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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1495
RELATING TO REMOTE SALES OF CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS

REPRESENTATIVE DELL AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 14, 2017

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports H.B. 1495 as a measure to
3 protect the public's health. The bill prohibits the remote sale and distribution of cigarettes and
4 tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices (ESD), to consumers except for licensed
5 wholesalers/dealers and permit-holding retailers. The Department defers to the Department of
6 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.

17 The Internet Tobacco Vendors Study (ITV), supported by the National Cancer Institute
18 and the United States (US) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Tobacco Products,

1 has monitored the online tobacco industry for over fifteen years, to assess sales practices and
2 public health impacts. In 2016, its study found that minors were successful in buying ESDs
3 online 93% of the time despite age restrictions and another study found that ESDs were often
4 shipped from Internet vendors without instructions or health warnings. Due to the easy access
5 for minors through online marketing, researchers recommend more vigorous policies to prohibit
6 sales to minors.^{1,2}

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

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

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

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

24 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

25 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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- 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/uploads2013/11/E-Cigs-Rvolutionizing-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].



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

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 1495, RELATING TO REMOTE SALES OF CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 **TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 329

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

Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee:

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 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.

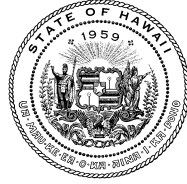
The Department also notes the following amendment, which is technical in nature and does not affect the intent of the bill.

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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and Members of the House Committee on Health

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Place: Conference Room 329, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: H.B. 1495, Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products

The Department of Taxation (Department) offers the following comments on H.B. 1495 for your consideration.

H.B. 1495 makes it illegal for a person to sell cigarettes, tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices to anyone in Hawaii other than a licensed wholesaler, dealer or retailer via remote sale. The Department of the Attorney General is responsible for enforcing this prohibition. H.B. 1495 is effective July 1, 2017.

The Department defers to the Department of Health with respect to the effect prohibiting remote sales of these products to persons other than wholesalers, dealers, or retailers would have on the State's health and wellness.

The Department defers to the Department of the Attorney General with respect to the enforcement of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.



**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1495,
“Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products”**

The American Heart Association SUPPORTS HB 1495.

As this bill describes, tobacco use is the leading preventable risk factor for a variety of chronic and deadly diseases, including heart disease and stroke.

HB 1495 would help close loopholes in Hawaii state law by further restricting access of cigarettes and tobacco products to our youths through remote means. Purchasing these products remotely remains too easy an outlet to youths and a way for the tobacco industry to continue to prey on those susceptible to the industry’s marketing tactics aimed at addicting them to their products.

The American Heart Association urges legislators support of HB 1495 as another tool to continue the state’s efforts to end tobacco addiction and the myriad of diseases and healthcare costs it causes in Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted, —

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald B. Weisman".

Don Weisman
Hawaii Government Relations Director

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free of cardiovascular
diseases and stroke.”*

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Please remember the American Heart Association in your will.





Date: February 13, 2017

To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti,, Chair
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

From: Trish La Chica, Policy and Advocacy Director, Hawai'i Public Health Institute

Re: **STRONG SUPPORT for HB 1495, Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products**

Hrg: February 14, 2017 at 10:00am at Conference Room 329

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 1495 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.

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 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.

Youth can easily buy e-cigarettes online even though sales to those under 21 is banned.

Federal law prohibits the sale of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes to minors. In 2016, the FDA finalized a rule that deemed e-cigarettes as tobacco products. In Hawaii, it is illegal to sell to anyone 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.

Age verification fails to protect youth from purchasing tobacco products online.

According to a 2015 JAMA Pediatrics report, teens were able to buy e-cigarettes online in 94% of purchase attempts. Only 5 out the 98 purchase attempts made were rejected due to age verification. Age verification on websites simply requires the user to click on a button verifying that he/she is over 18, or to enter his/her birth date and click on a button to verify or certify this date. However, anyone can lie about his/her age or submit a false ID.



This measure closes the loophole in our minimum age selling and tax laws.

