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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amber Tranetzki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. The data is not irrefutable to suggest that face coverings are even doing anything to prevent from getting or transmitting. There have been such conflicting data even with levels of the CDC guidelines. To continue mandating this is still a violation to those who are unable to wear face coverings. There are states that have removed the mandate for face coverings in its entirety. Why are we going backwards with more controlled opposition and less freedoms for the people of Hawaii.

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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The federal government is now requiring that face masks be worn in transportation settings. It requires they be worn by children under the age of two. To avoid more confusion with mask wearing, etc. I suggest that section 1 (b) (2) be amended to say children under the age of two.

I also think you need to review the latest CDC recommendations, which have limited the types of masks that are acceptable. Bandanas are no longer okay. Nor are face shields unless the wearer has a medical exception.

Masks are one of the best defences against COVID,



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TO:
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
Rep. Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: February 11, 2021
TIME: 2pm
PLACE: Via Videoconference

RE: HB726 HD1 Relating to Face Coverings

Position: Comments requesting amendments

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

HFIA is in support of creating a clear consistent statewide mandate for face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Our local business owners and operators, especially our essential frontline employees, have done exceptional work, and taken personal risks, to keep our state's economy running and the people of Hawaii fed. These businesses and employees need and deserve support from the legislature in their efforts to implement safety protocols.

We ask that section (c) on page 2 be amended to read as follows:

c) Any owner or operator of any business or operation shall inform any individual who enters their business that they are legally required to wear a face covering unless an exemption under subsection (b) applies. Businesses are not liable for individuals who refuse to wear a face mask after being informed they should wear

a face mask. Businesses may inform an individual of the requirement to wear a face mask via signage. Individuals in violation of face covering mandates are subject to enforcement and penalties by police, not retail stores' employees. Business and operations may adopt stricter protocols or requirements related to face coverings and face shields.

It would be imprudent and unfair to make business owners and operators liable for the actions of individual customers which are beyond their control. The above amendments will empower businesses to implement the necessary safety protocols, without making the mistake of forcing employees to take on the role of law enforcement for this mandate.

HFIA would be happy to support this measure with these amendments, and we thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keani Kannady	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

How can a person be forced by any business or government entity to wear a mask (which affects the respiratory system) without having a physical exam by a licensed doctor who approves such an action? Science says that healthy people should not wear a mask. Masks reduce intake of oxygen, leading to carbon dioxide toxicity. Germs are trapped near your mouth and nose, increasing risk of infection. Wearing a mask makes you touch your face more frequently. There is no scientific evidence that supports healthy people wearing masks. Masks obscure your facial features and impede normal social interaction. Masks make it hard for hearing-impaired people to understand you. Masks symbolize suppression of speech.

I highly OPPOSE!

Aloha,

Keani Kannady

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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Brizee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because there is NO reason to wear a mask outside in daylight hours. Ultra Violet light kills 99.9% of ALL viruses and bacteria and this is a FACT. To mandate a cart blanch mask requirement is already an overreach but there is no reason that this needs to be required OUTSIDE during daylight hours!

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Submitted on: 2/9/2021 8:22:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Abigail Hamman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

People have the right to breathe fresh air per the Ninth Amendment to the US Constitution. The medical and scientific evidence does not support the narrative that masks stop the spread of Covid-19, protect against people getting Covid-19, etc. In fact, masks don't protect against the spread of viruses, and that's why there is a note on the back of mask boxes that explains that they can't protect individuals from Covid-19. How can you make a law about something related to health which isn't proven scientifically, and which may in fact have implications which affect one's health (hypoxia, rashes, etc.). Don't violate people's right to breathe.

February 9, 2021

Testimony in support of HB 726 HD1, Relating to Face Coverings

Honorable Chair Nakashima and members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of HB 726 HD1, Relating to Face Coverings, with a request for amendment as noted below.

We have learned the importance of using face masks in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Still, there are reports of people who refuse to wear masks, and enforcement therefore is essential to keep the community safe. For these reasons, I support this bill and the issuance of a fine to those who refuse to wear a mask in public.

However, I suggest eliminating the exception found in subsection (b)(3) for “individuals who are working at a desk or work station and are not actively engaged with other employees, customers, or visitors; provided that the individual’s desk or workstation is not located in a common or shared area and physical distancing of at least (least) six feet is maintained.” Under this exception, employees could be unmasked if in the same room, six feet apart. Research has shown that COVID-19 can be spread through the air and can infect people indoors who are distanced greater than six feet apart. <https://elemental.medium.com/amp/p/69071e5750d2> , <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-covid-spreads.html>. Masks will mitigate the risk under the circumstances in (b)(3) and should be worn. In addition, masks will help as we face the greater infectiousness of new variants of COVID-19.

In addition, I ask that the exception in subsection (b)(11) also be eliminated for “individuals who are outdoors and can maintain a physical distance of six feet from other individuals not of the same household, living unit, or residence at all times” as I understand that this exception makes enforcement of mask wearing outdoors difficult.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Lynn Otaguro
Oahu, Hawaii

STATE OF HAWAI‘I
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

**Testimony of the Office of the Public Defender,
State of Hawai‘i to the House Committee on
Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs**

H.B. No. 726 HD1: RELATING TO FACE COVERINGS

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and Members of the Committee:

The Office of the Public Defender supports H.B. No. 726 HD1.

This measure requires every person to wear a face covering when in a public setting, subject to certain exceptions. The measure also establishes a civil fine for failure to wear a face covering.

There were over 60,000 emergency order violations issued last year just on the island of Oahu, each one punishable as a misdemeanor. This has proven to be a heavy burden for both the Office of the Public Defender and the court system at large. Many law-abiding citizens, including the Surgeon General, were charged with their first criminal offense last year. Even if the cases were reduced to infractions, many of these individuals were forced to spend substantial amounts of money to hire attorneys for such minor offenses. And many of these individuals, like the Surgeon General, are adamant that they are wrongly accused and want their day in court. Just last week, our office represented a defendant in a three-day jury trial charged with one count of violation of the emergency rules and one count of closed park. After the defendant declined a plea offer to pay a fine in the amount of \$75 (because he was adamant about his innocence) and made approximately 15 pre-trial court appearances, a jury acquitted the defendant of all charges. Certainly, the resources expended to charge, defend and try the defendant of a violation of emergency order as a misdemeanor were substantial.

Over the past year, our office has represented a number of individuals for walking on the beach to and from the ocean (which was permissible). We represented high school seniors and parents simply taking graduation photographs on the beach. We know of one case where a family of four took a drive up to Round Top Drive, and the parents were cited for violating the emergency rules even though no one left their vehicle. Another person who simply stepped off the sidewalk and onto the park to re-tie his shoes so that he would not block the sidewalk was cited for violating the emergency rules. And we represented a number of individuals who were not

wearing mask even though these individuals were alone or with their family unit. Charging these individuals for misdemeanor offenses was (and is) simply unjust and unfair and a waste of resources.

Moreover, many of the misdemeanor citations were issued to the houseless. Some individuals have received over 20 emergency order citations, sometimes receiving up to 9 citations in the same day. According to court records, these individuals also received citations for other crimes of houselessness during this time period (i.e., Unpermitted Sidewalk Structures, Park Closure Violations, etc.). Many of the houseless individuals cited will likely not appear in court, and thus warrants for their arrest will be issued. These individuals will then need to be arrested, booked and brought to court at incredible expense for something as simple as failing to wear a mask properly.

Judicial efficiency would be better served by creating a *civil infraction*, similar to minor traffic, parking, jaywalking, or a seat belt violation. Rather than setting mandatory court hearings for these citations, the onus would be on the individual to request a hearing if they wanted to challenge a citation. The majority of the civil infraction citations will be unchallenged; the cited individuals will simply pay the amount of the fine written on the citation either by mail, in person, by phone, or online. And for those who disregard the citations, their unpaid citations will be turned into default judgments rather than bench warrants. This would also reduce law enforcement resources spent on tracking down individuals with a bench warrant for the crime of failing to wear a mask properly or visiting a beach with their children. Moreover, the financial hit caused by subsequent citations would be a sufficient deterrent for most, if not all, individuals.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on S.B. No. 1119.

TESTIMONY to:

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

HB 726 HD1 Relating to Face Coverings

Thursday, February 11, 2021

2 PM -- House Conference Room 325 via Videoconference

Submitted in **OPPOSITION** by: Mary Smart, Mililani, HI 96789

I whole-heartedly OPPOSE HB 726 HD1. Many testimonies previously submitted provided factual information that masks don't protect against a miniscule virus and don't make us safer. [Masks](#) often negatively impact our health and well-being. Masks make us inhale contaminated materials we exhale. In addition to jeopardizing our health, this bill criminalizes our God-given constitutional right to breathe air freely.

The last thing we need to do is criminalize the general public, which this bill does. If an organization wants to mandate masks within their spaces, it should be their choice to do so. If they are willing to take other measures to protect the health and well being of their staff and customers, the method they implement should be their choice as well using their own good judgment. Many health "experts/authorities" have been wrong about many of their prescribed measures to combat Covid-19 that the general public have lost trust in their recommendations – including the use of masks.

We don't need to waste public safety official's time on policing people who just want to exercise their freedom to choose how to protect themselves. It is a waste of police time and our tax payer dollars. Criminals and anarchists like to wear masks. It is less easy for them to blend into the crowd if healthy people are mask-free. Then police can focus on addressing issues with people who ARE a danger to the community instead of those of us who are just trying to work, recreate, attend church services, visit parks and beaches and exercise. It seems the state is more interested in imposing fines than aiding our health.

It would be better and more cost effective for government to concentrate on resolving the homeless problem and getting the economy going than imposing this oppressive mask mandate. When I read these totalitarian bills each session, I wonder how the state's priorities became so disordered.

States that have no mask mandates and haven't been locked down are not suffering from excessive deaths or cases. That should be proof enough that this bill is unnecessary and abusive to Hawaii residents.

Do not amend nor pass HB 726 HD1. It is time to work on issues that need to be resolved. This is not one of them.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 12:15:34 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jen Magoon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the mask mandate and wish for it to be easily enforceable with a civil fine. To be easily enforceable and to keep us safe please remove exemption 11 that allows people to not wear a mask if they are six feet apart from others outside. Especially with the arrival of the variants, with their greater infectiousness, we need a complete mask mandate even outside so that tourism can reopen safely and keiki can get back to school.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 1:53:28 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandra C. Castell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB726 that every person must wear a face covering when in a public setting, subject to certain exceptions, but NOT an exception for distance between persons. I support establishing a civil fine for failure to wear a face covering. I support sunsetting HB726 December 31, 2021, or when the last emergency proclamation related to the COVID-19 emergency issued by the governor expires, whichever is sooner.

