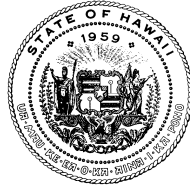


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S.B. 2221, RELATING TO TANNING

Testimony of Gary L. Gill
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February 07, 2014
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1 **Department's Position:** The Department supports this measure with reservations, as we appreciate the
2 over-all concept of this bill as it includes initiatives that are generally supportive of the Administration's
3 goals and objectives.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** Implementation of this measure requires funding for personnel (one
5 Environmental Health Specialist) and operating expenses.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** The bill prohibits minors from using tanning equipment in a tanning
7 facility, and provides for additional posting requirements related to prohibition of use by minors and
8 health risks associated with tanning.

9 The Department acknowledges that this measure has merit as there are health risks from an
10 improperly trained staff or from improperly maintained tanning equipment. However, given the lack of
11 adequate staffing and resources, it would not be prudent to pursue enactment at this time. A proposed
12 administrative rule on tanning facilities, which includes the provisions of this bill, has already been
13 developed by the department but not pursued due to the lack of funding to implement.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



February 5, 2014

Committee on Health / Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Support for SB 2221

Dear Committee Members:

AIM at Melanoma is the largest international non-profit organization focused on melanoma research, education, awareness, and legislation. We support SB 2221, which would prohibit minors under 18 from using indoor tanning devices.

The World Health Organization labeled UV radiation from tanning devices as “carcinogenic to humans.” They are in the same risk category as cigarettes and Hawaii does not allow anyone under the age of 18 to purchase tobacco products.

In the last thirty years, the incidence of melanoma among young women has increased as much as 50 percent. Melanoma is now the second most common cancer in women aged 15-29. It is the leading cause of cancer death in women ages 25-30 and is second only to breast cancer in women aged 30-34. The rising rate of melanoma is, in part, due to the popularity of tanning salons among young women. Those who begin tanning before the age of 35 increase their melanoma risk by 59 percent.

Despite the risks associated with these devices, use of these machines is on the rise among high school aged girls. The rate of indoor tanning device use increases drastically as high school girls grow older, from nearly 12 percent among freshman girls to nearly 32 percent among seniors. SB 2221 would protect these teens in Hawaii.

In the interest of protecting teens from the early onset of serious medical conditions, AIM strongly urges you to support SB 2221.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Chair Green, Chair Baker and Members of the Senate Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection Committees,

Indoor tanning is known to increase the risk for skin cancer. Research indicates that tanning before age 35 increases the risk of melanoma by 59%. Melanoma is deadly and is the second most common cancer in men and women aged 15-29 years. It kills people in the primes of their lives, when young adults are starting families and establishing careers.

Just one tanning session a year while in high school or college can increase the risk of basal cell cancer (the most common skin cancer) by 10 % over non-tanners. Six sessions in a year boosts that risk to 82%.

The indoor tanning industry targets young people and often betrays them by suggesting that tanning helps prevent skin cancer and sunburn. It does not.

Tanning beds have been classified as carcinogenic by the World Health Organization, just like tobacco. Skin cancer, like lung cancer, is preventable if risky behaviors are eliminated.

As a health care provider who diagnoses skin cancer every working day, I urge you to please support SB2221.

Respectfully submitted,

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I am writing in strong support of this Senate Bill to prohibit the use of tanning beds by minors. Tanning beds have been rated as Class One carcinogens and are especially dangerous used in childhood. Thank you for protecting our keiki from this known form of cancer risk.

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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON
HEALTH AND COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

S.B. No. 2221

RELATING TO TANNING

February 7, 2014

9:00 am

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Green and Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection Committees:

My name is Darcy Endo-Omoto. I strongly support SB2221 which in summary, prohibits the use of tanning equipment for minors, requires warning notices to customers, and allows for penalties. Concerns on tanning using artificial ultraviolet light continues to be a priority for the American Cancer Society due to linkages between tanning beds and skin cancer.

Mahalo to both Committees for considering this measure and I respectfully ask that SB 2221 is passed.