HB 1495 prohibits e-cigarette dealers from selling in Hawaii unless they obtain a retail tobacco permit. Licensing and permits allow the state to maintain a database of sellers, which would enable state agencies to communicate with merchants and enforce state tobacco laws. Online sellers avoid paying taxes, which results in a loss of revenue for Hawaii. Eight (8) states - Arkansas, Indiana, Idaho, Kansas, Massachusetts, Texas, Utah, and Washington - already restrict online sales of tobacco to consumers unless licensed to sell in the state. Please see appendix example of how online vape shops are complying with state online restriction laws.

This measure protects our youth from being initiated to tobacco products.

E-cigarette companies are using the same advertising tactics that the tobacco industry used to persuade a new generation of young people to use their products. Kids are attracted to popular and local flavors and false health claims made by e-cigarette manufacturers. In addition, the industry continues to glamorize its use through radio, magazine, and online advertisements that make them appealing to young people. Ninety percent of adult smokers start by age 18,ⁱⁱ and the industry knows very well that in order to get their next generation of customers, they need to get them before they become adults.

The U.S. Surgeon General sounded the alarm on e-cigarettes, asking states to address its use.

The U.S. Surgeon General issued an immediate call to action for all local and state government to enact policies that address the harmful impact of e-cigarettesⁱⁱⁱ. The Surgeon General has asked states and local jurisdictions to accelerate policies that would prevent access to e-cigarettes by youth as well as regulate e-cigarettes through: restrictions on marketing, significant increases in taxes and price, retail licensure, and educational initiatives.

The Coalition urges 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.

We strongly support HB 1495 and ask you to pass this out of committee.

Mahalo,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trish'.

Trish La Chica
Policy and Advocacy Director

Appendix: Screenshot of online store informing consumers about new state restrictions -

States Restricting Online Sales

Due to recent state legislation, customers with destination addresses in Arkansas, Indiana and Utah are prohibited from online purchases of electronic cigarette and vapor products. We apologize for any inconvenience and urge residents of those states to [visit our Store Locator](#) to find an authorized V2 retailer in their area.

Signature Required Deliveries

Massachusetts and Texas have passed legislation requiring an adult signature upon delivery of online electronic cigarette orders. This means that residents of these states must now cover the additional cost imposed by shipping carriers for this service.

If you live in Massachusetts or Texas, your choice of shipping options will be limited to those that can accommodate the signature requirement. There will also be a signature service surcharge added to the cost of shipping your order. We apologize for this inconvenience and are working with our shipping partners to find a more cost-effective solution in the very near future.

i Williams, RS, et. al., "Electronic Cigarette Sales to Minors via the Internet" (2015) via

<http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/2174572>

ii Surgeon General. "Preventing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults."

<https://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/reports/preventing-youth-tobacco-use/factsheet.html>

iii E-Cigarette Use Among Youth and Young Adults, A Report of the Surgeon General (2016) via https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/2016_SGR_Full_Report_non-508.pdf

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ASSOCIATION

To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti and the House Committee on Health

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 329, State Capitol

From: Les Drent
for the Hawaii Cigar Association

Re: HB1495, Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products

Dear Representative Belatti and Members of the House Committee on Health,

The Hawaii Cigar Association, and its nearly 500 supporting members stand in strong **OPPOSITION** of HB1495, a bill that prohibits the sale of cigars by mail order, or electronic means.

After reading a bill like this it should be no mystery why 63 million of your fellow Americans went to the polls and cast a vote for Donald Trump. Make no mistake, it is YOU who have unnecessarily created the problems and forced us into a GOP led Congress and life under this current POTUS for years to come.

It is unfathomable that an anti freedom measure like this could even receive a hearing. Your choice to alienate Hawaii is also a choice to divide us.

Sincerely,



Les Drent
for the Hawaii Cigar Association

For More Information on the Hawaii Cigar Association please visit

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HB 1495 – RELATING TO REMOTE SALES OF CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS
Cory Chun, Government Relations Director – Hawaii Pacific
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1495, which prohibits the sale of tobacco products through remote means including internet and online sales.

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.

Internet sales are currently the easiest way to circumvent our state's tobacco control laws. Age verifications and tobacco taxes are difficult to enforce through remote sales, thus making those easier to avoid in online transactions. This measure would prevent this problem by prohibiting online sales.

