

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 7, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2321
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2321
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF ELECTRONIC
SMOKING DEVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the use of
electronic smoking devices, also referred to as e-cigarettes, in
enclosed and partially enclosed public areas, places of
employment, and other areas specified under Chapter 328J, Hawaii
Revised Statutes, where the smoking of tobacco products is
prohibited under that chapter.

This measure also updates signage requirements to reflect
that e-cigarettes and other electronic smoking devices are
prohibited where smoking is prohibited by law.

The Department of Health, Department of the Attorney General,
American Heart Association, American Lung Association, Coalition
for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii, American Cancer Society Cancer Action
Network, and numerous individuals supported this measure. The
Hawaii Smokers Alliance and numerous individuals opposed this
measure.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate continued discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that the federal Food and Drug Administration intends to issue a proposed ruling that extends its tobacco product authority beyond cigarettes and tobacco, to include products like e-cigarettes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2321, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2321, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



