

TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017

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ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 342, RELATING TO THE REMOTE SALES OF CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEES ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH AND ON
JUDICIARY AND LABOR

DATE: Friday, February 10, 2017 **TIME:** 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016

TESTIFIER(S): Douglas S. Chin, Attorney General, or
Janine R. Udui, Deputy Attorney General

Chairs Baker and Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committees:

The Department of the Attorney General ("Department") appreciates the intent of this bill and submits the following comments in order to alert the committee to a potential issue involving the title of the bill.

The stated purpose of this bill on page 3, lines 18 through 20, and page 4, lines 1 through 2, is to correct loopholes in existing Hawaii laws regarding age verification, taxation, and public health goals involving tobacco products other than cigarettes, by prohibiting the remote sale and distribution of certain tobacco products other than cigarettes to anyone other than a licensed wholesaler or retailer. As drafted the bill may be vulnerable to challenge as regulating the remote sale of two subjects: cigarettes, and tobacco products other than cigarettes. However, as articulated by the Hawaii Supreme Court, in Schwab v. Ariyoshi, 58 Haw. 25, 34, 564 P.2d 135, 141 (1977):

It is sufficient if the title of an ordinance fairly indicates to the ordinary mind the general subject of the act, is comprehensive enough to reasonably cover all its provisions, and is not calculated to mislead; but an act which contains provisions neither suggested by the title, nor germane to the subject expressed therein is to that extent void.

Moreover, this single subject constitutional requirement is to be liberally construed and must “fairly indicate[s] to the ordinary mind the general subject of the act is comprehensive enough to reasonably cover all its provisions, and is not calculated to mislead. Id. Accordingly, as an electronic smoking device may be reasonably considered a cigarette to an ordinary mind under the broad standard articulated in Schwab v. Ariyoshi, the bill should survive constitutional challenge. “Enactment[s] of the legislature are presumptively constitutional, and a party challenging the statute has the burden of showing unconstitutionality beyond a reasonable doubt.” Id. at 31, 564 P.2d at 140. In order to obviate the possibility of any challenge, though, one option would be to insert the wording of this bill in an another bill with a broader title. Nonetheless, the Department would vigorously defend any potential challenges to the presumed constitutionality of this bill.

Additionally, the Department notes that the wording contained in subsection (b) of the new section being added to chapter 245 by section 3 of the bill, page 5, lines 8 through 13, states that a violation of the proposed section would constitute a C felony punishable by a maximum fine of \$5,000. By specifically limiting the maximum possible penalty for violations of this section to a fine of \$5,000, the bill could be read to limit the punishment for violations of this class C felony to only a \$5,000 fine. The Hawaii Penal Code HRS section 706-605, presently sets forth the authorized disposition for people convicted of class C felonies. These dispositions include imprisonment, probation, or a fine. In section 706-660, HRS, the maximum term of imprisonment for a class C felony is five years. Pursuant to section 703-623(b), HRS, a person convicted of a class C felony can be placed on probation for four years. Finally, section 706-640(1)(c), HRS, provides that the maximum possible fine upon conviction of a class C felony is \$10,000. The preamble to the bill does not indicate a specific intent to deviate from the statutorily authorized punishments for persons convicted of class C felonies, or to reduce the maximum possible fine for a class C felony from \$10,000 to \$5,000. Therefore, the Department recommends that to ensure consistency with the Hawaii Penal Code and

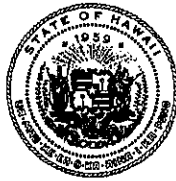
avoid potential conflicts due to ambiguity, that subsection (b), page 5, lines 8 through 13, in section 3 of the bill be amended to remove the \$5,000 fine limitation as follows:

(b) Any manufacturer, wholesaler, dealer, retailer, or other person or entity who knowingly violates this section shall be guilty of a class C felony. ~~for which a maximum fine of \$5,000 may be imposed.~~ Each distribution that violates or fails to comply with this section shall be a separate and distinct violation.

The Department also notes the following amendment, which is technical in nature and does not affect the intent of the bill.

In section 4(1), page 6, lines 3 through 9, of the bill, the definition of “electronic smoking device” includes a “hookah pipe.” As traditional hookah pipes do not typically require an electrical power source, the Department recommends simply amending the definition of “electronic smoking device” to change the phrase “hookah pipe” to read “electronic hookah pipe” to clarify what constitutes an electronic smoking device.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB0342
RELATING TO REMOTE SALES OF CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

SENATOR GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Hearing Date: February 10, 2017

Room Number: 016

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports Senate Bill No. 0342 as a
3 measure to protect the public's health. The bill prohibits the remote sale and distribution of
4 cigarettes and tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices (ESD), to consumers
5 except for licensed wholesalers/dealers and permit-holding retailers. The Department defers to
6 the Department of the Attorney General regarding the enforcement of proposed measure.