Due to preemption issues, this measure focuses only on remote sales instead of age verification and other potential common carrier regulations. This bill follows similar provisions implemented by several other states, which authority is reserved to the states through the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2009 codified in 15 U.S. Code § 376a(e)(5)(C).



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TESTIMONY OF TINA YAMAKI
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February 14, 2017

Re: HB 1495 RELATING TO REMOTE SALES OF CIGARETTES & TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Good morning Chairman Bellati and members of the House Committee on Health. I am Tina Yamaki, President of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and I appreciate this opportunity to testify.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii (RMH) is a statewide not-for-profit trade organization representing 200 members and over 2,000 storefronts, and is committed to support the retail industry and business in general in Hawaii. The retail industry is one of the largest employers in the state, employing 25% of the labor force.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii acknowledges the importance of preventing underage sales and is a goal we all share. However, adults should not be denied the choice and convenience of buying online. We therefore strongly oppose HB 2495 Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products. This bill would prohibit online sale of electronic smoking devices and other tobacco products.

Many retailers statewide are already operating on a thin margin and face stiff competition. We are seeing a surge in online sales for all types of merchandise including electronic devices. Local retailers are participating in online sales to remain competitive. Last year the Hawaii State Legislature passed a measure in which persons have to be 21 years old or older to purchase electronic devices and the liquids that it uses. In addition, the US Food & Drug Administration placed sweeping regulations on e-cigarettes and other tobacco products in the same way the FDA regulates conventional cigarettes.

By banning the sales of these type of products, small locally owned businesses will stand to be hurt and may potentially force some of these small locally owned businesses to close, leaving people out of work.

We respectfully ask that you hold this measure. Mahalo again for this opportunity to testify.



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February 13, 2017

To: The Honorable Chair Rep Della Au Belatti & Vice Chair Rep Betrand Kobayashi

From: Cory Smith, VOLCANO Fine Electronic Cigarettes® CEO and Owner

RE: HB1492 – oppose.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

VOLCANO Fine Electronic Cigarettes® is the largest manufacturer and retailer of vapor products and vaping accessories in the State of Hawaii. We currently own and operate 12 locations statewide and employ over 70 full-time workers to support sales of our products not only here in Hawaii, but to all 50 states as well as over 30 International countries.

We acknowledges the importance of preventing underage sales and is a goal we all share. However, adults should be not be denied the choice and convenience of buying online. We therefore strongly opposes HB 2495 Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products. This bill would prohibits online sale of electronic smoking devices and other tobacco products.

We stand in opposition to HB1492 for the following:

- Currently the FDA already has ruled to allow online sales of vapor products and includes the vendors operate with age verification software API systems to verify age. The State of Hawaii should follow suite behind the federal government regulations.



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- Removing the ability of adult Hawaii State Residents who are either disabled, live in remote areas, elderly or any other means of accesses vapor products would be a major risk to these consumers who are successfully using vapor products for the use to reduce their consumption of combustible tobacco.
- The Tobacco Control Act gave FDA immediate authority to regulate cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco, and smokeless tobacco. On May 10, 2016, FDA issued a final rule extending its tobacco product authority to all tobacco products (except for accessories of newly deemed tobacco products), including electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) – such as e-cigarettes and vape pens – all cigars, hookah (waterpipe) tobacco, pipe tobacco, nicotine gels, and certain dissolvables.
- August 8, 2016 the FDA Deeming Regulations officially went into effect. A major part of the deeming regulations is the section on preventing youth access to “tobacco products” (including e-liquids and vaping accessories). These regulations prevent the sale to individuals under 18 years old federally in the US, prevent retailers and manufacturers from providing free samples, and prevent the sale of all “tobacco products” from being sold in vending machines.
- Vapor Products are not the same as tobacco products, and thus, should not be regulated in the same fashion. Vapor products have not been demonstrated to have the same detrimental effects of combustible tobacco products and have otherwise been shown in recent studies to be as much as 95% less toxic than traditional Cigarettes. The UK has recently embraced these products as public health win and are crafting smart regulations that embrace the advantages these products provide to their society rather than crafting burdensome regulations that aim to limit access and protect deadly tobacco markets.

