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To: The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
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Date: Monday, March 17, 2014
Time: 1:45 P.M.
Place: Conference Room 229, State Capitol

From: Frederick D. Pablo, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: H.B. 1849, H.D. 1, Relating to Taxation

The Department of Taxation (Department) provides the following comments regarding H.B. 1849, H.D. 1, for the Committee's consideration.

H.B. 1849, H.D. 1, amends the tax on large cigars by replacing the current rate of 50% of the wholesale price with a rate of the lesser of either 50 cents per cigar or 50% of the wholesale price.

The Department recommends setting forth the amendment of section 245-3(a)(13), Hawaii Revised Statutes, as a new paragraph (14), and leaving the current paragraph (13) unamended, to avoid retroactively repealing the tax on large cigars sold, used or possessed before July 1, 2014. Retroactive application of the rate may create unintended consequences.

Second, the Department recommends the language be amended to read as follows:

(14) An excise tax equal to the lesser of:
(A) Fifty cents; or
(B) Fifty per cent of the wholesale price;
for each large cigar of any length, sold, used, or
possessed by a wholesaler or dealer on and after July
1, 2014, whether or not sold at wholesale, or if not
sold then at the same rate upon the use by the
wholesaler or dealer.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.



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Public Hearing: March 17, 2014; 1:45 p.m.

HB 1849, HD 1 – RELATING TO TAXATION

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **opposition** to HB 1849, HD1, which changes the excise tax rate on large cigars by setting the maximum tax at \$.50 per large cigar.

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

Cigar smoking has substantial health risks.

Many people view cigar smoking as more sophisticated and less dangerous than cigarette smoking. Yet one large cigar can contain as much tobacco as an entire pack of cigarettes. Cigars are tobacco, and they are dangerous to your health.

Cigars contain nicotine, the substance in tobacco that addicts people. Cigar smokers who inhale absorb nicotine through the lungs as quickly as cigarette smokers. For those who don't inhale, the nicotine absorbs more slowly through the lining of the mouth. Cigar smoke dissolves more easily in saliva than cigarette smoke. This means cigar smokers can get the desired dose of nicotine without inhaling the smoke into their lungs. People who use oral or spit tobacco products absorb nicotine the same way. Nicotine in any form is highly addictive.

Cigars are not a safer alternative to cigarettes.

Cigars contain the same cancer-causing substances as cigarettes and other tobacco products. Cigar smoking increases the risk of cancers of the lung, mouth, larynx,

esophagus, and likely pancreas and bladder (if inhaled). Cigar smokers are four to ten times more likely to die from laryngeal, oral, or esophageal cancers than nonsmokers. Even cigar smokers who don't inhale are still breathing in large amounts of smoke that come from the lit end of the cigar and face an increased risk of lung cancer.

Even though people smoke cigars for different reasons, the fact is, like cigarettes, cigars deliver nicotine. Most full size cigars have as much nicotine as several cigarettes. Cigarettes contain an average of about 8 milligrams (mg) of nicotine. Many popular brands of larger cigars contain between 100 and 200 mg, or even as many as 444 mg of nicotine.

Like all other tobacco products, cigars should be subject to taxation to reduce the deadly and costly burden of tobacco use.

What this measure attempts to do is treat large cigars differently than other tobacco products by capping the tax to \$.50. Large cigars may contain more than a half an ounce of tobacco. *This is as much tobacco as a whole pack of cigarettes.* This measure essentially makes the purchase of tobacco cheaper for a cigar than a cigarette. We shouldn't be favoring one tobacco product over another and creating an unjustified economic advantage for a known cause of cancer. For these reasons, ACS CAN is in opposition to this measure and urges the committee to consider the negative health effects that come from making a tobacco product more affordable for people, especially our youth and young adults.

Hawaii has always taken great pride in being known as the healthiest state in the nation: let's not undo all of the progress we have made to reduce the burden of tobacco and cancer. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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From: Les Drent
for the Hawaii Cigar Association

Re: HB1849, HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Senator Green and Members of the Senate Committee on Health,

The Hawaii Cigar Association (HCA) supports the findings of the Legislature, and we also support HB1849. However, we recommend amending the language defining a “large cigar.” The HCA believes that “large cigars” should be defined the way that the HCA defines a “premium cigar”: A premium cigar is made with all-natural tobacco leaf; it is hand-constructed and hand-wrapped; it has no filter or added flavor; and it weighs more than four pounds per one thousand cigars.

The HCA contends that cigars meeting these criteria are rarely--if ever--possessed or consumed by minors and therefore pose negligible risk to them. Children are not attracted to the flavor of premium cigars, and their cost--between \$5 and \$30 apiece on average--prices them beyond the reach of most minors. The most valuable effect using HCA’s definition is that it excludes the inexpensive, under-sized, machine-made, flavored cigars that do pose a risk to youth consumers. As the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii itself wrote of such products in its March 13, 2013 report, “These are not your grandfather’s cigars.”

The HCA is committed to protecting the freedom of legal-age adults to enjoy premium cigars. Pursuant to that aim, HCA is also committed to revising the burdensome Hawai‘i tax code, which disadvantages the local premium cigar industry by requiring it to pay far more than its fair share in taxes for their artisanal products, and which also incentivizes consumers to buy cheaper cigars from unlicensed sources outside the state.

The HCA stands united with the Legislature and with Tobacco-Free in ensuring that Hawai‘i’s youth be discouraged from using tobacco of any kind, including premium cigars. Applying our definition would close loopholes in the large cigar category and create much-needed distinction that would enable agencies to mitigate risks to public health while also supporting Hawai‘i’s nascent premium cigar industry.

On behalf of all Americans who enjoy premium cigars and support local business, we thank you for your consideration on this very important tax bill.

Sincerely,



Les Drent
for the Hawaii Cigar Association

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From: [LBD Coffee](#)
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Subject: HB1849 HCA Testimony Again 4 of 4
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Aloha Senate Committee on Health,

We were again unsuccessful in uploading all three files of petitions (less than 8MB each) through the capitol.hawaii.gov web site. Only three of three appears to have been transmitted. Please let us know that the following testimony was received:

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Thank you. Any questions please contact us.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Respectfully Submitted,

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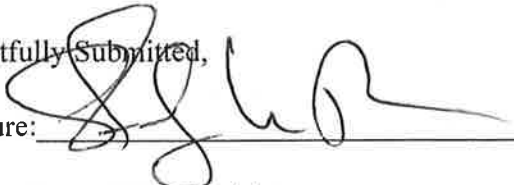
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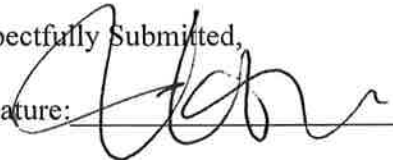
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Signature: 

Printed Name: Matthew Campbell

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: MARVIN CHANG

Business Name (if applicable): R. FIELD WINE CO.

Street Address: 3536 HARDING AVE. City: HONOLULU State: HI

Zip: 96816 Telephone: 735-7368 Email Address: marvinchang@foodland.com

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Signature: 

Printed Name: Michael Chung

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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State: Hi

Zip: 96813

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Email Address: Mchung808@gmail.com

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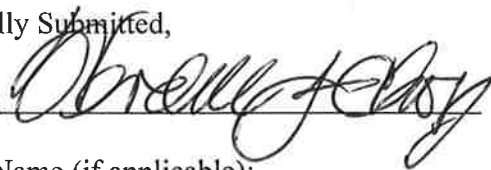
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Printed Name:

Wendell Choy

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2318 Seaview Ave

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96822

Telephone:

218-8304

Email Address:

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Signature: James W. Danz Printed Name: JAMES W DANZ

Business Name (if applicable): ISLAND GUITARS

Street Address: 1050 AIA MOANA BLVD City: HON. State: HI

Zip: 96814 Telephone: 591-2910 Email Address: Aloha@islandguitars.com

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Signature: Aki W. de Leon Printed Name: Aki W. de Leon

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Zip: 96707 Telephone: 808 398 0426 Email Address: akideleon@gmail.com

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Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Dr. Roberto Barreiro de Vez

Business Name (if applicable): _____

AGRACIG LLC

Street Address: _____

92-100

Waipahu Place

City: _____

Ko Olina/Kapolei

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808-371-7759

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agracig@gmail.com

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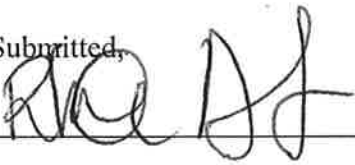
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Signature: _____



Printed Name: _____

RHONDA DE JESUS

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

91-1037 KAIPALAOA

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ST EWA BEACH

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Signature: [Signature] Printed Name: Janet P. Dela Cruz

Business Name (if applicable): N/A

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Zip: 96707 Telephone: 808-218-2220 Email Address: Baby-doll708@msn.com

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Signature:  Printed Name: Les Drent
Business Name (if applicable): Kauai Cigar
Street Address: 6200 B Kawaihau Rd City: Kapa'a State: HI
Zip: 96746 Telephone: 808-822-4495 Email Address: les@bdcoffee.com

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Signature: Mary Morgan Evans Printed Name: Mary Morgan Evans

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Signature: Jon Fia Printed Name: Jon Fia

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Zip: 96707 Telephone: 808-672-6665 Email Address: jonfia@gmail.com

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Signature:  Printed Name: Elyne Fia

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Signature:  Printed Name: JAMES FRANCOISE

Business Name (if applicable): A&J PACIFIC, LLC

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Zip: 96786 Telephone: 808 753 2024 Email Address: Jim.francoise@HawaiiCigar.com

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Signature: Donald Fernelius Printed Name: Donald Fernelius

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 91-069 Parish DR City: Ewa Beach State: HI

Zip: 96706 Telephone: 808-205-1852 Email Address: fernelliussdd@yahoo.com

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Business Name (if applicable): QSI Inc.