The six (6) foot distance between people is hard to maintain. Moreover, residents, travelers and tourists are substituting masks with distance, and distance with masks. Both are necessary to stop the spread of Covid 19. It will be very difficult for police officers to assert a person was not wearing a mask because he/she was within six (6) of another person.

The law should be clear and simple with no mention of distance between people, like the federal law on masks. Wear a mask.

Mahalo in advance for a clear-cut understood bill on masks.

Sandra Castell, Ewa Beach

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 5:05:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael J Mazzone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB 726 in any form because it removes personal responsibility. I don't believe the Founders of this County envisioned Law Maker enacting a Law to control an action that should be a personal responsibility. Our Country has always been the one place on this Earth where Freedom is celebrated not suppressed. This is the wrong direction for Hawaii now and in the future.

February 10, 2021

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Re: House Bill 726

Position: **Strongly Opposed**

Aloha Representatives,

My name is Anuheia Maeda and I strongly oppose HB726.

This bill is based on the presumption that mask wearing is, in fact, effective in curbing the spread of a virus. Prior to this pandemic, mask wearing was only reserved for medical centers, hospitals or people that were sick. Why are we now forcing healthy people to behave like sick people? The legislature is seeking to codify into law a forced medical treatment with no credible studies to back up this decision. We the people deserve to have studies that prove **conclusively** that (a) mask wearing is effective and (b) asymptomatic spread is the driver of this pandemic before you criminalize innocent, healthy people. Dr. Fauci from the CDC has been recorded saying that asymptomatic spread has never been the driver of a pandemic. If there are multiple studies on masks with different conclusions, it would remain that mask efficacy is still open for debate thereby unscientifically, illogically and unfairly criminalizing those that refuse masks.

The hype over these masks has caused people to forget that there are other causes of death that affect people. In fact, people are so afraid that even if they have a medical exemption, they will still wear the mask for fear of the angry judgment received from other citizens, despite the dangerous effect it has on their health. Not being allowed to enter a place of business because of one single virus, while ignoring the host of other illnesses that are far deadlier is illogical, unfair, unhealthy and dangerous to those that suffer from them.

HB726 does not address the leading causes of death in Hawaii and the United States, which would be heart disease and respiratory illnesses, both of which require healthy uninhibited, continuous doses of oxygen. Oxygen that is blocked by a piece of cloth over your face. In fact, these other causes of death far exceed the numbers of death caused by Covid.

According to covidtracking.com, in 2020, there were 288 deaths in the state of Hawaii due to Covid. There were 11,798 people that died in our state last year, making only 2.4% of deaths in our state due to Covid. We are not saving lives by administering these measures if 97.6% of deaths are due to other causes. More people have died of the flu each year for the past 6 years.

This bill ignores the fact that mask wearing makes it difficult for people to breathe, removes personal connection, hides facial expressions and has caused an unhealthy hostility between neighbors, among other negative things. It also ignores the dangerous impact it has on children, their growing bodies, and a possibility of an inability for them to learn how to connect with other people.

Health is more than just physical. It also is emotional, psychological and spiritual. Enforcing masks as if it is the savior of the health of our society is completely illogical and ignores the other aspects of a healthy person. Our money would be better spent addressing real issues that contribute positively to the health of our community rather than criminalizing healthy people for refusing to do something with no scientific basis.

In a government system where a person is innocent unless proven guilty, we have flipped this principle and sickness is now being considered a crime and a person is guilty with sickness unless proven innocent with health. This bill is unconstitutional, unscientific, illogical and unhealthy, all reasons of which I urge you to kill this bill.

Thank you,
Anuheia Maeda

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 6:06:00 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marshall Lum	Union Airline workers of the International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern my name is Marshall Lum of IAM Safety Committee we the union members United, Alaska, Southwest and Hawaiian Airlines union workers support Bill HD726 . We support this bill because we are at the very front lines of the travel/tourism industry in Hawaii and with the many people traveling to Hawaii and many refusing to use masks Because of the 6ft rule many use that as an excuse. No one carries around a measuring device to measure 6ft every time they are around someone. Make it a mandate that is consistent across the state, sidewalks, trails, public places and basically wear your mask when you leave your home except for traversing to the water.

Thank you for your time

Marshall Lum

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 6:55:40 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sara jones	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I support wearing face masks while in public, but I do not support removing the 6 foot rule. There are many outdoor activities where its very easy to maintain a 6 foot distance from others...the beach, hiking, bike riding, parks, golf courses and more. It would be a huge step backward to require masks to be worn in these settings. Please do not remove the 6 foot rule regarding mask wearing in public. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 6:58:42 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Ferguson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I'm asking you to add and make it manatory the 6 foot rule along with wearing maks when leaving your home and or hotel room. We need to protect the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo for listening to me

Jerry Ferguson

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 7:23:45 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yulia Muzychenko	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The effectiveness of masks isn't proven. It is actually says on every box of masks that they are not effective to protect from Covid-19. It is unconstitutional to mandate them and unhealthy to wear them especially for prolonged periods of time. Breathing in your own carbon dioxide is unhealthy and creates more respiratory health issues. you must oppose this bill because it creates unconstitutional and health issues.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 7:28:44 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Strider Didymus	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Let it be known here today before God Almighty and his angels in heaven, and all of mankind (think this word to be “sexist,” not “politically correct?”); that I’m a citizen of the United States and a true man of God, and I do hereby STRONGLY OPPOSE HB726 HD1 - Related To Face Coverings (Face Diapers).

The BIGGEST HOAX in world history continues to be perpetrated upon us by power hungry tyrants, elitists, financial institutions, atheist scientists playing god themselves (through eugenics), pharmaceutical companies, and a host of other greedy or demented entities using this lie (COVID-19) from the pit of hell to control the sheeple and to instill population control upon over 7 billion people on the planet (Georgia Guide Stones, 1. Maintain humanity under 500,000,000 in perpetual balance with nature) to feed their climate change Molech.

Is the “miracle vaccine” the means to such, many believe so as exhibited by overwhelming sound science and thousands of ethical physicians worldwide being censored for conveying such. The mask issue is just a small means to the end.

Indeed, the NWO has planned this for years and nothing can stop it now, not even this testimony.

But, before you ignore me here, please read on:

You see, it all goes back to the fall of Lucifer and his angels, who have always wanted to be in control of humanity in which they hate, because God loved us more and came

in human form to die for our sins, and offers us salvation through the repentance of such and to follow Him in faith.

But it's everyone choice here, the smoking or the non-smoking section where the deceiver Satan rules.

“How you are fallen from heaven,

O Lucifer, son of the morning!

How you are cut down to the ground,

You who weakened the nations!

For you have said in your heart:

‘I will ascend into heaven,

I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;

I will also sit on the mount of the congregation

On the farthest sides of the north;

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,

I will be like the Most High.’

Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol [hell];

To the lowest depths of the Pit.” (Isaiah 14:12-15 NKJV)

“Conspiracy theory and religious fanatic,” you say?

Oh, it's a “conspiracy” all right:

“Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,

“Let us break their chains
and throw off their shackles.”

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord scoffs at them.

He rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath...” (Psalms 2:1-5 NIV)

Want to cancel me here as part of your culture of denial to truth, socialist values, bigotry and your hate; just like how you have used the corrupt deep state and secret societies to create “order out of chaos,” and control the virus propaganda via your media platforms censoring conservatives and other people of faith?

Including, those of us who stand upon the principles of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, Bill of Rights, the Constitutions of individual States (Hawaii in this case), and more importantly the only true word of God (Holy Bible) with its Great Commission of Yeshua (Jesus)?

These documents trumps any of your laws.

“Oh, don’t say that word, we hate him, got rid of him and are still trying to impeach him again; no don’t say that, our party will not tolerate that as we continue to impose draconian measures here.

Remember, we're the party that officially kicked God out of our platform, that promotes deviant sexual lifestyles, that murders children in the wombs (62 million thus far) or out (infanticide) and condones suicide (euthanasia).

Yes, we believe in "reproductive rights (at your expense), and discrimination in any form; accept those of people of faith and conservatives - their intolerant hateful bigotry!"

"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." (Isaiah 5:20 NIV)

All these you have undermined and continue to do so here, violating our God given rights to breath freely and to worship Him without limitations, and in complete faith.

For, "...everything that does not come from faith is sin." (Romans 14:23 NIV) - I shall NOT sin against God for you or anyone!

"Shut up, put on your mask or you might be fined \$5K or spend a year in jail," as they try to turn us into slaves and intimidate with.

What is it, 60,000 citations given on Oahu alone and the courts can't handle such?

"Oops, got to correct this with new legislation to cover our okole (another bill), since we don't want people entitled to a jury trial and want things to truly be a felony to take away their Second Amendment rights. Yah, that's it, that our story and we're sticking with it!"

All of these unlawful mandates by Ige & Co. (only given 60 days power under an "emergency" [never proven]) is a complete violation of such faith and I shall NOT comply like the millions of other worldwide in which you attempt to silence.

This is all a facade, you already made your minds up here as evidenced by the stacked testimony in your favour by others with skin in the game, but “We The People” are not ignorant to your plays and soundly object!

Oh, but you have locked us out of “Our House” under the virus pretext, like in D.C. where 16K National Guard and other law enforcement officers (which the Dems hate) still protects the walled (thought they hated walls too?) “sacred chambers” (as the wicked witch of the West stated) of people out to destroy our Country from within.

Yet, they ignore true homegrown terrorist groups like Antifa and honour BLM, rioting in the streets and continue to chant “What do we want, pigs in the blanket.” Hypocrites!

In the meantime, “the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms” (Ephesians 6:12) and their flesh and blood agents of “change” have developed a “vaccine” (untested experimental agent) designed to alter our God created DNA via mRNA and nanotechnology to track us.

And then we are told, “Once everyone gets vaccinated you don’t have to wear face masks anymore and can travel freely.”

LIARS!

Do you not know what God has to say about this?

“But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts [pharmakea in Greek], the idolaters and ALL LIARS—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.” (Revelation 21:8 NIV)

So, what happened since then?

Now the CDC (Corrupt Deception Criminals) and other so called “experts” (Fauci devil, friends of W.H.O. [Wicked Hellish Operators] and Bill Gates [Mr. Genocide Vaccine] wants us to wear “two masks,” and wants to move the goal post again to the end of 2021?

Yet, you ignore and silence sound science and medicine to facilitate your HOAX and fear mongering to usher in the “new normal,” where the soon to be revealed Antichrist will dictate and force the world to worship him via the “mark of the beast” (see Revelation 13) system that will damn people to eternal torment - the “vaccine” is another means to the end game by the devil.