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[Ecigarettes an evidence update A report commissioned by Public Health England FINAL.pdf](#)

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/02/170207104358.htm>

- Former smokers with long-term e-cigarette-only or NRT-only use may obtain roughly similar levels of nicotine compared with smokers of combustible cigarettes only, but results varied. Long-term NRT-only and e-cigarette-only use, but not dual use of NRTs or e-cigarettes with combustible cigarettes, is associated with substantially reduced levels of measured carcinogens and toxins relative to smoking only combustible cigarettes.

<http://annals.org/aim/article/2599869/nicotine-carcinogen-toxin-exposure-long-term-e-cigarette-nicotine-replacement>

It is our belief that this unjustified classification and requirements are not in the best interests of the State of Hawaii. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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Submitted on: 2/13/2017

Testimony for HLT on Feb 14, 2017 10:00AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerald Honma	Smokeless Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments: OPPOSED, And Please listen to your Testimonies. All Vaping and Ecig bills are heavily opposed 5x1 and you folks still favor the Minority. Stop it and start listening to the People. RE: HD1495 – oppose. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. We acknowledges the importance of preventing underage sales and is a goal we all share. However, adults should be not be denied the choice and convenience of buying online. We therefore strongly opposes HB 2495 Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products. This bill would prohibits online sale of electronic smoking devices and other tobacco products. • Currently the FDA already has ruled to allow online sales of vapor products and includes the vendors operate with age verification software API systems to verify age. The State of Hawaii should follow suite behind the federal government regulations. • Removing the ability of adult Hawaii State Residents who are either disabled, live in remote areas, elderly or any other means of accesses vapor products would be a major risk to these consumers who are successfully using vapor products for the use to reduce their consumption of combustible tobacco. • The Tobacco Control Act gave FDA immediate authority to regulate cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco, and smokeless tobacco. On May 10, 2016, FDA issued a final rule extending its tobacco product authority to all tobacco products (except for accessories of newly deemed tobacco products), including electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) – such as e-cigarettes and vape pens – all cigars, hookah (waterpipe) tobacco, pipe tobacco, nicotine gels, and certain dissolvables. • August 8, 2016 the FDA Deeming Regulations officially went into effect. A major part of the deeming regulations is the section on preventing youth access to “tobacco products” (including e-liquids and vaping accessories). These regulations prevent the sale to individuals under 18 years old federally in the US, prevent retailers and manufacturers from providing free samples, and prevent the sale of all “tobacco products” from being sold in vending machines. • Vapor Products are not the same as tobacco products, and thus, should not be regulated in the same fashion. Vapor products have not been demonstrated to have the same detrimental effects of combustible tobacco products and have otherwise been shown in recent studies to be as much as 95% less toxic than traditional Cigarettes. The UK has recently embraced these products as public health win and are crafting smart regulations that embrace the advantages these products provide to their society rather than crafting burdensome regulations that aim to limit access and protect deadly tobacco markets. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/457102/Ecigarettes_an_evidence_update_A_report_commissioned_by_Public_Health_England_FINAL.pdf <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/02/170207104358.htm> • Former smokers with long- term e-cigarette-only or NRT-only use may obtain roughly similar levels of nicotine compared with

smokers of combustible cigarettes only, but results varied. Long-term NRT-only and e-cigarette-only use, but not dual use of NRTs or e-cigarettes with combustible cigarettes, is associated with substantially reduced levels of measured carcinogens and toxins relative to smoking only combustible cigarettes. <http://annals.org/aim/article/2599869/nicotine-carcinogen-toxin-exposure-long-term-e-cigarette-nicotine-replacement> It is our belief that this unjustified classification and requirements are not in the best interests of the State of Hawaii. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly. Thank You, Gerald Honma Smokeless Hawaii Enterprises

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Michael Zehner	Hawaii Smokers Alliance	Oppose	Yes

Comments: How about some tax relief instead to help out local companies to develop an e- cig. export market. As it stands a retarded four year old has more business acumen then the clowns that wrote hb1495. Look what the promise of lower taxes and fewer regulations is doing on the mainland. Companies are building factories again and jobs are coming back to American. Why is Hawaii being left out?

