

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2017

RE: S.B. No. 134

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Higher Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 134 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote positive health practices and protect University of Hawaii students, employees, and visitors from exposure to secondhand smoke by prohibiting smoking, including the use of electronic smoking devices, and tobacco use on University of Hawaii premises.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Department of Education, University of Hawai'i System, American Heart Association, Hawai'i Public Health Institute, Student Health Advisory Council, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, and nine individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from United Public Workers, University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, Hawaii Smokers Alliance, and sixteen individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i Student Caucus.

Your Committees find that tobacco use continues to be the single most preventable cause of death and disability in the United States and Hawaii. Cigarette smoking alone is responsible for more deaths than HIV/AIDS, alcohol, motor vehicle crashes, homicide, suicide, and illegal drugs combined. Your Committees further find that the growing popularity of electronic smoking

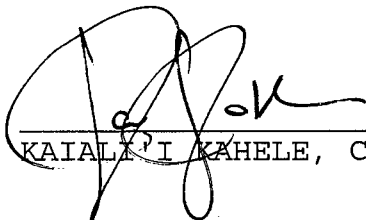


devices is a public health concern, as sales of electronic smoking devices nationwide have doubled each year since 2008.

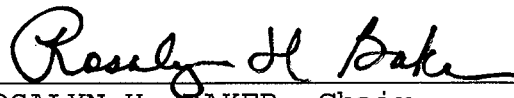
Your Committees find that tobacco-free college and university campuses present an opportunity to protect over 20,000,000 people across the country from the effects of smoking, as well as a key opportunity to protect youth and young adults from the harm of tobacco and electronic cigarette use. According to the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation, as of January 2017, nearly 1,500 colleges and universities nationwide have adopted a completely tobacco-free policy. Many colleges and universities are also including electronic smoking devices in their campus-wide bans. Your Committees note that the benefits of a smoke-free campus go beyond health, increasing productivity and decreasing use of sick time, decreasing employee health care costs, decreasing the risk of fire, and possibly decreasing litter control and maintenance expenses for facilities and grounds. Your Committees find that establishing a smoke-free policy at University of Hawai'i System campuses will demonstrate Hawaii's continued commitment to health.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 134 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and Health
and Higher Education,



KAIALA'I KAHELE, Chair



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
CPH

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB134	CPH/HPE, JDL	2/7/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)				/
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				/
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
TOTAL	5			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Will Espero</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