Street Address: 2919 Kapiolani Blvd City: Honolulu State: HI

Zip: 96826 Telephone: 739-9463 Email Address: jasonf@times-supermarket.com

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Signature: [Signature] Printed Name: Mike Goodnight

Business Name (if applicable): Goodnight's Corp. dba Splash Cafe

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Zip: 96766 Telephone: 245-2012 Email Address: mdg@splashcafehi.com

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Business Name (if applicable): Aloha Care
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Zip: 96814 Telephone: _____ Email Address: gdavethewave@ad.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: Chester Gumbau

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 91-545 Hulua Pl City: Ewa Beach State: HI

Zip: 96706 Telephone: 295-3149 Email Address: Chester.g@times-supplement.com

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Signature:  Printed Name: Glenn Haase

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 94-203 Mahinahau Pl. City: Mililani State: HI

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Signature: Edana Harrell Printed Name: EDANA HARRELL

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Zip: 94764 Telephone: 909-794-8033 Email Address: edana87@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Boyd Haupt Printed Name: Boyd L. Haupt

Business Name (if applicable): N/A

Street Address: P.O. Box 1596 City: Kaunakakai State: HI

Zip: 96748 Telephone: 808 691 0920 Email Address:

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Signature: *R. Leighton Hayashi*

Printed Name: R. LEIGHTON HAYASHI

Business Name (if applicable): Kanai Cigar

Street Address: 726 Maunawaa Ave

City: Maunawaa

State: HI

Zip: 96768

Telephone: 808-357-3858

Email Address: lhayashi@kanai-cigar.com

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Signature:  Printed Name: ERIC HAYES

Business Name (if applicable): N/A

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Zip: 96707 Telephone: _____ Email Address: EHAYES@BOBRYANOW.COM

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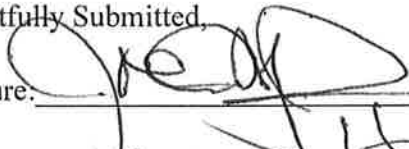
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Signature: 

Printed Name: SARAH HANSEN

Business Name (if applicable): Honolulu Tasting Co

Street Address: 1448 KALANANAKU

City: KAILUA

State: HI

Zip: 96734

Telephone: 87-9468

Email Address: HONOLULU TASTING CO

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Street Address: _____

1122A 2nd Ave

City: _____

Honolulu

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96816

Telephone: _____

808-489-1337

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Mark A. Holloway Printed Name: MARK A. HOLLOWAY

Business Name (if applicable): Tobaccos of Hawaii

Street Address: 3558 WOODLAWN DR City: HNL State: _____

Zip: 96822 Telephone: 541-525-8296 Email Address: _____

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Signature:  Printed Name: Norlan Horita

Business Name (if applicable): Hanapepe's Sushi Co Inc

Street Address: 1520 C Palolo Ave City: Honolulu State: HI

Zip: 96816 Telephone: 729-2560 Email Address: _____

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Signature: Dennis A. Huddy Printed Name: DENNIS A. HUDDY

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Signature:  Printed Name: PAULS, JIM

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Zip: 96822 Telephone: _____ Email Address: jpmalcohal3@yahoo.com

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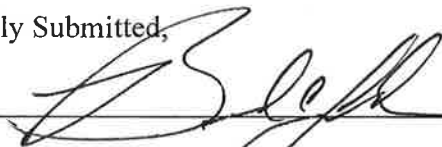
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Signature:



Printed Name:

Brandon Jackson

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Honolulu

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Signature: Nicole KK Jones Printed Name: Nicole KK Jones

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Signature: Samuel T. Jones III Printed Name: Samuel T. Jones III

Business Name (if applicable): Tobacco of Hawaii

Street Address: 512 Atkinson Dr. City: Honolulu State: HI

Zip: 96814 Telephone: 808 954 0504 Email Address: stj386@gmail.com

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Signature: *Lalaine Kaai*

Printed Name: Lalaine Kaai

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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City: Honolulu

State: HI

Zip: 96818

Telephone: 330-9794

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Signature: John Kabue Printed Name: John Kabue

Business Name (if applicable): D.O.H

Street Address: 3949 Diamond Dr City: Hon State: HI

Zip: 90815 Telephone: 620 0588 Email Address: _____

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Signature:  Printed Name: Alan Kane
Business Name (if applicable): N/A
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Zip: 96822 Telephone: 808-748-9115 Email Address: alan.kane@hawaii.edu

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Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Printed Name: KAMUELA KANESHIRU

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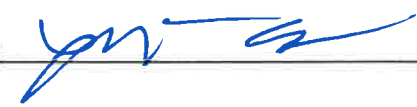
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Cathy Kerr

Printed Name: _____

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Business Name (if applicable): _____

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223 Sondley Dr^w

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Randall K. Kerr

Printed Name: Randall K. Kerr

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Signature:  Printed Name: IAN KIM

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Zip: 96707 Telephone: 554-2693 Email Address: SOME_GUY808@YAHOO.COM

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Signature:  Printed Name: Lisa Lawson

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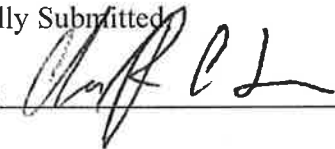
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Signature:



Printed Name:

Christopher C Lee

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Signature:  Printed Name: Eric Letan

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Signature:  Printed Name: TAD LINCE

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Zip: 96825 Telephone: 808-384-9985 Email Address: mvelchada@wind.com

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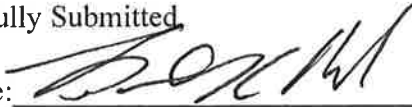
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Signature: 

Printed Name: Brennan Maika

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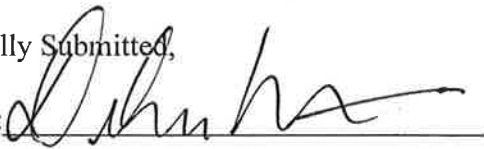
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Signature:



Printed Name:

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Signature:  Printed Name: Grantell McCray

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Zip: 96784 Telephone: 404-252-9994 Email Address: C.mccray55@gmail.com

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1131 HOOZAN ST #6

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Signature: Melissa McCarty Printed Name: Melissa McCarty

Business Name (if applicable): N/A

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Signature:  Printed Name: John Miranda

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Zip: 96792 Telephone: 265 4100 Email Address: clabsigkaluna@gmail.com

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Signature: _____

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Printed Name: _____

Shawna Misi

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Kaunua

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Signature: Michael A. Monroe Printed Name: Michael A. Monroe

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Zip: 96797 Telephone: 808 381 8487 Email Address: cigarguyhi@gmail.com

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Signature: 

Printed Name: Russ Moore

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Signature:  Printed Name: RENEE MURADICA

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 739 HAUSTEN ST. # 804 City: HON State: HI

Zip: 96826 Telephone: 808-783-2225 Email Address: rrmuradica@yahoo.com

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Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Printed Name: Curt Nakagawa

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Zip: 96744 Telephone: 808 3924632 Email Address: ruinorruoutsk@gmail.com

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Signature:  Printed Name: Kevin T. Nakata

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Zip: 96814 Telephone: 453-0808 Email Address: nakata.kevin@yahoo.com

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Signature: 

Printed Name: STEVEN NAKATA

Business Name (if applicable): Kawai Community College

Street Address: 31901 Kaimuali'i Hwy

City: Pihun

State: HI

Zip: 96765

Telephone: 808 634 7154

Email Address: Nakatas@Hawaii.edu

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Signature:  Printed Name: RONN NOZOF

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: PO BOX 179338 City: HON State: HI

Zip: 96817 Telephone: 306-1189 Email Address: RONN308@gmail.com

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Printed Name: _____

Sue Okada

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

3133 Jerves Street

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96766

Telephone: _____

808-835-1821

Email Address: _____

sueann@hawaii.edu

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Signature: 

Printed Name: Douglass Owens

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 98-208 Aiea Kai Pl City: Aiea State: HI

Zip: 96701 Telephone: 808 484 7509 Email Address: DouglassOwens@gmail.com

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Signature: Naomi Owens Printed Name: Naomi Owens