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Chris Wells	Individual	Oppose	No

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Stephanie Austin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Almost 94% of attempts by under-age kids to purchase tobacco on-line are successful! We must close this important source of tobacco products which jeopardizes the health and safety of our children!

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Michael S. Nakasone	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kathy Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: bad for business :(

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I am submitting personal testimony on HB1495 based on my research with adolescents in Hawaii, which was supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health. I am the interim director for the Cancer Prevention and Control Program in the University of Hawaii Cancer Center. The comments presented here are my personal testimony and do not necessarily reflect the views of the National Institutes of Health or the University of Hawaii Cancer Center.

HB1495 would prohibit the remote sale and distribution of cigarettes and tobacco products including electronic smoking devices (hereafter, e-cigarettes) to consumers.

I support this legislation because our research indicates that use of e-cigarettes is currently quite prevalent among adolescents in Hawaii. Our publication in the journal Pediatrics reported that 29% of 9th and 10th grade students in six Hawaii high schools in 2013 used e-cigarettes at least once and 18% use them regularly. Our analysis of the more recent 2015 Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that 45% of high school students had used e-cigarettes and 25% were regular users. Also, 23% of the sample used both e-cigarettes and cigarettes.

Furthermore, our recent publications in the journal Tobacco Control have shown that using e-cigarettes makes adolescents more likely to start smoking 1 year later. That is, **e-cigarette use increases smoking initiation among adolescents**. Also, our current analyses are showing that e-cigarette use is associated with higher rates of asthma among Hawaii adolescents. These findings have public health implications because any factor that increases adolescent smoking will have negative effects on public health. Our research in Hawaii has shown e-cigarette use has risks, and our results have been confirmed by studies in different parts of the mainland and Asia.

Our findings indicate that more action is necessary to reduce the rate of cigarette smoking and e-cigarette use among adolescents. Although recent legislation has prohibited sales of tobacco products by face-to-face retail stores to persons under 21 years of age, Internet sales remain a major source that is currently unregulated. At present, minors can purchase tobacco products over the Internet just by clicking a button, with no effective age verification. It is important to close this loophole in the current law.

Sales regulation has previously been shown effective for reducing rates of adolescent smoking. Thus there is a justification for strengthening the law on tobacco product sales as a means to strengthen protections for the health of the people of Hawaii.

I support HB1495 for this reason.

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Brian Santiago	Individual	Oppose	No

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James Gauer	Individual	Support	No

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Chris C.K. Arakaki	Individual	Oppose	No

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David McCann	Individual	Oppose	No

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To:
The Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair The Honorable Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair Members of the House Committee on Health

RE: Strong Support of HB1495, Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products

Hrg: February 14, 2017 at 10:00am in Capitol Room 329

I strongly support HB1495, 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 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 HB1495 and ask you to pass this out of committee.

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C. Azelski	Individual	Support	No

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Jake J. Watkins	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jeff Stevens	Individual	Oppose	No

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Vince Yamashiroya, MD	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Naomi C. Liu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Jostin A Iriarte	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I would like to oppose HB1495, I don't see a reasonable explanation of this bill, this will and could have an huge affect to business in Hawaii. I feel this is unfair and inappropriate when the cost of living In Hawaii is already high and tough for business to strive just from sales in the Islands alone. This could create small business like ours and those that depend on online revenue to stay in business and to balance out sales and opportunity for consumers to have access to our unique products and style Hawaii brings to the industry. With such an unfair bill as this it could cause brick and mortar stores and online business to close and go out of business some rely on this type of sales, people could lose their jobs ect. Some of us rely on the extra revenue online business has to help offset cost of living to. Mahalo Nui Loa