“If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”
(Revelation 14:9-11 NKJV)

In the meantime, the charade continued as tracking technology (violations of the Fourth Amendment) technology is implemented to control all aspects of society as Communist China is doing and preparing “dissenters” for Nazi like measures.

“Where’s your mask, where’s your vaccination papers, where’s your guns and ammo we also made illegal, get into the FEMA trucks?”

“1984 hysteria,” you say?

I think not, it is a script right out of hell and you are the actors, inadvertently or not.

Does the following statement from Yeshua pertain to you?

“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”
(John 8:44 NIV)

If so, be forewarned judgement is coming upon you and the world by God Almighty as evidenced by the prophecies unfolding.

“For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He [Holy Spirit] who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one [the Antichrist] will be revealed, whom the Lord [Yeshua] will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2 Thessalonians 2:7-12 NKJV)

A “strong delusion” is upon this legislative body, this State, this Country and the rest of the Planet that shall be destroyed; but not by man’s carbon emissions in which you want to throw away 97 trillion dollars at to reverse and to revere your goddess Mother Nature.

What blasphemy!

Yes, judgment is unfolding:

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the

things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.” (Romans 1:18-25 NKJV)

“I don’t believe this stuff, ain’t going to happen and what’s this got to do with us forcing healthy people to wear face masks in public (psuedo-medical sharia law) here?”

Scoff all you like, for it is further written:

“For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.

But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. ut the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? (2 Peter 3:8-12 NKJV)

You were right, “global warming” is real, hell is worse.

It is a place where Yeshua said, "...where the fire never goes out...where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:44 & 48), "where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Matthew 22:13 NIV)

Why?

Because they regretted their actions, their choices in life, their sins; but it was too late.

For the love of God and neighbor (The Greatest Commandment- Matthew 22:37-40), please don't join them.

Surrender to the lordship of Yeshua, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28) and repent; turn from your wickedness, do not partake of the devils bidding with this bill and others.

You have been duly warned, please heed!

"Strider" - Servant of God and disciple of Christ

Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 2:00PM
Via Video Conference

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

To: Representative Mark Nakashima, Chair
Representative Scot Matayoshi, Vice Chair

From: Ray Vara
President & CEO

**Re: Testimony in Support of HB 726, HD1
Relating to Face Coverings**

My name is Ray Vara and I am the President and CEO of Hawai'i Pacific Health. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system comprised of its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox - and over 70 locations statewide with a mission of creating a healthier Hawai'i.

I write in support of HB 726, HD1 which would require every person to wear a face covering when in a public setting and establishes fines for the failure to do so.

We at HPH are committed to caring for the health and wellbeing of our communities and for the quick recovery of our economy. With the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, we understand that everyone is concerned and has a personal responsibility to control the spread of the virus in the state.

The most effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is the use of face-masks or face coverings. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends community use of masks by everyone two years of age and older to prevent the transmission of the virus. Face coverings reduce the emission of virus-laden droplets which is especially important for asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic infected individuals who feel well and may be unaware of their infectiousness to others.

Establishing a uniform statewide requirement of wearing a mask or face covering is vital to preventing people from contracting COVID-19 and from spreading the disease.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 7:49:31 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Isabel Espiritu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support this Bill. This should be a choice and not be made mandatory as this violates the us constitution.

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 7:58:15 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suzanne Marie Ager	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this to protect our island people.

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 7:59:37 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rasa Fournier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The mandates for the past several months about this exact issue, wearing a mask in public, have been illegal and unconstitutional. This has been a slow stripping off our freedom. Governor's emergency mandates are only valid for 60 days, and yet lawful citizens have been continuously harrassed for wanting to breathe fresh air without obstruction to our faces. Studies show these masks harbor dangerous levels of carbon monoxide, and lack of oxygen has been proven to give fertile ground to cancer. This is an extremely dangerous and questionable bill. I am confident from the numerous studies and expert advice I have spent untold hours poring over that much consideration in the medical, scientific, legal and constitutional arenas would show constant (enforced) mask wearing to be harmful to the health. After forcing citizens to comply, you are playing catch up and trying to make this a law. It is extremely detrimental to ones health, which begs the question, what is your motive? These masks have NOT proven to help anything. Show us unequivocally that they do good and we will want to wear them, you won't have to force us! Masks separate people, it's a psychological wall. It's making a whole generation of children grow up without healthy lungs and babies have a lack of human faces to look at. People, like me, with compromised lungs can't wear a mask. There is a huge segment of the population that cannot wear a mask, so what system would you have in place for us? Please think long and hard and the only valid conclusion you can come to is that this bill trying to manage masks is terrible and should be thrown out immediately. There's NO science that supports us wearing masks. This mask mandate would be extremely harmful to the citizens of Hawaii.

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 8:11:10 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lianne Blas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB 726 requiring everyone to wear a face covering when in public. I do not feel especially while out in open air that we need to have to cover our mouth and nose. Where science clearly said that it will not prevent you from catching or spreading coronavirus!!!



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

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February 11, 2021

The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair
Members, House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Re: Support of HB726 HD1: Relating to Face Coverings

Dear Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and Committee Members:

The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's) is a nonprofit corporation that provides expanded health care capabilities to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Basin. Since the founding of the first Queen's hospital in 1859 by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, it has been our mission to provide quality health care services in perpetuity for Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i. Over the years, the organization has grown to four hospitals, and more than 1,500 affiliated physicians and providers statewide. As the preeminent health care system in Hawai'i, Queen's strives to provide superior patient care that is constantly advancing through education and research.

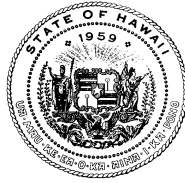
Queen's appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of HB726 HD1, relating to face coverings, which would place into statute the requirement that every person be required to wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth when in a public setting, subject to certain exceptions and establishes a fine for failure to comply.

Wearing face coverings is an effective means for reducing the spread of COVID-19. As we continue to do our part to stop the spread, Queen's appreciates the support of community and partnering with public and private sector leaders to accelerate the recovery of our island economy and home.

Thank you for allowing Queen's to provide this testimony in support of HB726 HD1.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jill Hoggard Green
President & Chief Executive Officer



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**Testimony COMMENTING on H.B. 726, H.D. 1
RELATING TO FACE COVERINGS**

REPRESENTATIVE MARK M. NAKASHIMA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Hearing Date: 2/11/2021

Room Number: VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

1 **Department Testimony:** Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on House Bill 726
2 that requires every person to wear a face covering when in a public setting, subject to certain
3 exceptions.

4 COVID-19 is a respiratory illness, primarily transmitted by droplets generated by (but not
5 limited to) people coughing, sneezing, talking, or breathing. Face masks can be used to reduce
6 the possibility of transmission by both blocking/reducing the emission of droplets containing the
7 virus, and by preventing the droplets from being inhaled. The Centers for Disease Control and
8 Prevention (CDC) recommends that masks be used to prevent the transmission of SARS-CoV-2
9 in communities.¹ Mask usage should be accompanied by other preventative measures including
10 hand hygiene and social distancing.

11 There is substantial evidence from observational and epidemiological studies that have
12 shown the effectiveness of mask use in the community. *(The following examples are taken
13 directly from the CDC page: Scientific Brief: Community Use of Cloth Masks to Control the
14 Spread of SARS-CoV-2¹)*

- 15 • An investigation of a high-exposure event, in which 2 symptomatically ill hair stylists
16 interacted for an average of 15 minutes with each of 139 clients during an 8-day

¹ Scientific Brief: Community Use of Cloth Masks to Control the Spread of SARS-CoV-2:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/masking-science-sars-cov2.html>

- 1 period, found that none of the 67 clients who subsequently consented to an interview
2 and testing developed infection. The stylists and all clients universally wore masks in
3 the salon as required by local ordinance and company policy at the time.²
- 4 • In a study of 124 Beijing households with > 1 laboratory-confirmed case of SARS-
5 CoV-2 infection, mask use by the index patient and family contacts before the index
6 patient developed symptoms reduced secondary transmission within the households
7 by 79%.³
 - 8 • A retrospective case-control study from Thailand documented that, among more than
9 1,000 persons interviewed as part of contact tracing investigations, those who
10 reported having always worn a mask during high-risk exposures experienced a greater
11 than 70% reduced risk of acquiring infection compared with persons who did not
12 wear masks under these circumstances.⁴
 - 13 • A study of an outbreak aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, an environment notable
14 for congregate living quarters and close working environments, found that use of face
15 coverings on-board was associated with a 70% reduced risk.⁵
 - 16 • Investigations involving infected passengers aboard flights longer than 10 hours
17 strongly suggest that masking prevented in-flight transmissions, as demonstrated by

² Hendrix MJ, Walde C, Findley K, Trotman R. Absence of Apparent Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from Two Stylists After Exposure at a Hair Salon with a Universal Face Covering Policy – Springfield, Missouri, May 2020. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep.* 2020;69(28):930-932.10.15585/mmwr.mm6928e2. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32673300>

³ Wang Y, Tian H, Zhang L, et al. Reduction of secondary transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in households by face mask use, disinfection and social distancing: a cohort study in Beijing, China. *BMJ Glob Health.* 2020;5(5).10.1136/bmjgh-2020-002794. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32467353>

⁴ Doung-Ngern P, Suphanchaimat R, Panjangampatthana A, et al. Case-Control Study of Use of Personal Protective Measures and Risk for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 Infection, Thailand. *Emerg Infect Dis.* 2020;26(11).10.3201/eid2611.203003. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32931726>

⁵ Payne DC, Smith-Jeffcoat SE, Nowak G, et al. SARS-CoV-2 Infections and Serologic Responses from a Sample of U.S. Navy Service Members – USS Theodore Roosevelt, April 2020. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep.* 2020;69(23):714-721.10.15585/mmwr.mm6923e4. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32525850>

1 the absence of infection developing in other passengers and crew in the 14 days
2 following exposure.^{6,7}

3 Additional community level analyses showed that the implementation of universal masking
4 policies preceded a significant decrease in infections and reductions in mortality.¹ Observational
5 data collected by Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) and Emergency Support
6 Function 8 (ESF-8) show that in commercial sites where masks are expected to be worn at all
7 times, compliance with the requirement was 86% statewide.

