 2nd hand smoke health effects and also, helps people to actually cut down on the bad habit and even quit///hooray//I strongly oppose the ban//mahalo\*\*

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Doug Cullen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Douglas Bulfin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am highly opposed to this bill, and was finally able to quit smoking after 12 years! This product should not be classified in the same category as typical tobacco products, as they are NOT the same thing! Please consider the people that this will be hurting and pushing back to cigarette smoking. I am doing this to benefit my health, and do not want to go back to smoking!!! Please take the time to consider people like me! I smoked 2 packs a day, and am down to none!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
douglas mckinley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I don't believe volcano e-cig should be placed in the same class as ciggeretts. i was a 2 pack a day person tell i found e-cig within one week the smell of a cigarette made me naushus and i now can say its been a year sence and my wife did as well we our both happy and healthy wich we wouldn't be if we-d kept smoking..

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dreena Tsui	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dustin Lockwood	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Safer alternatives to traditional tobacco products can benefit smokers as well as the general population, and should not be stifled by unnecessary litigation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Duy Nguyen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill because vaping is not harmful and doesn't bother anyone around me.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan Thomas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is not only a terrible idea, but an in-excusable one. America has been addicted to something that kills hundreds of thousands every year. Our world is constantly being polluted with the tars and carcinogens in cigarettes. There may have been a time where the tobacco companies had such a grasp on our nations people, in which it could includes ingredients used in rat poison, and jet fuel and all other sorts of additives just make the deadly cigarette more addictive and deadly. You have legitimately no excuse to pass this bill justifiably. To put it bluntly, cigarettes kill EVERYTHING. They affect the smoker directly and afterwards it pollutes the earth affecting EVERYTHING. Electronic cigarettes have NO TOBACCO. How can you possibly entertain the idea of treating these products as tobacco when there's as much tobacco in these devices as nicotine gum, or the patch, which is ZERO TOBACCO. I work at the Volcano Fine Electronic Cigarettes, and every day I hear from customers who are so happy and feel so blessed that they can live in a time where there is a healthy smoking alternative that TRULY numbs their cravings. We've had customers cry out of joy when they realized that they no longer had to worry about saying goodbye to their families too soon. That they could live a long and fruitful life in this state we love so much. If this bill goes through, then what you've told America, and Hawaiian locals is that you only care for money. All the programs this state has done to try to get hawaii to be smoke free and fight cancer, would be nothing but propaganda. And I can tell you with 100% confidence that the Hawaiian locals will never forgive any of you if this bill is passed. Do the right thing. Protect these amazingly beneficial products from the desperate hands of the tobacco companies. There's no tobacco, no second hand smoke, if there's ANY tars and carcinogens, the amount is far, far less than a normal cigarette. You have no excuse to pass this bill.

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earl endo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Eaton tanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eddie Hee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe the Ecig does not affect anyone when using by one another. IT is only a vapor that dissappears. It doesnt have the same effect as cigs.

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edith eichers	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I oppose this bill because it got me to stop smoking cigs and it is a safe product. I see bus drivers from people eating sushi at are and i believe ths bill should be killed due to the tabbaco company wants to tax the product

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Edward Bright	Individual	Oppose	No

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Elizabeth Bennett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It's not fair, do not raise the price on them. Nothing to do with tobacco.

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Elizabeth Lane	Individual	Oppose	No

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eluwene chang	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emily Moody	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Electronic cigarettes have had an incredibly positive roll in my victory over quitting smoking tobacco cigarettes. Without the electronic cigarette, I would still be a dedicated tobacco smoker. I have met many individuals in my same situation. Electronic cigarettes are helping people quit tobacco—which can only have a positive effect on the overall state of health of this demographic. Better health is equal to less of a drain on our health care system which needs all the help it can get.

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Emrick Hirokawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It has been a big help in my health factor and it would be harder and a definite for me to continue this with vaping if cost rises

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Ene Tua	Individual	Oppose	No

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Eric Bricker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This isn't SMOKE!!!

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Eric Jeter	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Tidd	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is with much agitation that I even have to take time to write against such an injustice to the greater good. Multiple friends of mine, including myself, have been able to completely quit smoking after many years of being addicted to its highly addictive attributes. There is no reason for a product without the same qualities as the deathly tobacco should be classified in the same category. It is morally and ethically wrong to reach deeper into the pockets of those who have found solace in what the e-cigs are able to give them. The freedom that e-cigs have granted many people is astounding and although it becomes a crutch for tobacco users, neither the patch or nicotine gums is classified as a tobacco product. There is no fairness or justification in this bill, only the higher powers wanting take advantage of the situation big tobacco companies have put the people of the world in over the past hundreds of years. I hope with all my heart that this is not passed.

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erik hattori	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This has changed my life,, I have spoke with many people who have used this product and it has changed their lives. Making this illegal would not only be wrong but would make hundreds of users revert back to all the harmful effects of regular cigarettes.

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Erika Lee	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I would like to oppose this bill because electronic cigarettes. Ecigs DO NOT give out second hand smoke, there is no smoke smells, and are helping people quit smoking real cigarettes. I don't get why people are making a big fuss over ecigs they aren't harming anyone!!!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erin Taniyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am in complete opposition of Senate Bill 652. Electronic cigarettes do not emit any smoke and does not have an offensive odor like a regular cigarette. I feel that it is absolutely ridiculous to include the electronic cigarette under the definition of Tobacco Products.

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Erin Widener	Individual	Oppose	No

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Erlou	Volcano E-cigs	Support	No

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Erlou	Volcano E-cigs	Oppose	No

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Comments: Dont want to stop using electronic cigarettes

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erroll Strickland	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is safe. This does not have second hand smoke that affects people around the smoke.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eunjoung Chan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose because if electronic cigarette devices are to have the same restrictions as tobacco products such as it's use then I myself will be exposed to second hand smoke from conventional smokers in designated smoking areas putting my health at risk.

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EZEKIEL MARSHALL	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: ECIGS HELPED ME AND COWORKERS QUIT SMOKING. DO NOT BAN.

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Francis Echvaria	Individual	Oppose	No

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Frank Flores	Individual	Oppose	No

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Frank Mondik	Individual	Oppose	No

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Frank Uyeda	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gail Tyler	Individual	Support	No

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Galen Goode	Individual	Oppose	No

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Garrick Aylesworth	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gary Hoapili	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gavin Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gayle	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm protesting the law of not smoking indoors with the electronic cig. It releases vapor not smoke which I believe is safe for non-smokers. If so, the government should have outlawed smoking a long time ago!!! Who's fault is it really???

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Gelina Ruiz	Individual	Oppose	No

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Geoff Miguel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Geoffrey Miguel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
george hidano	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: gentlemen: i am a concerned citizen asking why the state of hawaii is attempting to consider ecigarettes as tobacco products? is it because of the revenue that would be generated from this distinction and classification? it appears to be as this very fact. i do not consider ecigarettes to be a tobacco product in away, shape or form. it does not have the harmful effects of natural cigarettes, nor the smell of natural cigarettes, nor the smoke of natural cigarettes. so how can you consider this to be a tobacco product? just because it is inhaled, smoked like a cigarette does not make it a cigarette. this product is assisting me to quit smoking the tobacco cigarettes and i have to admit that i am well on my way to quitting smoking of tobacco products. ecigs have helped me where other products, nicotine gum, patches, etc. have failed. and i do not believe i am the only one having the similiar view that the ecigs have been beneficial in assisting us to quit smoking the regular tobacco cigarettes. by the way i have smoked over 47 years and i am not proud of that but i can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel to quitting smoking with the help of volcano ecigarettes. please understand that this is NOT a tobacco product at all. thank you. george hidano

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Georgeanne Santiago	Individual	Oppose	No

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Glenn Sasaki	Individual	Oppose	No

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Re: **Strong Support for SB 652, Relating to Health**  
Committee on Health  
Hearing; February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2:15pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators:

My name is Grady Sullivan. I am from Pahoia on the island of Hawaii. I'm part of REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry. And I am in strong support of SB 652.

I think it's fair to say that most people in Hawaii know that smoking tobacco is the main cause of lung cancer and several other preventable diseases. **BUT what most people don't realize is that one of the major contributors to getting people to use tobacco is tobacco marketing.** Actually tobacco advertising is more powerful on youth tobacco use than peer pressure and being exposing to parental smoking. **Still we continue to allow this form of marketing to be legal in our local stores where youth and small children cannot escape their view.**

Most times cigarettes are being kept behind the counter but all the Other Tobacco Products, many of which are candy flavored, are easily accessible and located right near the candy.

The young generations of Hawaii are being targeted by the tobacco industry as "replacement smokers" to keep Big Tobacco profits strong. **Supporting SB 652 shows that you as elected officials have a commitment to stand-up for our younger generations** and protect us from a powerful and cold-hearted tobacco industry.

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Grady Sullivan  
Pahoia, Hawaii  
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Guerrero, Henry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This product has helped to improve my health and save money which means that I can spend more within the economy on other products. This bill will make it more difficult for me to get this product and have to pay more. That just makes no sense to me.

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Guylyn Hashimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Electronic Cigarettes are not a tobacco product and therefore should not be categorized as one. An electronic cigarette does not harm anyone around the person using it and is so much healthier than a regular cigarette. Electronic cigarettes have done more good in the past few years than they have harm please think about the future and the people it will help. if one more person can avoid getting cancer while using electronic cigarettes that is a win in my book.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harreen Isa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Heather Kaleiohi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I love it a lot! There is nothing like it. Its awesome.

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Heather Schloemp	Individual	Oppose	No

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HEATHER TOWNSLEY	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: VOLCANO CIGGS ARE BETTER FOR YOUR HEALTH AND HAS NO FOUL SMELLS LIKE A REGULAR CIGARETTE. ALSO IT HELPS WITH AN ADDICTS ADDICTION TO SMOKING DRUGS

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Ikaika Engleman	Individual	Oppose	No

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louella tam	Individual	Oppose	No

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February 2, 2013

To whom it may concern:

Re: Electronic Cigarettes

I oppose any legislation that levies restrictions on or bans the use of electronic cigarettes. I have researched these products fully and have found that there are no harmful effects to the user or to others exposed to the exhaled water vapor. It is about as harmful as drinking coffee, without the stained teeth. I have been vaping for about 2 years and have not had any complaints, rather lots of congratulations for kicking the tobacco habit. It arouses curiosity, but when I explain what it's all about, not one person has had a problem with it.

Please consider the facts about this product when making judgements and legislative decisions.

With best regards and respect,

Irene Andrews

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Isaac Rauch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If you pass this bill than you promote cancer and money over a healthy environment and healthy people.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Isaiah Block	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill containing electronic cigarettes as a tobacco product. I own a few devices and there is no tobacco involved with any of the products.

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isaiah wells	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: to have an area to smoke the electronic cigarettes would make no sense because its just vapor and some liquids contain zero nicotine in it

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isileli kaho	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ivan Clute	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to this bill because of the electronic cigarette inclusion. According to this bill, electronic cigarettes are being included and will be treated like regular tobacco cigarettes even though there is no tobacco at all. Electronic cigarettes have allowed me to quit smoking, something that I have not seemed to be able to do prior to this. While I agree that regular cigarettes do need further regulation, to include electronic cigarettes with this bill would be unfair and wrong in my opinion.

