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TO: Senator Ige, Chair  
Senator Kidani, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Re: Support for SB 2222: Relating to Flavored Tobacco Products  
Hrg: February 19, 2014 at 9:25 a.m. in Room 211

Dear Senators:

As a pediatrician and medical director of the HEALTHY Quit Smoking Program, I strongly support SB 2222, which prohibits the sale or distribution of flavored tobacco products.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has strongly supported elimination of flavored tobacco products, including menthol. These products have been shown to be disproportionately used by young people, especially teenagers, as the menthol and other flavors make it easier to start using tobacco.

These products are targeted towards our keiki with flavors such as cherry, raspberry, citrus, vanilla, chocolate, mint, and pineapple. The tobacco corporations have intentionally included menthol, which provides a soothing, cooling effect and is often seen in cough drops. Low doses of menthol in tobacco can reduce the painful and irritating effects on the lining of the nose, mouth, and airways, which allows smokers to inhale more easily. This makes it much easier for young people to initiate tobacco use.

Once young people are addicted to nicotine, it is extremely difficult to quit. By eliminating these products from Hawaii, we have the chance to improve the health of many, especially of our keiki.

On behalf of the keiki and young people of Hawaii, I urge you to pass SB 2222.

Mahalo for your consideration and support of this important measure.

Sincerely,

Bryan Mih, MD, MPH, FAAP  
Pediatrician

**From:** [Abraham Jose](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support SB2222  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014 12:57:25 PM

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Flavored tobacco products target kids with candy and sweet flavors like cherry, citrus, vanilla, cocoa, and mint. Many youth are tempted by these flavored smokeless tobacco, e-cigarettes, and little cigars. Tobacco use is extremely addictive and not easy to quit. By preventing our kids from even trying these products, we are protecting them from a potential life-long addiction.

Please pass SB 2222 and save the next generation from starting the path of tobacco use.

Mahalo.

Abraham Jose  
1377 Kapiolani  
Hilo, HI 96720



To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Committees Members  
*Committee on Ways and Means*

Re: Strong Support for SB 2222 SD1 – Relating to Flavored Tobacco Products  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:25am  
Conference Room 211

Dear Legislators,

My name is Alexis Bambino. I'm 15 years old and from Kapolei High School. I support SB 2222 SD1.

I want to ban flavored tobacco products because they are bad for health. These products are made to look and taste like candy. The tobacco companies make their products with flavors such as apple, cherry, grape, peach and strawberry. These flavors can draw attention of 6 and 7 year olds. Once children are old enough, they finally can get the product and could get addicted.

Please support SB 2222 SD1.

Mahalo,

Alexis Bambino  
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**SB2222**

Submitted on: 2/18/2014

Testimony for WAM on Feb 19, 2014 09:25AM in Conference Room 211

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alexis CHapman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Tobacco is regulated and enforced at the federal level for good reason. Attempting to countermand successful federal regulation at the state level creates an expensive and unnecessary enforcement burden for the state, and is unlikely to accomplish it's goals. In addition to the enforcement expense there is also a potential revenue loss to the State, which makes this an even more costly proposition. Please vote no on this measure.

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Mahalo.

Angela Sy  
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Mahalo.

Beau Lani Barker  
613 Iliaina St  
Kailua, HI 96734



**From:** [Brent Tamamoto](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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Mahalo.

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Mahalo.

Bryan Huynh  
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Sincerely,

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Pediatrician

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**SB2222**

Submitted on: 2/18/2014

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chris Wells	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
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Committees Members  
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Re: Strong Support for SB 2222 SD1 – Relating to Flavored Tobacco Products  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:25am  
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Dear Legislators,

My name is Cody Santa Elena and I am 15 years old. I was born in Hawaii and live in Kapolei. I support SB2222 SD1.