8 The Department of Health agrees that mask use is an effective means of preventing
9 transmission of SARS-CoV-2, especially when used in conjunction with other preventive
10 methods. The Department of Health defers to law enforcement entities on matters of enforcement
11 of the policies.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure

⁶ Schwartz KL, Murti M, Finkelstein M, et al. Lack of COVID-19 transmission on an international flight. *Cmaj*. 2020;192(15):E410.10.1503/cmaj.75015. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32392504>

⁷ Freedman DO, Wilder-Smith A. In-flight Transmission of SARS-CoV-2: a review of the attack rates and available data on the efficacy of face masks. *J Travel Med*. 2020.10.1093/jtm/taaa178. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32975554>

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 8:28:28 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nichole A.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because it denies any person with a medical exception to be allowed to live life as normal as possible. This gives way to attacks on people who are perfectly healthy and those who have exemptions to wearing masks. This bill ignores the protection of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act privacy rules. This law will lead to unnecessary conflicts with "essential workers" (as hb 643 defines it) who are not trained in any medical field and should not know another person's medical background because they are not giving medical care.

Masks are not proven to protect or prevent spread of virus but they are proven to restrict proper breathing and oxygen saturation of the blood. There are a multitude of people that are already dealing with oxygen saturation problems and this bill does not address the safety and livelihoods of these people.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 8:35:56 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Kaaz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill. Wearing of masks is critical to controlling the spread of SARS-CoV-2, and now more so than ever with the advent of new, more contagious and likely more lethal variants that are affecting vaccine efficacy. Mask wearing on the islands of Hawai'i has been difficult to enforce, not only because of the complexity of the rules, but also due to the difficulties of enforcement and administration of an effective deterrent. A fine will make enforcement easier and also generate much needed revenue for the state of Hawai'i.

I strongly recommend that anyone who states that they are unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition be required to show proof in the form of a valid letter written by a physician or Nurse Practitioner. Most health experts agree that there are very few, if any individuals who are unable to wear a facial covering for medical reasons, and there are alternatives to allowing an unmasked individual into an indoor public area, such as telehealth, grocery and pharmacy delivery, that do not expose the public to an unmasked infectious individual.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 8:37:59 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Medeiros	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I SUPPORT HB726 HD1 with the following revision:

- remove the exemption provided by Section 1(b)(11)

Removing the exemption simplifies what is required: wear a mask in a public setting unless you are alone in your car or office.

Removing the specified exemption simplifies enforcement: Police can easily see if a person has a mask on in public or not. They will not have to carry a measuring tape to document the distance at which the infraction occurs.

While increased vaccination of our citizens will improve public safety, until a significant portion of our population is vaccinated, masks will be important to minimize the spread of SARS CoV-2.

Wearing masks is the way citizens can play a part in public safety. Please support citizens involvement in public safety by passing this bill without the exemption for 6 foot distancing, Section 1 b 11

Mahalo

Michelle Taira Medeiros

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 8:42:43 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tara Aumau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I (and many other Christians like me) have been persecuted for my religious beliefs and have been unlawfully discriminated against and prevented from appearing in public places and partaking in normal public life, such as shopping, dining, getting required medical services and partaking in recreational activities because I do not veil my face. Veiling my face is a violation of my religious liberty, which is a Constitutionally-protected right.

The following are statements of fact.

If you disagree with any of the following statements, you must provide your rebuttal, citing the authority of law that supports it.

Otherwise, your action is required immediately to correct this harm being perpetrated upon me.

A right is something that cannot be taken from you, without due process of law.

My right to religious expression is guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

The responsibility for this egregious, unlawful religious persecution rests squarely on the shoulders of you the Supervisors. You have failed to communicate to the cities, retailers, medical offices and other public accommodations the requirement to provide exemptions for those who do not veil their face with a face covering or shield, due to religious beliefs.

You have communicated and publicized the exact opposite: that stores and businesses should prevent patrons with bare faces from entering these premises.

This practice of denying entry and services to the public based on their religious belief is unlawful and discriminatory and results in untold cases of religious persecution.

Could an establishment require a muslim to remove her head covering as a condition of entry?

Could an establishment require a member of the Jewish faith to remove the yarmulke as a condition of entry?

Could an establishment require patrons to put on a turban as a condition of entry?

Of course not. Aside from common sense and common courtesy, there are several laws that prohibit private businesses that are serving the public from discriminating against the public.

Stating that mask requirements "apply to everyone equally" and therefore are not discriminatory is akin to stating that "everyone has to eat a ham sandwich" as a condition of entry and therefore it is not discriminatory against muslims.

Requiring "everyone" to make the sign of the cross and genuflect as a condition of entry to a private business that serves the public is another example of blatant and obvious religious discrimination.

We the people demand you do what is right for all citizens. We the people demand you uphold the law!

No emergency orders or pandemic suspend the law.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 8:43:17 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Geneve Chong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB726 HD1. Breathing oxygen is a God-given right. Restricting oxygen can cause many adverse health conditions. This should not become a law, and government should not dictate how we take care of ourselves. In addition, the way everyone are using and touching their masks is not healthy. Masks are ONE-TIME use! Do your research and do what's right, and oppose HB726 HD1.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 8:57:39 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dwana Evans	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

So as the legislative branch you are to be the voice of the people, that is your oath you took when you accepted the position. Civil Beat even quoted as the legislative branch a Voice of the People.

Yet last year we listened as you said " Attorney General wants this bill", "the Governor wants this Bill" Even with people outside in loud opposition. So I remind you of your Oath.

Mask mandates have been spoken of by the mayor, the governor, city council all have been met with heavy opposition, which is why this bill is before you. To try again, after the 68,000 citations we were put through. Enough! People don't need to wear a mask when they are by themselves outside. The homeless don't have masks and don't wash their hands but yet they aren't dying by the droves, we still have a homeless issue. Amazing! For every junk article on masks you produce I can find 10 that says they don't work. If mask worked then why is this still going on? why are anti maskers not dead? Why is it that more mask wearers get covid. Stop the insanity. Oppose this bill.

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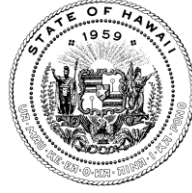
Submitted on: 2/10/2021 9:01:06 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keke Manera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this bill and hope that you do too. We need people to take this pandemic seriously so that we can get it under control and be done with it. Mask are needed in order to stop/prevent spread. It helps and even though I have health issues I still wear them when I'm out in public, it's not that hard. People need to stop complaining and be pro active. Mahalo for hearing me out.



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
Thursday, February 11, 2021
2:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
H.B. 726, H.D. 1, RELATING TO FACE COVERINGS**

Chair Nakashima and Members of the Committee:

My name is Iris Ikeda, and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) Division of Financial Institutions. The Department offers comments on this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) require every person to wear a face covering when in a public setting, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) establish a civil fine for failure to wear a face covering. If enacted, this bill will sunset on December 31, 2021, or when the last emergency proclamation related to the COVID-19 emergency issued by the governor expires, whichever is sooner.

The Department requests amending paragraph (8) on page 2, lines 11 through 13 of the bill to read: "Instances where a financial institution's policy, based on security concerns, [~~prohibit the wearing of~~] allows customers to momentarily remove face [~~coverings;~~] coverings to complete a transaction[.]" For security reasons, financial institutions' branch staff request customers to briefly remove their masks to visually verify and validate their identity before processing a transaction. This is the only time

customers should remove their face coverings. At all other times while in a financial institution branch, customers should continue to wear face coverings for health and safety reasons.

The Department also notes a typo on page 1, line 15, which should read “least” instead of “lest.”

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 9:05:51 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
brett sherwood	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this legislation. It does not make sense to put in a place a formal law requiring face coverings when you can not accurately predict the future state of the "pandemic". With the vaccine now available, the most vulnerable here in Hawaii will be vaccinated by sometime this summer latest. We should move toward voluntary face mask rules so each person here in the state is free to make their own choices, and take their own risks when it comes to THEIR health.

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 9:08:39 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kristen cosmi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha!

I strongly oppose any mandate or law that requires us to cut off our supply of fresh oxygen. It is a well know fact that face coverings DO NOT STOP THE SPREAD OF A VIRUS. So any bill that forces people to wear them in the name of saftey is acutally doing just the opposite. I have experienced and seen first hand what happens during extended mask wearing. Myself and many co workers have fallen sick with bacterial infections in our throats due to MASK WEARING. This is horrible and shameful on our elected leaders part. Us healthy people are being forced to not only cut off our supply of frest air, but to also breathe waste excreted from our lungs back in. This is causing more sickness and bacterial infections than anything. I am assuming you are intelligent people who realize the harm inflicted on us because of mask wearing. All for a virus with a 99% survival rate. There is no state of emergency or pandemic with a survival rate that high. You are doing more harm than good for us with bills like this. It is shameful. Please, I beg you, to stand up for our right to breathe frest air and not force us to make ourselves sick by breathing in our own bodies waste all day long.

Thank you for your consideration.



HAWAI'I COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

To: The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair
And Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

From: Micah Kāne, Chief Executive Officer & President
Hawai'i Community Foundation

Re: Testimony in Support of HB726 HD1 Relating to Face Coverings

Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Place: Via Videoconference

Conference Room 325

My name is Micah Kane, President & CEO of the Hawai'i Community Foundation. I am submitting this testimony in SUPPORT of HB 726 HD1 that requires every person to wear a face covering when in a public setting, subject to certain exceptions and establishes a fine for failure to comply.

It has been objectively well established that wearing a face covering is an effective means of reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We believe that this requirement and a fine system for failure to comply is an effective way of both requiring compliance and handling any failure to comply. We believe that the exceptions provided in the bill take the learnings from the past 10-months of our community living with the virus and create a reasonable definition of the face mask requirement.

As we do our part as the Hawaii Community Foundation to bring the philanthropic community as a collaborative partner to the efforts of government, the private sector, healthcare and others who continue to serve those who need assistance during the pandemic, we are supportive of measures like this that seeks to reduce the spread of the virus. These collective efforts are necessary to help accelerate the recovery of our entire statewide community.

We strongly support HB726 HD1, and look forward to further discussion on the bill. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 9:42:58 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Banner Fanene	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this Bill. Please do not pass. Mahalo.

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 9:55:52 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
chelsea trevino	Hawaii Quarentine Kapu Breakers	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill as it is necessary to help keep the virus spread down. It is necessary to take action in this direction as it is a major contributor to lessening the transmission in our islands.

please include 6ft in the statement regarding social distancing.



February 11, 2021

The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Re: HB 726 HD1 – Relating to Face Coverings

Dear Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and Committee Members:

Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 726, HD1, which requires every person to wear a face covering when in a public setting, subject to certain exceptions. Establishes a civil fine for failure to wear a face covering. Sunsets December 31, 2021, or when the last emergency proclamation related to the COVID-19 emergency issued by the governor expires, whichever is sooner. Effective 7/1/2050.

HMSA is supportive of this measure in its efforts to protect the health of our community.