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J Rydzewski	Individual	Oppose	No

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J. Tajiri	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Though I don't partake of either tobacco or electronic cigarettes, I strongly oppose SB652 for I believe that passage of this bill will only encourage smokers to continue to smoke tobacco cigarettes vs. trying to quit by way of e cigs. I have friends, family and acquaintances who have switched from tobacco cigs to e cigs and several of them have ultimately quit using both. I strongly believe the passing of SB652 will only lead to an increased number of tobacco smokers vs. the desired end to smoking tobacco via electronic cigarettes.

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jackie bischoff	Individual	Oppose	No

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jackie bischoff	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jake Garcia	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jake Harris	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jake Wilkinson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have been using an e-cig since Nov, 2012 and I just wanted to say that it has changed my life for the better. My dependence on cigarette has been for 20years and since i got this e-cig, i have cut down on my nicotine by half. I can Smell and taste again which is amazing. Please don't band Vaper's as this is nothing like an actual cigarette. In fact you should be supporting Vaper companies as they are helping people like me to get of cigarettes. thank you kindly.

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James Cabodol	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Electronic cigarettes should NOT Be included with this bill!!!

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## Testimony of James Thomas Carrillo:

I understand that most people would classify the sale of nicotine as the same as the sale of tobacco, but this is incorrect. I am currently a student of UH and very passionate when it comes to chemistry and biotechnology because it is the field I am pursuing. Nicotine is a chemical that *happens* to be in high concentrations in tobacco, but there are many plants that contain nicotine. Papaya, eggplant, English walnut, and celery are just a few that most people would recognize. Associating nicotine with tobacco makes sense, but to legally define this chemical as a “tobacco product” is scientifically incorrect. I enjoy the laws in place that ban smoking (not vaping) in public places and I would prefer them to be even stricter. Electronic cigarettes improve the health of people and communities by reducing litter. If there is any commodity that should be sold and highly taxed, it is cannabis. That is where we should focus, on legally selling marijuana, not wasting time on electronic cigarettes.

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James Miyake	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am submitting my testimony against SB652. I believe that e-cigs should not be included as it does not pose a health hazard to others as cigarettes do. The "vapor" that is produced is made by non-hazardous liquids PG (Propylene Glycol) and VG (Vegetable Glycerin). It is safe for consumption and has been proven to be safe. It has been hard for many smokers to quit and this is a very safe alternative to tobacco products. It should NOT be classified in the same category as tobacco.

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Jane Moon	Individual	Oppose	No

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Janel Uta	Individual	Oppose	No

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Janice Mercado	Individual	Oppose	No

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Janine Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: E Cigs vapor is so much better than regular cigarettes. No more stink smoke to smell

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Jantzen Nishikawa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jaron Gable	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jarrin Okimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jarrod M. Bonser	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jarvis Isa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jaryt Takimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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jasmin olson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jasmine Knox	Individual	Oppose	No

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jason blackshear	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jason Cadiz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this because it help me a lot from reducing my smoking which help a lot since I do have a 8 month old son

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Jason Freitas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Let's keep vaping!

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Jason Graham	Individual	Oppose	No

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jason jarrett	Individual	Oppose	No

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jason murphy	Individual	Oppose	No

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jason nagy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill to put restrictions on electronic cigarettes. If you look at the ingredients you will know that it does not have tobacco in it. Therefore you can not regulate it under tobacco law. There is no second hand smoke. No harm done to any one from the "WATER VAPOR" in the air that was exhaled. There is no reason why this should be regulated like a tobacco product. I use the electronic cigarette daily, I have been TOBACCO FREE for 5 months and this is a better product for my health and the environment. This is my freedom and I have chosen to use an alternate product then smoking, inhaling and creating second hand smoke around me. This has been affordable for me and easier to use knowing that there is NO tobacco. This should NOT be regulated under the category of a tobacco product because it is not one. It is a nicotine water vapor electronic smoking device that does not create second hand smoke. I have been using the products from Volcano and I will stand behind them to say I oppose this bill.

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jason pomeroy	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jason Respicio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a former 2 pack-a-day smoker, I am appalled at the idea of restricting the usage of a device that helped me get away from tobacco completely. Now, while I comply with the designatddd moking area restrictions at my place of employment, even in the company's memo they acknowledge that vapor e-cigs are exactly that...VAPOR--not tobacco. The restriction was to ensure fairness to tobacco smokers .... Not label vapor products as tobacco because they are NOT.

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Jason starkey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I agree with the ban of sale to minors, however if electric cigarette second hand smoke is safe to the public then there is no need to make those ecig users who is using it to quit smoking, in the same classification as smokers.

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In response to Senate Bill 652,

I am a recently former cigarette smoker who for the past 20 years has tried all other products on market to quit a 30 year habit. I have tried everything and it has cost me thousands of dollars never being able to quit for longer than a few months. Once I changed to the e-cigarette I have not had one puff of a cigarette thank God. I can sleep at night without choking and worrying that I was going to die a horrible death at my own hands. It was hell!!! Please do not put this bill through as it stands today. It needs serious changes because how you have it written will be a barrier to those people who are still struggling to find an alternative nicotine product to help them stop smoking harmful tobacco products such as cigarettes and cigars.

I contest this bill for several reasons. The first is that this bill equates the electronic cigarette with tobacco products that have carcinogens and thousands of other known toxins that cause serious debilitating and terminal illnesses such as cancer and respiratory diseases. The reasons for the creation of the tobacco bills was because it caused billions of tax dollars to be diverted to unpaid medical bills which contributes to increased medical insurance premiums. By classifying the e-cigarette with tobacco you are attaching the price increases, diseases, and market control issues to it also. **There are no studies conducted that show the nicotine liquid in e-cigarettes cause health problems as tobacco does.** Your wanting to control access to this tobacco alternative will cause serious access problems for tobacco smokers who are in the process of stopping our tobacco dependence through nicotine.

The other problem with the bill is that it is equating the nicotine of e-cigarettes with harmful tobacco products. This is not the case. You or I can go into any store and purchase nicotine products. This is what we do with the nicotine that we use in the e-cigarette device. It is not tobacco. Why would you want to make it easier for people to use cigarettes and other tobacco products when you know tobacco products are killing us?

The next problem with the bill is rather than creating a new bill to ban the use of the e-cigarette in certain places- like within 5 feet or so of another human being, you want to make it so we cannot use it even in our homes that we may own! This does not make any sense. Why not then ban all nicotine products? I think it is because it becomes a question of how you classify this product. If you classify it as a villain like cigarettes then you take a policing approach. When you classify it correctly, as a health product to prevent illnesses, then this product does not fall within Senate Bill 652's target products. In truth, this is not a policing issue. This is an issue of seeing something different, not understanding it, and making changes in policy that has no basis in health science.

Please do not support this bill in its current form. You must look at this issue from the lives of those of us with nicotine addictions who live in a society where our government officials make it easier for us to smoke death sentence cigarettes than it is for us to find alternative, accessible, affordable, and most of all EFFECTIVE options. We do not want to stand in line for our

nicotine, we do not want to get a doctors prescription for it, we do not want to drive through traffic- wait in line at a pharmacy- we do not want to be monitored or censored in our nicotine use. It is like alcohol. People use it, they take responsibility for it. Please, leave e-cigarette smokers out of villain tobacco category. Thank you for reading my testimony and I pray you do the right thing and not make it more of a hell for cigarette smokers to stop smoking harmful tobacco by making it difficult for us to access and use this product.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Barut	Individual	Oppose	No

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jems	Individual	Support	No

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Jenna Hall	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jennifer kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: this bill is just another example of government trying to make money wherever it can. this bill is a horrendous infringement on our rights as U.S. citizens. I oppose it whole heartedly

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Jennifer Kong	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Nagy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. I do not support this bill. Due to the fact that this isn't a tobacco product. This should not be regulate like one. This doesn't craete secondhand smoke.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JENNIFER NAKAMURA	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: PLEASE ALLOW VOLCANO TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN TBE SHOPPING MALLS. THEY KEEP HAWAII SMOKE FREE

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Jennifer Pelayo Apana	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Electronic cigarette serves the same purpose as the nicotine inhalers that as prescribed by doctors. I have consulted my doctor about using the electronic cigarette and he encourages me in my effort to quit smoking. I've been with the ecig for one year my lungs are clearer I can run with my kids I don't wake up with the smokers gag and we can smell and taste again. Ecigs even have the same nicotine step down process as nicotine patches and gums. I have been smoking regular cigarette for 15 yeats and finding the ecig we are very grateful and my children are thankful. My husband and I have reached our goal of 0mg nicotine. People have tried and failed quitting cigarettes with other products, but I know more people who have more success with the e cigarette. I would find it more classified under medical!

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jennifer sebilla	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jennifer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jenny McAllister	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I haven't smoked tobacco products since owning my e cig. It's a healthy alternative!

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gerald paul	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeremy Nitahara	Individual	Oppose	No

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jerome dela cruz	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jerry Almoguera	Individual	Oppose	No

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jesmar bautista	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jessica Graham	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jessica Otto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I was a smoker for the entire 9 years that I had served in the US Military. I attempted to quit smoking many times and it wasn't until the e-smoke that I found myself able to quit the habit of smoking real cigarettes for a long period of time. I have never been inconvenienced by someone who smokes an e-cigarette next to me. I am bothered by people who smoke real cigarettes around me. Mahalo.

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jim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This device has helped me STOP smoking cigarettes therefore improving my heath.

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joann langwith	Individual	Oppose	No

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Joelle Brooke	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposing this bill because it is not conducive to actually helping cigarette smokers quit successfully with the alternative of electronic cigarettes. Until 2 months ago when I discovered Volcano ecigs I was a pack and a half a day smoker and had been doing that for 22 years. I started at 13 and am now 35 yrs. old. I unsuccessfully tried many ways to quit, both prescription and non prescription. Finally through a friend I discovered "ecigs" and have gone from 16mg down to 8mg. Because electronic cigarettes are cost effective (no high cigarette taxes) I am able to afford them, there is no offensive odor and unlike traditional cigarettes I know exactly what is going in my body. My health has returned because of ecigs and my family likes being around me again because I don't smell offensively like cigarette smoke.

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joey	Individual	Support	No

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John Kalwicz	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Shannon	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: i dont need to put any additional comments because thats just ridiculous!

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jolene chong	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jolyn Kipapa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The ECIG is the best thing that happen for my husband It smells alot better.

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Jon Fia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose SB652. It assumes that all retailers have that kind of space available to accomodate the 25ft rule. It would be unrealistic for many retailers to be in compliance and put them in a no win situation. In some cases it could cause them to not sell a legal adult product that creates revenue for their establishment. In addition it would impact others in the distribution chain including the ability of the maker to get his products to market, the commissions of the distributors reps, etc. I would also like to point out that not only could this cause a decrease in sales of a legal product but also affect tax revenues for the state as we know that every step in the distribution chain mentioned gets taxed due to our excise tax in Hawaii. Thank you for hearing my comments.

