

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 20, 2014

RE: H.C.R. No. 186
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.C.R. No. 186 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF PROHIBITING SMOKING ON ALL OF HAWAII'S BEACHES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request a study be performed by the Department of Health which will examine the feasibility of prohibiting smoking on public beaches by requesting the Department of Health to:

- (1) Examine the effects smoking has on Hawaii's public beaches including adverse health and environmental effects, with regard to littering; and
- (2) Examine the public health effects of secondhand smoke in outdoor areas such as beaches; and
- (3) Identify what other states are doing to address the effects of secondhand smoke in outdoor areas such as beaches, including legislation from other states and any plans states have implemented to ban smoking on beaches and the outcome of those plans; and



- (4) Identify other options to reduce the harmful effects smoking has on Hawaii's beaches and coastal environment; and
- (5) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015.

Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii testified in support of this measure.

Your committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 186, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 186, H.D. 1.

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


DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