Tobacco companies started to advertise flavored tobacco products to target youth as customers. Many people use these as well as e-cigs because it's cool and it has a sweet flavor. Stores need to realize that this affects our future as adults in this world. Tobacco companies just see people as profit and money signs, but we need to see the bigger picture. We need to limit marketing and stop selling flavored tobacco.

I'm asking you to please take a walk through your local gas station or mom and pop store, and look at what these tobacco companies are doing. Please make a change. Please pass SB2222 SD1.

Mahalo,

Cody Santa Elena  
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**From:** [Debbie Apolo](#)  
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Please pass SB 2222 and save the next generation from starting the path of tobacco use.

Mahalo.

Debbie Apolo  
95-045 Waikalani Drive  
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Mililani, HI 96789



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*Committee on Ways and Means*

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Dear Legislators,

My name is Eric Filiaga and I was born in Hawaii. I am 15 years old and live in Kapolei. I support SB2222 SD1.

Tobacco companies introduced flavored cigars and their advertisements to target young adults to buy their products. Tobacco companies don't care that their products are killing people every single day.

Please stop the tobacco companies from targeting youth and young adults by passing SB2222 SD1.

Thank you,

Eric Filiaga  
[nygbaby808@gmail.com](mailto:nygbaby808@gmail.com)



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Dear Legislator,

My name is Ethan Salacup and I am 14 years old from Kapolei, Hawaii. What I want is to ban all sales of flavored tobacco in Hawaii and in America.

Tobacco is bad and not beneficial. Tobacco companies only care about money not our health. I do not want the next generation to be hooked on tobacco use.

Please pass SB 2222 SD1.

Mahalo,  
Ethan Salacup  
ethansalacup@gmail.com



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Fred Remington	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is the first step to having a law passed to ban smoking in one's own condo. Let people live their own lives. We do not need government telling us how to live.

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Dear Legislators,

Hello, my name is Gyanni Sala and I am a student and a Cadet with Kapolei High School Marine Corps JROTC. I am currently 14 years old and I support SB2222 SD1.

I would like a ban on flavored tobacco because I want my younger brother, as well as my friends, to live a healthy life. I also want them to live a long happy and healthy life and don't believe that tobacco is a helping factor. I often ask why don't companies just advertise things that actually help kids and teens to live a good life above the influence. I really don't want my 6-year old cousin dragging me to the store because he wants what he thinks is candy and is actually flavored tobacco.

Please support SB2222 SD1.

Thank you,

Gyanni Sala  
[gyanni99@live.com](mailto:gyanni99@live.com)





**From:** [Harald Ebeling](#)  
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Mahalo.

Harald Ebeling  
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Honolulu, HI 96822



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Dear Legislators,

I am Heoulu Bautista and I am from Kapolei High School. I am 16 years old and I support a ban of flavored tobacco products because of how bad it is for people.

My mom smokes and I have been trying to help her quit, not only to help her out, but my family as well. Tobacco has an atrocious and obnoxious smell that can cause a worse problem for those you love. The list of why I hate it and why it's bad for you is very long. I feel this ban will help people from ever starting to use it.

Please support SB 2222 SD1.

Mahalo,  
Heoulu Bautista  
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Hyunhee Heo  
300 Wai Nani Way #1504  
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Io Loa  
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Dear Legislators,

My name is James (aka Jimmy) and I am 14 years old. I support SB2222 SD1.

I believe that smoking, chewing or any form of tobacco use is bad. I don't want anyone to be harmed. That is why I support the ban of all flavored tobacco use and it's advertisements in our stores.

Thank you,

James Covington  
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Dear Legislators,

My name is Jaron Jones and I am 14 years old and live in Kapolei. I support SB2222 SD1.

I think these flavored tobacco products should be banned because I don't want my little brother or sister to grow up to smoke. Already, my 9 year old sister is trying to smoke.

Please protect kids by passing SB2222 SD1.

Thank you,

Jaron Jones  
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My name is Jason Furrow and I am originally from Fort Myers, Florida, but now I'm living in Kapolei, Hawaii. I support SB 2222 SD1.

