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Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Senator Roz Baker, Chair  
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**SB 2497 – RELATING TO TOBACCO REGULATION**

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2497, which increases the fees for tobacco wholesalers and retailers in the State.

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.

The current fee is \$2.50 for a tobacco wholesaler or distributor and \$20 for a tobacco retailer. We defer to the Coalition For a Tobacco Free Hawaii for a reasonable fee, as they have looked at similar tobacco wholesaler and retailer fees in other states. We would just like the committee to consider, when deciding these increases, that these licensing fees give these entities the privilege of selling the most dangerous consumer product sold - one that when used as directed can kill both the user and those around them.

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