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Jonathan Black	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: no smoke yes to vaper! I have cut back on somking

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Jonathan Herrera	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jonathan Howe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Electronic Cigarettes cause no proven harm to their users, nor second hand to those around them and have proven an effective tool for smoking cessation. Contrary to the very good reasons for Cigarette regulations, I can see no good justification for limiting usage of electronic cigarettes- which have the potential of increasing the health of the greater Hawaii community by providing a safer alternative to cigarettes.

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Jonathan Kaawa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jonathan koki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe it is a false statement to classify ecigs as a tobacco product, mainly because its not. It has been a tremendous aid to quoting cigarettes. why would you take away something thats helpful to the community. I would consider it a crime as that would hurt the community.

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Jonathan Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jonathan Mateo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jonathan Mitchell	Individual	Support	No

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JONATHAN TOWNSLEY	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: WE ARE TRING TO QUIT SMOKING AND YOUR TRYING TO TAKE OUR RIGHTS AWAY WE COULD SO EASILY GO BACK TO SMOKING REGULAR CIGGS. THE VOLCANO E CIGG IS A VISIBLE NICOTINE PATCH. WHATS THE PROBLEM? ITS VAPOR! NOT SMOKE! SMOKING E CIGS WORKS OUT FOR BOTH PARTIES SMOKERS AND NON SMOKERS YOU WOULD THINK SINCE THEY SAY SECOND HAND IS MORE WORSE THAN FIST HAND. ME PERSONALLY I HAVE HELP INTRODUCE THE ECIG TO MY WIFE AND SEVERAL OF MY FRIENDS AND THEY HAVE QUIT SMOKING. SO WHY LIMIT OR FIX SOMETHING THAT IS WORKING

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Jordan Yoneda- Banis	Individual	Oppose	No

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JORDAN	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I ENJOY DOING VAPING BECAUSE IT HELPED ME ALOT ON MY HEALTH I BEEN SMOKING OVER 5 YEARS AND SINCE I STARTED VAPING I FELT MORE HEALTHY AND CLEAN I FEEL LIKE I DONT AFFECT ANYONE AROUND ME I STAND BEHIND VAPING ALL THE WAY

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Jose Quinones	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have been free from the confines of cigarette smoking now for 4 1/2 months I smoked for 23 years of my life and this has changed my life I feel healthier and can smell better. one of the most innovate ways to keep cigarettes away from people who want to quit. Please keep this product as a much healthier and better way to reduce smokers in our community. If the Hawaii Legislature cares about its people instead of greed, they will support the use of the electronic cigarette.

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Joseph alba	Individual	Oppose	No

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joseph keomaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: i really likie the vaper its helpin me cut back on cigarettes hpoie its goim to make me quit

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Joseph Nordone	Individual	Support	No

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I strongly oppose Senate Bill 652

- I do not believe electronic cigarettes (e-cigs) should be categorized or defined as a “tobacco product”
- I do not believe the same restrictions placed on “tobacco products” should be placed on e-cigs
- I do not believe products containing nicotine and not containing actual tobacco should be labeled as a “tobacco product”
- E-Liquid containing nicotine, nicotine gum, nicotine patches, in my opinion should be defined as non-tobacco products, but only to be sold by or to persons aged 18 or older
- E-liquid containing no nicotine should not be advertised to children, but as an option for adults to rescind their higher nicotine usage
- E-cigs, and E-liquids should not be taxed or regulated as defined tobacco products are
- E-cigs should have permitted use within all public areas so as long as there is no smoke by product emitted from the e-cig and only a safe vapor emission is released

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Josh Brant	Individual	Oppose	No

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josh gordon	Individual	Oppose	No

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Josh Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

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Testimony for HTH on Feb 6, 2013 14:15PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joshua Clifton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Joshua Rehrs	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joycelene Parubrub	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill because I switched over to volcano e-cigs so that I wouldn't have to sit in a smoking area. Although seeing smoke from electronic cigarettes may offend people, it is not really smoke, it is vapor and does not harm anyone around it.

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Juanito Ortega	Individual	Oppose	No

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Julia Makaila	Individual	Oppose	No

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Julie Valdez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Vaping has helped me lead a better, healthier lifestyle.

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justin abilay	Individual	Oppose	No

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Justin Fry	Individual	Oppose	No

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Justin Hamilton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I was a 2.5 pack a day smoker until I was introduced to vapor nicotine. My lungs have healed. I no longer cough or spit up tar or resin. I can exercise and walk up stairs without getting winded. The concept of banning something that only helps people is completely ridiculous. Nicotine is merely a stimulate, while, although addictive, is as harmless as a cup of coffee or a Mountain Dew. If you ban this, you should ban Juicy Fruit and Bubble Gum in public because people may be chewing Nicotine gum.

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Justin Jay Ben	Individual	Oppose	No

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justin miller	Individual	Oppose	No

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Justin Talbert	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I will submit my testimony via the comment section as my testimony is short and to the point. You, our elected representatives are charged with understanding the whole picture prior to attempting to enact any laws/statutes that may apply to citizens. Any efforts on your part to classify electronic cigarettes as a tobacco product are misguided and based on ignorance, I ask you to prove it wrong. As I'm sure you have done no research on the issue I am fairly confident you cannot. If you wish to tax these devices based on popularity and addictive abilities, shame on you. Find another guise to save your over inflated irresponsible budgets. Thank you.

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Kaainanui Simon	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
KAHI CAHIMARI	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I OPPOSE TO THE SENATE BILL 652. I HAVE BEEN CIGARETTE FREE FOR ALMOST 10 MONTHS THANKS TO THE HELP OF THE E-CIG THAT VOLCANO E-CIG HAS CAME OUT WITH IN THERE PRODUCTION. TO ME, IT IS A BETTER ALTERNATIVE TO SMOKING AND AS I SAID, IT HAS MADE ME CIGARETTE FREE. THIS IS A BIG DEAL BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN A SMOKER FOR 20+ YEARS. I CONSIDER THE E-CIG THAT I HAVE AS A SAVIOR ON MY HEALTH AND FOR MY POCKETS. I, KAHIMARI, WOULD LIKE IT TO BE NOTED THAT I OFFICIALLY OPPOSE TO THE SENATE BILL 652.

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Kahu Sebala	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kalena Carsen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamaile Maldonado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I testify in OPPOSITION to SB652. It is unnecessary to regulate the means by which electronic cigarettes are promoted in the same way that tobacco products are. Electronic cigarettes are fundamentally and chemically different from tobacco products and are primarily promoted as a method of quitting tobacco smoking, not to further promote smoking. Although tobacco companies often aim their marketing of an extremely addictive substance at the highly impressionable teenage population, electronic cigarette marketing targets those who are already smokers to sell them a product whose purpose directly contradicts those dangers posed by tobacco products. If anything, promotion of this product provides a public service by: 1) Promoting a positive and highly effective means of quitting tobacco smoking; 2) Highlighting for teens and other potential smokers the dangers of tobacco smoking; 3) Demonstrating how difficult quitting tobacco smoking can be once one becomes addicted; 4) Giving teens and other potential smokers an estimate of the great expense many will pay for a product to help them combat a tobacco smoking addiction. Electronic cigarette products have proven to be a valuable tool for many, including my father, to quit smoking tobacco and the sale of these products should not be regulated and penalized in the same way as the sale of tobacco products. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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Kanani	Individual	Oppose	No

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Re: SB652

To whom it may concern;

I don't know but common sense seems to be in short supply lately in our government, at both federal and state levels. My opposition to Bill SB652 is lumping e-cigarettes with real tobacco products. E-cigs do not produce smoke, are not a health hazard to anyone, and actually promotes quitting the real tobacco cigarettes. You should be promoting e-cig use instead of denigrating it into the nasty cigarette category. I would have thought that a healthier solution to an addictive problem, would receive praise.

Take it from a 41 year smoker who found e-cigs a couple of months ago, and found that I can breathe again, smell things, and it is a heck of a lot cheaper, not to mention more healthier, than my old habit. Since you have introduced this bill, I'm SURE you really did your homework on e-cigs, right? Did you find out how many people have quit smoking thanks to e-cigs? Or was this some kind of knee jerk reaction because they look similar?

What's next? Kids blowing bubble toys? How about "dry ice." (It makes a smoky looking vapor too.) Why not? Are you really promoting this bill to get extra revenue in taxes, versus the health of your constituents?

Will be watching how you all vote. Those who do their research and vote no on this Bill will get my vote next time. Common sense. Vote for your constituents health and well-being. The others that support this Bill, will have a lot of explaining to do.

Sincerely,  
Karen Devor

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Karlo F. Pascual	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I personally use an ecig in an effort to quit smoking cigarettes. I was able to immediately stop using cigarettes after starting the ecig. My girlfriend is much more appreciative of me using the ecig now because the vapor has no scent and does not affect her in any way like the way cigarette smoke can affect others as secondhand smoke. I find it convenient to use, much more affordable, and healthier. It doesn't contain the carcinogens like that of cigarettes so I do not understand why it should be considered a tobacco product.

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Katherine Turner	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kathryn Parman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Vapor is not cigarette smoke and therefor should not be banned. There is no second hand smoke or Lear or irritants to anyone even standing next to someone who is using one.

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Kathy Matsuoka	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kay	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keala	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If the job of the Legislature is to pass laws that protect my rights, then how does this bill do so?? If this product has increased my quality of life (by helping me quit smoking) and the lives of my loved ones, including my son, because they are not exposed to 2nd hand smoke any longer, then how does this bill, which would make it harder and more expensive to acquire this product, serve myself and my family?? It seems plainly obvious that the people this bill alleges to benefit will be the ones who suffer... Lastly, who really benefits from this bill because it surely is NOT those whom this bill pretends to protect?!? In other words, if you follow the money, is it your job to protect those who would benefit financially???

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kehau magana	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kelly costa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The state tried to tax electronic cigs and failed, no the tobacco companies are losing money and want to stop eCigs from being smoked indoors. Shame on all of them, these cigs helped me stop smoking cigarette and saved my Thousands of dollars and no second hand smoke, so its safe to smoke indoors.

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Kelly Texeira	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kelsea Cass	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ken Nakamura	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kennan Young	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The reason why I oppose the bill is because e-cigs help people who are avid smokers that smoke constantly everyday. It helps them in a way to ween them off tobacco cigs and helps promote a healthier way of living.

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Keone Reyes	Individual	Oppose	No

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To: Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Support for SB 652, Relating to Health**  
Committee on Health  
Hearing; February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2:15pm; Room 229

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Aloha Senators:

My name is Kerilee Erice and I am an a young adult leader of REAL: Hawaii's youth-led movement against the tobacco industry. I am writing this testimony in very strong support of SB 652 relating to health.

Other Tobacco Products (OTPs) such a cigars and chew look a lot like candy and even include many flavors found in the popular candies. OTPs are the product for the new generation. Most grandpas and grandmas would most likely not be seen with these OTPs. But youth WILL want to try something that claims to taste good and makes their first experience with tobacco a good one. I strongly feel our generation is being used as guinea pigs for all these new tobacco products. No one knows the long-term health risks of them yet. And they are marketed to seem less harmful than regular cigarettes when they may actually be even more dangerous.