I want the tobacco companies to stop their sales of flavored tobacco products. My step-dad works for a company that tries to stop the use of drugs and so I know about what the side effects are to using tobacco. It's a serious situation.

Thanks,

-Jason Furrow, age 16  
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Testimony for WAM on Feb 19, 2014 09:25AM in Conference Room 211

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Jason Park	Individual	Oppose	No

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To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Committees Members  
*Committee on Ways and Means*

Re: Strong Support for SB 2222 SD1 – Relating to Flavored Tobacco Products  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:25am  
Conference Room 211

Dear Legislators,

My name is Jaycarl Decastro and I am 16 years old. I am from Hawaii and want to ban flavored tobacco products.

These products target youth because it can get them addicted to using nicotine and destroy their bodies.

Please support this bill.

Thank you,

Jaycarl Decastro  
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TO: Senator Ige, Chair  
Senator Kidani, Vice Chair

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Please pass SB 2222 and save the next generation from starting the path of tobacco use.

Mahalo.

Jermy Domingo  
894 Queen St.  
Honolulu, HI 96706

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Mahalo.

JoAnn Tsark  
1669 B Palolo Ave  
Honolulu, HI 96816



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Dear Legislators,

My name is Jordan Esporlos and I am 16 years old. I live in Ewa Beach and am currently attending Kapolei High School. I support SB2222 SD1.

I want flavored tobacco banned because it affects the well-being of young teens. Some teens think that they'd be cooler if they start smoking. But the reality of it is that they're just ruining their bodies.

Tobacco companies have succeeded in getting teens' attention with these flavored tobacco products. If possible, think about what's really happening in the beautiful state of Hawaii. I don't think it's fine to have this going on.

Please support SB2222 SD1.

Thank you,

Jordan Esporlos  
[jordanbulseco@gmail.com](mailto:jordanbulseco@gmail.com)



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Dear Legislators,

My name is Kathryn Murdock and I am 17 years old. I live in Kapolei and would like to request your support of a ban on flavored tobacco products.

I think the amount of access to and influence on my peers and I, that the tobacco companies have is disturbing. I have several friends who smoke them, and use the excuse that it's not as bad as regular smoking. I see them participating in more and more self-destructive behavior as they grow up. Smoking is only the beginning of a lifetime of self-destruction.

I know why the tobacco companies target my friends and I. We are at a vulnerable point in our lives and we feel invincible. We don't realize that our actions have consequences, especially when the products are literally candy-flavored like OTPs.

My grandpa suffers every day with emphysema. He started smoking when he was 14 and didn't quit until he was 60. He still regrets it with every breath he struggles to take. He is the reason I will never smoke, a constant reminder of the consequences of smoking and OTPs. But my peers don't see what it could do to them.

I'd like to reiterate my hope that OTPs and the advertising for them that is targeting kids and teens will be made illegal in Hawaii. Eventually I would like to see all tobacco products made illegal!

Please support this bill.

