

HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS
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Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair
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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 18, 2016
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

**Testimony Supporting SB 305, SD1, HD1
Relating To Use of Tobacco Products and E-Cigarettes on
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Premises.
Prohibits the use of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices on the
premises of the facilities operated by the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.
Requires HHSC to offer tobacco cessation programs to its employees.**

Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.
Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation ("HHSC") Corporate Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **strong support of SB305, SD1, HD1**, that prohibits tobacco and electronic smoking device usage on HHSC campuses state-wide.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), secondhand smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals – hundreds of which are toxic to humans – and 70 that can cause cancer. An estimated 2.5 million *non-smoking* adults have died since 1964 due to the adverse effects of secondhand smoke. Numerous health problems are associated with exposure to secondhand smoke, particularly in women and infants, including more severe and frequent asthma attacks, ear infections, respiratory infections and sudden infant death syndrome ("SIDS").

HHSC is in the business of providing quality healthcare services to the communities we serve. Allowing tobacco and electronic smoking device usage at our facilities is in direct conflict with the nature of our operations. Passage of this bill would ensure that our patients, employees, and visitors are protected at all times from exposure to secondhand smoke. Moreover, HHSC would be able to promote positive, healthy practices, and lead by example.

HHSC is very appreciative of the incorporation of the proposed amendments in the HD1 version of SB305.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this measure.

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SB305

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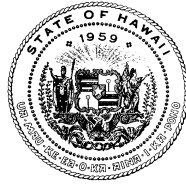
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elena Cabatu	East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation	Support	No

Comments: On behalf of the East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, please except our strong support for SB 305, SD1, HD1 to prohibit the use of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices on the premises of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation facilities, including our facilities consisting of Hilo Medical Center, Hale Ho`ola Hamakua and Ka`u Hospital. Mahalo!

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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB0305 HD1
RELATING TO USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND E-CIGARETTES ON
HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS COPORATION PREMISES

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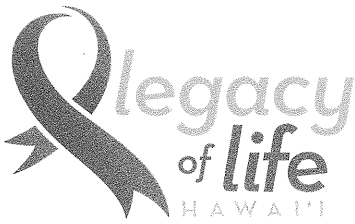
1 **Fiscal Implications:** None to the Department of Health.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports SB0305 HD1 which
3 prohibits tobacco or electronic smoking device (ESD) use on all Hawaii Health Systems
4 Corporation (HHSC) premises. This measure has definitions for tobacco and ESD that are
5 consistent with §328J-1, HRS.

6 SB0305 HD1 would provide a tobacco-free environment on the HHSC premises
7 consistent with the policies already in place across hospital systems in Hawaii. According to the
8 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's Report on involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke, "there is no safe
9 level or amount of exposure to secondhand smoke." The report further states that hospitals with
10 tobacco-free policies are particularly effective, because they protect patients from secondhand
11 smoke exposure, project a positive, healthy image, send a consistent message, and encourage and
12 support tobacco use cessation among both patients and staff. The 2014 Centers for Disease
13 Control and Prevention publication, "Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control
14 Programs" likewise reaffirms that, "Systems changes within health care organizations
15 complement interventions in state and community settings by institutionalizing sustainable
16 approaches that support positive individual behavior change."

17 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

18 **Offered Amendments:** None.



Testimony on Senate Bill 305
Relating to use of Tobacco Products and e-Cigarettes on HHSC Premises

by
Stephen A. Kula, PhD, NHA
President and CEO
Legacy of Life Hawaii

House Committee on Judiciary
Chair Karl Rhoads
Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura

Thursday, March 18; 2:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

As a member organization of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Legacy of Life Hawaii would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to **support** SB305 SD 1 HD 1 which would prohibit the use of tobacco products and e-cigarettes on premises of facilities operated by the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC.)

All across the country, more and more hospitals and healthcare facilities are adopting 100 percent smoke-free policies, reinforcing their steadfast commitment to creating and sustaining healthy communities.

As the only federally designated agency in Hawaii authorized to recover organs and tissue for transplant, Legacy of Life Hawaii strongly supports this measure which would ensure our clinical staff and family members of organ and tissue donors are provided with a healthy, smoke-free environment while on campus at HHSC facilities during a difficult and trying time.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.



**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 305, SD1, HD1
“Relating to Use of Tobacco Products and E-Cigarettes on
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Premises”**

The American Heart Association **SUPPORTS** SB 305, SD1, HD1.

Supporting hospitals in becoming tobacco-free is one of the American Heart Association’s national policy goals.

Tobacco use is one of the leading preventable risk factors for cardiovascular diseases. As we’ve learned through our policy efforts to restrict smoking in public and work places, such policies not only reduce exposure to non-smokers of deadly environmental tobacco smoke, but also have the added benefit of changing the public norms regarding tobacco use. The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation’s desire to eliminate tobacco use on its campuses will further send the clear message to the community that tobacco use is no longer encouraged in our society, and help support those who continue to use tobacco, but want to quit, to achieve the goal of cessation.