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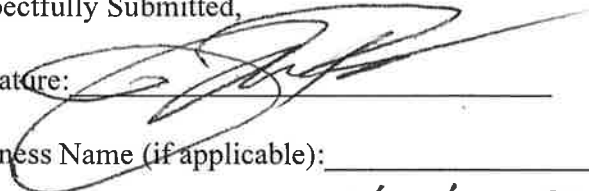
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Signature: 

Printed Name: John Parker

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Zip: 96814

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Signature: Alesana Pake Printed Name: Doc Pake

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Zip: 96797 Telephone: _____ Email Address: chkezz@yahoo

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Signature: 

Printed Name: Donna Pennington

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Zip: 96821 Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

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Printed Name: _____

RICHARD PEREZ

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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444 LUNAWAO HONOLULU

City: _____

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State: _____

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Telephone: _____

808.591.2942

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Signature:  Printed Name: Dante Rengil

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Zip: 96822 Telephone: 808-220-3121 Email Address: steve-fatman-00@yahoo.com

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Signature: 

Printed Name: ROYCE SAIKI

Business Name (if applicable): ALBENS FINE LLC

Street Address: 3124-K WINDY AVE

City: HON

State: HI

Zip: 016126

Telephone: 220-7112

Email Address: _____

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Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Printed Name: LYN SALAMANCA

Business Name (if applicable):

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Zip: 96797 Telephone: 676-1076 Email Address: LORILYN@HAWAII.EDU

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Signature:  Printed Name: GRETCHEN SANDERS

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 91-1091 PAPA A ST City: KAPOLEI State: HI

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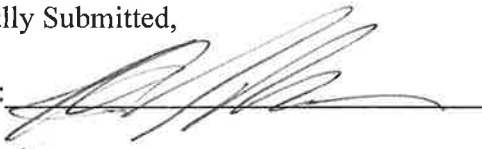
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Printed Name: J. W. SCHAUMBUKE

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City: Honolulu

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Telephone: 509-670-2150

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Signature: _____

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Signature: Bronson K. Silva Printed Name: Bronson K. Silva

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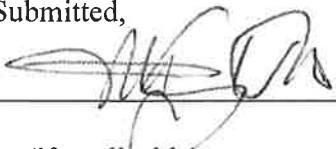
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Patrick Tenjoran

Printed Name: _____

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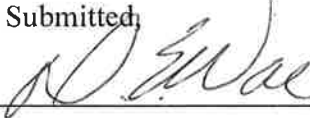
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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: Ernest T. Wearner Jr.

Business Name (if applicable): CRA

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Zip: 96734 Telephone: 703-472-3384 Email Address: ernestwearner@gmail.com

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Signature:  Printed Name: Gregory A. Wheelan

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Signature:

Marlah Whelan

Printed Name:

MARLAH WHELAN

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City: _____

State: _____

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Signature: 

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Signature: AV Printed Name: ANA VANDUWIA

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Signature:  Printed Name: EARL YOSHI

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: DANIEL S. YOSHIKAZUMI JR.

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Signature: Derek Yh Printed Name: Derek Yoshizumi

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Signature:



Printed Name:

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Jon Adams

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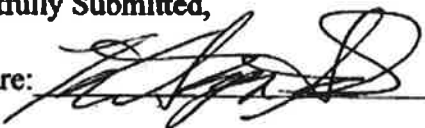
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Signature: 

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Signature: 

Printed Name: Kim Aloga

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96768

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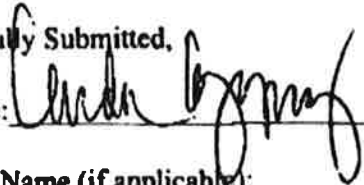
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 Signature:  Printed Name: Linda Agipay
 Business Name (if applicable): _____
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Lahaina, HI 96731
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Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Printed Name: Pranda Akana

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: Leleka Akima

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Signature: Late Akeia Printed Name: Late Akeia

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Telephone: 808 261 6317 Email Address: _____

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Printed Name: _____

PAUL ALKIRE

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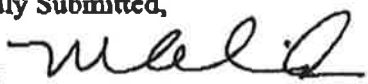
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Signature:  Date: 9/12/12

Print name: MICHAEL ALMEIDA

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____



Jerry B. Atmaguera

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Signature: 

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Respectfully Submitted,

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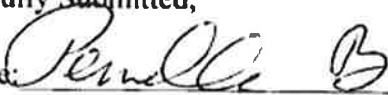
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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Penick Beardsley

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 2587 Kokomo Rd City: Hai'ku State: HI

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Bonilla

Signature: _____



Printed Name: _____

Daniel Bonilla

Business Name (if applicable): _____

AVA Advisors

Street Address: _____

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City: _____

Hon

State: HI

Telephone: _____

341-4283

Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Gregory Brown Printed Name: Gregory Brown
 Business Name (if applicable): Soleil & Gaia LTD DBA The Wine Corner
 Street Address: 149 Hana City: Paia State: HI
 Telephone: 579.8904 Email Address: maniwinecorner@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: Perry Bullard

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 3905 Costa de Plata City: San Clemente State: CA

Telephone: 949 466 6614 Email Address: pbullard13@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:

John Bucke

Printed Name:

John Bucke

Business Name (if applicable):

N/A

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10 HALILI LANE, 1F

City:

KIHEI

State:

HI

Telephone:

808-870-2121

Email Address:

morlinfisher@hotmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Alan Burt Printed Name: Alan Burt

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 2890 IOLANI ST City: MAKAHANA State: HI

Telephone: 808-298-4518 Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:

Stephen Bush

Printed Name:

Stephen Bush

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 412 Bugatti Ct. City: San Jose State: CA

Telephone: 408-529-7397 Email Address: thebushmaster2@netzero.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: _____

Printed Name: CAFLISCH, ERIC R.

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Telephone: 410 429-7173 Email Address: ECAFLISCH@GMAIL.COM

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: WILLIAM C. CHAMBERLAIN

Business Name (if applicable): N/A

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City: KAHULUI

State: HI

Telephone: 808 753 0669

Email Address: CHAMBERLAIN@GMAIL.COM

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Isabelle Chainet Printed Name: ISABELLE CHAINET

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Zip: _____ Telephone: 808 889.16.50 Email Address: chainetisobelle@yahoo.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Jessica Chang

Printed Name: Jessica Chang

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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City: HAIKU

State: HI

Telephone: 269-7934

Email Address: changjessica@yahoo.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: MARK CING-MARS

Business Name (if applicable): N/A

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City: HONOLULU

State: HI

Telephone: 808-499-9341

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Linda Clark Printed Name: Linda Clark

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 1941 A S Kihoe Rd City: Kilauea State: HI 96753

Telephone: 879-1919 Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Thomas Clark Printed Name: Thomas Clark

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: KUHIA SIKHE RI City: Kula State: HI 36753

Telephone: 877-1919 Email Address: _____

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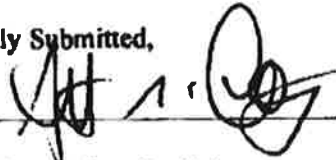
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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Scott Cooley

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Telephone: (808) 529-6600 Email Address: scottb1@gmail.com

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Signature: Tina L. Corniel Printed Name: Tina L. Corniel

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 341 Ehilani st. city: Pukalani State: HI

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

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Signature: 

Printed Name: James B Carr

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 4057 Konoa Pl

City: Honolulu

State: hi

Telephone: _____

Email Address: light2protect@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: JJ K Cocca

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 2121 Heunahewa Dr City: Wailuku State: Hi

Telephone: 968 357-7177 Email Address: Criptick_writer@hotmail.com

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print name: _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Rachel Conroy Printed Name: RACHEL CONROY

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Street Address: 55 S. KUKUI #1302 City: HONOLULU State: HI

Telephone: 248.802.8081 Email Address: conroyra@yahoo.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: Michael Crim

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Telephone: 808-280-7759 Email Address: valleyisle@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: *Kawika Crowley* Printed Name: KAWIKA CROWLEY
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Telephone: 381 9031 Email Address: KAWIKC@AOL.COM

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: MJ Culvyhouse Printed Name: MJ Culvyhouse
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Telephone: 808-247-5547 Email Address: culvyhouse@gmail.com

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Signature: 

Printed Name: CHRIS DAVIS

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Telephone: 808-781-1323 Email Address: 808DefBRillatae@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: *R. Delvin* Printed Name: PAVIN DELVIN

Business Name (if applicable): (666 Fruit St.) ABC STORES

Street Address: ~~1111~~ 666 Fruit St. City: Honolulu State: HI

Telephone: 661-2623 Email Address: _____

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Signature: *Brenden N. Demello*

Printed Name: Brenden N. Demello

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 580 line'one st City: Wailuku State: HI

Telephone: 781-8785 Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: MARK ALLEN DESMOND

Business Name (if applicable): US NAVY

Street Address: 153 Heritage PRIME

City: DECATUR

State: TX

Telephone: 559-309-1645

Email Address: bronc.n.mel@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Robert Donovan

Business Name (if applicable): SAME

Street Address: 502 N KALANEO AVE

City: KAILUA

State: HI

Telephone: 342 7218

Email Address: RBT.DONOVAN@EMAIL.COM

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: J. T. Estes

Printed Name: J. T. Estes

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 119 Merchant

City: Honolulu

State: HI

Telephone: 341-2418

Email Address: X

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: *David Pasternak* Printed Name: David Pasternak

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 1551 Ala Moana Blvd #802 City: Honolulu State: HI

Telephone: 508 702 1368 Email Address: David@hawaii.org

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Lee S. Facknell Printed Name: Lee S. Facknell

Business Name (if applicable): N.A.

