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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB0305 SD1 Proposed HD1
RELATING TO USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND E-CIGARETTES ON
HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS COPORATION PREMISES**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 26, 2016

Room Number: 329

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

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the Committee's offered
3 Proposed HD1 of SB0305, SD1, which prohibits tobacco or electronic smoking device (ESD)
4 use on Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) premises. The Proposed HD1 has
5 definitions for tobacco and ESD that are consistent with §328J-1, HRS.

6 The measure, SB0305, SD1, Proposed HD1 would provide a tobacco free environment in
7 the HHSC premises consistent with the policies already in place across hospital systems in
8 Hawaii. According to the 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's Report on involuntary exposure to
9 tobacco smoke, "there is no safe level or amount of exposure to secondhand smoke." The report
10 further states that hospitals with tobacco-free policies are particularly effective, because they
11 protect patients from secondhand smoke exposure, project a positive, healthy image, send a
12 consistent message, and encourage and support tobacco use cessation among both patients and
13 staff. The 2014 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention publication, "Best Practices for
14 Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs" likewise reaffirms that, "Systems changes within
15 health care organizations complement interventions in state and community settings by
16 institutionalizing sustainable approaches that support positive individual behavior change."

17 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

18 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Derek Akiyoshi	HHSC Oahu Region	Support	No

Comments: The Oahu Region of HHSC fully supports SB 305 and the proposed HD 1. Given the Oahu Region's focus on serving our most vulnerable population, we believe that SB 305 will promote positive health practices and, more importantly, protect our residents from unnecessary exposure to second-hand smoke and other harmful substances. We are very grateful to Chair Belatti and the House Health Committee for reviving this important legislation. Thank you.

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), Cigarette smoking harms nearly every organ of the body, causes many diseases, and reduces the health of smokers in general. More than 10 times as many U.S. citizens have died prematurely from cigarette smoking than have died in all the wars fought by the United States during its history. Smoking causes about 90% of all lung cancer deaths in men and women. About 80% of all deaths from chronic Obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are caused by smoking. Smokers are more likely than nonsmokers to develop heart disease, stroke, and lung cancer. In addition, second hand smoke causes immediate harm to nonsmokers who breathe it.

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. The State of Hawaii has taken a lead role in this battle for the health of our citizens by banning the use of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices in all enclosed or partially enclosed areas open to the public. Passage of this bill would ensure our patients, employees, and visitors are protected at all times from exposure to secondhand smoke. HHSC, as a health care provider, would be able to promote positive, healthy practices and lead by example.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before this committee. We respectfully request the Committee's support of this measure.

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Julie Tulang	Hilo Medical Center Foundation	Support	No

Comments: We are in support of SB 305

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

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

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 proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald B. Weisman
Hawaii Government Relations Director



Date: February 25, 2016

To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Richard P Creagan, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

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

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

Hrg: February 26, 2016 at 10:00am at Conference Room 329

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB305, SD1, proposed HD1 which prohibits the use of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices on the premises of Hawaii 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. The International Agency for Research on Cancer and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency both note that environmental tobacco smoke (or secondhand smoke) is carcinogenic to humans. Secondhand smoke contains 7,000 identifiable chemicals, 70 of which cause cancer.



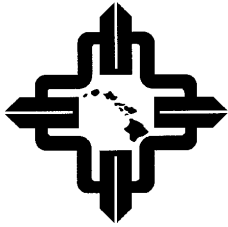
Many people live and work in Hawai'i for its clean air and lush surroundings. As a leader in its smoke-free laws, Hawai'i must continue to protect the public and its workers from the harmful impacts of secondhand smoke.

We **support SB305, SD1, proposed 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



HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS
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Committee on Health
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

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Conference Room 329
10:00 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol

**Testimony Supporting SB 305, SD1, Proposed 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, Proposed 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 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. There are numerous health problems 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 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.



February 26, 2016 at 10:00 AM
Conference Room 329

House Committee on Health

To: Chair Della Au Belatti
Vice Chair Richard P. Creagan

From: George Greene
President and CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
SB 305 SD 1 Proposed 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 Proposed 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.

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Michael Zehner	Hawaii Smokers Alliance	Oppose	No

Comments: Bills such as this one only serve to spread disinformation that passive smoking or vaping is harmful. This is especially true outdoors.

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Carma Reigns	Individual	Support	No

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Kathryn Salomon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Tobacco use in and around our hospitals poses health and safety risks for patients, employees and visitors. As a health care provider, it is necessary to take a stand to stop this public health epidemic and create a health environment for everyone who comes onto our hospital campuses to receive care, visit a patient or to work.

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Dr. Frank H. Sayre, D.D.S.	Individual	Support	No

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Holly Ka`akimaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this measure to protect the health of patients and the employees delivering their care. New parents do not want nurses holding their newborn who smell like cigarette smoke and have tobacco residue products on their scrubs.

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Dylan Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

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Chris Wells	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Not the outside areas please.

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Chris Anton	Individual	Oppose	No

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