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michael echiverri	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Johnston	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To: The Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair RE: HD1495 – oppose. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. We acknowledge the importance of preventing underage sales and is a goal we all share. However, adults should be not be denied the choice and convenience of buying online. We therefore strongly opposes HB 2495 Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products. This bill would prohibits online sale of electronic smoking devices and other tobacco products. • Currently the FDA already has ruled to allow online sales of vapor products and includes the vendors operate with age verification software API systems to verify age. The State of Hawaii should follow suite behind the federal government regulations. • Removing the ability of adult Hawaii State Residents who are either disabled, live in remote areas, elderly or any other means of accesses vapor products would be a major risk to these consumers who are successfully using vapor products for the use to reduce their consumption of combustible tobacco. • The Tobacco Control Act gave FDA immediate authority to regulate cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco, and smokeless tobacco. On May 10, 2016, FDA issued a final rule extending its tobacco product authority to all tobacco products (except for accessories of newly deemed tobacco products), including electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) – such as e-cigarettes and vape pens – all cigars, hookah (waterpipe) tobacco, pipe tobacco, nicotine gels, and certain dissolvables. • August 8, 2016 the FDA Deeming Regulations officially went into effect. A major part of the deeming regulations is the section on preventing youth access to “tobacco products” (including e-liquids and vaping accessories). These regulations prevent the sale to individuals under 18 years old federally in the US, prevent retailers and manufacturers from providing free samples, and prevent the sale of all “tobacco products” from being sold in vending machines. • Vapor Products are not the same as tobacco products, and thus, should not be regulated in the same fashion. Vapor products have not been demonstrated to have the same detrimental effects of combustible tobacco products and have otherwise been shown in recent studies to be as much as 95% less toxic than traditional Cigarettes. The UK has recently embraced these products as public health win and are crafting smart regulations that embrace the advantages these products provide to their society rather than crafting burdensome regulations that aim to limit access and protect deadly tobacco markets. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/457102/E-cigarettes_an_evidence_update_A_report_commissioned_by_Public_Health_England_FINAL.pdf <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/02/170207104358.htm> • Former smokers with long-term e-cigarette-only or NRT-only use may obtain roughly similar levels of nicotine compared with smokers of combustible cigarettes only, but results varied. Long-term NRT-only and e-cigarette-only use, but not dual use of NRTs or e-cigarettes with combustible cigarettes, is associated with substantially reduced levels of measured carcinogens and toxins relative to smoking only combustible cigarettes. <http://annals.org/aim/article/2599869/nicotine-carcinogen-toxin-exposure-long-term-e-cigarette-nicotine-replacement> It is our belief that this unjustified classification and requirements are not in the best interests of the State of Hawaii. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

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To:
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Subject: Strong Support of HB1495, Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products

To:
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I am a parent and a practicing Pediatrician in Aiea and I strongly support HB1495, 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.

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From: Cassiopia Yamashita <cassi.yamashita@meoinc.org>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 8:39 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Strong Support of HB1495, Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products

To:
The Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair The Honorable Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair Members of the House Committee on Health

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From: Forrest Batz <fbatz@sonic.net>
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Subject: Strong Support of HB1495, Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products

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From: Hannah Hedrick <hedrickhneca@aol.com>
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Subject: Strong Support of HB1495, Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products

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As 50+ year proponent of public health efforts to reduce exposure to tobacco smoke and to reduce tobacco use, I strongly support HB1495, 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 particularly target youth and contribute to continued addiction and exposure to other harmful ingredients, with resulting disastrous personal and public health consequences.

I ask our representatives to recognize that marketing and advertising tactics are intended to attract youth to these products, although such direct appeals are not permitted via other media.

I urge the legislature to correct this loophole in our age restriction, taxation, and public health laws. The issues go far beyond undermining the 21 law. Online marketing techniques go far beyond simply making the product available to anyone of any age. They make product use so enticing that youth who have decided not to smoke are enticed to try these products. I strongly support HB1495 and ask you to pass this out of committee.

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From: Heidi Kim <Hlkforward@gmail.com>
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From: Helen Barrow <hbonmaui@gmail.com>
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From: Holly Kessler <holly@hollykessler.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2017 11:45 AM
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From: jaylen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jaylen Murakami
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Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 4:11 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Strong Support for HB1495, Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco

Dear House Committee on Health,

To:
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Sincerely,
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kobayashi2 - Jessi

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kobayashi2 - Jessi

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Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2017 9:58 AM
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Subject: Strong Support of HB1495, Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products

To:
The Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair The Honorable Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair Members of the House Committee on Health

RE: Strong Support of HB1495, Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products

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From: [Dr. Josephine Quensell](#)
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Subject: Strong Support of HB1495, Relating to Remote Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products
Date: Monday, February 13, 2017 12:16:19 PM

To:
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The Honorable Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

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