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HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

Senate Committee on Health

The Hon. Josh Green, Chair

The Hon. Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2029

Relating to Health

Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer

February 7, 2014, 9:00 am, Room 229

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports Senate Bill 2029, which increases the age to purchase tobacco products from eighteen to twenty-one.

Research has shown that ninety percent of adult smokers began using tobacco products before the age of 21. On average, thirty percent of those will die early a smoking-related disease. Worldwide, tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death, accounting for more than five million deaths a year. In the United States alone, more than \$289 billion is spent each year on direct medical care and lost productivity due to smoking related ailments.

The HPCA believes that making cigarettes tougher to obtain for the youth of Hawaii is a necessary step in bringing down these harrowing figures. For that reason, the HPCA supports this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Hearing: February 7, 2014; 9:00 a.m.

SB 2029 – RELATING TO HEALTH

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2029, which increases the age to purchase tobacco products and electronic smoking devices to 21.

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.

According to the U.S. Surgeon General's 2012 report, 99% of all first tobacco use occurs by age 26.¹ Raising the age on sale for tobacco products to 21 could prevent many young people ages 18-21 from trying tobacco, becoming addicted, and developing a tobacco-related illness.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

¹ *Preventing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults: A Report of the Surgeon General*. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Surgeon General. Executive Summary, 2012 at 2.

Date: February 7, 2014

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To: Senator Josh Green, Chair
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John Coefield
Montana

Re: Support for SB 2029: Relating to health

Mike Fenello
Idaho

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2029. I serve as the Hawaii director for the American Lung Association of the Mountain Pacific; our mission is to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease.

Patty Ginsburg
Alaska
Chair Elect

Virginia Hall
Oregon

Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, killing more than 400,000 people each year. The American Lung Association released its annual State of Tobacco Control report this January; this report finds tobacco use kills 1,200 Hawaiians each year and has an economic price tag of \$686,772,000. We can and should do more.

Don Lojek
Idaho

Robert Merchant, MD
Montana

Data shows that 95% of adult smokers begin smoking before they turn 21, and a substantial number of smokers start even younger. This legislation would raise the age of sale for tobacco products in Hawaii to age 21. If our youth and young adults can make it to their 21st birthday without becoming addicted to tobacco, we are increasing their chances of living a tobacco-free life.

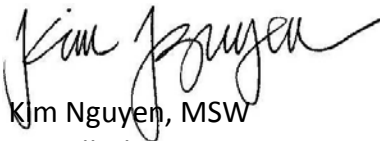
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Renée Klein
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Kim Nguyen, MSW
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American Lung Association of the Mountain Pacific

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

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair, Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection

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From: Jessica Yamauchi, Executive Director

Date: February 6, 2014

Hrg: Senate Committee on Health/Commerce and Consumer Protection; Fri., February 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm 229

Re: **Support with Recommendations for SB 2029, Relating to Health**

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in **support of and to offer recommendations** on SB 2029, which raises the age of sale of tobacco products to 21.

The Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii (Coalition) is a program of 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.

The Coalition supports raising the age of sale of tobacco products to 21 to help prevent the initiation of tobacco use among youth.

5,600 kids in Hawaii try smoking for the first time each year and 1,400 kids in Hawaii become regular smokers each year.¹ According to the US Surgeon General's report in 2012, 95% of all adult smokers start smoking before the age of 21.² 1,100 people die from tobacco use or exposure in Hawaii each year.³

¹ Hawaii State Department of Health, Tobacco Prevention and Education Program. (2011). *Data Highlights from the 2011 Hawaii Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS) and Comparisons with Prior Years*. Available at http://health.hawaii.gov/about/files/2013/06/2011_HYTS.pdf

² U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Preventing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults: A Report of the Surgeon General. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health, 2012.

³ Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, *The Toll of Tobacco in Hawaii*.
http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/facts_issues/toll_us/hawaii



According to the Tobacco Control Legal Consortium, raising the minimum legal sale age of tobacco is an effective policy in reducing or delaying smoking initiation among youth. Delaying the age that youth begin using tobacco will reduce the risk that they will become regular smokers as they get older, leading to lower prevalence rates and saving millions of dollars in health care costs.⁴

Most recently, Hawaii County and New York City passed laws that raise the minimum legal age of sale of tobacco to 21. In a recent poll conducted by Qmark for the Coalition, 72% of Hawaii residents would support a law raising the age of sale of tobacco to 21. This measure will continue to place Hawaii at the forefront of tobacco prevention and control.

The Coalition recommends including a grandfathering clause.

The Coalition recommends adding in language from HB 2133 inserting a grandfathering clause in SB 2029.

Tobacco use is extremely addictive and is not easy to quit. Most smokers who ultimately quit make multiple attempts over months or even years before they succeed in quitting. Addicted smokers between 18 and 21 years of age who have been sold tobacco legally for years and who have not yet been able to quit would not be able to obtain tobacco through a legal transaction if they were not grandfathered into this law. Every effort should be made to encourage and help these smokers to quit, but we must also be realistic about the timeframe necessary to do so.

The Coalition recommends amending the definition of “electronic smoking device” to be consistent with the proposed language in the Governor’s package bills, SB 2871 and HB 2321.

For consistency within the HRS, the Coalition recommends the following language proposed in SB 2871 and HB 2321:

“Electronic smoking device” means any electronic product that can be used to vaporize and deliver nicotine or other substance to the person inhaling from the device, vaporize and deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including but not limited to an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, or electronic pipe, and any cartridge or other component of the device or related product.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Yamauchi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessica Yamauchi, MA
Executive Director

⁴ <http://publichealthlawcenter.org/sites/default/files/resources/tclc-guide-minimumlegal-saleage-2013.pdf>
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Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB2029.

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Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB2029.

Respectfully,

Patricia Fleck

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Re: Strong Support for SB2029, Relating to Health

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB2029. I strongly support raising the age of sale of tobacco products to 21.

As a public health professional and long-time tobacco control advocate, I believe that raising the age of sale of tobacco is one of the strongest policies we can put in place in Hawaii to deter youth smoking.

Nearly all smokers begin smoking regularly before they turn 21. Tobacco companies still heavily target kids and young adults with marketing and advertising.

Frequently, kids are given their first cigarettes from slightly older friends or family members. This policy will help address that especially with our youngest kids.

This policy will work to counter the efforts of the tobacco industry and will effectively delay on-set of first tobacco use.

Mahalo!

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Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB2029.

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Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB2029.

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To: Senate Committee on Health

Re: Support for SB2029

Dear Senate Committee on Health:

As a pediatrician and medical director of the HEALTHY Quit Smoking Program, I strongly support SB2029, raising the age of sale of tobacco products to 21.

The early initiation of smoking before age 21 is an important problem to address. Over 90% of all adult smokers started when they were younger than 21. A higher purchase age effectively reduces access for those under 18 as well, since the vast majority of their supply comes from young adults aged 18-20.

Tobacco use is still the leading cause of preventable death in the United States and in Hawai`i, and costs our state over \$336 million in healthcare expenditures every year. I urge you to consider the adverse health effects from tobacco use.

I care for many children that suffer from secondhand smoke, as well as young people who start tobacco use and remain addicted to nicotine for their lifetimes. On a daily basis, I see newborn infants, children, adolescents, and young adults that are adversely affected by tobacco exposure. Effects include low birth weight in infants, increased respiratory infections in children, or asthma exacerbation in all age groups.

Tobacco companies have been proven to aim their marketing and advertising to children and young adults. By reducing access to tobacco for those under 21, we improve the health outcomes for many, and prevent the normalization of tobacco use for young people.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this important measure.

Sincerely,

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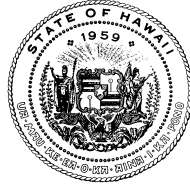
Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB2029. I support raising the age of sale of tobacco products to 21.

More than 1,000 people die in Hawai'i every year from tobacco use. The harmful effects of tobacco means that lives are cut short by cancer, heart and lungs diseases, and other lifelong lung diseases—for both the smoker and people exposed to secondhand smoke.

