

# **HB145 HD1 LATE TESTIMONY**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donald Fernelius	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support a .50 Tax cap on cigars!

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## **HB145**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Johnathon Myers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am submitting testimony to you today as a consumer of premium cigars and to urge you to SUPPORT and vote YES on House Bill 145 ("HB 145") as it is originally written, with no amendments, as a tax cap for large cigars. As a premium cigar consumer and enthusiast HB 145 will protect my passion for premium cigars and will no longer deny premium cigars parity and fairness under the tax code. Furthermore, HB 145 will also benefit retailers, consumers, and in turn the state by encouraging in-state purchases of premium cigars. The fixed tax rate will also allow premium cigar retailers to better price their products and compete in the market for retail sales of premium cigars and ultimately generate positive growth in in-state jobs and tax revenue. I oppose the language in the proposed HB 145 HD1, as it is not based on facts, science, nor longitudinal studies, but purely opinion and creative writing. I support the original writing of HB145 as a tax cap for large cigars. In closing, I respectfully ask that you support Hawaiian premium cigar manufacturers, consumers, and retailers and vote YES on HB 145 as a tax cap for large cigars. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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Lani Beloso	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Way to take money out of local Hawaii businesses and take money out of Hawaii and give it to big tobacco!! Maybe we can all go back to smoking actual cigarettes and get cancer.

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