Not only do these products target youth but they are not treated the same as traditional cigarettes which for the most part are kept behind the counter. SB 652 would get these products out of the reach of youth.

Please consider this testimony in strong support of SB 652. We need your help to protect my generation from tobacco companies and nicotine addiction.

Mahalo,  
Kerilee Erice  
Maui

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Kerrylee Over	Individual	Oppose	No

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February 2, 2013

Dear Committee Members,

I oppose HB Bill 1321, HB Bill 896, SB Bill 1127, SB Bill 652, and HB Bill 672.

Electronic cigarettes cannot be defined with tobacco. Tobacco is not even used in this product, so how can it be grouped with tobacco. Research has proven that the effects of vapor smoke and tobacco smoke are not the same

At the website Informa healthcare.com, research on the effects of cigarette smoke and e-cigarette vapor on indoor air quality were studied. The conclusion was that there are no apparent risk to human health from e-cigarette emissions based on the e-cigarette vapor and tobacco smoke samples. The study compared four different high nicotine e-liquids. Vaporized emissions were collected and compared to common tobacco smoke by products. They found that tobacco smoke by products exceeded risk limits indicating a condition of "Significant Risk" of harm to human health. With regard to cancer risk analysis, no vapor sample from e-liquids exceeded the risk limit for either children or adults. The tobacco smoke sample approached the risk limits for adult exposure. To read more, please go to:

<http://informahealthcare.com/doi/abs/10.3109/08958378.2012.724728>

Research was conducted by T.R. McAuley (Consulting for Health, Air, Nature, & A Greener Environment, LLC, Corporate Headquarters, Queensbury, NY, USA, email is [mcauleyt@airqualitychange.com](mailto:mcauleyt@airqualitychange.com)), R.K. Hopke (Center for Air Resources Science & Engineering (CARES), Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, USA), J. Zhao (National Vapers Club, Long Island, NY, USA), and S. Babaian.

Therefore, I believe you should not redefine tobacco to include e-cigarettes. E-cigarettes have assisted many who have tried to quit tobacco smoking. I am one of them. E-cigarettes are healthier than tobacco smoke and therefore should not be discouraged from being sold or used in public areas. I hope that you will consider my testimony and vote no on HB Bill 1321, HB Bill 896, SB Bill 1127, SB Bill 652, and HB Bill 672.

Thank you,  
Kevin Aea, Private Citizen

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kevin beuse	Individual	Oppose	No

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To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose defining electronic cigarettes as tobacco products because this definition will ultimately lead to the state applying the very same tax structures, marketing and retail regulations, and use-restriction laws that are either being proposed, or that are already in place for traditional cigarettes to electronic cigarettes. Electronic cigarettes are not comprised of tobacco and do not emit any smoke, thus, any law that seeks to apply restrictions to e-cigarettes that are either proposed or already in place for tobacco based cigarettes, is misguided and not in the interest of the public.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Boggs  
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Kevin Lu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Electronic cigarettes are smokeless products. they should not be counted with tobacco products.

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Kevin Shimoda	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kevin Tsutsui	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kimberly K. Baker	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kimy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Vaping has helped my boyfriend cut down on using cigarettes ' improving his overall health. I'm not a smoker so I found that the ecigs were much healthier to be around. I don't find it bothersome at all like regular cigs.

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Kiny Wang	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kirby Lane	Individual	Oppose	No

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Koa Rugenstein	Individual	Oppose	No

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Koa Wood	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Vaping is not like cig smell and should be allowed

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Koolau Wilhelm III	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kramer	Individual	Oppose	No

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February 4, 2013

To: HTH Committee

Re: SB 652 - Opposition

Dear HTH Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to the passing of SB 652 slated for hearing on February 6, 2013. E-cigarettes are not tobacco and therefore should not be taxed as tobacco products. In addition, E-cigarettes emit zero smoke or odor which means they do not pose any harm whatsoever as combustible smoking tobacco does.

Please take note that E-cigarette users do not have any affect on the public or emit any smoke or odor and SB 652 should not be passed as there are no similarities or comparison between E- cigarettes and combustible smoke and chemical emitting tobacco products. The fact that you are trying to treat E-cigarettes in the same manner is ridiculous. There is no second hand smoke and in fact no carcinogens at all even for the consumer of the E-cigarette.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to submit my input regarding the opposition of SB 652.

Sincerely,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kristina Matsunaga	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This product was the only alternative that worked in quitting smoking tobacco. It has no tar & VERY little nicotine (if any) with a very pleasant smell. I have had great comments from non-smokers that e-cigs are a great product.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kristine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We oppose defining electronic cigarettes as tobacco products because this definition will ultimately lead to the state applying the very same tax structures, marketing and retail regulations, and use-restriction laws that are either being proposed, or that are already in place for traditional cigarettes to electronic cigarettes. Electronic cigarettes are not comprised of tobacco and do not emit any smoke, thus, any law that seeks to apply restrictions to e-cigarettes that are either proposed or already in place for tobacco based cigarettes, is misguided and not in the interest of public.

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krystal valencia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: i oppose this bill because it defeats the purpose of it being smoke free vapor

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Krystina Kokot	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kurt malley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This product has help me quit smoking and chewing for three months now. My wife no longer complains of the smell. I save money and am living a healthier life. Taking this product away would put people like myself back into smoking and chewing which I don't want to do.

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Kuulei Dolfo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kyle Ekimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm just saying that vapor and electronics is in no way related to tobacco and smoking. Cigarettes has a mean odor that lingers, while e-cigs has a sweet smell with no after effects. How can you even compare the two?

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Kyle Igarashi	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
L. Cain	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm a tobacco smoker and feel the effects of it everyday, especially when running a very short distance or simply walking up a flight of stairs. A very dear friend of mine smoked tobacco cigarettes for over 30 years, wanted to quit for health reasons, heard about switched to electronic cigarettes, to date hasn't returned to tobacco cigarettes, stands for and by electronic cigarettes, doesn't huff and puff as I do, and to boot, is 14 years younger than I am. Taking into consideration what I've just testified to, I strongly oppose SB652 thereby keeping the electronic cigarette option available to others, like my friend.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laine Yamakawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this measure primarily because it is attempting to lump electronic cigarettes in the same category as tobacco. This makes no sense at all, as it contains no tobacco. If you want to regulate electronic cigarettes, propose a bill and show evidence that the electronic cigarette and it's vapor are health hazards in the same category as true tobacco products. Please site any FDA studies recommending that people NOT use electronic cigarettes and cite their findings.

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Landis kamalii	Individual	Oppose	No

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Liane	Individual	Oppose	No

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Larry Villegas	Individual	Oppose	No

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Laura Bright	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lauren Ramiscal	Individual	Oppose	No

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Laurence Yamaguchi	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lawrence Moiha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: how can you make ecig a tobacco product when it is nothing like tobacco. there are no harsh toxins like tobacco. its just the govt. way of getting more money from us consumers. read the stats and health info given by these ecig companies. so unfair and typical of government..

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layne hironaka	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leander Morse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I've been smoking tobacco cigarettes for 40 years. I started at the age of 9 and am 51 as of this writing. I smoked 1 to 2 cartons of tobacco cigarettes a week and since being introduced to electronic cigarettes, I haven't smoked a tobacco cigarette since August 28, 2011. Since using electronic cigarettes, I can't stand the smell of tobacco due to the fact that it reminds me of a watered down astray, etc., in essence, I find the odor of tobacco cigarettes revolting and offensive not to mention the health problems it caused me. Prior to changing to electronic cigarettes, while asleep, I snored heavily and stopped breathing, my heart palpitations and pulse rates have slowed (Note: I had undergone open heart surgery in 1964 at the age of 3). Those health issues noted above have since ceased thanks to electronic cigarettes. Also, since using electronic cigarettes, I find I have more energy, I'm not out of breath at work (I'm in the maintenance field), nor do I get tired considering I hold two (2) jobs. For the above reasons and more, I strongly oppose SB652 and believe by your passing SB652 you'd be doing an injustice to those people that are currently smoking tobacco cigarettes, including those who are contemplating smoking tobacco cigarettes, etc., for they too may learn of the health benefits and advantages of experiencing electronic cigarettes and switch as I did.

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Lee Ormita	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lee-Chu Sze	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose that the electronic cig be classafied as tobacco products as they do not have any tobacco or a drivitive of tobacco in it. By defanition, tobacco is smoked, an e-cig is not smoked, but puffed upon.

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LeRon Johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

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# hawaiiCigar

ASSOCIATION

February 2, 2013

Dear Senator Green and Members of the Committee on Health,

The Hawaii Cigar Association (HCA), and its supporting businesses and consumers are concerned about the negative impact that SB652 would have on our ability to retail premium cigars to legal age adults in the State.

We feel strongly that restricting access to premium cigars will negatively impact small business revenue in Hawaii. It would also be a serious detractor for cigar consumers who enjoy the process of selecting a fine cigar.

The HCA kindly asks that you amend the bill in a way that will not harm the premium cigar industry, which in no way targets youth consumers, or lures children into the use of premium cigars through advertising or marketing.

The HCA stands united with the Committee on Health to ensure that the children of Hawaii remain apart from any influence that could encourage them to use tobacco of any kind, including premium cigars. Certainly there must be another solution that would not bring harm to premium cigars and how they are sold.

Sincerely,



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for Hawaii Cigar Association

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Lai Rugenstein	Individual	Oppose	No

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Testimony for HTH on Feb 6, 2013 14:15PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
linda beckley	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: this e cig has helped me to stop smoking real cigs.i smoked a pack a day and now i only take a couple of puffs every now and then with this....

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Johansen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Ecigarettes shouldn't be included in this bill.... It's not a tobacco product

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Linda Shibano	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lionel Cravalho	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lionel Lumauag	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: this is not a tobacco,it's just vapor and does not cause any health hazards to anyone.

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To The Esteemed Hawaii Legislative Body for the Great State of Hawaii:

I am in favor of not selling the e-cigarettes to minors, however, I would appreciate that you not group e-cigarettes in the same category of lethal burning tobacco products real cigarettes. We who have smoked and found this alternative, are sure that we are not hurting our own health or anyone else's. There are true scientific studies to back that argument up. Remove the shame that real cigarettes deserve, towards what is a truly revolutionary direction for the millions world wide that still smoke, but without false information about e-cigarettes would be glad to use a water vapor product, to improve their lives and those around them.

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lisa dean	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Loren Hioki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose SB652. Reason being is that the electronic cigarette is a great way to help those who want to quit tobacco based cigarettes. It's a lot easier when the the e-cigarette is more affordable. The Vapor that it emits is harmless. Passing this bill is only going to make it more difficult for those who would like to quit at a reasonable price.

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Lori-ann Raguindin	Individual	Oppose	No

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louie jane mendoza	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louise Arakawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lucas Ledward	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a resident of O'ahu and have been for the entirety of my life. I was previously a smoker of cigarettes for 10 years and recently quit because of the vaporizing method. It has helped me curb and ultimately overcome my need for the foul smelling cigarettes, not to mention all of the health benefits I have been exposed to due to my switch. Now that I have quit smoking I can smell how stink it is, and I have more energy with better respiratory function. I am glad I've quit and think that it's awesome it has a pleasant aroma to match

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Lyle Wilkinson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: E-cigs produce no smoke thus mitigating second hand smoke problem. E-juice comes in different nicotine content, allowing smokers after switching to e-cigs to taper off nicotine.