According to the Surgeon General, 95 percent of adult smokers start smoking before they turn 21. Tobacco companies always find ways to heavily target kids and young adults with marketing and advertising. Any effort to prevent tobacco use among young people is worthwhile.

Thank you for your support of SB2020 to help save lives.

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SB2029, RELATING TO HEALTH

**Testimony of Gary L. Gill
Acting Director of Health**

**February 7, 2014
9:00 AM, Room 229**

1 **Department's Position:** The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) supports the measure and
2 offers suggestions.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** This measure amends Chapters 328J 16-18, and 709-908, Hawaii Revised
5 Statutes to make it unlawful for any person to sell or furnish a tobacco product or an electronic smoking
6 device to any person less than twenty-one years of age. The DOH recommends revising the definition
7 of electronic smoking device in Section 4, of SB2029 (page 4, lines 10 to 15) as follows:

8 "Electronic smoking device" means any electronic product that can be used to vaporize and
9 deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to,
10 an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, or electronic pipe, and any cartridge or other
11 component of the device or related product.

12 Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable disease, disability, and death in Hawaii
13 and in the United States. Nationally, nearly 1,000 youth under the age of 18 become regular smokers
14 daily, and almost one-third of them will die from it. The 2011 Hawaii Youth Tobacco Survey reports

1 that in the state of Hawaii, 5,600 youth experiment with smoking for the first time each year; another
2 1,400 become regular smokers. In Hawaii, 23% of young adults (18-24 years) and 9% of youth
3 currently smoke.

4 National data from the 2012 United States Surgeon General's Report show that 95% of adult
5 smokers begin smoking before the age of 21 years and 80% try their first cigarette before age 18.
6 Nearly half of adult smokers become regular, daily smokers before age 18, more than 75%; become
7 regular, daily smokers before they turn 21. This means the 18 to 21 year age group is a time when many
8 smokers transition to regular use of cigarettes.

9 Tobacco companies heavily target young adults through a variety of marketing activities because
10 they know it is a critical time period for solidifying nicotine addiction. As cited in the American Journal
11 of Public Health, the tobacco industry has admitted in their own internal documents the importance of
12 increasing consumption within this target group in order to maintain a profitable business.

13 In addition to high tobacco taxes, comprehensive smoke-free laws, and comprehensive tobacco
14 prevention and control programs, increasing the minimum legal sale age for tobacco products, from 18
15 to 21 years, has emerged as a policy strategy, supported by the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, the
16 American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association and the American Lung Association, to
17 reduce youth tobacco use and help users quit. The August issue of the Annals of Internal Medicine cited
18 a "hypothetical health policy model in which the tobacco age of sale is increased to 21 years projected
19 that youth smoking prevalence could be expected to drop from 22% to less than 9% among persons aged
20 15 to 17 years within seven years."

21 The DOH acknowledges Hawaii County for its accomplishment of leading the state in enacting
22 this effective tobacco control legislation to raise the age of tobacco sales to 21 years in December 2013.
23 Hawaii County now joins four states and a number of municipalities, including New York City, in
24 raising the age of sale of tobacco products. This measure could reduce the risk of young people

1 transitioning to regular or daily use. Adolescents would find it more difficult to pass themselves off as
2 21-year olds than 18-year olds, and it would simplify identification checks for retailers, as paralleled by
3 alcohol checks.

4 The DOH supports SB2029 as a viable strategy to reduce access to tobacco for a young and
5 vulnerable population and prevent a lifelong addiction.

6 Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Comments: Electronic Smoking Device; License; Smoking; Cigarettes; Tobacco Products; Restrictions; Ban; Permit Description: Requires persons engaged as wholesalers and dealers of electronic smoking devices and retailers of electronic smoking devices to obtain a license from the department of health. Limits the retail sale of electronic smoking devices to those retailers who also hold a retail tobacco permit. Specifies that the revenue from electronic smoking device license fees shall be used to support smoking cessation programs in the State. Amends Hawaii's anti-smoking statute to prohibit the use of electronic smoking devices in places open to the public and places of employment. Clarifies that the sale, distribution, or display of electronic smoking devices is restricted in the same manner as cigarettes and other tobacco products.

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