7 Hawaii and California have the strongest laws in the country that prohibit the sales of
8 tobacco products to any person under the age of twenty-one years. Such legislation specifically
9 addresses face-to-face transactions, and is meant to prevent youth access and initiation of
10 tobacco use. However, the acceleration of online tobacco product sales has created a dangerous
11 loophole, undermining efforts to protect public health, by providing an appealing option for
12 underage smokers.

13 In the current unregulated online market, youth easily and often circumvent the age
14 verification process for purchasing tobacco. In some transactions age verification simply
15 requires the consumer to acknowledge that a person is over the legal age to purchase by clicking
16 the word, "agree," to advance the transaction.

1 The Internet Tobacco Vendors Study (ITV), supported by the National Cancer Institute
2 and the United States (US) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Tobacco Products,
3 has monitored the online tobacco industry for over fifteen years, to assess sales practices and
4 public health impacts. In 2016, its study found that minors were successful in buying ESDs
5 online 93% of the time despite age restrictions and another study found that ESDs were often
6 shipped from Internet vendors without instructions or health warnings. Due to the easy access
7 for minors through online marketing, researchers recommend more vigorous policies to prohibit
8 sales to minors.^{1,2}

9 Unregulated online access provides a way for the purchaser and tobacco industry to avoid
10 federal and state taxes, resulting in loss of revenue and loss of an important public health tool for
11 prevention.³ Youth are price sensitive and online purchasing options are a less expensive
12 method for acquiring tobacco products including ESDs.

13 Hawaii has seen ESD use by youth and young adults increase at an alarming rate.⁴ ESDs
14 are now the most commonly used tobacco product among youth in the nation and in Hawaii.^{5,6}
15 The electronic cigarette industry is growing rapidly, with retail and online sales of electronic
16 smoking devices projected to reach \$10,000,000,000 in 2017.^{7,8}

17 The U.S. FDA in its deeming rule enacted in August 2016, extended its authority to
18 ESDs, cigars, hookah, and pipe tobacco as tobacco products.⁹ Though the Tobacco Control Act
19 (TCA) of 2009 directs the FDA to regulate Internet sales of tobacco, the FDA regulation of
20 Internet tobacco sales has not moved past the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking stage,
21 making it necessary for states to act to protect public health.¹⁰ The Prevent All Cigarette
22 Trafficking (PACT) Act, 2009, preserves the state authority to prohibit the direct shipment of
23 tobacco products to customers in their borders and eleven states have similar laws.¹¹

24 The DOH supports this important measure to close the access loophole to protect the next
25 generation from tobacco and nicotine addiction.

26 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

1 **Offered Amendments:** None.

¹ Williams RS, Derrick J, Ribisl KM. Electronic Cigarette Sales to Minors via the Internet. *JAMA Pediatr.* 2015;169(3):e1563. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2015.63.

² Kong AY, Derrick JC, Abrantes AS, Williams RS. *What is included with your online e-cigarette order? An analysis of e-cigarette shipping, product and packaging features.* *Tobacco Control.* [Epub ahead of print] June 29, 2016. doi:10.1136/tobaccocontrol-2016-053061.

³ *The National Association for Convenience and Fuel Retailing:* <http://www.nacsonline.com/Advocacy/Issues/Tobacco/Pages/RemoteSalesofTobacco.aspx>

⁴ Hawaii State Department of Health, *2016-2020 Tobacco Use Prevention and Control in Hawaii, Five-Year Strategic Plan, p.25.*

⁵ U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "Tobacco Use Among Middle and High School Students — United States, 2011- 2015," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)* 65(14):361-367, April 14, 2016, <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/pdfs/mm6514a1.pdf>

⁶ Hawaii State Department of Health, *Youth Risk Behavior Survey (2015)*

⁷ Herzog B, Gerber J. *E-Cigs revolutionizing the tobacco industry, 2013.* <http://www.smallcapfinancialwire.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/E-Cigs-Revolutionizing-the-Tobacco-Industry-Interactive-Model.pdf>

