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TO: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Higher Education
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

RE: **Comments** on SB134 Relating to the University of Hawai'i from the University of Hawai'i Student Caucus

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. The University of Hawai'i Student Caucus is a coalition of student government from across the ten campuses of the University of Hawai'i System. We are writing today to express concerns on SB134, which would require the University of Hawai'i to ban smoking on University premises.

At least two campuses already have smoking bans in place. Students there have reported that while students are more mindful of smoke away from areas where they might disturb others, the ban has been more effective at eliminating ashtrays than smoking. This has led to noticeable increases in litter.

By eliminating the smoking from campuses, those choosing to smoke would be required to cross the street. While this is a reasonable request, some campuses are located in residential areas. Requiring everyone to smoke across the street from campus could have the effect of creating smoking areas in front of our neighbors homes and businesses, which we believe has the potential to strain the Universities relationship with the community.

We are concerned about what method will be used to implement and enforce this policy. Students and many employees already struggle with difficult financial situations and fines would only add to the stress of coursework, employment, and fiscal uncertainty. We also feel that focusing on a support services to help UH community members quit smoking would be more effective than a punitive approach.

The caucus would like to offer an alternative approach. Creating clearly designated smoking areas on campus that are a sufficient distance from doors, windows and high traffic walkways would address the above concerns. Additionally, directing resources towards support for those quitting or attempting to quit smoking would help to make the University of Hawai'i truly smoke-free.

Thank you for considering our **comments** on SB134.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Camila Chaudron	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, My name is Camila Chaudron, I am a constituent from the Manoa/Makiki area and I support this bill. Tobacco has been irrefutably proven to be harmful to people's health. University campuses should be safe, healthy places for all students, teachers, and staff, especially those with respiratory disorders or problems. Mahalo for voting yes on this measure and making UH a healthy tobacco free environment.

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