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To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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Dear Committee,

As a board-certified dermatologist and the president of the Hawaii Dermatological Society, I am writing in support of the restriction of the use of indoor tanning devices to ensure the safety of the young people of our state.

Research indicates that the risk of developing melanoma increases by 75 percent in individuals who have been exposed to UV radiation from indoor tanning devices, and the risk increases with each subsequent use. Data also shows tanning sessions increase the risk of non-melanoma skin cancers. Approximately 12,000 people will die each year from skin cancer.

More than 9,000 skin cancer deaths are due to melanoma. Unfortunately melanoma is no longer a cancer reserved from older individuals. Instead, melanoma is the most common form of cancer for young adults 25-29 years old and the second most common form of cancer for adolescents and young adults 15-29 years old.

As a dermatologist, I see skin cancers every week and have sadly had to diagnose skin cancers in several young people.

Thank you for your efforts to increase regulation of these dangerous devices. I fully support any further regulation that will completely restrict access to minors under age of 18 years.

Sincerely,

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