Street Address: 3020 ALA NAPUAA City: HONO State: HI

Telephone: 839-5261 Email Address: N.A.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Peter Factor

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 1561 Kamehameha St. City: Honolulu State: HI

Telephone: 945-9274 Email Address: pjfactor@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Printed Name: GRAYLO TRACYANA

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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City: HON

State: HI

Zip: 96822

Telephone: 808 428 7945

Email Address: _____

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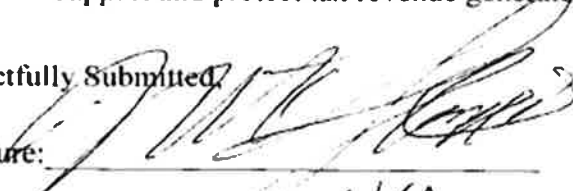
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Signature: 

Printed Name: MATTHEW FLOGSTAD

Business Name (if applicable): N/A

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City: HONOLULU

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Telephone: 402-480-7976

Email Address: MATTHEW.FLOGSTAD@GMAIL.COM

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: A. J. Frazier, Jr.

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: _____

Jason Galt

Printed Name: _____

Jason Galt

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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2251 Kapikian Blvd #2

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State: HI

Telephone: _____

808-348-7868

Email Address: _____

galtj@hawaiiicigar.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Monaliza Garcia Torres Printed Name: Monaliza Garcia-Torres

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Telephone: 808 888 2989 Email Address: momodet6@yahoo.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: *Rachel Ann George*

Printed Name: Rachel Ann George

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 2446 Wai'anae City: Honolulu State: HI

Zip: 96916 Telephone: 927-6754 Email Address: _____

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Signature: Henry S Gwora Date: 3/2/12

Print name: Henry S Gwora

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Richard A. Gilmore Printed Name: Richard A. Gilmore

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 2158 Main St #201 City: Wailuku State: HI

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: *Dante Gines* Printed Name: Dante Gines

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 928 upaku st City: Waialua State: HI

Telephone: 208 6883 Email Address: Dante Gines 808@hi
waialua.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Joshua Guerrero SGT/USMA

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 4215 Crown St City: Honolulu State: HI

Telephone: 420-330-4247 Email Address: JOSHUA.GUERRERO@US.ARMY.MIL

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CIGARS HELPED ME WORK THROUGH MY DEPLOYMENT TO AFGHANISTAN.
HELPED RELAX US AFTER TRAUMATIC EVENTS.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Lisa Green

Business Name (if applicable): Rodeo General Store Sport

Street Address: 1847 S Kihue Rd

City: Kihue

State: HI

Telephone: 833 4990

Email Address: locked98d5@myricks.net

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Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

TYLER GREEN

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

1720 HANASU # 400

City: HENLOLO

State: HI

Telephone: _____

203 285 0445

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:

Charlotte Hamora

Printed Name:

Charlotte Hamora

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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P.O. Box 1276

City:

Puukunua

State:

Hi

Telephone:

808-269-9227

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Signature: David Hall Printed Name: David Hall

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Telephone: 787-1198 Email Address: monistayee22@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: Tim Hall

Business Name (if applicable): MILLWORY-LLC

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Telephone: 808 250 0552 Email Address: 927+hall@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: Yunki Iihama

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 1346 Makaikea St City: HON State: HI

Telephone: 450-4668 Email Address: yunki@theuglycrew

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Paul W. Harrison

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 153 SALK

City: CORLSBORO

State: CA

Telephone: 858-339-9152

Email Address: PHARRISON@GMAIL.COM

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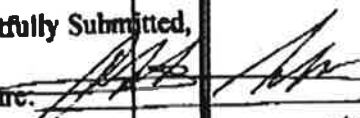
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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Andrew Hanson

Business Name (if applicable): N/A

Street Address: 1429 Lindbergh Apt. 8

City: Honolulu

State: HI

Telephone: N/A

Email Address: clark.hanson@yahoo.com

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Signature:  Printed Name: Joseph Hart

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: P.O. Box 490 City: Kaneohe State: Hi.

Telephone: 808 354 1326 Email Address: Kaneohejoe@yahoo.com

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Signature:  Printed Name: Lejane Hastikizaki

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 191 Hualani Ln City: Punaluu State: HI

Telephone: 808 575 9496 Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: CARISSA HAYASHI

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 2888 Ala Ilima St #111 City: HONOLULU State: HI

Telephone: 808 033-3153 Email Address: CARISSA.SAN@GMAIL.COM

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: *Dan Hayashi*

Printed Name: DAN HAYASHI

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 45-228 PAHIKAWA

City: KANELOE

State: HI

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Email Address: DAN.HAYASHI@HAWAII.CIGAR.COM

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Dean A. Hayashi Printed Name: Dean A. Hayashi

Business Name (if applicable): HAYASHI HOUSE

Street Address: 726 MAKAWAO AVE City: MAKAWAO State: HI

Telephone: 808-572-4560 Email Address: hayashi.dana@aol.com

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Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

James Herbstman

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City: Lahaina

State: HI

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

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Signature:  Printed Name: STEPHEN HIGO

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 445A LONG AVE City: KAU State: HI

Telephone: 808-871-5195 Email Address: SHIGO@HAWAIIICIGARASSOCIATION.ORG

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Signature: _____



Printed Name: _____

SEVEV HIRAEHIMA

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

805 ALENA ST.

City: _____

WAILUKU

State: _____

HI

Telephone: _____

808.213.5306

Email Address: _____

N/A

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:

Tommy Hollenbeck

Printed Name:

Tommy Hollenbeck

Business Name (if applicable):

ISLAND BUS SALES

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HAWAII

State:

HI

Zip:

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Telephone:

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Email Address:

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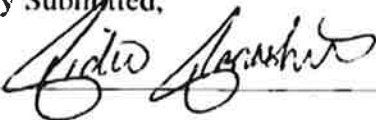
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Signature: _____



Printed Name: _____

Hideo Horachiro

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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P.O. Box 256651

City: _____

HONOLULU

State: HI

Telephone: _____

808 348 0273

Email Address: _____

Hideo@martinardmacbeth.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:

David Horen

Printed Name:

DAVID HOREN

Business Name (if applicable):

D&J landscape & maint

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city:

HNL

State:

HI

Telephone:

808-538-1850

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Sean Hubbard Printed Name: Sean Hubbard

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 647 Moolis St. City: Keolu State: HI

Telephone: 808-315-6029 Email Address: _____

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Signature: **Matthew M. Hull** Digitally signed by Matthew M. Hull
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email=matthull@hotmail.com, c=US
Date: 2013.01.09 11:57:56 -0800 Printed Name: Matthew M. Hull

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 3730 Edison Ave. City: Sacramento State: CA

Zip: 95821 Telephone: 916 642-3554 Email Address: matthull@hotmail.com

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As a frequent visitor to Hawaii and someone who enjoys a good cigar, I would encourage you to support this legislation. Mahalo!

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Lance Hulleman Jr. Printed Name: Lance Hulleman Jr.

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 2345 Ala Wai #1507 City: HON State: HI

Telephone: 474-8000 Email Address: _____

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Signature: 

Printed Name: RODNEY H. IAP JR.

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 99-546 DHA IULA PL. City: AIEA State: HI

Telephone: 808-356-9073 Email Address: js4tda@gmail.com

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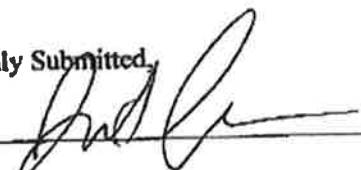
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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Justin Ingram

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 2609 Date St. #9 City: Honolulu State: HI

Telephone: _____ Email Address: Surftoh@hotmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: Maelani K. Iokepa

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 2637 Kuilei St. #A101 City: Honolulu State: HI

Telephone: 808 282 6922 Email Address: maelani.iokepa@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Paul A. IRELAND

KOFTINLU

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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City: Honolulu

State: HI

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: Dennis Irie

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 3989A Nuuanu Pali Dr City: Honolulu State: HI

Telephone: 595-8477 Email Address: _____

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Signature: Patsy Irie Printed Name: Patsy Irie

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 2931 A Nuuanu Pkwy City: _____ State: HI

Telephone: 808-596-8417 Email Address: _____

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Signature: 

Printed Name: MIKE ISHIKAWA

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 2115 WELLS ST City: WAILUKU State: HI

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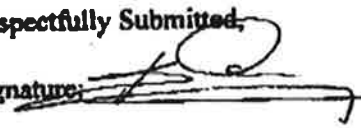
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Signature: 