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Lynn Ikeda	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lyron Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to this bill. I have been an ecig/ evolcano user for almost a year and find this product these safest way to smoke.. I have a young child that I would never put in harms way and I do vap around him with the trust that he is not in danger of second hand smoke!! This vapor is safe, clean, and affordable for our economic state. Using a vapor is not harmful to the ozone and does not contain tobacco!! It should not be included in the tobacco classification. Vapors can also help people quit smoking if that's what they are choosing to do.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lyssa chapma	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: We oppose defining electronic cigarettes as tobacco products because this definition will ultimately lead to the state applying the very same tax structures, marketing and retail regulations, and use-restriction laws that are either being proposed, or that are already in place for traditional cigarettes to electronic cigarettes. Electronic cigarettes are not comprised of tobacco and do not emit any smoke, thus, any law that seeks to apply restrictions to e-cigarettes that are either proposed or already in place for tobacco based cigarettes, is misguided and not in the interest of public.

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Madel Lajola	Individual	Oppose	No

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Madieson Felicilda	Individual	Support	No

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Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Support for SB 652, Relating to Health**  
Committee on Health  
Hearing; February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2:15pm; Room 229

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Aloha Committee:

I am Makeda Morris. I am a leader in REAL, a youth-led anti-tobacco industry movement. I believe in SB 652 because it will move Other Tobacco Products (OTPs) behind counter leaving no self-service display of tobacco.

OTPs are often placed in reach of children or by products children often use, and are often designed in ways attractive to children. The current placement makes stealing these products easy as well as mistaking them for candy. Anyone under the age of 18 having access to these products is very dangerous because they are addictive and terrible for health.

SB 652 also will help address all the ads that are so visible to kids in our stores. The only way to protect young people from becoming addicted to tobacco is to stop the heavy marketing of these products.

Please vote to pass the SB 652 for the protection of younger generations. We need it!

Thank you,  
Makeda Morris  
Honolulu, HI

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Malee saito	Individual	Oppose	No

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maligi uta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: its the best thing my wife and i have ever done was to switch off of cigs and onto infernal..we haven't touch another cigs since this product came out..aloha

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malysa Scibelli	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marc caesar espritu	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marchell M. Tugadi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I love that fact that I dont stink anymore and I will be around alot longer for my son, since i am a single full time working mom... I LOVE VAPING

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Margaret Etheridge	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mari	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Garca	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I stopped smoking as soon as I received my ecig. after 32 years and a habit of almost 3 packs a day. I do not desiminate the tobacco smell or pollute with butts, and can pay more of my bills!!!! Stop this nonsense of trying to get money from people that are trying to progress.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Oasay	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We oppose defining electronic cigarettes as tobacco products because this definition will ultimately lead to the state applying the very same tax structures, marketing and retail regulations, and use-restriction laws that are either being proposed, or that are already in place for traditional cigarettes to electronic cigarettes. Electronic cigarettes are not comprised of tobacco and do not emit any smoke, thus, any law that seeks to apply restrictions to e-cigarettes that are either proposed or already in place for tobacco based cigarettes, is misguided and not in the interest of public.

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Marielyn Lizada	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marisa Beasley	Individual	Oppose	No

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marivic joy domingo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mark Ford	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not think That "liquid vapor" should be listed as a tobacco product

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
mark kapaona	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Im very much against the bill and wish for it not to pass. i was a smoker and using the Ecigarettes has made me stopped smoking. thank Volcanos

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Mark Rugenstein	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mark Saito	Individual	Oppose	No

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mark	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: i hope they do not pass the bill!

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Mark	Individual	Support	No

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Marry Ann Salamat	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mary Ann San Nicolas	Individual	Oppose	No

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Matt Hamlin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: it safee than smoking a cigarette

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matt Lehman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Obviously, tobacco product usage is not a healthy lifestyle. I think the last 8000+ years of mankind has pretty much laid that out for us. Why does Senate Bill 652 seek to include a non-tobacco product in a tobacco ban bill? Quite apparently our own elected law makers need some re-education on what an electronic or vapor cigarette is. I'm completely opposed to this ban and find it quite ridiculous that our tax money is being spent on such frivolous and trifling law making. The senators supporting and sponsoring this bill should have to pay the taxpayers back for the expenses involved. Please read through SB652 and re-examin your support of this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As an ecig smoker, I personally don't smoke it in public areas myself. But I do strongly disagree about banning them. I do support the fact that it shouldn't be sold to minors, but the whole purpose of the ecig is to allow smokers to smoke freely in places they normally can't & NOT cause harm to others (second-hand smoke). They really don't emit any smoke at all. There's no smell at all. Let ecig smokers enjoy their vapor! This bill will defeat the whole purpose of vaping!

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Matthew Alvarado	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Pettis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a former smoker trying to quit. I learned about the ecigs about a year ago when my girlfriend introduced it to me. She like many of others are against smoking and the harmful effects. But ecigs aren't like regular cigarettes. There is no harmful side effects to me or anyone else around me. I am against this bill because I feel like it encouraging people to return back to regular cigarettes. Many people don't understand nor take the time to learn about new things such as the ecigs. It is beneficial to me and everyone else who is striving to change their lives for the better. I encourage all of you to really take the time to learn about the ecigs. They have nicotine but nothing else that is harmful. Educate yourselves before you decide something is bad.

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Matthew Root	Individual	Oppose	No

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To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose defining electronic cigarettes as tobacco products because this definition will ultimately lead to the state applying the very same tax structures, marketing and retail regulations, and use-restriction laws that are either being proposed, or that are already in place for traditional cigarettes to electronic cigarettes. Electronic cigarettes are not comprised of tobacco and do not emit any smoke, thus, any law that seeks to apply restrictions to e-cigarettes that are either proposed or already in place for tobacco based cigarettes, is misguided and not in the interest of the public.

Sincerely,  
Megan Boggs  
mmboggs808@yahoo.com

To: Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Support for SB 652, Relating to Health**  
Committee on Health  
Hearing; February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2:15pm; Room 229

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Aloha Committee:

My name is Megan Chan and I am a Tobacco Treatment Specialist for the HEALTHY Program located at Kapi'olani Women & Children's Medical Center. I strongly support SB 652 that addresses tobacco displays.

**On a daily basis I see the nondiscriminatory consequences of smoking that affect people at all stages of life.** It affects the hospitalized boy whose father wants to quit smoking because he knows it is the cause of his son's illness. It affects the underage teen who smoked throughout her pregnancy but wants to quit now, for her baby's health. It affects a terminally-ill cancer patient who wants to quit so her spouse also has the courage and support to quit.

Prevention is the key. 11.3% of high school students in Hawaii smoke and there are 1,500 kids who become new daily smokers each year. **Move tobacco displays that target our keiki into beginning an addiction that can last a lifetime.**

I see mothers, fathers, aunties, uncles, grandmas, and grandpas – all who started smoking and now want to quit. **It's time to be proactive.** Let's take the step toward prevention today. Reduce the placement of a product that is responsible for hooking our youth into a lifelong addiction. Move tobacco displays behind the counter so my patients who are desperately trying to quit can enter a store without being bombarded by constant reminders of an addiction so strong that it has been compared to cocaine.

I strongly urge you to support SB 652 and help us in our prevention effort to reduce tobacco marketing directed at our youth.

Mahalo,

Megan Chan, Tobacco Treatment Specialist  
Nuuanu, Oahu

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Melissa Endrina	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose defining e cigarettes as a tobacco product, as there is not tobacco in them. The chemical make up of an electronic cigarette does not compare to that of a traditional cigarette. There are only a few ingredients in e cigarette juice, none of which are a health hazard to others in the form of secondary smoke. What is exhaled is mostly water vapor. The main ingredient is the same ingredient used in inhalers for people with asthma. Vapor exhaled from an e cigarette, is not a public health concern. Only the people who actually smoke them, should be concerned with their own health risks.

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Melissa Fallau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It's not even tobacco!!!!!!!

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Melissa Hunter	Individual	Oppose	No

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Melissa Rapoza	Individual	Support	No

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Mervin Esteban	Individual	Oppose	No

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Micah Dela Cruz	Individual	Oppose	No

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Micah maeda	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
michael alexander	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Im an avid user of the electronic cigarette and I oppose this bill here are my reasons. There are about 4,000 chemicals in a regular cigarette, and there are only 4 chemicals in a electronic cigarette. The electronic cigarette has less chemicals which means it will do less damage to your health. The regular cigarette has nicotine where as the electronic cigarette doesn't have as much nicotine and also has a flavor where you smoke it. So the regular cigarette doesn't have flavor or taste but the electronic cigarette does. Also when you blow the smoke from the regular cigarette the smoke has a strong smell and you can get second hand smoke from it where as the smoke from the electronic cigarette doesn't have a smell and you can't get second hand smoke from it. So the electronic cigarette has less chemicals and you can't get second hand smoke from it. So from my experience the electronic cigarette shouldn't be considered the same as the regular cigarette because the electronic cigarette has many and better qualities than a regular cigarette. So I support the electronic cigarette.

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Michael Balanay	Individual	Oppose	No

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michael fajardo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Grimes	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Harris	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There is no tobacco in the juice. So this should not be considered.

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michael kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: i originally submited a vote for the wrong choice above. i absolutely oppose this bill. please discount my previous vote for support of this bill.

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michael kim	Individual	Support	No

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michael Matsushige	Individual	Oppose	No

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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to speak as a current e-cig user. I have been using my e-cig for 6 months now and I disagree with the proposed bill. I was a moderate smoker for about 4 years, smoking about 1/2 a pack a day, and was very excited when I moved to using an e-cig. I have actually gotten into many arguments with my girlfriend exclaiming how an e-cig and a regular cigarette are two VERY DIFFERENT things. I love and enjoy the freedom that my e-cig gives me, along with the greater health benefits, and lower cost. I don't take my freedom for granted, I still don't vape inside of stores, or in front of people whom may feel uncomfortable around me doing it. I enjoy this product thoroughly and feel that it would be imposing on my choice to choose e-cigs over analog cigarettes by instating a bill that would place similar taxes and burdens on my device. I am in full disagreement with this proposed bill, and it would be a shame to allow something like this pass.

Sincerely,  
Michael Soraoka

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Michael swords	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Tugaoen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael	Individual	Support	No

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michael	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: E cigs are NOT TOBACCO

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michele L. Kin In	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I quit smoking tobacco cigarettes over 10 years ago after numerous attempts to do so. I only wish there were electronic cigarettes back then to help smooth my transition into a tobacco-free lifestyle. Although I do not use electronic cigarettes, I have many friends and family members that do - some have completely transitioned off of tobacco products while others are in a state of transition; all are reaping health benefits as a result! I strongly oppose SB 652 because I feel that two completely different products and lifestyles should not be categorized into one!