Thank you for allowing us to testify in support of HB 726 HD1. Your consideration of our comments is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Matthew W. Sasaki
Director, Government Relations

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 10:16:52 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Colby	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Jennifer Colby and I am in favor of having a mask mandate that requires everyone to wear a mask while in public and to remain 6ft apart while out in public.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 10:27:05 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marichris Diga-Lazo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. Mandatory mask wearing does not work. If masks work, then why are covid cases still on the rise? If masks work, then why do we even have a vaccine? Because masks AND this covid vaccine does not work. You guys want to control us. Why not have marketing campaigns and inform people on how to take care of their bodies instead of telling them to keep wearing a mask, wash your hands and social distance. Because having people take care of their bodies doesn't fund Big Pharma, hospitals, insurance companies and so forth. Why does the government continue to have rights over our body? If you want people to wear masks, make it optional especially since most people will want to wear them because they are so conditioned to do so and can't think for themselves. But for those who do not, let them be without a mask. Why do healthy people need to wear a mask? I will never accept this new normal especially for my keiki. Stop acting like gods up there and actually listen to our Lord Jesus Christ. You all have overstepped your boundaries as our legislators. I pray you turn from your wicked ways and repent of all the evilness you continue to put on the people.



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Date: February 10, 2021

To: Representative Mark M. Nakashima Chair
Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair
Members of the House Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Re: Support for HB726, HD1, Relating to Face Coverings

Hrg: February 11, 2021 at 2:00 PM via videoconference

The Hawai'i Public Health Instituteⁱ is in **Support of HB 726, HD1**, which requires every person to wear a face covering in a public setting until December 31, 2021 or when the last emergency proclamation expires, whichever occurs first.

We all play a role in reducing the spread of COVID-19. Through the pandemic, it has become clear that one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is by wearing face-masks or face coverings. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone two years and older should wear masks in public and that masks should be worn in addition to staying at least six feet apartⁱⁱ. Establishing a consistent statewide requirement on wearing facemasks or face coverings will lead to less confusion and help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of HB 726, HD1**.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jessica Yamauchi'.

Jessica Yamauchi
Executive Director

ⁱ Hawai'i Public Health Institute is a hub for building healthy communities, providing issue-based advocacy, education, and technical assistance through partnerships with government, academia, foundations, business, and community-based organizations.

ⁱⁱ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
[accessed: 02/10/2021]

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 10:35:44 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jada Rufo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Yesterday, February 9th 2021, at Spencer Beach Park between 8:45 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. . I saw two adults clean several tables of sand and then sanitize the picnic tables. Then I saw a school bus pull up in the parking lot. It was a field trip for some 25 HPA sixth graders and 5 teachers. ALL were wearing masks. If kids can wear a mask, then certainly adults can. Go Kanis!

Jada Rufo

HPA Class of 88.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 10:45:07 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malia Ellis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB726.

I support that EVERY person across the pae'aina (locals/travellers/military personnel) be required to PROPERLY wear a face covering when in a public setting or while on Federal property such as Fort DeRussey at Kalia O'ahu.

I support a civil fine for failure to wear face coverings and to comply with set rules.

I also support MORE visible signage for visitors all over Waikiki.

I support the light up Safety system signs at the Kuhio/Kalakaua & Kalakaua/Ala Moana groins to remind everyone to mask up.

Sincerely,

Malia Ellis

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 11:02:33 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jack Ebner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Utterly and totally ridiculous because waste matter coming out of one's mouth is no more contagious than waste matter coming out of any other bodily orifice. Of course I wouldn't recommend anybody take on the feces or urine of another not because of contagion but because that's very poor hygiene or lack of sanitation. Again, if you would like me to prove my point, fly me over to Oahu, I will expose myself to someone with covid and then get tested to prove to you this whole thing is bogus but some of you may already know that and be a part of this total fraud. Oh, and the test is a crap shoot too. Kary Mullis, the inventor of this test makes it very clear in his videos that it is NOT TO BE USED FOR FINDING PATHOGENS!!! So the testing is completely fraudulent too. I am the most CORRECTLY knowledgeable doctor at least on Hawaii Island and you can take anything I state directly to the bank. Stop all of this crap immediately!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 11:14:23 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leilani Diga	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill. Mandatory mask wearing does not work. If masks work, why are Covid cases still rising? If vaccines are supposed to work, why wear the masks? Masks should be optional for everyone because why should a healthy person who knows their body, better than you legislators, be required to wear a mask? Our bodies, our choice, right?

I pray you all turn to God and ask for forgiveness in this life before it's too late. May God have mercy on you.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 11:28:14 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Audrey Pasion	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose. Masks do not work.

Please stop trying to control us.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 11:37:35 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gordon Caluya	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is a RIDICULOUS bill. PERIOD. Why are you going to make wearing facemasks a Law for a virus with a 99.9% recovery rate??? And what happened to Freedom of Choice, and letting individuals take responsibility for their own health? Stop intruding in peoples lives! Making people that are asymptomatic wear a mask is Ridiculous, and making them wear a mask makes them susceptible to countless respiratory illnesses. Has anyone thought about that??? On top of that it's Unconstitutional! We are Not a Muslim country where facemasks are mandatory. This is the United States of America, where individuals are FREE. If people want to wear a mask they are free to wear a mask, but people should be free to make their own Choice! This whole thing is Ridiculous and was never done for the Bird flu, Swine flu, SARS or even Ebola! The people of Hawaii will be watching who votes for this bill, and it Will have ramifications in upcoming elections. We elected You, and you work for Us. We elected you to work constructively for positive change, and this bill is more government intrusion into our lives.

Mahalo,

Gordon

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 11:45:22 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
desiree deter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Face masks do not stop tiny virus particles, and they DO restrict breath. Think about what this is doing to our keiki. We need oxygen and we need it to be fresh. We live in Hawaii for this reason. Clean air, lots of oxygen, vitamin D and C.. why can't we make bills that support health, rather than erode it? Please stop trying violate people's breathing and right to breathe freely.

Mahalo, Desiree Deter

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 11:50:06 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Caroline Brehm	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill, but I ask that the 6-foot rule be amended to make it mandatory in outdoor places whenever another person is present who is not a member of one's household. I cannot count the number of times I have been forced to pass many groups of people well within 6 feet on trails, all of whom don't wear masks, almost all of whom are talking and laughing, and so providing this airborne virus an opportunity to spread. It isn't hard to carry a mask and put it on whenever one sees another person on a trail, not belonging to one's household, keep it on until they pass, wait about 15 or 20 feet, and take it off again. Nobody is carrying around a 6-foot ruler to make sure, and this would just make it so much easier and safer. Let's make trails, sidewalks, and all public places safe for everyone! We all need safe exercise places. Make masks mandatory when out of your house, except when in your private vehicle with members of your own household or alone, or when traversing to get to the water. Thank you for considering my testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 11:57:25 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Cunningham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I SUPPORT HB726 – As Mahatma Gandhi stated, *“The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members”*.

It is the responsibility of our elected officials to ensure we have a safe society for all. Our mask mandates were not rolled out well nor were there adequate marketing campaigns to raise awareness. We have already had numerous encounters with people stating they don’t need to wear a mask because “they took a test”. We know that a test is ONLY valid for the day that it is taken (our own former White House administration proved that). People are already arriving on island that have been vaccinated, and (hopefully) soon our residents will be. This is going to present a new challenge in people believing they do not need a mask. However, there is no way to know who truly has been vaccinated. In addition there is this information that was published:

Andrew Badley, M.D., COVID-19 Research Task Force Chair, Mayo Clinic: *“What we know the vaccine does is it prevents symptomatic disease. What we don't know if it does or not is to prevent infection. And if you are infected, but you don't get sick because of the vaccine, you can still replicate the virus and transmit the virus.”...our recommendations are that if you've received the vaccine you still wear a mask, maintain social distancing...”*

It is IMPERATIVE that we have a clear law that is stating that masks are worn in public until we have solid scientific evidence that it is safe to relax that requirement.

We are a very community involved family, volunteering in cultural, historical, and civic groups. Our family hikes often and walk twice daily either through the Kamaole Beaches and sidewalks that front them or the walk at Wailea. Every time there are numerous people that we pass that are within reach of my arm without a mask on at all. We live near the beach in a lovely neighborhood, but I am a prisoner in my own home because of these ignorant and selfish actions (or lack of action).

Personally, I feel let down by our Governor, Lt. Governor, and Mayor for their lack of a thorough plan of safety measures when they begin the “travel plan”. It now falls on our legislature to focus and act in the best interest and safety of our citizens, businesses, and the visitors that come here. Please make the mandate uniform across the state:

when you leave your home or hotel room, you wear a mask except when you are traversing to the water. Let's make our sidewalks, trails, and ALL public places safe for everyone, particularly with the variants now in Hawaii.

Mahalo for considering my testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 12:02:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christy Ceraso	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There is NO proof that masks prevent the spread of infection. There is EVIDENCE that masks increase the risk of bacterial infection and other health problems. So, what is the intention in passing laws to require mask wearing? Unless you are intentionally trying to harm people, you will not pass this bill. If you pass this bill, you will confirm that your intention is to harm people. Masks are not only not safe, they are harmful, physically and psychologically. If an individual chooses to wear a mask, that is their business. No one should be deemed a criminal for choosing not to wear one.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 12:19:17 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ali Ameden	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There is no reason people need to wear "face coverings". There is no scientific proof they do anything and based on how long we have been forced to wear them it changed nothing.

It is an extremely cruel way to clamp down on the population with no justification. We are ALL sovereign beings with the right to bodily autonomy without anyone else telling us what to do. We all have the inherent right to breath properly. WHO and Fraudci changed their stance and other "experts" in UK, ALL said masks were not necessary until it became a hot political divider.

This whole thing is a scam and you who are perpetuating it need to held accountble. How do you live with yourselves? You work for US! Stop terrorizing us!!! End all of it, tests, vax and masks! Now you want to make more money off of us! I can't believe this dystopian hell is happening, PLEASE STOP IT!!!!!! You can't possibly want to leave this to your children??

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 12:20:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lorii Febo-Santiago	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

February 10, 2021

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Re:House Bill 726

Position: Strongly Opposed

Aloha Representatives,

My name is Lori Febo-Santiago and I stronly oppose HB726

This bill is based on the idea that mask wearing is in fact effective in curbing the spread of a virus. Being that mask comes in all different forms and it is fitted in different ways if really thought through does not really provide the protection in which everyone thinks it is a false narrative. Most people don't even wash there mask everyday they touch there mask and others things making there mask full of germs and contaminating all surfaces. The particle of virus are also so small that the mask does nothing really to stop virusus. Also if we were really in a pandemic i think our homeless community would be severly affected, it is not. If you look at the death rates in Hawaii and through out the United States for being in a pandemic there is not much difference than the previou years except in the categories of death. Healthy people should be aloud to live there lives in a healthy way breathing in fresh oxygen in stead of stale carbon dioxide in which they have just breathed out.