Thank you,

Kathryn Murdock  
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Lance Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I am submitting this document in direct opposition of Senate Bills 2212, 2222, 2495, 2572, and 2871. Additionally, I would like to note that I also am in opposition of House Bills 1788, 1791, 2079, and 2321. I believe in the spirit of the law. I also truly believe that our government works to preserve the freedoms of each individual while addressing the needs of the community as a whole. I am hoping that my individual testimony is significant enough to be heard and considered. I am a former smoker. I am currently a "vaper". To be exact, I had been smoking for over twenty years before discovering vaping and I believe, amongst other factors, that its value is too great for its distribution, and use, to be so restricted by our lawmakers in an uneducated, knee-jerk reaction as those presented in the proposed House and Senate bills. I, like many others, stopped smoking cigarettes with the help of an e-cigarette. I very much enjoyed smoking but I wanted to quit because of the negative effects it had on my health (respiratory ailments, continuously high blood pressure, and risk posed by proven carcinogens). I have tried all manner of smoking cessation products, and plans, with little success including nicotine replacement, pharmaceuticals (Zyban and Chantix), alternative/homeopathic (acupuncture), and personal coaching. None have had anywhere near the success as the e-cigarette. In fact, I had to stop using both my Zyban and my Chantix prescriptions as the side-effects were not only inconvenient, they were downright dangerous and directly endangered my health. I do not think it is wise to ban, or highly restrict, the availability of such effective tool to smoking cessation. In fact, vaping is so different from smoking in its chemical composition, and observed effects, that it should not be grouped, nor regulated, in the same category as traditional tobacco products. Do not restrict its distribution to those similar to current tobacco products. Doing so will eliminate one of the biggest advantages vaping has in transitioning off of a smoking habit. A wide variety of pleasant-tasting flavors is one of the greatest benefits a vaper has to substitute for the satisfaction of smoking a cigarette and that ability to get satisfaction, as well as the light, sweet vapor, is far less unpleasant than the dense, lingering smell that a cigarette will leave behind. I, personally, do not advocate the use of e-cigarette as a "healthy alternative" to smoking. However, I have done enough research to know that e-cigarette use is far less unhealthy than smoking. The benefits of e-cigarette use as a "harm reduction" method are significant. Generally, all of the components of e-



liquid have been deemed “safe for use” by the FDA. Propylene glycol, vegetable glycerin, and food flavorings have been in use for decades and are contained in many of the products consumed by Americans on a daily basis – propylene glycol, in particular, is toxic only in very large, and very concentrated, quantities of which levels are not commonly found while vaping. In fact, one would be very hard-pressed to intentionally abuse vaping to generate an environment where this level of toxicity could be reached. Nicotine, like caffeine, has demonstrable health benefits when used moderately as well as health detriments when used in large quantities yet there are no caffeine regulations in place in any city, or state, in the United States today. Additionally, any additional compounds produced while vaping generally do not exceed, nor compromise, current air quality standards (such as EPA regulations). The exhaust of an average low-emission automobile contains far more harmful compounds than those contained in the vapor of an e-cigarette in heavy use. While the long-term use of the components in e-liquid are not known it is impossible to overlook the quantifiable benefits that vaping can provide – especially when there is no documented proof of its harm in the trace amounts that they appear in e-cigarette vapor. In fact, there is much in the way of recent scientific studies that prove just the opposite.. Speaking of regulation, I completely agree that e-cigarette manufacturing, distribution, and use requires some degree of regulation. **HOWEVER, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT IS A GOVERNMENT'S RIGHT, NOR RESPONSIBILITY, TO DICTATE MY FREEDOMS, CHOICES, AND ACTIVITIES, UNLESS THOSE ACTIVITIES INFRINGE ON THE FREEDOM OF OTHERS.** I believe that e-cigarette use needs to be regulated, and even prohibited, in most public indoor environments - but there should be exceptions to this rule and not be all encompassing. Passing a blanket rule (that will more than likely never be retracted) with little information is irresponsible. An electronic cigarette is not a cigarette and should not be classified, nor treated, as one. I believe that there should be some sort of regulation and controls placed on the e-liquid that is being used. However, the State of Hawaii does not have the resources, or even the inclination, to pursue this. Leave it up to the FDA. You can require manufacturers to post calories, ingredients, and warnings and you will realize that there are more chemicals in a can of soda or your favorite cereal than in e-liquid. There should be regulation of the distribution e-liquid that contains nicotine. Make sure that they can only be sold to adults over the age of 18 - because humans obviously don't gain their freedoms or attain their potential for distinct cognitive function until we reach the chronological age of 18 years. An electronic cigarette is not a cigarette and should not be classified, nor treated, as one. I believe e-cigarette devices and related paraphernalia should not be prohibited to anyone nor taxed at a ridiculously high rate. An e-cigarette consists of a battery, a heating device (coil of wire), a way of getting the e-liquid to the heat (wick, tank, drip, etc), and an e-liquid. Every component mentioned, with the exception of the e-liquid, is readily available anywhere - we just like to buy them in pretty packaging. An electronic cigarette is not a cigarette and should not be classed, nor treated, as one. I believe that a tax on e-cigarettes may be warranted but the amount of tax that should be levied should be going into programs related to this class of recreational use and its administration. Putting an undetermined tax or even a tax that doubles the price of the product itself is irresponsible without doing for more research and measurement. Additionally, if a tax is to be levied to pay for its regulation and administration, all financial activity should be transparent, and of public record. An electronic cigarette