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michele ladao	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michele Campos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am absolutely opposed to this bill. It is very ignorant to classify an electronic cigarette as a tobacco product. It would be wise to do your homework on what an electronic cigarette is. I used to be a cigarette smoker, but thankfully for my health, I have stopped smoking cigarettes, and started smoking an electronic cigarette. The laws you're imposing on electronic cigarettes users will have a detrimental effect.

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michele	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This id ridiculous!

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Michelle Burton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
michelle limpahan-costa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This has helped me stop smoking cigarettes and do not want to pay more for something that is positive for people who choose it.

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Michelle LaPlante	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. The electronic cigarette is not harmful to the public as combustible tobacco products are. There contains only nicotine and flavored e-liquid to create a very pleasant smelling vapor. None of which should be categorized as tobacco. The e-liquids do not look, taste, smell, or behave as tobacco and therefore should not be labeled or categorized as such.

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Michelle Magdirila	Individual	Support	No

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Michelle Valois	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michelle	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Ng	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Electronic Cigarettes are not "Tobacco" or "Tobacco Products". They do not contain tobacco and thus, have no place being labeled as either of these products. If the state legislature is truly in favor of helping smokers quit, they should not be trying to place restrictions on a product that has already helped so many people in the state do so. I understand that there are many anti-smoking groups that only subscribe to the "quit or die" perspective, but these products are truly helping people and by creating the same restrictions on a modified risk product will only limit people's access to the product and virtually ensure that they will return to smoking.

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Mike swords	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Yoshida	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The electronic cigarettes have many advantages over tobacco cigarettes, because nothing is being burned during vaporization process. Due to this fact, the vapor from the e-cig does not contain any tar or harmful carbon monoxide. I think this bill is not thinking of the people and for the government to make more money off the people.

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To: Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: **Strong Support for SB 652, Relating to Health**  
Committee on Health  
Hearing; February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2:15pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators:

Aloha. My name is Mikiala Johnson. I'm from Wailua, Kaua'i. I'm part of REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry. And I support SB 652.

Looking at the premise of SB 652, I think it is appropriate to say that the negative impact of tobacco product placement and advertising is now known. However, what I'm sure most people realize is that tobacco advertising is more powerful on our youth today than being exposed to parental smoking and peer pressure. We cannot continue to allow companies like Phillip Morris to proceed with their "intrusive visibility" methods of marketing.

Though most of our local stores keep cigarettes behind counters and away from keiki reach, they neglect the Other Tobacco Products (OTPs). Many of these are not only candy flavored, but have packaging and colors that of which match the candy displays they are often placed near.

Our younger generations of Hawaii are considered as nothing more than "replacement smokers" and are being targeted by the tobacco industry to keep Big Tobacco profits strong. Supporting SB 652 shows that you, as elected officials, pledge to stand-up for our younger generations and do your part in protecting us from the manipulating ways of the tobacco industry.

Mahalo for supporting SB 652.

Mikiala Johnson  
Wailua, Kauai  
REAL

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Mocha Bear	Individual	Support	No

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To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose defining electronic cigarettes as tobacco products because this definition will ultimately lead to the state applying the very same tax structures, marketing and retail regulations, and use-restriction laws that are either being proposed, or that are already in place for traditional cigarettes to electronic cigarettes. Electronic cigarettes are not comprised of tobacco and do not emit any smoke, thus, any law that seeks to apply restrictions to e-cigarettes that are either proposed or already in place for tobacco based cigarettes, is misguided and not in the interest of the public.

Sincerely,  
Molly Boggs  
mtboggs808@yahoo.com

I have been using the e-cigarette for a little over a year now and have been a non-smoker for a year and a half. I originally quit cold turkey but because I felt tempted to start smoking cigarettes again I decided I needed to find an alternative. We live in Kapahulu and walked by the Volcano Vapor Café' several times. A friend of ours told me it was a great way to remain smoke free but still be able to satisfy the urge to smoke. I had tried another type of e-cig before but it didn't work so I was a little leery to try this. I went ahead and bought my first real e-cig from Volcano Vapor and have been using it since. Since then I have gotten 4 other family and friends to try this product and it has successfully helped them stop smoking as well.

I really don't feel that vaping is the same thing as smoking real cigarettes and therefore feel it is much safer. Like I tell everyone who asks, " don't you still consider yourself a smoker?" My answer is always no. I am not inhaling dozens of chemicals and exhaling second hand smoke or even more deadly carbon dioxide that would be harming anyone else. If you are going to put a ban on the e-cig, you may as well put a ban on coffee and tea places as well. To me, being addicted to cigarettes is like being addicted to caffeine. With the e-cig at least you are able to fill your nicotine craving more safely. I don't know what I would do without places like the Volcano Vapor Café' or their products.

Monique Hayashi

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Mr.Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mychal Nagata	Individual	Oppose	No

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Myles Kawakami	Individual	Oppose	No

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Myra	Individual	Support	No

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Myron Kamihara	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Choe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Electronic cigarettes have helped me in becoming more healthy and helped me quit smoking. I believe that a lot of people can benefit a more healthier lifestyle from these products. Electronic cigarettes do not harm people from second hand smoke therefore should not be treated like a regular tobacco cigarette. In consideration for people who have moved on from harmful tobacco smoking, I hope this bill does not go through.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nate Schultz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I love e cigarettes, they have kept me from smoking for years now. Do not ban them or regulate them!

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nathan gaspar	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nathan Mark Bonilla	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
natily yadao	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: i oppose this bill because i feel that it does not harm anyone...

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Nduyaet Le	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nicholas Bradford	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nick browne	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I haven't smoked in six months because of my e cig.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicklaus Park	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I think that this bill is ridiculous, I can understand the ban on smoking regular cigarettes but vaping produces no harmful smoke and is actually in fact water vapor. There has been numerous tests and experiments to find if there are any harmful side effects of second hand smoke from vapor and they could not find anything. I think that the ban on ecigs will only harm our society even more not allowing people to do a safer alternative to smoking and actually might cause people to go back to smoking traditional cigarettes. Vaping also does not produce any smell from its vapor so i highly oppose against this bill. Nicklaus Park

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Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
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Re: **Strong Support for SB 652, Relating to Health**  
Committee on Health  
Hearing; February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2:15pm; Room 229

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Aloha Committee:

My name is Nicole Sutton and I am a registered voter in Hawaii, as well as a representative of REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry. I'm in strong support of SB 652 to restrict the placement of tobacco products and tobacco ads in stores throughout Hawaii.

Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids in Washington, DC, estimates that **more than \$33.5 million is spent on tobacco advertising each year in Hawaii by the tobacco industry**, resulting in the placement of tobacco ads and special tobacco displays that we see everyday in our local community stores. **Research shows that young people are more sensitive to this form of tobacco marketing than adults and that exposure to ads is more powerful than peer pressure or parental smoking in influencing youth to use tobacco.** Results from Hawaii's Youth Tobacco Survey from 2007 revealed that **76.6% of high school students and 71.3% of middle school students reported seeing advertisements for tobacco in convenience stores, Mom-and-Pop stores, and gas stations.**

The Tobacco and Alcohol Advertising Survey (TAAS) conducted in 2009 by the University of Hawaii Cancer Center and School of Public Health found that **97% of stores surveyed throughout Hawaii had tobacco products at the point-of-purchase and 90% had tobacco ads at the point-of-purchase** where everyone shopping in the store must see them, including children. That same study also found that **62% of stores had tobacco products at the eye level of children (3 feet or less)** and 44% of stores surveyed had tobacco products placed near chips, candy, ice cream, or toys.

Restricting the positioning of tobacco products helps to keep them out of the hands of youth. Also restricting the placement of tobacco ads helps protect Hawaii's youth from the direct targeting by tobacco companies.

I ask you to please support this measure to **protect our kids from the aggressive targeting by the tobacco industry** through the intrusive visibility of tobacco ads and easy access of tobacco products in our stores.

Mahalo,

Nicole Sutton  
Pearl City, Hawaii  
REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noel Destura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill being passed regarding e cig being considered to be labeled as a tobacco product when the product itself does not contain any tobacco. I have been tobacco free for almost 2 years because of these type of products which is another but healthier alternative to analog (stick of cigarette) there is no second hand smoke and all that is being expelled are only water vapor. My personal opinion regarding vaping in public is rather occlusive. People of the Union who Vapes in public should have common courtesy and etiquette around other people who are ignorant for the time being regarding the device and the water vapor being exhaled from the Vapers mouth to ask the person next to him or her if it is alright to vape in their presence, it is the job for the Vapers to educate the ignorant so that so that Prejudice of the device will not succumb to outrageous bills such as this. Big tobacco company is losing in sales and our government should be happy that our citizens are choosing a healthier alternative then choosing tobacco. I will copy and paste a reputable link regarding e-cigarettes.

[www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/247147.php](http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/247147.php) thank you for reading my testimony.

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Nohealani Pua'a	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. It's not right.

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Oliver Williams	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
oliver	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: These ecigs were the only thing that has helped me quit tobacco after years of use. I have now moved to 0 nicotene blends, and have evcen cut back on the ecig. I feel like these ecigs should be trumpeted as a tool to help people quit, and not taxed out of the price range of smokers, who want to quit.

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## SB652

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pam Sumimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I would like to voice my opposition on SB652. I was a former cigarette user for the past 20 years. About six months ago I was introduced to the electronic cigarette as an alternative to cigarette smoking. I loved smoking and was no where near ready to quit. I never expected the electronic cigarette to help me quit smoking, but I have not smoke a cigarette since. Electronic cigarettes are a clean and safe method for people that are trying to quit smoking. Not only is it better for your health (by not having any tar and tobacco toxins which is what makes cigarettes bad for your health), it also does not produce smoke. It may look like smoke but it is just vapors. By creating vapors instead of smoke, it is also reducing second hand smoke that non-smokers are exposed to. This is also saver for the environment as it eliminates cigarette butts on the ground. Now you're probably thinking that all these reasons I just provided is great for health purposes and why people should switch to the use of electronic cigarettes vs tobacco cigarettes, but what does that have to do with this bill. Well, first of all this product has absolutely NO tobacco in it; therefore should be not lump in with "tobacco" products. Why should e-cigarette users have to pay additional taxes for a product (tobacco) that they are not even using? If you look at the bottom line, what is this bill trying to do? Collect money from people that are trying to be healthier, but I believe it goes deeper than that. I feel that this is bill is just the start of what is ultimately what people trying to curve...and that is the behavior of smoking. That if e-cigarettes are taxed like tobacco cigarettes then people will not buy it either. The truth is that "smokers" really do want to quit and this is a great way for them to do it. And if our children see smoking/vaping as cool, they are going to do it anyway, so wouldn't it be better for them to do it in a healthier way, instead of hurting their bodies? I'm not denying that it is like any other addiction but at least it's a healthier solution for everyone and the environment. In conclusion, this solution is all around better for everyone. Why punish people for trying to create a healthier future for our younger generations?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela Hirakawa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
pashyn santos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a non smoker. Nor do i smoke electronic cigarettes. I support the e-cig community for bettering them selves while they become tobacco free, and for thier awareness towards the public when it comes to second hand smoke. i dont ever become offend of the smell or enviornment the vapor creates. i would like to extend my opposition towards this bill.