Printed Name: EVAN T. ISON

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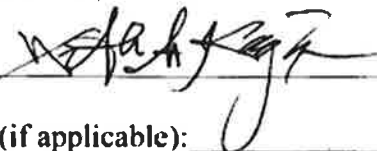
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Signature:  Printed Name: Nathan Kageyama

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Signature: 

Printed Name: QAZ KALI

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: *Eddie K. Kan* Printed Name: Eddie K. Kan

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Telephone: 272-1839 Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Alan Kamae

Business Name (if applicable): Alan Kamae - Cigar

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City: Honolulu

State: HI

Zip: 96819

Telephone: 808-578-1954

Email Address: alan.kamae@aphoo.co

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Chad Kanaka

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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City: Waipahu

State: HI

Telephone: 808-268-0568

Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Mikaela Printed Name: Rissa Keala

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Signature: Samuel Keau Printed Name: SAMUEL KEAU

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Respectfully Submitted

Signature: 

Printed Name: Stephen Kim

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Signature: Wayne Hitamura Printed Name: Wayne Hitamura

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

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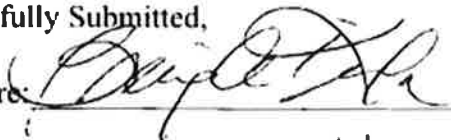
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Signature:



Printed Name:

Brent K. Higgins

Business Name (if applicable):

Nugget & Associates

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Honolulu

State:

HI

Telephone:

808 349-3309

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brentk@nuggets.com

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Signature: Harumi Kobayashi Printed Name: HARUMI KOBAYASHI

Business Name (if applicable): MEJIRO GRAPHICS

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Zip: 98365 Telephone: 360-774-6721 Email Address: harumi@mejirographics.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: *Christy Kozawa* Printed Name: CHRISTY KOZAWA

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:

Fene K. Keittas

Printed Name:

FENE K. KEITTAS

Business Name (if applicable):

Martin & MacArthur

Street Address:

1315 KAHAI ST.

City:

Honolulu

State:

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Telephone:

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Roberta S. Kukx

Printed Name: Roberta S. Kukx

Business Name (if applicable): n/a

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Telephone: _____ Email Address: covercaddy@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Kawai Kuluhua Printed Name: Kawai Kuluhua

Business Name (if applicable): PDS

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Telephone: 250-1627 Email Address: kkuluhua@hotmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Susan Rosen Date: 3-2-2011

Print name: SUSAN ROSEN

Business Name (if applicable): HPC

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: PAUL KUTSUNA

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Telephone: 808-242-4945 Email Address: _____

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Signature: 

Printed Name: Samuel M. Laca ^{Laca}

Business Name (if applicable): N/A

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City: Waipahu

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Berni L. Linn

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 1088 Bishop St City: Hon State: HI

Telephone: 539-3000 Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: MARGHAN LENZ

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

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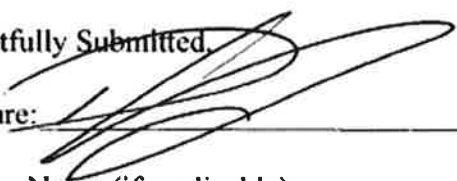
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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Paul Lepik

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: PO Box 198900 PMB 208 City: HAWAII State: HI

Telephone: 769-1107 Email Address: paul.lepik@mac.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Kahai Lindsey

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 309 Makalahou Loop

City: Wailuku

State: HI

Telephone: 808-447-3419

Email Address: lkahai57@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Hua Jun Ly

Business Name (if applicable): Hunter tour

Street Address: 337 C Punhue PL City: Hon State: Hi

Telephone: 358-2688 Email Address: Hunter-Ben@hotmail.com

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We did pay tax but not that much.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: David Litman

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Telephone: 575-2165 Email Address: _____

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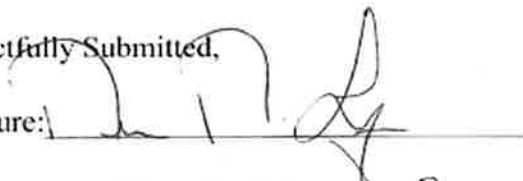
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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:



Printed Name: REBECCA R. LOFGREN

Business Name (if applicable):

RODEO GENERAL STORE SOUTH

Street Address:

1847 S. Kihikihi Rd

City: Kihikihi

State: HI

Telephone:

N/A

Email Address:

N/A

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: GERARD LUPPIA

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 1427 ENHUPUA ST. City: HONOLULU State: HI

Telephone: 808-780-9501 Email Address: ger@hawaii.org

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: _____

Varian Victor Magallano

Date: _____

6/21/12

Print name: _____

Varian Victor Magallano

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Printed Name: Clare Mamura

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 1249 Kalia Rd City: Honolulu State: HI

Telephone: 549-7818 Email Address: clmamura@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: *Hallie Maebet*

Printed Name: Hallie Maebet

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 317 S. Kihou Rd City: Kihou State: HI

Telephone: 808 419-8177 Email Address: hmarbet@yahoo.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: SHANE MASUNAGA

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 4890 LUMI ST. City: Hon State: HI

Telephone: (808) 218-9815 Email Address: S-DANE568@MSM.COM

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Kyle Matsumoto

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 671 HALELA ST

City: KAILUA

State: HI

Telephone: 561-7769

Email Address: afityzoom@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: Carmine Matsui

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 304 Ima Way City: Honolulu State: HI

Telephone: 572-9665 Email Address: cm

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:

Danny Matsun

Printed Name:

Danny Matsun

Business Name (if applicable):

n/a

Street Address:

35 Mahalanui St.

City:

Waipahu

State:

HI

Telephone:

808-246-6414

Email Address:

Danny.Matsun@pepco.net

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Signature: *Harry Matsuyama Sr.* Printed Name: HARRY MATSUYAMA SR.

Business Name (if applicable): RETIRED

Street Address: 1105 Puuana St. City: MAILOWAY State: HI

Telephone: 573-1106 Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Chris Maxwell Printed Name: Christopher Maxwell

Business Name (if applicable): Tobaccos of Hawaii

Street Address: P.O. Box 342 City: Haleiwa State: HI

Telephone: 808-510-7086 Email Address: christopherthebartendermaxwell@
gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: smazbanian

Digitally signed by smazbanian
DN: cn=smazbanian, o=Hawaii Cigar Association, ou=Hawaii Cigar Association, email=smazbanian@hawaiiicigarassociation.org
Date: 2012.02.28 14:28:28 -08'00'

Printed Name: Shahc Mazbanian

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 3140 Kingridge Way City: Glendale State: Ca

Zip: 91206 Telephone: 818-649-0156 Email Address: Shahc.Mazbanian@hotmail.com

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Signature:

Erik A. McKeon

Printed Name:

Erik A. McKeon

Business Name (if applicable):

Street Address: 8787 W. Cornell Ave. #3 City: Lakewood State: CO

Telephone: (303) 594-7503 Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: Patrick M. McInerney

Business Name (if applicable): IRISH ROSE SALON

Street Address: 475 Ewa Rd City: Honolulu State: HI

Telephone: 808-591-7550 Email Address: patrickm@ejl-gc.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Date: 03/02/12

Print name: BOBBI MILLER

Business Name (if applicable): MEYDAY GRAPHICS

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Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Telephone: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:

Denise Mitchem

Printed Name:

Denise Mitchem

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address:

151-102 Wai CT

City:

Wahaiwa

State:

HI

Telephone:

808-888-7830

Email Address:

denmitchem@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Mitchem

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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City: Waikoloa

State: HI

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888-7830

JJ Mitchem@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Dan Miyahira

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 45-566 Keweenaw St City: Kaneohe State: HI 96744

Telephone: 375-4080 Email Address: Dmiyahira@jmail.com

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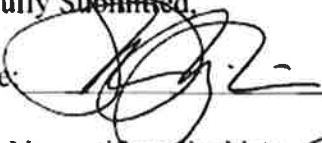
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Signature: 

Printed Name: Mark Miyahira

Business Name (if applicable): SWAM (Shirone's Wine & More)

Street Address: 98-1277 Kauhununu st #104

City: Aiea

State: HI

Telephone: 808-487-7926

Email Address: info@swamwine.com

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Signature: 

Printed Name: Anthony James Morris

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 204 Puuaina St

City: Honolulu

State: HI

Telephone: 808 572 2478

Email Address: _____

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Signature: 

Printed Name: W. Merton

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 584 Akolea St.