is not a cigarette and should not be classified, nor treated, as one. I believe that the aforementioned bills need to be withdrawn for rethought, reworking, and reintroduction. These bills infringe on MY freedom and does not seem to accomplish the good intent of what the spirit of the law really should be.

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Lilia P. Fajotina	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I Strongly Support SB2222

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TO: Senator Ige, Chair  
Senator Kidani, Vice Chair

Members, Senate Committee on Ways & Means

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Please pass SB 2222 and save the next generation from starting the path of tobacco use.

Mahalo.

Maile Goo  
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**From:** [Marilyn Gagen](#)  
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Mahalo.

Marilyn Gagen  
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Kamuela, HI 96743



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Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
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Re: Strong Support for SB 2222 SD1 – Relating to Flavored Tobacco Products  
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Dear Legislators,

Hi, my name is Micah De la Cuesta. I'm from Hawaii and I am writing this testimony because I support Sb2222 Sd1.

I think that tobacco companies are ruining my family and I think they should be stopped. We need to take out tobacco companies in Hawaii. Flavored tobacco serves no purpose at all to better anything and this is why I think a ban should happen.

Thank you for consideration,

Micah De La Cuesta, age 16  
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Mahalo.

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Michelle Tippens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I feel it is appropriate to begin by saying, although I was a cigarette smoker for over a decade, I am not currently a tobacco user and honestly think cigarette smoke is utterly repugnant. That being said, I STRICTLY OPPOSE this piece of legislation. I think this piece of legislation is highly inappropriate and unnecessary. Simply put, adults like flavored tobacco products, period. Tobacco companies market flavored tobacco products because adults buy them. It is NOT the Legislature's responsibility or duty to restrict the products made available to adults in order to regulate the actions of those same adults' children. Allow PARENTS to regulate the behaviors of their children. If the Legislation would like to reduce the frequency of underage use of tobacco products, increase fines and penalties imposed on persons whom provide tobacco products to minors and create a fine to be levied against parents of children caught using tobacco products, similar to those imposed upon parents of chronically truant children. It is unfair to punish all adults, whom elect the Legislative body, by removing products from the market adults enjoy, simply because parents are failing in their due diligence to safeguard and regulate their children. Place the backlash of childhood tobacco use squarely upon the people directly responsible for the actions of those children, THEIR PARENTS.

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Mahalo.

Nathan Kanale Sadowski  
45-715 Paepuu Street  
Kane`ohe, HI 96744



**From:** [Nathaniel Mangoba](#)  
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TO: Senator Ige, Chair  
Senator Kidani, Vice Chair

My name is Nathaniel Mangoba and I fully support SB 2222 to prohibit the sale or distribution of any flavored product, including menthol products.

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Studies have shown that tobacco industries spend a lot of time, money and resources to target the younger generation to try tobacco products. Not only do they target these children/high school students they are creating and making new ways to make it seem that using tobacco is "cool", "safe" and "non-hazardous" through TV commercials and ads.

What these tobacco agencies don't tell the views of these advertisements are the hazardous effects of tobacco such as lung cancer, increase risk for stroke, heart diseases, decrease reproductive fertility and many more effects that tobacco can do to the human body.