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Paul Allas Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
paul bland	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I dont believe that these electronic cigarettes should fall under the same restrictions as a normal tobacco cigarette. There is no foul or offensive odors and it poses no threat to people standing next to you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Manabe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill because i have tried numerous methods of trying to quit smoking and this by far has been the most effective. After smoking for 21 years straight i have not smoked for over a year and a half.

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Phillip Fagan	Individual	Oppose	No

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Phillip Santiago	Individual	Oppose	No

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Pono Hoopai	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Quinn R. Allen	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I'm sad that there are people in our state government that are either to ignorant to actually look into all the facts about electronic cigarettes or are to corrupted to serve the public interests instead of the interests of their financial backers. There is no other medication, therapy, or any other type of tobacco reduction measure that has proven itself to be as successful as electronic cigarettes in either harm reduction or outright cessation of tobacco smoking and smoking related diseases. These are not tobacco products. They don't produce smoke. It has been scientifically proven that there is no risk to others from inhaling second hand vapor. It has been proven that e-cigarettes are 15000 times safer than tobacco cigarettes. In the worst recession seen in decades this is an industry that has not simply grown but has grown explosively. One of the most popular brands in the nation operates out of the State of Hawaii, providing much needed jobs that aren't based on an unreliable tourism trade and funnel money back into Hawaii. Over time these devices cost significantly less than tobacco cigarettes, and that is without even factoring the medical costs associated with smoking related disease and illnesses. The upfront cost is high enough to not simply discourage but to also make it impractical for minors to purchase through illicit means, and the industry leaders do all they can to keep these out of the hands of minors. So, tons of good, virtually nothing bad, and yet someone in our government wants to regulate these devices in such a way that it takes them out of the hands of people that need them and will eventually force an industry that stands brings great financial gains to the state to close or relocate, putting more people out of much needed jobs. I really don't see who this is actually supposed to help.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachelyn Basso- Ching	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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I am respectfully requesting that you vote against bills HB Bill 1321, HB Bill 896, SB Bill 1127, SB Bill 652, HB Bill 672.

As a previous smoker who has kicked the habit with E-Cigs, to the betterment of my health and everyone around by not having second hand smoke; I am strongly opposed to Hawaii trying to limit and ban my use of electronic cigarettes in public areas in Hawaii. Findings show there are no harmful effects from vaping like there are with second hand smoke from traditional cigarettes and no fire hazards as with traditional cigarettes, either.

Please, protect my E-Cig right of use in Hawaii and not limit where it can be purchased or used..

Respectfully requested,

**Raelynn Miller- Maui Meadows resident**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ralph Yasuoka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose defining electronic cigarettes as tobacco products because this definition will ultimately lead to the state applying the very same tax structures, marketing and retail regulations, and use-restriction laws that are either being proposed, or that are already in place for traditional cigarettes to electronic cigarettes. Electronic cigarettes are not comprised of tobacco and do not emit any smoke, thus, any law that seeks to apply restrictions to e-cigarettes that are either proposed or already in place for tobacco based cigarettes, is misguided and not in the interest of public.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rance Shimizu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Electronic cigarettes have helped me in becoming more healthy and helped me quit smoking. I believe that a lot of people can benefit a more healthier lifestyle from these products. Electronic cigarettes do not harm people from second hand smoke therefore should not be treated like a regular tobacco cigarette. In consideration for people who have moved on from harmful to tobacco smoking I hope this bill does not go through.

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Randall Myers	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rebecca Hunter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose

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reggie castro	Individual	Oppose	No

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Reginald Legaspi	Individual	Oppose	No

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reginald castro	Individual	Oppose	No

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Regy Dizon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm shocked at the ignorance surrounding this proposed bill. I personally do not "vape", but vaping has helped my wife quit smoking. Despite numerous attempts at quitting smoking, including the gum, patch, and prescription medication, she was only able to quit because of vaping. There is a vast difference between "smoking" and "vaping," some of which will be listed below. Smoking requires COMBUSTION. The burning of a solid material produces smoke and ash. This chemical process results in the formation of the toxic chemicals found in cigarette smoke. These chemicals include arsenic, carbon monoxide, cyanide...etc. It's these components that cause cigarettes to be harmful. Vaping utilizes VAPORIZATION. Adding heat to a water based solution causes the formation of Vapor, NOT smoke. There are no resulting toxic chemicals produced from this process. An adequate comparison would be setting wood on fire in your home, compared to boiling water. Setting wood on fire in your home results in the formation of smoke and ash. The residue left would stick to your lungs, just as it sticks to the walls of your house. The reaction also results in the formation of chemicals hazardous if inhaled. What chemicals are released when vaporizing water? What residue is left from the vaporization of water? I've worked as a respiratory therapist for 13 years. In addition to patient care, I've also worked in education related to my professional field. Basic knowledge of chemistry should show how ridiculous this proposed bill is. My final point is in regards to nicotine. Nicotine by itself is no more dangerous to your body than caffeine. Both act as vasoconstrictors resulting in increased heart rate. Nicotine does however stimulate neuro receptors which results in its addictive qualities. Caffeine, to a lesser extent, does also. Also, unlike caffeine, nicotine is naturally produced in your body, and be found in various plants that we eat everyday. Lastly, I challenge anybody on this board to find ANY peer-reviewed studies showing the "dangers" of vaporization. If any of such studies can be found showing 2nd hand vapor from cigarettes to be harmful, i'll gladly change my vote.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Remeeliz Agbayani	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose defining electronic cigarettes as tobacco products because electronic cigarettes are not comprised of tobacco and do not emit any smoke, thus, any law that seeks to apply restrictions to e-cigarettes that are either proposed or already in place for tobacco based cigarettes, is misguided and not in the interest of public.

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Renz Guzman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rey Bartolome	Individual	Oppose	No

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Richard A Busse	Individual	Oppose	No

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Richard Ohman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Richelle Wai	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rico Concepcion	Individual	Support	No

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Renee Warner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I support vaping because its better than cigarettes

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Robert Cabudo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robert Mayo	Individual	Oppose	No

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robert mccandless	Individual	Oppose	No

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Roberta Marie Maldonado	Individual	Oppose	No

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robi harris	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: They are safer and cheaper than tobacco.

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Robin Tablanza	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rochelle	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rochelle Santiago	Individual	Oppose	No

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Roman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If you ban ecigs indoors it would also say not to boil water for any of your foods indoors that is water vapor with flavor as well.

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Ron Coloma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: allowed vapeing in public areas ad its not a cigarette.

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Ronald Alberca	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: These e-cigs are not a tobacco product and is not emitting smoke.

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Ronald Vigeant	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe in vaping it help me out a lot it got me more heathy than me smoking cigarettes. Vaping has no second hand smoke at all!!

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Rong Liao	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ronnie Macapagal	Individual	Oppose	No

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rorrey b.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is ridiculous e cigs should not be banned because it really helps people stop smoking.

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Rose Clute	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to the bill because it includes electronic cigarettes with "tobacco products". Electronic cigarettes have no tobacco and emit no smoke. In my opinion this inclusion of electronic cigarettes should be omitted.

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February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Aloha Senators,

My name is Rose Anne Navalta and I am from Laupahoehoe, Hawaii, where I attend University of Hawaii in Hilo.

I am an active state leader with REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry where I work to educate my generation about the ways that the tobacco industry seeks to market their deadly products to younger potential customers.

I'm asking for your support of SB 652 because I have had first-hand experience with a survey called TAAS or Tobacco and Alcohol Advertising Survey conducted by REAL. A lot of us who worked on this project have woken up to realize just how much the tobacco industry has worked to get tobacco products placed in our local community stores where they are easily accessible and highly visible. This has been proven through research to influence youth to experiment with tobacco and is more powerful than peer pressure or parental smoking.

We can only do so much through education and prevention. We need your commitment to take on this issue of tobacco influence and targeting of youth in Hawaii. Please support the protection of my generation and those to come by passing SB 652 to reduce youth access to tobacco products.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ross Ishihara	Individual	Oppose	No

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Roy Isa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Royce Dizon	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rozalyn K Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	No

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Russel Rivero	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rusty Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ry Nakpaahu	Individual	Support	No

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Ryan cavallo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ryan Fauatea	Individual	Oppose	No

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ryan mcdonald	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The electronic cigarett is a great tool to help people quit smoking cigarett. It allows people to get away from smoking areas so they can not be pressured to pick up another cigarett. The e-cigarett does not produce the same smell or toxins to the air as a regular cigarett. I quit smoking cigarett due to this product and I stand by it 100%. If more people turn to electronic cigarett there will be less cigarett butts on the street making this beautiful state cleaner and nicer.

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ryan mcginley	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan narciso	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Ecigs are helping the human race! Compared to traditional tobacco cigarettes there is only one chemical.

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Ryan Reinrtson	Individual	Oppose	No

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ryu akiyama	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sabrina Young	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this because the e-cigs have helped me quit smoking. I was a 2 pack a day smoker for 19 years and once I discovered these e-cigs, I kicked cigarettes. This is a great product and has helped many other people to quit smoking. If this were to be banned, people would go back to smoking cigarettes which is much more unhealthy for you.

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Sam Nolan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: oppose regulation of e-cigs. i don't want to be regualted where i can vape.

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Samuel Santiago	Individual	Oppose	No

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Samuel Waiohu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There isn't even any tobacco in it.

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Sandra Souza	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: e-cigs should not be defined as a tobacco product. E-cigs are not tobacco based, and does not emit smoke that is harmful to by standers.

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Sarah Street	Individual	Oppose	No

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Schae Ann Enoka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As an employee of a e cigarette company, I strongly oppose this bill. I support the vaping nation because I myself have quit smoking from smoking vapor e ciggs. Not only me but the rest of my family. This is overall a healthier choice for smokers as well as the community itself. Somking vaporizers make the world a better smoke free place. So, YOUR WELCOME ITS VAPOR!

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Scott Choi	Individual	Oppose	No

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Scott Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If this bill passes then it should prohibit the use of nebulizers as well as fog machines in public areas as well. The difference with e-cigs is the nicotine (which is absorbed into the body before exhalation anyways).

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Scott Mansfield	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Electronic cigarettes should not be added to bill.

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Scott Rasak	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Electronic Cigarettes have ZERO impact on the public spaces in Hawaii. They are not or should never be considered Tobacco products. They do not have the tobacco leaf anywhere involved in the product. This is a device that all companies who sell make no health claims and do not sell to minors. There is no relevance of this ban or restriction for the products to the nature of the product.

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Sean Hashimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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seanhernandes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: it helps my girlfriend to stop smoking.i love it for her she has been smoking for 20years n when i got it for her she stop smoking cigs for 2mo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sean Paul K. Tong	Individual	Oppose	No

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***Debby Ann, Individual, Oppose***

***I oppose defining electronic cigarettes as tobacco products because this definition will ultimately lead to the state applying the very same tax structures, marketing and retail regulations, and use-restriction laws that are either being proposed, or that are already in place for traditional cigarettes to electronic cigarettes. Electronic cigarettes are not comprised of tobacco and do not emit any smoke, thus, any law that seeks to apply restrictions to e-cigarettes that are either proposed or already in place for tobacco based cigarettes, is misguided and not in the interest of public.***

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seth tamashiro	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Shae	Individual	Oppose	No

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Shan Blanton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I use my vape everywhere so that I don't smoke.