City: Wailuku

State: HI

Telephone: 808.242.7444

Email Address: _____

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Signature: 

Printed Name: Mizota
TRACY MIZOTA

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 2165-B 10th AVE

City: HONOLULU

State: HI

Telephone: (808)227-6900

Email Address: tm_@hotmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Keith Nakagawa

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 3669-B Woodlawn

City: Honolulu

State: HI

Telephone: (808) 351-6766

Email Address: calabashtheband@yahoo.com

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Signature:  Printed Name: ALVINI KIRIAHINA

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: P.O. Box 2140 City: Waikoloa State: HI

Telephone: 757 3462 Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Printed Name: CARLETT W. MARINO
 Business Name (if applicable): MAHE BREWING Co.
 Street Address: 910 HENOPELELANE City: LAHONA State: HI
 Telephone: 808-661-6205 Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: David Andrew Nisbet Printed Name: David Andrew Nisbet

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 13-3606 Nohoa St City: Pahoa State: HI

Zip: 96778 Telephone: 808-965-6452 Email Address: nisbet1@yahoo.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Darlene Nishimura Printed Name: Darlene Nishimura

Business Name (if applicable): Martin & MacArthur

Street Address: 1815 Kaha'i Street City: Honolulu State: HI

Telephone: 845-6688 Email Address: darlene@martinandmacarthur.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Printed Name: FRED OGASAWARA

Business Name (if applicable): NA

Street Address: 498 POULANUI DR City: WAILUKU State: HI

Telephone: 881-4710 Email Address: _____

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Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Printed Name: JAMES Y. [Handwritten Name]

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 210 N. WILSON AVE City: PERU State: HI

Telephone: 488-5264 Email Address: _____

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Signature: Noah Orin Printed Name: NOAH ORIAN

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 510 IMI PL #202 City: WAILUKU State: HI

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

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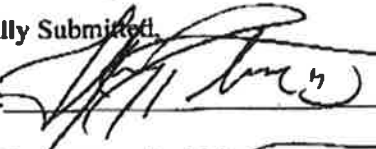
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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Tiffany Palmer

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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City: Saint Joseph

State: MO

Zip: 64504

Telephone: (816) 273-2011

Email Address: turbagestimo.claw@hotmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Vanessa Patao Printed Name: Vanessa Patao

Business Name (if applicable): elkair Maui Golf Club

Street Address: 1345 Piilani Hwy. City: Kihei State: HI

Telephone: _____ Email Address: vatao@elkairmauigolfclub.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: *Patrick Peterson*

Printed Name: Patrick Peterson

Business Name (if applicable): LAVA JAVA COFFEE ROASTERS

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Telephone: (808) 283-5674 Email Address: 1) DABY2@AOL.COM

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:



Printed Name:

Robert Pendarvis

Business Name (if applicable):

Pendarvis Manufacturing

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1808 N American St

City:

Anaheim

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CA

Zip:

92801

Telephone:

303-827-6245

Email Address:

robpen0913@yahoo.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Sue Pendarvis Printed Name: Sue Pendarvis

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Zip: 92870 Telephone: 303-775-6565 Email Address: suebob1124@gmail.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Dawn C. Porter

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 90 Manaina St City: Pukalani State: HI

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

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Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

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loane@yahoo.com

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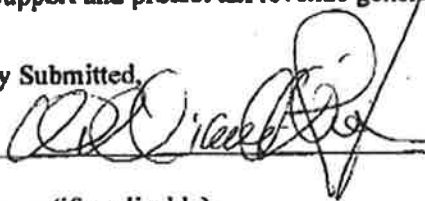
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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: WILLIAM P. A. PIETER

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Telephone: 497-6564 Email Address: WRAPCPA@AOL.COM

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:

Mel Piliou

Printed Name:

Mel Piliou

Business Name (if applicable):

Street Address:

45-537 F Palia Rd City: *Kaneohe* State: *HI*

Telephone:

351-2862

Email Address:

mepiliou@yahoo.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Trevyn Pless
Digitally signed by Trevyn Pless
DN: cn=Trevyn Pless, o=LBD Coffee, ou=
enrollment@hawaii.org, ou=CA,
Date: 2012.06.27.09:17:35 -1000

Printed Name: Trevyn Pless

Business Name (if applicable): LBD Coffee

Street Address: 5353 Olopuua Street

City: Kapaa

State: HI

Zip: 96746

Telephone: 8086358680

Email Address: tpless@lbdcoffee.com

Add personal comments here, or attach additional testimony:

I wholeheartedly agree with this petition and its goal of taxing cigar sales fairly.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Printed Name: Aaron Pallas

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 3602 Pickett City: Saint Joseph State: MO

Zip: 64503 Telephone: 816 676 3297 Email Address: Aaron.Craig.Pallas@gmail.com

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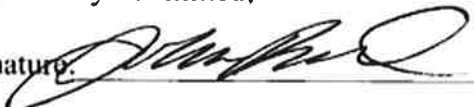
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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: John Rebental

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 855 Makani Way, Apt 405 City: Hon State: HI

Telephone: 947-0755 Email Address: jrebental@hawaii.com

947-0755

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Brenda Rego Printed Name: Brenda Rego

Business Name (if applicable): Wailea Old Blue

Street Address: 120 Keeaunui St City: Kaunoi State: HI

Telephone: 879-2530 Email Address: brego@waileaoldblue.com

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Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 1942 MAKAKALA Pkwy City: WAILUKU State: HI

Telephone: 808.557.7981 Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Paul Richards

Printed Name: Paul Richards

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 98-402 Koaunoa Ln ¹⁷¹⁶ City: Aiea State: HI

Telephone: 233-8784 Email Address: parichards@ale@gmail.com

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Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:

Printed Name:

JAMES RODRIGUEZ

Business Name (if applicable):

NAPII MARKET

Street Address:

5895 Napili Hwy St

City:

State:

Telephone:

Email Address:

NAPII MARKET #04
5005 Napili Hwy Street
Lahaina, HI 96761

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: CLAY ROBERTS

Business Name (if applicable): CROSS, INC

Street Address: 4594 HILTON ROAD

City: SUNRISE

State: FL

Zip: 33351

Telephone: 954 572 9400

Email Address: CLRTUI@aol.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: 

Printed Name: ANSTIN RODRIGUES

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 1007 MALAHU ROAD City: WAIKUKU State: HI

Telephone: 970-313-7897 Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: David Sable Digitally signed by David Sable, o, ou, email=dsable@hawaii.rr.com, c=US Date: 2013.01.07 09:18:28 -1000 Printed Name: David L. Sable

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 6202A Kawaihau Rd. City: Kapaa State: HI

Zip: 96746 Telephone: 808-823-8323 Email Address: dsable@hawaii.rr.com

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1. A high tax on tobacco/cigar producers in HI is counterproductive to the important goals of supporting local farmers and developing a self-sustaining economy in HI. A small tax is appropriate, similar to a few other states, but a high tax will ruin local businesses.
2. It must be recognized that large and premium cigars are different from cigarettes! These are enjoyed in small quantities and have not been proven to have the same medical risks as cigarettes!

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Signature: Cedee Santos Printed Name: Cedee Santos

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 541 Iini way City: Wahiuku State: HI

Telephone: 269-2837 Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Mike Seckinger Printed Name: Mike Seckinger

Business Name (if applicable): DHS

Street Address: _____ City: Kahului State: HI

Telephone: 215-969-8136 Email Address: mjseckinger@hotmail.com

Add personal comments here, or attach additional testimony:

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Dear Hawai'i Legislators:

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Signature:  Date: 15 SEPT 12

Print name: JUSTIN BRYANT FLOOD

Business Name (if applicable): MAZ (SS) FLOOD

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Jeff Sessler

JEFF SESSLER

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

50 UEVAU ST. Apt. 206

City: _____

KAHULUI

State: _____

HI

Telephone: _____

(206) 369-6140

Email Address: _____

JCSHAWKS@HOTMAIL.COM

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Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Z. Sim Printed Name: Zenaida Sim

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 1950 Manua Dr. City: Waikanae State: HI

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: *Louis A. Smith* Printed Name: Louis A. Smith

Business Name (if applicable): L.S. Custom Rods

Street Address: 1121 Pookela City: Makawao State: Hi

Telephone: 281-5682 Email Address: L.S. Bonheur@a.yakima.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Lugene Souza-Bulger Printed Name: Lugene Souza-Bulger

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 105 Kunaloha St City: Kahului State: Hi

Telephone: 808-893-0451 Email Address: tb15thgreen@aol.com

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Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Street Address: _____

City: _____

PAIA

State: _____

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Telephone: _____

808/281-3264

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Printed Name: Deana Sturman

Business Name (if applicable): Rodco General Store

Street Address: 1847 S K. Kei Rd City: K. Kei State: HI

Telephone: (808) 633-4410 Email Address: deana@rodco-generalstore.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Wade T. Sugimoto

Printed Name: Wade T. Sugimoto

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 146 Awali Dr City: Makani State: HI

Telephone: (808) 570-0628 Email Address: wade@blimspower.com

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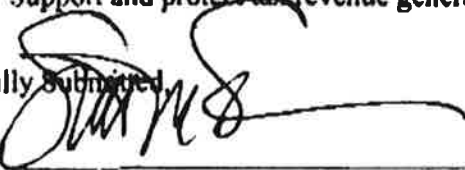
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Respectfully Submitted

Signature



Printed Name:

SCOTT M SUDA

Business Name (if applicable):

Street Address:

797 MAHEALANI

City:

KITHEE

State:

HI

Telephone:

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Respectfully Submitted

Signature:



Printed Name:

MICHAEL A. TAM

Business Name (if applicable):

MARTIN & MCCARTHER

Street Address:

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City:

HONOLULU

State:

HI 96819

Telephone:

845-6688

Email Address:

michael@martina.mccarthur.com

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Signature: Tom Tanazaka Printed Name: Tom TANAZAKA

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 248 Chua St. City: Kahului State: HI

Telephone: 877-6710 Email Address: _____

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Signature: Troy Tanaka Printed Name: Troy Tanaka

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Telephone: 809 549 7818 Email Address: Troytanaka@gmail.com

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Signature: 

Printed Name: Kenneth TAVARES

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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City: MAKAWAO

State: HI 1

Telephone: (808) 344-2334

Email Address: Ken85649@aol.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Gary Taylor

Printed Name: GARY TAYLOR

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 2463 KUHROA AV City: HON State: HI

Telephone: 699-5747 Email Address: _____

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Signature: Robert Tetak Printed Name: ROBERT TETAK

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Telephone: (916) 995-1521 Email Address: DR. hana-aloha@VERIZON.net
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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Michael Tierney

Printed Name: Michael Tierney

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 9616 Lane Horsecity Dr. Las Vegas State: NV

Telephone: 702-338-4919 Email Address: ~~Tierney@TAC.com~~

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Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

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2295 Elouist

City: _____

Wahiawa

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Telephone: _____

(808) 822-2289

Email Address: _____

ruben12@yahoo.com

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Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: HI

Telephone: 808 561 5174

Email Address: richardmillertravisthe2nd@gmail.com

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Please lower cigar taxes in Hawaii to a max 50¢ per cigar

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Signature: *Krystle Tuliaupuu*

Printed Name: Krystle Tuliaupuu

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: P.O. Box 95 City: Wailuku State: HI

Telephone: 808-278-8271 Email Address: seguentha@hotmail.com

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Signature:  Printed Name: GREG TURRIETA

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Signature:  Printed Name: Joshua Ulich

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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Telephone: 805 512-0033 Email Address: JoshUlich@gmail.com

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Signature: Melissa A. Calley

Printed Name: Melissa Calley

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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City: Makawao

State: HI

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Telephone: 573 2527

Email Address: _____

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Signature:  Printed Name: Martin Valleza

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Telephone: 530 592 8213 Email Address: mvalleza530@gmail.com

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Signature: Jeffrey Valoria Printed Name: Jeffrey Valoria

Business Name (if applicable): Health Strategy Partners

Street Address: 1049 Kapike St. City: Honolulu State: HI

Telephone: 929-5107 Email Address: jeffvaloria@yahoo.com

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Signature:  Printed Name: Robert M.K. Vickers, J.

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: 2580 Lem: Pl. City: Hailu State: HI

Telephone: 808 357-0076 Email Address: poipoundak@aol.com

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Bruce Villers Printed Name: BRUCE VILLERS

Business Name (if applicable): NONE

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Telephone: 492-4049 Email Address: 1311 WARD AVE Hon HI 96813
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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: _____

Printed Name: D. HAWAIIAN.COM

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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City: KANEOHE

State: HI

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Signature: **Garrett Ward**
Digitally signed by Garrett Ward
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Group, email=garrettward@pch.com, c=US
Date: 2013.05.27 10:27:03 -1000

Printed Name: Garrett Ward

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature:  Date: 3-2-12

Print name: Guy Watani

Business Name (if applicable): _____

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- Support and protect tax revenue generated from the sale of large cigars in Hawai'i.

Respectfully Submitted,

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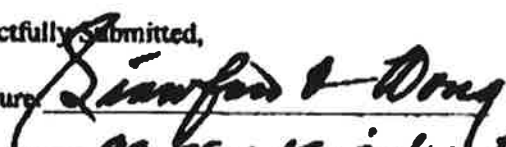
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Respectfully Submitted,

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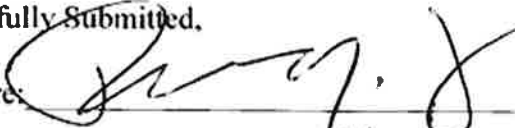
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Respectfully Submitted,

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Petition in Support of a Self Service Cigar Display Ban Exemption

Dear Hawai'i Legislators:

We encourage you to exempt premium cigars from a self service display ban law that was intended by the FDA to prohibit the sale of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco from vending machines and self service displays. Premium cigars are defined as cigars made entirely by hand of all natural tobacco leaf, hand-constructed and hand-wrapped, with no filter or characterizing flavor, and weighing more than four pounds per one thousand cigars.

- Protect businesses and jobs that support the sale of not only locally grown cigars but also premium, handmade cigars.
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- Protect a local agricultural industry that pays higher tobacco taxes as a result of higher production costs, and conforms to current laws.
- Support and protect tax revenue generated from the sale of premium cigars in Hawai'i.

Respectfully Submitted,

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March 14, 2014

TO: Chair Josh Green and Members of the Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Cigar Association of America, Inc.
(William Goo)

RE: **HB 1849, HD1** - Relating to Taxation
Hearing Date: March 17, 2014
Time: 1:45 p.m.

My name is William Goo. I represent the Cigar Association of America, Inc. (CAA).

CAA supports the passage of **HB 1849, HD1** which would create a tax cap on the sale of large cigars. Under the tax cap concept, the tax on large cigars would be the current ad valorem rate of 50% of the wholesale price of a cigar up to 50 cents per cigar. The effect of a cap should be an increase in tax revenue not so much because of an increase in the number of cigar consumers or the consumption rate but because of an increase in local purchases by those who have responsibly chosen to use them.

It is respectfully requested that the Committee pass this measure. Thank you for considering this testimony.



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TO:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator Green, Chair

Senator Baker, Vice Chair

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: March 17, 2014

TIME: 1:45pm

PLACE: Conference Room 229

RE: HB 1849

Position: Support

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.

We support this measure. A taxation rate for large cigars of the lesser of: fifty cents for each large cigar; or fifty per cent of the wholesale price is a fair and reasonable rate for these products.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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SUBJECT: TOBACCO, Adjust tax rate on large cigars

BILL NUMBER: HB 1849, HD-1

INTRODUCED BY: House Committee on Finance

BRIEF SUMMARY: Amends HRS section 245-3 to provide that large cigars shall be taxed at the lesser of: (1) 50 cents per cigar; or (2) 50% of its wholesale price, effective July 1, 2014.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2030

STAFF COMMENTS: Presently, the tobacco tax on large cigars is 50% of the wholesale price. This measure would provide that large cigars shall be taxed at either 50 cents each or 50% of the wholesale price, whichever is less. It is questionable why a tax break for costly large cigars is proposed.

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Testimony **STRONGLY OPPOSING** HB 1849, HD1 “Relating To Taxation”

The American Heart Association **STRONGLY OPPOSES** HB 1849, HD1 “Relating to Taxation.”

Cigar use is a significant public health concern. Cigars are not safe. Tobacco smoke, whether from cigarettes or cigars, exposes users to a broad range of toxic chemicals. It causes cancer of the mouth, larynx, and lung. It causes atherosclerosis of blood vessels that leads to heart attacks and leg amputations. And it damages the lungs directly, leading to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and worsened asthma. Exposure to secondhand cigar smoke also places nonsmokers at risk.

Unfortunately cigar use is increasing, particularly among adolescents. According to the Centers for Disease Control, cigars are one of the most commonly used tobacco products among high school students and middle school students (11.6% and 3.4% respectively), second only to cigarettes (15.8% and 4.3%). And while cigarette use among adolescents has gone down in recent years, use of cigars, loose tobacco, and other non-cigarette forms of tobacco has more than doubled.

Much of the increase in cigar use can be attributed to the availability of cigars in fruit and candy flavors that appeal to children. Cigars also appeal to youth because they, unlike cigarettes, can be purchased individually. Children are particularly sensitive to changes in price of tobacco products. Just as increasing the price of cigarettes has helped to reduce smoking among the young, decreasing these taxes would be expected to increase it.

For all of these reasons, the AHA strongly opposes any decrease in cigar taxes. If anything, cigar taxes should be increased to create parity with cigarette taxes in Hawaii.

The American Heart Association urges legislators to oppose HB 1849, HD1.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cardiologist and Researcher
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that congenital heart defects are structural abnormalities of the heart that are present at birth and are the number one killer of infants with birth defects.

Congenital heart defects range in severity from simple problems, such as holes between chambers of the heart, to severe malformations, such as the complete absence of one or more chambers or valves. Some congenital heart defects can cause severe or life-threatening symptoms that require intervention within the first days of life.

Pulse oximetry is a non-invasive test that estimates the percentage of hemoglobin in blood that is saturated with oxygen. When performed on newborns in birthing facilities, pulse oximetry is effective at detecting critical, life-threatening congenital heart defects, which otherwise go undetected by current screening methods. The legislature finds that many newborn lives could potentially be saved by earlier detection and treatment of congenital heart defects if birthing facilities in the State were required to perform this simple, non-invasive newborn screening in conjunction with current congenital heart disease screening methods.

The purpose of this Act is to require birthing facilities to perform a pulse oximetry screening on every newborn in its care prior to discharge.

SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§321- Newborn pulse oximetry screening. (a) ~~[The department of health shall require each]~~ A birthing facility shall perform a pulse oximetry test to screen for critical congenital heart defects from the effective date of this act until such time that an alternate medically accepted test that measures the percentage of blood oxygen saturation is approved by national medical organizations advocating on behalf of cardiovascular care, [to perform a critical congenital heart defect screening using pulse oximetry] or follow the guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics on every newborn in its care prior to discharge from the birthing facility.

~~[(b) The person in charge of each institution caring for newborn infants and the responsible physician attending the birth of a newborn, or the person assisting the birth of a child not attended by a physician, shall ensure that every infant in the person's care be tested for congenital heart defects through pulse oximetry screening; provided that this section shall not apply if the parents, guardians, or other persons having custody or control~~

~~of the child object thereto on the grounds that the tests conflict with their religious tenets and beliefs and written objection is made a part of the infant's medical record.]~~

~~[(c) The department of health shall adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 91, as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section, including but not limited to rules regarding:~~

- ~~(1) Administration of newborn critical congenital heart defect screening using pulse oximetry;~~
- ~~(2) Quality and cost control of critical congenital heart defect screening using pulse oximetry;~~
- ~~(4) Reporting of test results;~~
- ~~(5) Guidelines for care, treatment, and follow up of infants when necessary;~~
- ~~(6) Informing parents about the purposes of these tests; and~~
- ~~(7) Maintaining the confidentiality of affected families.]~~

~~(d-b) For the purposes of the section, "birthing facility" means an inpatient or ambulatory health care facility licensed by the department of health that provides birthing and newborn care services."~~

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ _____ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for a program for newborn critical congenital heart defect screening using pulse oximetry.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.



To: The Honorable Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, Committee on Health
Members, Senate Committee on Health

From: Jessica Yamauchi, Executive Director

Date: March 16, 2014

Hrg: Senate Committee on Health; Mon., March 17, 2014 at 1:45 p.m. in Rm 229

Re: **Strong Opposition to HB 1849, Relating to Taxation**

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in *strong opposition* of HB 1849 which reduces the tax on large cigars from 50% of the wholesale price to \$.50 per large cigar.

The Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii (Coalition) is a program under the Hawaii Public Health Institute working to reduce tobacco use through education, policy and advocacy. Our program consists of over 100 member organizations and 2,000 advocates that work to create a healthy Hawaii through comprehensive tobacco prevention and control efforts.

Cigars are TOBACCO products.

Cigar smoking is addictive, and cigar smoke, similar to cigarette smoke, contains toxic and cancer-causing chemicals that are harmful to both smokers and nonsmokers. Cigar smoking causes oral cavity cancers (cancers of the lip, tongue, mouth and throat) and cancers of the larynx, esophagus and lung. There is no safe tobacco product and no safe level of exposure to tobacco smoke.

Although cigarette smoking is declining across the nation, cigar smoking has been increasing. Between 2006 and 2010, cigar use increased nationally by 123%. According to the Department of Health adult cigar use in Hawaii has increased from 3.2% in 2006 to 4.3% in 2010.

Cigars are under-taxed and less regulated than cigarettes.

The federal government and almost all of the states across the country under-tax cigars compared to cigarettes. Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids recommends:

- Match State cigar tax (for both large and small cigars) with the cigarette tax rate
- Raise the cigar tax whenever any other tobacco product tax rates are increased



- Set cigar tax rates as a percentage of their wholesale price
- Eliminate any caps on cigar tax rates
- Ensure no cigarettes can qualify as “cigars” under state law

HB 1849 would create a loophole for cigars.

The tobacco industry is notorious for taking advantage of loopholes. Bloomberg News reported that Cheyenne International added spiolite, a clay substance also used in cat litter, to filters to create “heavy weight” cigars and avoid higher taxes. The Coalition is concerned with the industry’s ability to manipulate their product in order to fit the lower tax category.

Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids released a report last year “Not Your Grandfather’s Cigar: A New Generation of Cheap and Sweet Cigars Threatens a New Generation of Kids” illustrating how attractive cigars have become to youth. This bill has the potential to create a loophole for little cigars and cigarillos, which more closely resemble cigarettes and are often flavored and more attractive to youth.

For all the reasons stated above, the Coalition **strongly opposes** reducing taxes on large cigars. We ask you to remain strong on tobacco control and urge you to hold this bill in committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



Jessica Yamauchi, M.A.
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HB1849

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Testimony for HTH on Mar 17, 2014 13:45PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis A. Huddy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. The current tax structure on premium cigars increases the price of a box of cigars in Hawaii to \$50 to \$100 a box. Reducing this tax would bring this down to \$10 to \$12.50 a box. This would allow our merchants to be competitive with on-line retailers. Most cigar smokers would prefer to support our local businesses but are unwilling to pay these exorbitant amounts for premium cigars. This would actually increase local sales and increase tax revenues to the state. Supporting this bill will not increase the amount of cigar smokers or tempt minors to start smoking. Cigars are a hobby, not a habit. Thank you for your consideration.

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Date: Saturday, March 15, 2014 11:52:11 PM

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I strongly oppose HB 1849, HD 1.

Mahalo.

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Mahalo.

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Mahalo.

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Mahalo.

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Mahalo.

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Mahalo.

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I strongly oppose HB 1849, HD 1.

Mahalo.

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I strongly oppose HB 1849, HD 1.

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I strongly oppose HB 1849, HD 1.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Ingram	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Justin Ingram support HB1849. Currently a very high percentage of Hawaii residents that smoke premium cigars don't buy them locally. They are purchased from companies in States with lower premium cigar taxes. Local business and the State of Hawaii lose out on revenue with every purchase. If a tax cap is implemented on premium cigars more will be purchased in Hawaii. With these in-state purchases the State of Hawaii will see more Tobacco Tax and Sales Tax revenue. Local business will also see an increase in revenue. Thank you for reading.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
andrew hanson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Andrew Hanson, being a tobacconist in the state of Hawaii and frequent consumer of tobacco products, fully support the proposed amendments to this state's laws of taxation of premium cigars under HB1849. The current tax of 50% of wholesale cost towards the purchase of premium cigars is in no way limiting the consumption of tobacco in the state of Hawaii. It merely drives the considerable number of enthusiasts, aficionados, and backyard tokers to spend their money out of state via the vast resources of the internet. This situation, as it currently stagnates, will continue to drain money and enthusiasm for this state's governing bodies. Ensuring this tax cap exists will allow people to comfortably spend their money where they want, here at home in Hawaii, thus perpetuating a more sustainable local economy for everyone to thrive in. much mahalos :)

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Jill Shiroma	Shiroma's Wine and More	Support	No

Comments:

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Todd Toyama	Individual	Support	No

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Jason Strand	Individual	Support	No

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jane shiroma	Individual	Support	No

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Herbert Shiroma	Individual	Support	No

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Amy Shiroma	Individual	Support	No

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Sean Chai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The average cost of a single cigar is between eight and fifteen dollars per cigar. Under current law taxation is required of fifty percent of whole sale price per individual unit. Given the vast options a consumer has during this day and age the tax does little more than deprive the state of revenue and shuts local businesses. Hawaii small business owners simply can not compete, they loose the opportunity to create more local revenue. This tax cap of fifty cents per unit in place would allow more consumers local a viable option, granting the state more income tax dollars and bolstering local businesses. Unfair and unreasonable taxation not only hurts the state's own tax revenue but puts its citizens out of business. Many other states have realized this same inherent truth and have prospered by supporting local business.

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Mahalo.

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Subject: Support for HB 1849, HD 1 Relating to Taxation
Date: Saturday, March 15, 2014 8:26:47 AM

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

I strongly support HB 1849, HD 1 which would reduce the tax on large cigars. It's a much safer alternative to smoking cigarettes and provides a route to smoking cessation. The other alternative is eCigarettes which is even safer .

Mahalo!

From: [Boyd, Manager Richard Boyd](#)
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Mahalo.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. I strongly oppose HB 1849, HD 1 which would reduce the tax on large cigars. Please see excerpt below from <http://goaskalice.columbia.edu/>

- Smoking five cigars a day and inhaling moderately produces the same lung cancer risk as smoking a pack of cigarettes a day.
- Since cigars are much larger than cigarettes, each one packs more punch. Some large cigars contain as much tobacco (and nicotine) as an entire pack of cigarettes.
- Cigar smoking can be a gateway to cigarette smoking. One study has shown that cigar smokers are more than twice as likely to take up cigarette smoking for the first time as people who have never smoked cigars.
- Cigars produce even more environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) than cigarettes, due to their size, long aging and fermentation, and long burning time. In addition to these factors, the fact that the wrapper of a cigar (made of tobacco leaf) is not very porous and burns less completely than cigarettes, the air surrounding a cigar smoker has higher concentrations of nitrogen oxides, ammonia, carbon monoxide, and tar than the air around a cigarette smoker.
- The relapse rate of former cigarette smokers who smoke cigars is twice as great as the relapse rate of former cigarette smokers who do not smoke cigars.

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Mahalo nui loa .

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Mahalo.

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