⁸ Craver, R. (September 15, 2013). Analyst projection: *E-cigs will overtake traditional tobacco revenue at Reynolds In 2021.* *Winston-Salem Journal.* http://www.journalnow.com/business/business_news/local/analyst-projection-e-cigs-will-overtake-traditional-tobacco-revenue-at/article_948674ca-1ca9-11e3-a0ae-0019bb30f31a.html

⁹ U.S. Food and Drug Administration. *Deeming Tobacco Products To Be Subject to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as Amended by the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; Restrictions on the Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products and Required Warning Statements for Tobacco Products* (May 2016). <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/05/10/2016-10685/deeming-tobacco-products-to-be-subject-to-the-federal-food-drug-and-cosmetic-act-as-amended-by-the-Family-Smoking-Prevention-and-Tobacco-Control-Act-Restrictions-on-the-Sale-and-Distribution-of-Tobacco-Products-and-Required-Warning-Statements-for-Tobacco-Products> (May 2016).

¹⁰ Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act of 2009.

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/ucm246129.htm>

¹¹ Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act. Pub.L. 111-154, sec.2,§2A(e)(5)(C), 124 Stat. 1087, 1098 (codified at 15 U.S.C. §376a(e)(5)(C) [hereinafter PACT Act].

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Opposition to S.B. 342, RELATING TO REMOTE SALES OF CIGARETTES AND
TOBACCO PRODUCTS

This is a written testimony in opposition to S.B. 342. This bill unapologetically and erroneously lumps the use of E-cigarettes, colloquially known as vaping, with the use of cigarettes. This is a logical fallacy known as false equivalence and in strong opposition of the vast amount of existing research on vaping conducted in the last decade.

The harmful effects of smoking cigarettes have been strongly supported by research for many decades. In contrast, studies that suggest vaping is harmful are a miniscule fraction. It is estimated that 1 billion people will have died from smoking cigarettes this century. Without the need for incredibly expensive doctors, prescriptions, or nicotine patches, vaping proves to be the most effective method to quit smoking.

This bill states its intent is to restrict access to vaping from Hawaii's underage population. This bill, which criminalizes suppliers, transporters, and consumers of vaping, greatly restricts access to vaping to all of Hawaii. Unintended damage done is far too great to merely restrict access of an effective, safe alternative to smoking by criminalizing it. Online vape stores offer significantly lower prices, wider selection, and greater convenience than physical stores.

In closing, the proposed amendments in S.B. 342 would contribute to the deaths of a billion lives. In testifying in strong opposition of it, I put my conscience to rest. I urge the committees to stop it from passing. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tyler Tamura	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Zehner	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: The Hawaii Smokers' Alliance is strongly opposed to this measure. It is unfair and excessive.

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Vinh	Individual	Oppose	No

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Allyn Hiramoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dear Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

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The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: Strong Support of SB342, Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products

Hrg: February 10, 2017 at 8:30am at Capitol Room 016

I strongly support SB342 which prohibits the remote sale and distribution of cigarettes and tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices to consumers except to licensed wholesalers or dealers and permit-holding retailers.

Internet sales of tobacco products and e-cigarettes are a significant public health concern because they evade state taxes and significantly undermine tobacco control efforts. In Hawai'i, it is currently illegal to sell tobacco products including e-cigarettes to those under the age of 21. Our age to 21 law plays an essential role in preventing youth initiation and addiction to tobacco products yet internet sellers are able to circumvent this restriction by providing easy access to these products.

E-cigarettes are now the most popularly used tobacco product among youth and young adults in the nation. In Hawai'i, e-cigarette use among youth is at an all-time high. This is concerning because e-cigarettes can contain nicotine. No matter how it is delivered, nicotine exposure can lead to addiction and harm the developing brain.

Online sellers use marketing and advertising tactics that directly appeal to youth by glamorizing its use, promoting candy and local flavors, and offering cheap discounts on different products. Websites simply require users to click on a button to verify their age – a process that is both ineffective and inadequate.

I strongly urge the legislature to correct this loophole in our age restriction, taxation, and public health laws. By not restricting remote sales, we lose any positive effects gained through the passage of our age to 21 law.

I strongly support SB 342 and ask you to pass this out of committee.

Sincerely,
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Kailua Kona, HI

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Also, if you are planning to vote against this bill I would like to know why.

Sincerely,
Derek Bown
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Waimanalo, HI 96795-1663

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Sincerely,
Leslie Lang
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Pepeekeo, HI 96783-0217

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Kamuela, HI 96743-8500

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