Please support SB 305, SD1, HD1.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald B. Weisman
Hawaii Government Relations Director



March 18, 2016 at 2:00 PM
Conference Room 325

House Committee on Judiciary

To: Chair Karl Rhoads
Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura

From: George Greene
President and CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
SB 305 SD 1 HD 1, Relating to Use of Tobacco Products and E-Cigarettes on Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Premises

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 180 member organizations who represent almost every aspect of the health care continuum in Hawaii. Members include acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities and durable medical equipment suppliers. In addition to providing access to appropriate, affordable, high quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 20,000 people statewide.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to **support** SB305 SD 1 HD 1, which would prohibit the use of tobacco products and e-cigarettes on premises of facilities operated by the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC.)

All across the country, more and more hospitals and healthcare facilities are adopting 100 percent smoke-free policies, reinforcing their steadfast commitment to creating and sustaining healthy communities. HHSC, in keeping with this trend, should be permitted to improve its campuses by allowing its patients, employees and visitors to enjoy the benefits of a healthy, smoke-free environment.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Judiciary

From: Paula Yoshioka, Senior Vice President, The Queen's Health Systems
Date: March 16, 2016
Hrg: House Committee on Judiciary Hearing; Friday, March 18, 2016 at 2:00pm in Room 325

Re: Support for SB 305, SD1, HD1, Relating to Use of Tobacco Products and E-Cigarettes on Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Premises

My name is Paula Yoshioka, and I am a Senior Vice President at The Queen's Health Systems (QHS). I would like to express my **support** for SB 305, SD1, HD1, Relating to Use of Tobacco Products and E-Cigarettes on Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Premises. This bill prohibits the use of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices (ESDs) on the premises of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) facilities.

In 2006, QHS instituted a ban on the use of tobacco products on our premises. This move was consistent with our mission to provide a safe, clean, and healthy community environment for our staff, patients and families. Tobacco products have been proven to be harmful to the health of both the participant and bystanders. The use of tobacco products, including ESDs, is inconsistent with our mission.

Queen's believes that extending the ban on tobacco products and ESDs on HHSC is consistent with each individual hospital's mission and reflects their commitment to improve the health of the people of Hawaii. That is why I urge your strong support of this bill.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.



Date: March 17, 2016

To: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Joy San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

From: Jessica Yamauchi, Executive Director, Hawai'i Public Health Institute

Re: **SUPPORT for SB305, SD1, HD1 Relating to Relating to Use of Tobacco Products and E-Cigarettes on Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Premises**

Hrg: March 18, 2016 at 2:00pm at Conference Room 325

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB305, SD1, HD1 which prohibits the use of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices on the premises of Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation facilities.

The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i (Coalition) is a program of the Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) that is dedicated to reducing tobacco use through education, policy, and advocacy. With nearly two decades of history in Hawai'i, the Coalition has led several campaigns on enacting smoke-free environments, including being the first state in the nation to prohibit the sale of tobacco and electronic smoking devices to purchasers under 21 years of age.

The Coalition supports a system-wide tobacco-free policy for Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation.

Smoking and tobacco use contribute to a wide range of institutional costs. These costs include employee absenteeism, extensive health care costs and increased medical insurance costs, fire risk, negative environmental impacts, and increased cleaning and maintenance costs.

Furthermore, secondhand smoke is dangerous; even brief exposure can be harmful to your health. Most exposure to secondhand smoke occurs in homes and workplaces, and over 2.5 million people have died from secondhand smoke. Nonsmokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke are at higher risk for heart disease and lung cancer. Secondhand smoke contains 7,000 identifiable chemicals, 70 of which cause cancer.



The Coalition supports the inclusion of electronic smoking devices in the proposed smoke-free policies.

In 2015, the State Legislature passed HB 940 (Act 19) which now includes ESDs in the statewide smoke-free air law (HRS § 328J). ESDs contain harmful ingredients such as nicotine and cancer-causing chemicals that are inhaled by those exposed to e-cigarette aerosol. As new tobacco laws are passed it is important to include ESDs as the aerosol emitted from ESDs contain harmful chemicals.

Many people live and work in Hawai'i for its clean air and lush surroundings. As a leader in its smoke-free laws, Hawai'i must continue to protect the public and its workers from the harmful impacts of secondhand smoke.

We support SB305, SD1, HD1 and urge you to pass this measure out of committee.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jessica Yamauchi'.

Jessica Yamauchi
Executive Director

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Kim Nguyen	American Lung Association in Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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The Twenty-Eighth Legislature, State of Hawaii
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Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
March 18, 2016

S.B. 305, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 - RELATING TO THE USE OF
TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND E-CIGARETTES ON HAWAII
HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION PREMISES

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO has no objections to S.B. 305, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, which prohibits the use of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices on the premises of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation facilities.

The proliferation of electronic smoking devices makes the proposed changes to Chapter 323F, HRS necessary. The clarification of what constitutes "tobacco product" is helpful by excluding drugs, devices or combination products approved for sale by the FDA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 305, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director