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LATE TESTIMONY

The Twenty-Ninth Legislature, State of Hawaii
The Senate
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

February 27, 2017

S.B. 134 - RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO raise no objections but have strong concerns on S.B. 134, which prohibits smoking and tobacco use, including the use of electronic smoking devices, by any person on the premises of the University of Hawaii.

We are supportive of creating positive practices and a health environment for everyone at the University of Hawaii; however, it is inappropriate to make changes to Chapter 89 to achieve this. Also, by suggesting that smoking on campus is non-negotiable would be dictating behavior. This should be an administrative matter and behavior should not be controlled by legislative action.

The University of Hawaii's current executive policy EP10.102 already prohibits smoking in certain circumstances. This issue would more appropriately be addressed through the modification/ creation of University policy over state of Hawaii statute. We have worked with the University of Hawaii and will continue to work with the University to improve working conditions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and raise concerns on S.B. 134.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director



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SB 134 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
Cory Chun, Government Relations Director – Hawaii Pacific
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of SB 134, which prohibits smoking and tobacco use on University of Hawaii premises. 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.

Despite significant progress since the first Surgeon General's report, issued over 50 years ago, tobacco use remains the single largest cause of preventable death and disease and is responsible for about one third of cancer deaths. Of the roughly 20 million college and university students in the United States, more than 1 million are projected to die prematurely from cigarette smoking. While approximately 90% of smokers start by age 18, fully 99% start by age 26, underscoring the importance of supporting young adults with more effective prevention and cessation efforts while eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke and all tobacco use in their learning environments.

Electronic smoking devices, cigars, and other non-cigarette tobacco products are not a safe alternative to cigarettes. Unfortunately, both cigar and e-cigarette use by youth is on the rise. Because they simulate the behavior of smoking, use of these products in public places where smoking is otherwise prohibited complicates enforcement of the law and weakens its effectiveness. Many of these products resemble traditional cigarettes, and produce a visible cloud when exhaled which can confusion for the public and enforcement officials alike. In addition, the unacceptability of smoking in these places could be compromised which could lead to new users or a reduction in current users who quit.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this important matter.

LATE TESTIMONY

Date: February 26, 2017

To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Alicia Rittenberry, Sustainable Science Management major at UHMC

Re: Strong Support for SB 134, Relating to the University of Hawaii

Hrg: February 27, 2017 at 10:00 am at Conference Room 016

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB 134 which urges the State of Hawai'i to prohibit smoking and tobacco use, including the use of electronic smoking devices, by any person on the premises of the University of Hawai'i.

I strongly support SB 134 because I do not want to be exposed to secondhand cigarette smoke while I am obtaining my education. On our small campus, it is hard to avoid smoking areas. As a Sustainable Science Major, I am also concerned about the effect cigarette butts have on the environment. Lastly, higher education institutions should not make it easier for students to continue unhealthy habits but, instead, support healthy choices for students. I think it is important to make a statement that cigarette smoking is not supported by UH.

Hawai'i has been a leader, protecting the public and its visitors from the dangers of secondhand smoke, and now, the State Legislature has the opportunity to protect everyone on the University of Hawai'i campuses, students, employees, and visitors from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke.

I hope that Hawai'i can continue being an example for other states in the nation in promoting clean, smoke-free, and healthy environments for our residents and visitors by passing SB 134.

Mahalo,

Alicia Rittenberry
University of Hawaii Maui College

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To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Susan Saka, UH Manoa

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There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke and even minimal exposure can increase risk for multiple health conditions. Although students who attend grades K-12 go to school on smoke-free campuses, not all University of Hawai'i students are protected from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke. Our learning and working environment extends outside the classroom, which can expose us to secondhand smoke. Smoking and the use of electronic cigarettes are not conducive to a healthy learning environment.

Currently in the US there are 1757 college campuses that have become smoke-free, and of these 1468 are tobacco-free, with 1331 also prohibiting the use of electronic cigarettes. Four states and one US territory have also passed State Laws requiring college campuses to be smoke-free.

I strongly support SB 134 because those of us who work or visit the University of Hawai'i should be able to do so without having to worry about being exposed to smoking. My current office is across the street from Lincoln Hall where visitors often stand in the parking lot next to my car to smoke. Lincoln Hall is smoke free but they must not be telling their guests that the campus is smoke free. I've received apologies and blank looks from those I've informed; I want to exhibit the aloha spirit, but this is too important to remain quiet. It would be so much easier if there is a common message—all University of Hawai'i campuses are smoke free.

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Mahalo,
Susan Saka
University of Hawai'i Manoa

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SB134

Submitted on: 2/26/2017

Testimony for JDL on Feb 27, 2017 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jake J. Watkins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Zehner	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: We are in strong opposition to this bill. Why on earth is smoking and vaping so "bad" two feet inside of the UH property line and perfectly ok two feet outside of it when both are outdoors? If that is the actual thought process that supporters of this bill have, they are badly in need of some basic level 100 logic studies at UH. Might we suggest "PHIL 110 Introduction to Deductive Logic (3)- Principles of modern deductive logic" which is offered at UH. If lack of understanding of basic logic is not the cause of sb134, then only reasoning remaining for sb134 is bigotry and intolerance of differing lifestyles. SB134 is a disgrace and the people promoting it badly need SOME REMEDIAL TRAINING IN THE CONCEPT OF ALOHA as well.

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LATE TESTIMONY

Date: February 24, 2017

To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Eng Ty Lim, UH Manoa

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I strongly support SB 134 because at home, even though I live in a smoke-free building, smokers constantly light up near the building with the smoke drifting up to lanais on all floors. This is aggravating to say the least. As a staff member and student at UH Manoa, I don't want to be exposed to even more smoke at work and school. I enjoy a peaceful, healthful campus that is beautifully maintained. Why allow smoking to taint the hard work of our maintenance workers? If we care about our campus and everyone on it, then we must do what is right and prohibit smoking and e-cigarettes.

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Mahalo,

Eng Ty Lim
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