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Shane Kahalehau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is wrong.

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Shane Sato	Individual	Oppose	No

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shane	Individual	Oppose	No

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Shannon Henry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I love it

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Shannon Hirao	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I support the e cig because it has gotten me to stop smoking regular cigs. Not to mention I am able to do more work because I don't have to go outside to smoke. I can get so much more done throughout the day.

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Shannon Tutt	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sharon Tsunoda	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sheila Embry	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sheldon Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	No

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sheldon sarsuelo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Ever since going vapor or ecig. my health has gone from not so good to very good . To me its way more safe & clean than cigarettes . I feel alot better when I get up in the morning , I can actually breathe better now too . I encourage all cigarette smokers to go vapor , its way more healthier for you & your family .

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sid gamulo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This has improved my quality of life. Why would you make it harder and more expensive to get??

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Skye Kamaunu	Individual	Oppose	No

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Skye pilago	Individual	Oppose	No

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Spangler K. Lewis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I was a pack a day smoker, because of volcanoe-cig i am no longer a cigarette smoker.I am oppose to the band, simply for the many reasons as there is no carcinogen in it/no vulgar stink cigarette smell/no 2nd hand smoke health effects and also, helps people to actually cut down on the bad habit and even quit///hooray//I strongly oppose the ban//mahalo\*\*

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Staci Garcia	Individual	Oppose	No

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Stefanie Kawatomari	Individual	Oppose	No

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Stephan Raymond	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It has no harmful side effects. I was a smoker and this saved my life. It hurts no one. We should be able to vape anywhere we like. This goes against all assigned civil liberties.

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Stephanie carbom	Individual	Oppose	No

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Stephen Myers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Electronic cigarettes do not contain tobacco. So why are they being classified as tobacco? The liquid used can contain nicotine, but not all do actually contain nicotine. This bill is attempting to classify e-cigs the same as cigarettes. Which they most certainly are not.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Burgess	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Being a smoker for the past 20 years or so i switched to electronic cigarettes after discussing options with my doctor. one of the main reasons i switched was because of the price. I feel if you tax e-cigarettes the price will increase and i feel many people who stopped using regular cigarettes will return to them.

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steven takara	Individual	Oppose	No

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Steven Wong-Donato	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stevens Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have been a cigarette smoker for over 20yrs and this has saved my lungs and health and vaping does not affect people around you in public or restuarants.

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stuart gueco	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: leagalize pakalolo and tax that leave us vapor smokers alone

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stuart matsumoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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Susan Yogi	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sydette Bungat	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tak Chan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not consider electronic cigarette to be a tobacco product. The FDA Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) do not currently regulate electronic cigarette as tobacco product. Passing laws to regulate something without evidence or results on a product's side effect is irresponsible and done completely based on assumption.

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takiko bersch	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tamatoa J. Baker	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tammy Payne	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tanya quemado	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: This volcano is really good my husband likes it

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Taylor Martin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It's helping me quit cigz

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tehani hill	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: ECigarretes have stopped me from long years of smoking. Not only has it done it in a way that i can still smoke, but it doesn't bother people by the smell or lingering smoke. Its crazy to want to ban these when you have candy that's made for little kids that are replicas of cigarettes and you can puff fake smoke out of them as well. This alternative has helped me and a lot of others to stop unhealthy smoking and be able to get on the right track health wise. The smoke doesn't smell and dissolves in the air. It doesn't cause cancer from primary and second hand contact. So what is the issue. Please do not pass this bill. Its dumb because we aren't hurting anyone.

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Teri	Individual	Oppose	No

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Terri	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is not a cigarette, no tobacco or harmful to your health or anybody else near you. Just change the name to ejuice. Such bullshit!

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Tess Pereira	Individual	Oppose	No

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TIANA SALCEDO	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I DONT THINK THEY SHOULD BAN E CIG BECAUSE THERE IS NO HARM TOWARDS ANYONE!

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Tiare Hernandez	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I think classifying electronic cigarettes in the same category as tobacco cigarettes is ridiculous! And to ban them in the same areas does not make sense because how is it affecting anyone around them?

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Tiffany	Individual		No

Comments: I oppose defining electronic cigarettes as tobacco products because this definition will lead to the state applying the very same tax structures, marketing and retail regulations, and use-restriction laws that are either being proposed, or that are already in place for traditional cigarettes to electronic cigarettes. Electronic cigarettes are not comprised of ANY tobacco and do not emit any smoke, thus, any law that seeks to apply restrictions to e-cigarettes that are either proposed or already in place for tobacco based cigarettes, is misguided and not in the interest of public. I am very concerned about this particular classification because eventually it will lead to banning the use of electronic cigarettes in all the same places traditional tobacco cigarettes are banned even though they produce no smoke, have no noxious smell and pose no health risk to others and are much less intrusive to others than cigarettes. Please see this study about electronic cigarettes regarding second hand smoke from ecigs which shows no harmful side effects:

<http://informahealthcare.com/doi/abs/10.3109/08958378.2012.724728> I DO NOT feel legislators attempting to define electronic cigarettes as tobacco products for the sole purpose of applying restrictions usage and access to these products is right. It is my right to choose, I find many people who are using electronic cigarettes are using them as a smoking cessation tool and find them to be more like nicotine inhalers, patches, lozenges or gum and are used more like aids to quit smoking than tobacco products. Finally, Because electronic cigarettes contain NO tobacco, they should NOT be classified as tobacco products.

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Tiffany Farinas	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tiffany isaacs	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I fully support ecigs they have helped me quit and I feel so much healthier

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Tiffany	Individual	Oppose	No

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<http://informahealthcare.com/doi/abs/10.3109/08958378.2012.724728> I DO NOT feel legislators attempting to define electronic cigarettes as tobacco products for the sole purpose of applying restrictions usage and access to these products is right. It is my right to choose, I find many people who are using electronic cigarettes are using them as a smoking cessation tool and find them to be more like nicotine inhalers, patches, lozenges or gum and are used more like aids to quit smoking than tobacco products and are more appropriately classified this way if any. Finally, Because electronic cigarettes contain NO tobacco, they should NOT be classified as tobacco products.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tina Jardine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It's the best thing ever. I feel better and don't have to worry about second hand smoke. It has no smell and is safe.

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I oppose Senate Bill 652. The use of electronic cigarettes has not been proven to be the same as the traditional tobacco cigarette and should not be treated as such until more research has been done. It should not be regulated the same way that traditional tobacco products are. Although there has been numerous research that traditional tobacco products are harmful to the smoker and surrounding people, there is hardly any to support defining electronic cigarettes as tobacco products.

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tina Shibuya	Individual	Oppose	No

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tish arnold	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Todd Gilardy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: E cigarettes don't need to be taxed anymore

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todd sullenger	Individual	Oppose	No

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todd wk kruse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: vapor shouldnt be put in the same category as smoking. you smell beter

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
todd wayne	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: i oppose this bill as it is a very bad idea

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tonya enos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: this bill should not be passed. no other people are affected besides the one who is vaping besides the vapor.

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Trevor Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

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trevor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am active military and this product has allowed me to quit. I believe that restricting this product not only pushes people back into smoking regular cigarettes which puts them at higher risk of diseases associated with the carcinogens; such as cancer emphysema which has cost my family many thousands of dollars before. if you are going to do anything to this product; you should be promote it as a healthier way of quitting smoking. it does not have the bad side affects that are attributed to smoking like tar that comes as a side affect to the smoke. this product leaves none of that behind. its a guilt free way of working past Americas addiction, an addiction which does not just encompass people but generations.

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Troy Sheets	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tully O'reilly	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tyleen teixeira-rosa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tyler Haller	Individual	Oppose	No

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Valerie Miner	Individual	Oppose	No

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Vanessa Ilar	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vince Kwon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: this product has improved my quality of life by allowing me to quit cigarette smoking with the help of the staff at the Kapahulu vapor shop, therefore I DO NOT AGREE WITH PASSING THIS RIDICULOUS BILL.

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Vivian Lin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Electronic ciggerates should not be seen as tobacco. These liquids do not contain any harsh chemicals as would a regular ciggerate, leads to no second hand smoke risks and does require an 18+ ID at the time of purchase. If anything, regular cigarettes should be banned

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Vivian	Individual	Oppose	No

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Hawaii, 2/4/2013

If you really care about people health, electronic cigarettes should never be under the definition of tobacco products.

By the first place, electronic cigarettes have no smoke on it, and it doesn't make one per cent of the health damage the tobacco products does.

Please, think about the people at list once.

Thanks

Wagner Braga

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Walter Ahuna	Individual	Oppose	No

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Warren Ballesteros	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this because i think ecigs are not harmful to others.

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Wayne Fukushikma	Individual	Oppose	No

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Wendell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Its not smoke and the right of the peoples choice.

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wendi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: oppose because it is less harmful than cigarettes with additives

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Wendy Lopez	Individual	Oppose	No

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Wilhelmina Abang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have a husband that is trying to quit and choose this route on getting a electronic cigarette to help himself out. You have already banned on any tobacco use in resturants etc. So he figures he gets this because it not smoke and it wont harm anyone while smoking it. In the process it helps him to try and quit. By banning this I feel that every smoker will have a harder time trying to quit rather then help them out! This smoke does not harm anybody so why are you guys taking that away as well? I think you guys should just let it be because it doesn't harm anyone and it's vapor that simply disappears! I think theres other things that you guys should be worried about them some harmless vapor! Really people get over it! Vaping doesn't affect anyone!

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William Cardenas	Individual	Oppose	No

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## Tesimony for SB 652

Thank you for allowing me to submit my comments regarding this Bill. I was a 1 pack a day smoker for 30 years. Every morning, I would start my day with a smoke, and then cough up a gob of phlegm. Unpleasant isn't it. I hated smoking. Most smokers do. But I was a slave to cigarettes.

I use the term "was" because a year ago, my wife gave me an electronic cigarette. I tried it. It wasn't a perfect replacement, but it was good enough. I haven't had a tobacco cigarette since. My health has improved, and I don't cough anymore. I am an ex-smoker, something I never thought I'd be.

I agree with most of the provisions of this bill. Tobacco products harm people, and I wish I never started. But the inclusion of electronic cigarettes in this bill is ill conceived, and will serve to hinder many smokers find a safe alternative to smoking. If this committee truly cares for the health of Hawai'i, then it should be promoting alternatives to smoking, not throwing roadblocks in the way of the people.

I know of no definitive proof that shows electronic cigarettes to be unhealthy. If it is merely the substance nicotine, then look at our own Department of Health that distributes nicotine patches (which don't work as well by the way. I've tried). It appears to me that the proposed action is rash, and is not based on any knowledge of what an electronic cigarette is, how it works, and who benefits from them.

I encourage you to remove electronic cigarettes from this Bill.

Thank you.

William Moore  
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Winona Moreno	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This product us helping me quit cigarettes. I really like this product.

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