By passing SB 2222, it stops everyone from getting these products and significantly decrease the changes of obtaining the health risk mention above. Not only that, it also eliminates the chances of second hand and third hand smoke and provides a cleaner air to breath for everyone: infants, kekeis, young adults, adults and the elderly.

Breathing is a right, tobacco usages is a addiction and I strongly believe by passing this bill, everyone will be better off in the long-run.

I strongly urge you to please pass SB 2222 and save the next generation from starting the path of tobacco use.

Mahalo and thank you for your time.

Nathaniel Mangoba  
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Papaaloa, HI 96780

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Mahalo.

Nicole Chin

Hilo, HI 96720

Dear Chairs Ige, and Baker, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak out AGAINST SB2222, which would ban the sale of flavored tobacco products. This law is based on questionable justification and is discriminatory.

**Menthol and other flavors are not inherently harmful.** Menthol and other flavors do not cause any known harm by themselves, and the freedom for consumers to choose flavors should not be eliminated to those legal consumers.

**Banning menthol and flavors is discriminatory and culturally insensitive.** Menthol flavor is preferred disproportionately by adults belonging to ethnic minorities. Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders, and Black or African-Americans have the highest levels of preference. Furthermore, non-cigarette and cigar preparations of tobacco, especially shisha (hookah) tobacco, are manufactured almost exclusively around non-tobacco flavors. So this ban would disproportionately affect minorities and minority cultures.

**Money will leave the state.** Because menthol and flavored tobaccos like shisha tobacco remain legal in the US and worldwide, consumers will take their business out of state.

Please do not pass this discriminatory bill.

P. Kuromoto, Honolulu, HI



To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
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Re: Strong Support for SB 2222 SD1 – Relating to Flavored Tobacco Products  
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Dear Legislators,

My name is Reece Lamerson from Kapolei and I am 16 years old. I am in support of banning flavored tobacco products and it's advertising in Hawaii.

These flavored tobacco products are a way tobacco companies hurt youth and the whole community. These products can result in lung cancer and other diseases.

Please support SB2222 SD1 to protect youth and the community.

Thank you,

Reece Lamerson  
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Mahalo.

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Please pass SB 2222 and save the next generation from starting the path of tobacco use.

Mahalo.

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TO: Senator Ige, Chair  
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Steve	Individual	Oppose	No

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To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
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*Committee on Ways and Means*

Re: Strong Support for SB 2222 SD1 – Relating to Flavored Tobacco Products  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:25am  
Conference Room 211

Dear Legislators,

My name is Tevin and I'm from Kapolei, Hawaii. I support SB2222 SD1.

I think tobacco companies are forcing young teenagers to become addicted to tobacco. They even introduced sweet flavored cigars and smokeless tobacco products to make teens try it and when the smokeless tobacco products are not strong enough they will eventually get the cigarettes. They make these products look like candy packages. I just think it's wrong for tobacco companies to do that.

I'm asking you to take action today to pass SB2222 SD1.

Mahalo,

Tevin James Tom  
[TJIN808@aol.com](mailto:TJIN808@aol.com)

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Dear Legislators,

My name is Tyrus Viquelia and I am from Kapolei. I am 14 years old and I support SB2222 SD1.

I just want to say that I am against all kinds of tobacco products, but especially flavored tobacco. I want all of these products and ads out of sight because it makes people give into peer-pressure and promotes a lot of theft from minors who are not even legally allowed to purchase the products.

Overall, tobacco is bad for you. We are young and we have a lot of life to live. Please don't let us smoke our lives away. We need your support and protection. Please pass SB2222 SD1.

If by any chance you need to contact me, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Tyrus Viquelia  
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Great! You submit this, or want me to do it?

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On Feb 18, 2014, at 9:32 AM, "Bill Edwards" <[bedwards@thedrops.com](mailto:bedwards@thedrops.com)> wrote:

Please accept my testimony for HB2222

Thanks  
William Edwards

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