There has not been any deep study showing that these mask works and that it will not affect healthy people health, in the long run. CDC has been back and fourth about this subject. You were put in office to work for the people and to ensure their constitutional rights and freedom, not to take away but to give them the rights to govern themselves on there health. Not being able to shop and go into business because of one virus while not paying any attention to the rest of other illness that are more deadly does not make sense and is unfair unhealthy and dangerous tot hose who suffer from them.

HB726 does not address the leading causes of death in Hawaii and the United States which is heart problems and respiratory illness which i suffer from and wearing a mask

makes it harder for me to do things. I am discriminated from entering places because it is hard for me to wear a mask due to my asthma. My freedom is taken away from doing simple life activities such as going grocery shopping or even getting a cup of coffee I have a condition that is not contagious but I am penalized because wearing a mask that does not have any real scientific proof that it works is placed on my life and others. My granddaughter has in the past few months who is healthy and energetic plays sports now has anxiety attacks and has a hard time with the mask. These are real problems that people are facing.

I strongly oppose this bill it is unconstitutional, unscientific and not logical and very unhealthy I ask you to kill this bill.

Lori Febo-Santiago

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 12:20:52 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jodie Roeca	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the mask mandate, but it should be even stronger, due to the incoming more easily spreadable variants of Covid coming to Hawai'i. Covid spreads outdoors, 6 feet will not offer enough protection, and wearing a mask is simple.

<https://www.utsa.edu/today/2020/09/story/covid-spread-outdoor-conditions.html>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0048969721006057>

Thus, please edit as follows:

A. Eating, drinking and smoking should not be a licence to be a superspreader simply because they are holding a soda, cigarette or burger. Edit section (b)(4) to read as follows:

(b)(4) Individuals who are engaged in eating, drinking, or smoking as permitted by applicable law, **while stationary, and who are not walking or otherwise moving locations;**

B. 25 yards is reasonable for hiking and walking in urban or deserted areas. Simply wear a mask if not 25 yards away, to protect others. Amend section (b)(11) re outdoor activity, necessarily expanding the 6 foot limitation for exemption, as follows:

(b)(11) Individuals who are outdoors **and who are at least 25 yards away from any persons**, other than individuals in the same household, living unit, or residence; and

C. Finally, please add a swimming or other water exercise exemption! Wearing a mask would be very difficult in the water!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 12:23:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I AM SICKENED THAT THIS IS ON THE AGENDA!

THIS VIRUS HAS KILLED LESS PEOPEL THAN THE REGULAR FLU OVER THE LAST SIX-YEARS! HAVE YOU DONE YOUR RESEARCH!

I'VE BEEN A WELLNESS EXPERT FOR 25-YEARS! MASKS DO NOT PROTECT AGAINST A VIRUS!!!

WE ARE SOVERIGN BEINGS AND WILL NOT BE FORCED INTO USING A MEDICAL DEVICE WHEN IT IS NOT NEEDED AND TAKES AWAY OUR ABILITY TO BREATHE FREELY!

YOU ARE TRYING TO TAKE AWAY THE BREATH OF ALOHA! THAT IS NOT YOUR RIGHT!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 12:30:01 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tracie Hasuike	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

It should be each individuals choice to wear a mask or not. I have been taking care of my health and have not been covud positive ever. I do not wish it on anyone but I would rather educate people on how to take care of your immune system rather that giving false information about masks preventing one from spreading or preventing you from getting it. I live in a country where we have the freedom of choice and you are infringing on that freedom of choice if you make this mask wearing a law. I oppose this bill!



HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM
A S S O C I A T I O N

Testimony of
Mufi Hannemann
President & CEO
Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association

Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
House Bill 726, HD1: Relating to Face Coverings

Chair Nakashima and members of the Committee, mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the state's largest private sector visitor industry organization.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association—nearly 700 members strong, representing more than 50,000 hotel rooms and nearly 40,000 lodging workers—has long pushed for a measure that would fine individuals who flout public health mandates meant to slow the spread of COVID-19. In the earliest days of the pandemic, thousands of citations were handed out to those observed without a proper face covering in public spaces. Unfortunately, these were classified as misdemeanors and required a court appearance. This ultimately resulted in countless cases being dismissed for a variety of reasons, rendering mask mandates all but unenforceable.

HLTA has gone on the record multiple times to advocate for the adoption of a measure similar to HB726 which would impose a fine upon those that are skirting regulations that require a mask. This bill would not only make public health policies enforceable, but also serve as a deterrent for those individuals who would otherwise put the health and safety of their neighbors at risk. For these reasons, HLTA strongly supports House Bill 726, HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 12:37:00 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelly Hudik	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe that making the mask mandate a law is creating a slippery slope. I also feel that police officers have far more important duties than enforcing a law requiring mask wearing. The current mask mandate along with President Biden's requirements are enough to help support the wearing of masks.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 12:42:33 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacob Stewart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose this bill! For MANY years now the leading cause of death in Hawaii has been Heart Disease according to the CDC.

As a graduate of The Kamehameha Schools, it was drilled into us that Hawaiians are at great risk in this category & so we were required to take action by being involved in Physical Education to an extent not required by the Hawaii State Public School system. Other leading causes of death in Hawaii also include: cancer, diabetes, stroke, influenza, respiratory disease, kidney disease, etc. COVID-19 doesn't even come close to most of those others regarding its mortality rate.

The State of Hawaii and C&C of Honolulu has done VERY little with regards to eliminating Heart Disease other than pretty spotty educational efforts. There has been no bill I can find to lawfully eliminate the major contributing factors of Heart Disease (High Fat, Sugar, & Sodium Diets, Lack of physical activity, stress, etc). If the State of Hawaii and C&C of Honolulu do not see fit to care for the issues that kill FAR more people in Hawaii than COVID-19, then they should not try to step in with a heavy-handed measure with regards to something that has an over 99% survivability rate IF someone even contracts this virus.

We need to get life back to being lived and not resort to heavy-handed, draconian, authoritarian measures such as this bill proposes. We are American Citizens and should maintain the ability to CHOOSE how we want to respond to this current health crisis! Please do not turn us further into a "Nanny State!" We are smart enough to make good decisions. If we don't, we should be allowed to feel the weight of our own decisions. Let the PEOPLE be!

RE: HB 726 (in support)

Aloha! I am writing as a private citizen and with the Hawaii Quarantine Kapu Breakers, in support of this bill that would require masks to be worn in public settings. Masks should be required regardless of the 6 foot exemption that it now in place. The fine for not wearing a mask should be one that would cause people to think twice before endangering others by not wearing a mask. The reason that I am recommending against the 6 foot exemption is because I have seen tourists pass by others in crowded settings, expecting the others to move 6 feet away.

Not wearing a mask shows that you do not care about other people. Hawai'i residents are highly compliant with mask wearing, and tourists are not. Residents generally care about others and realize that our geographical location is isolated and our resources are limited. Please enforce mask wearing here.

Sincerely,

Ka'i Duponte, MSW (Maui)

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 12:50:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terri Chong	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Good afternoon,

My name is Terri Chong and I and my family hereby support Bill HB726.

It has been very concerning to see Tourist as well as locals out and about without masks on therefore possibly spreading this virus unknowingly. If you look at all social media platforms, especially this past weekend of Super Bowl, you clearly see people commingling in large groups unmasked and not following rules. Masks should be worn at all times from the time you exit your home or your vehicle, this is to protect everyone. With the new variants of the virus entering the Island this is needed even more so now. 6ft distance ruling is not working that it needs to be removed as people use it as an excuse. Please help protect the people. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 12:53:53 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
rebecca goodnight	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB726. It is discriminatory to the many people who are not able to safely wear face coverings. It is discriminatory to those who are deaf and need to read lips in order to communicate. It is discriminatory to those who are needing to breathe oxygen as a free citizen. It is discriminatory that businesses would have to enforce this and therefore discriminate against their customers in order to earn their living. The governor is using these mandates in violation of the 60 day expiration date of the emergency order according to HRS-127A.

This must be shut down.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 12:59:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
heather culp	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I do not support the implementation of a civil fine for failure to wear a face covering.

The HI DOH has not conducted their own studies regarding the efficacious of or potential harm associated with the wearing of a face covering. By their own admission they are instead relying solely on the studies from the CDC. Upon review of these CDC studies, they are not what are considered 'gold standard' studies and do not show evidence to support that wearing a face covering does more good than harm.

Evidence of harm regarding face coverings:

Increased Risk of COVID-19: “Mask use by the general public could be associated with a theoretical elevated risk of COVID-19 through... self-contamination,” states Public Health Ontario in [Wearing Masks in Public and COVID-19](#). “By wearing a mask, the exhaled viruses will not be able to escape and will concentrate in the nasal passages, enter the olfactory nerves and travel into the brain,” theorizes nationally recognized board-certified neurosurgeon, Dr. Russell Blaylock, MD (in an article at [The Centre for Research on Globalization](#)).

Bacterial Pneumonia: At an [Oklahoma Press Conference](#), Dr. James Meehan, MD testified: “Reports coming from my colleagues all over the world are suggesting that the bacterial pneumonias are on the rise” as a result of moisture collecting in face masks.

Immune Suppressing: Masks are often worn by criminals trying to hide their identity while perpetuating an offence (theft, violence, rape, murder, etc.). They produce subconscious anxiety and fear. Fear and anxiety activate the fight-or-flight nervous system which down-regulates the immune system, as shown in a study by the [American Psychological Association](#).

Germophobia: Masks create an irrational fear of germs and a false sense of protection from disease, leading to antisocial (or even hostile) behaviour towards those not wearing a mask. (See the paper in the [Journal of Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders](#) titled “COVID-19, obsessive-compulsive disorder and invisible life forms that threaten the self”).

Acne Vulgaris: Moisture and germs collecting in the mask cause “facial skin lesions, irritant dermatitis... or worsening acne” (according to [Public Health Ontario](#)) which stresses the immune system, can lead to permanent scarring and has been linked to depression and suicidal thoughts (according to the [Journal of Dermatologic Clinics](#)). Children also develop impetigo, a bacterial infection that produces red sores and can lead to kidney damage (according to the [Mayo Clinic](#)).

Cavities: New York dentists are reporting that half their patients are suffering decaying teeth, receding gum lines and seriously sour breath from wearing masks. “We’re seeing inflammation in people’s gums that have been healthy forever, and cavities in people who have never had them before,” Dr. Rob Ramondi told [FOX News](#).

PLEASE OPPOSE HB726 and uphold our natural and constitutional right for Informed Consent for the freedom to decide for ourselves if we desire to wear a face covering or not without a penalty.

Thank you,

Heather Culp

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ELEANOR LEIALOHA	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I would like to add my support of this Bill to ensure that all residents of Hawaii and those that visit here are doing their best to be safe. Facemasks work when worn properly and is such a simple thing to do. Dropping the 6ft exception is also better to just make it simpler. When you are out- mask up!! There's no question or what ifs- its just wear a mask plain and simple..

Thank you for reading and considering and please continue to stay safe and healthy!

Mahalo Piha,

Eleanor Leialoha

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
vesela mincheva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The Hawai'i State Constitution and the U.S. Constitution, from which the principles were derived, are the sacred documents which protect the fundamental God-given rights of the people and these documents are never suspended during times of emergency. The Hawai'i statute authorizing the Governor's emergency powers expressly states the law confers no power or authority to act "which is inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States." The U.S. Supreme Court has expressly condemned the idea that a mere declaration of an "emergency" be an excuse to trump all constitutional forms of power, rights, and protections:

"Emergency does not create power. Emergency does not increase granted power or remove or diminish the restrictions imposed upon power granted or reserved. The Constitution was adopted in a period of grave emergency. Its grants of power to the federal government and its limitations of the power of the states were not determined in the light of emergency and they are not altered by emergency. What power was thus granted and what limitations were thus imposed are questions which have always been, and always will be, the subject of close examination under our constitutional system."

Home Bldg. & Loan Ass'n v. Blaisdell, 290 U.S. 398, 425-426 (1934) (emphasis added).

Under this authority it is an aberration of duty to bring forth any regulation which would trespass upon a free people's protected rights to freedom of movement, freedom of speech, freedom of expression, their right to be secure in their person, their right to associate and their right to due process.

Section 1 of this act states: "Additionally, the legislature finds that the pandemic has given rise to a multitude of essential workers in various job sectors who, through the course of their work are required to relay and impose emergency rules and orders that

have been enacted by the appropriate governmental authority. Emergency response measures to reduce the spread of SARS-CoV-2 through, for example, the use of face coverings or masks has placed great responsibility and risk on essential workers who have experienced harassment, intimidation, verbal abuse, and physical assault from members of the public who disagree with the government's order." To remove the right of the people to govern their own health and be free to move about in society without violations to their bodily autonomy is an obtrusion in itself, but to grant authority of select members of society deemed "essential" to enforce governmental overreach upon those who resist unconstitutional regulations is egregious.

There are already sufficient laws in place to protect citizens from harassment and assault. This bill acts as a clandestine, coercive measure intended to enforce compliance through the threat of imprisonment and must be struck down for its unconstitutionality and danger in promoting an atmosphere of warfare among citizens. No particular vocation should ever be considered more essential than another, placing certain protections and rights above the rights and protections of others.

This is a direct violation to the Equal Protection Clause within our United States Constitution and found in the Hawai'i State Constitution under Article 1 Section 5.

This is why we urge you to submit to the demands of your constituents and protect their civil liberties from current and future infringements being covertly forced upon the people under the disguise of "emergency" management. We strongly oppose House Bill 643.

Sincerely,

Vesela Mincheva

February 10, 2021

Re: House Bill 726
Position: Strongly Opposed

To our Representatives,

My name is Hi'inae Tajon and I strongly oppose HB726.

This bill is based on the presumption that masks are effective in curbing the spread of the Sars-CoV-2. However, if you research the scientific studies that “prove” mask-wearing is effective, you will find that the results are inconclusive at best, with their methods of measurement to be at the lower spectrum of the scientific standard. The studies that use the Randomized Controlled Trial studies (RCTs), long considered the gold standard of scientific studies, all show that there is no statistical difference between wearing a mask or not in curbing the spread of the virus.

It's also interesting to note that studies which support mask-wearing are from March 2020 onward while there are 40 years worth of scientific studies that show wearing masks for a healthy population is ineffective and unnecessary. The reason for wearing masks presumes that asymptomatic people (aka healthy people) are spreading Sars-CoV-2. This is simply untrue. In January of 2020, Dr. Fauci himself claimed that asymptomatic people were not the drivers of viruses, and there are countless studies from around the world that also prove this to be true. In June 2020, the WHO admitted that asymptomatic transmission was rare. Both have retracted their statements but neither offered any valid evidence that supported their changed position.

A major reason for codifying this mandate into law is because there are members of the community who are opposed to wearing masks. This opposition is understandable when you consider my above statements—that there is no real evidence that masks are effective. If the government offered substantial scientific evidence that masks work, there would be considerably less opposition, but this evidence can't be offered because it does not exist. And with the introduction of double and/or triple masking, the CDC has admitted that wearing masks are ineffective unless we suffocate ourselves.

The other presumption behind this bill is that Sars-CoV-2 is deadly to a vast majority of the population. This is also untrue. According to the CDC, people younger than 19 have a recovery rate of 99.997%; those from 20-39 have a 99.98% recovery rate; from 40-74, there is a 99.5% recovery rate; and 75+ have a 94.6% recovery rate. This is not to diminish those who have died from Covid, but it is clear from the information from the CDC, that Sars-CoV-2 does not fatally affect most of the population. There are a myriad of other illnesses that are more deadly, yet those have been forgotten in the fear-crazed hype of this virus.

Along with the loss of reason, there are aspects of health that have been largely ignored. A few years ago, the Hawai'i government took on the initiative of the Blue Zones Project which emphasized certain aspects of living that encourage health and longevity of life for their citizens. Among others, these categories included: faith, community, exercise, and diet. In the face of this virus, these all have been completely discarded. As of right now, the churches (those that are open) are requiring all of their members to mask up if they want to attend church which entirely strips personal interactions with their fellow believers of their intimacy and trust. As of right now, community is being discouraged due to living in fear of this virus and many are not engaging with community thereby taking away this important element of living. As of right now, gyms are being heavily censured in the name of safety and sanitation, thereby diminishing a vital component of living healthily.

Instead of perpetuating this climate of fear by pushing masks and isolation, please look into ways of helping your constituents live a healthy life: eating right, engaging with one another, worshipping freely, and exercising regularly. These are the steps that ensure a life of health—not masking and not isolation.

I urge you to not codify this mandate into law. To do so only shows the lack of critical thinking of this legislature and/or its willful ignorance.

Thank you, Hi'inae Tajon

To codify this mandate into law shows the lack of critical thinking of this legislature, and/or your willful ignorance.



February 10, 2021

Aloha Honorable Chair Representative Nakashima, Vice Chair Representative Matayoshi and members of the Committee,

I am testifying in *support* of House Bill 726 HD1 relating to **mask violations** on behalf of the Hawai'i Quarantine Kapu Breakers. My name is Angela Keen, I'm a resident of Mo'ili'ili for 27 years. I am the owner, co-founder and administrator for the group. We have 6,700 members across the state with lead teams in each county. We even have members on Lana'i and Moloka'i.

In addition to the language in this bill, I strongly recommend that you consider removing the six foot rule for masks as it is a loophole used for those who are anti-maskers. Please see Mayor Michael Victorino's Public Health Emergency Rules, Effective Jan. 19, 2020. It outlines mask usage: On sidewalks, hiking trails, and in parks and similar areas, unless actively engaged in strenuous outdoor physical activity, provided adequate physical distancing is both possible and practiced. 2. In any open-air or partially open mall, marketplace, lobby, atrium, gas station, or similar facility. 3. Where specific facility rules, such as for sports, bars, and restaurants, are established.

As you know, my community action group spent the past 11 months in the Covid-19 violation trenches as unpaid volunteers. I am also a survivor of Coronavirus. I was hit with it the first week of March 2020. It lasted for 8 weeks. Covid took my breath, it took my job and it almost took my life.

As we approached the pre-testing phase of the reopen, we realized one of the biggest issues for those who were not tested and would sneak out of quarantine was the risk of passing the virus on to others. We all know that according to science — masks work.

You probably saw my statements of concern in the many news stories that I've spoken in over the past few months. The enforcement of the mask mandate has been and still is non-existent. While we've worked closely and effortlessly with the Attorney General's Office, I'm sorry to say the assistance with the county police departments has been dismal. There needs to be a separate Covid Enforcement team of some sort, responsible for following through with reports of violations.

What our group found on weekend surveillance: Visitors don't wear masks.

Our weekend surveillance of mask wearing across the state shows the rate of mask compliance among locals is about 80 to 95 percent, once you venture into tourist areas, you'll find 50-percent to 60-percent mask compliance. Take a walk in Waikiki, Ko 'Olina or Lahaina or Kona town and you'll see visitor after visitor with no mask. The misdemeanor makes it almost impossible for officers to ticket them.

My members often hand out masks and kindly remind visitors to mask up. They have been spat on, yelled at and told where to go and how to get there. This bill gives us hope because the modifications to the mask mandate will make it more enforceable and therefore will save lives. I commend you for taking action so quickly. As you know the UK variant is here, it's easier to catch and who knows what the future holds for Hawai'i and this virus. If this bill passes, it has the potential to keep our numbers low, help keep the no maskers compliant and it will save lives.

Why the Six-Foot Rule Needs to Be Removed:

Chair Nakashima, I would like to respectfully ask that you also consider removing the six-foot rule for masks. Every person who is asked to mask up complains that they can just keep their distance and not wear a mask. That's not realistic, especially for our workers in the hospitality and tourism industry. It leaves too much wiggle room. We ask that people put on their mask any time they leave their home except for traversing to the beach and in the ocean or pool. This makes it more enforceable with no wiggle room or excuses with the distance.

Every day — every single day — I receive reports from our members many of whom — work in the hospitality and tourism industry — they share with me that locals will gladly comply and apologize for forgetting their mask. However, time after time — it is the tourists who refuse to wear their mask. They tell us they don't have to wear a mask because they tested negative. Or, they say they can stand 6 feet away. This leaves too much wiggle room. We can be the state that serves as an example of how to do things right. We are the most isolated land mass with the most precious people places and things that are found nowhere else.

A Coordinated Effort with the Tourism Industry with Education is Key:

We would like to see a coordinated effort with the tourism industry and the state using Cares Act Funds to help pay for mask mandate educational campaigns, with videos, handouts and hang tags from the airline booking to flights and the hotels. There is no reason for otherwise healthy people to not wear a mask while outside of their room.

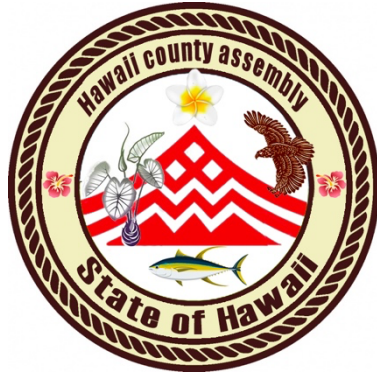
Honorable chair and vice chair, members of the committee — I want to personally thank you for your time and effort in making changes to the mask mandate. It shows that you care about our neighbors, our kupuna and community. With an enforceable mask mandate in place, it's our hope that Hawai'i can get back to work and back to business.

Mahalo Palena 'Ole,



Angela Keen
Owner, Co-founder and Administrator
Hawai'i Quarantine Kapu Breakers

HQKB is a 100% volunteer community action group keeping Hawai'i Nei safe from COVID-19.



February 10, 2021

RE: Testimony Opposing HB726 HD1

The Hawaii county assembly advocates for employees, business owners, managers, and community members who oppose the subject matter of HB726 HD1.

I have personally traveled around Hawaii Island, visiting businesses and talking with business managers and employees. In doing so, I've heard numerous first-hand accounts of the harsh effects of wearing a mask. There are also many reports from doctors and neuroscientists of the adverse effects of wearing a mask, including but not limited to permanent, irreversible brain injury, facial rashes, fungal infections, and bacterial infections.

The science relied upon by the CDC is limited to low-level studies meant to promote a mask-wearing agenda. The masking recommendation is NOT based on science. If the science was being considered, the CDC and the Hawaii County DOH would be relying on the higher-quality scientific studies that contradict the CDC's mask narrative.

The right to breathe without obstruction is a fundamental, constitutional right and should be protected by our elected officials.

By this Bill, the government would disenfranchise many Hawai'i residents who have done their own research and determined that mask-wearing has not been proven safe or effective. They have experienced the effects of mask-wearing, researched many scientific publications, heard many stories, and determined that the risks of wearing a mask outweigh the benefits.

To force anyone to adopt a prescribed concept about how to be healthy is not pono, and it's not the way of Aloha.

Please consider this: If the directive to wear masks is supposed to limit exposure to fluids from the mouth and nose, it's not working. Frequent mask touching is causing

people to spread their mouth and nose fluids more than if they weren't wearing a mask.

Incidentally, it's a challenge for people to stop touching their masks because the discomfort from breathing less oxygen and more carbon-dioxide cannot be avoided. It's an automatic survival response to low-level suffocation.

Case in point: I was ordering sushi from my favorite sushi restaurant when the sushi chef touched his mask at least three times with gloved hands. He was making my sushi roll with the same gloved hands.

Conclusion: mask-wearing by the public causes more fluids from the nose to spread from person to person.

People have different perspectives regarding what's appropriate for their health, and each one deserves respect for their point of view when it comes to protecting their health. In fact, it's a constitutionally protected right, and the right to reject a medical treatment is also enumerated in the Patient's Bill of Rights.

The government is not authorized to dictate mandatory medical treatments or interventions, including mandatory masks or face-coverings.

Finally, please keep in mind that you took an oath to defend the United States of America's Constitution. You may be personally held liable for violating your oath. Please be aware of this when making laws that affect fundamental freedoms.

Sincerely,



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Tajon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

The scientific studies for masks that use the highest standard of measurement, randomized controlled trial studies (RCTs) all show that there is no statistical evidence in the effectiveness of masks in curbing the spread of Covid. This bill is unnecessary, illogical, and unconstitutional. Please vote down this bill.

Thank you, Justin Tajon

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 1:16:12 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joe Fagundes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Honorable Committee Members:

This HB726 HD1 is more of the over reaction by the legislature to solve a problem which doesn't exist. The Governor and each County Mayor have issued Emergency Proclamations requiring the wearing of face coverings. The State does not have a catastrophic pandemic as was forecasted back one year ago. We have a flu which is highly contagious but is not very lethal. In fact, the Covid-19 flu is less deadly than the effects of any of the last 6 flu seasons. There has been no overwhelm of the State's health care system and although there have been some 400 unfortunate deaths attributed to Covid-19, that statistic means we have a recovery rate of over 99% of all cases.

We don't need more restrictions. Masks apparently don't work or else after nearly a year of mask wearing there would not be increasing number of cases.

I oppose this legislation as it further violates our personal choices and constitutional rights as citizens. I hope this honorable committee spends its time on helping all the individuals and businesses who have suffered emotionally and financially from these draconian restrictions on the citizens which have had no effect on the spread of this flu.

Respectfully,

Joe Fagundes III

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 1:14:12 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sabrina	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Laws requiring face coverings violate the First Amendment right to speech. Mandatory face coverings laws violate a person's Constitutional right to liberty & the pursuit of happiness. This law will violate people's ability make decisions about their own health and bodily integrity.

There's currently no true scientific evidence that masks or face coverings work to slow the spread of coronavirus.

The statement listed below in from the article I also provided. In the article, if you scroll down you'll see the citations to the studies used to create the article.

"There have been extensive randomized controlled trial (RCT) studies, and meta-analysis reviews of RCT studies, which all show that masks and respirators do not work to prevent respiratory influenza-like illnesses, or RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES BELIEVED TO BE TRANSMITTED BY DROPLETS AND AEROSOL PARTICLES."

<https://www.rcreader.com/commentary/masks-dont-work-covid-a-review-of-science-relevant-to-covide-19-social-policy>

MASKS DON'T WORK. In the beginning, Dr. Fauci also stated masks don't work & not to wear them.

Personally I have already passed out 3times while wearing masks due to lack of fresh air since mask mandates went into effect.

Thank you,

Sabrina



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Date: February 10, 2021

To: Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
Rep. Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary & Hawaii Affairs

From: Victor Lim, Legislative Lead

Subj: HB 726, HD1j Relating to Face Coverings

The Hawaii Restaurant Association representing 3,500 restaurants here supports the intent of this bill to provide a clear and consistent statewide mandate for face coverings to slow the spread of Covid-19.

HRA would like to make sure that language is clearly written to not penalize businesses in enforcing these rules and in dealing with unruly customers that may be out of their control.

Restaurants already have signage and decals in our establishments informing customers on these requirements, protocols, sanitation stations, seating layouts to insure 6 feet social distancing, and also contract tracing.

Thank you for the opportunity testify.



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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 1:20:17 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lorraine Larzabal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill in it's entirety!!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 1:21:05 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
alison hamman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Committee,

I am writing to you on behalf of my strong opposition to HB726 HD1.

I believe it is unconstitutional , unhealthy and harmful to demand healthy people wear face coverings. I believe it is causing more harm than potential benefit.

In support of this please put into record that there has been a huge increase in child, teen and adult depression, since shut downs, distancing and face coverings went into effect.

Alcohol consumption, domestic abuse and violence have seen a record high as well.

I strongly urge you to oppose this bill as unconstitutional and inhumane.

I believe in freedom of choice, freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and all the other liberties we have a right to as law abiding citizens.

This travesty of making Covid-19 politicized and fear factoring must stop.

Please do NOT pass this Bill.

Sincerely,

Alison Hamman

Kihei, Hawaii

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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessika Friedrichs	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is unconstitutional. I choose to breathe oxygen. Face masks have not been proven to be effective in preventing the spread of the virus. I will not be required to wear a face mask for a virus that has a LESS THAN 1% death rate!!!!



TESTIMONY OF TINA YAMAKI, PRESIDENT
RETAIL MERCHANTS OF HAWAII
February 11, 2021

Re: HB 726 HD1 Relating to Face Coverings

Good afternoon Chair Nakashima and members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs. I am Tina Yamaki, President of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and I appreciate this opportunity to testify.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii was founded in 1901, RMH is a statewide, not for profit trade organization committed to the growth and development of the retail industry in Hawaii. Our membership includes small mom & pop stores, large box stores, resellers, luxury retail, department stores, shopping malls, local, national, and international retailers, chains, and everyone in between.

While we support the intent of SB 726 Relating to Face Coverings, we want to suggest that an amendment be made. This measure requires every person to wear a face covering when in a public setting, subject to certain exceptions; establishes a civil fine for failure to wear a face covering. Sunsets December 31, 2021, or when the last emergency proclamation related to the COVID-19 emergency issued by the governor expires, whichever is sooner; and is effective 7/1/2050.

A statewide mandate would also alleviate confusion as to when and where you can and cannot wear a mask. Retailers early on has recognized the importance of wearing a mask and almost since the onset of this pandemic has made mandatory mask wearing policies for both the customers and the employees to adhere to. What we have found is that many customers who enter our store are wearing their masks. However, after entering and a few steps into the store, some customers have been known to pull their masks down to expose their nose or under their chin, unhook the mask from one ear and allow the mask to dangle from the other ear to name a few. While retail employees and our concerned customers have been trying to remind customers about proper mask wearing – the violators have fought back becoming verbally and sometimes physically abusive to the staff and other customers.

It is hard to “police” all our customers who come into the store if they are wearing their mask correctly the entire time they shop in the store. We are unable to assign a store employee to each customer entering the store. This is not an option as stores would not be able to afford this type of monitoring.

We would like to see language in the measure that holds ONLY the person who refuses to or incorrectly wears a mask be responsible for their actions and be fined. The retailers and other businesses should NOT be held liable for customers actions and should not receive a fine. We support the fooling amendment:

*c) Any owner or operator of any business or operation shall inform any individual who enters their business that they are legally required to wear a face covering unless an exemption under subsection (b) applies. **Businesses are not liable for individuals who refuse to wear a face mask after being informed they should wear a face mask. Businesses may inform an individual of the requirement to wear a face mask via signage. Individuals in violation of face covering mandates are subject to enforcement and penalties by police, not retail stores' employees. Business and operations may adopt stricter protocols or requirements related to face coverings and face shields.***

Mahalo again for this opportunity to testify.



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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this legislation! It is an egregious violation of the 1st amendment, and the Constitution itself. There are people with medical issues that cannot wear a mask. The public is becoming increasingly more aggressive and hostile to people who can't wear one. This is wrong. I urge you to kill this bill. If masks work so well, then there should not be such heavy handed measures.

Alice Abellanida

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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Madhava Shakti Moe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Wearing a mask is a medical intervention. This bill, if approved, violates our constitution and therefore to our rights. I strongly opposed to any mandatory rules on wearing masks. Wearing a mouth/nose covering or a mask should be solely voluntary and never penalized. It has been proven that wearing a mask reduces the oxygen intake greatly. Well documented research shows that our brains need oxygen and when we can't breathe in enough oxygen, cells within the brain die. The human body immune system requires full intake of oxygen to perform all its functions effectively. If someone wants to wear a mask, it's their choice. No healthy individual should EVER be forced to compromise their health by wearing a mask. This violates humans rights!

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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Neerad Reddy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

1. Dr. Fauci's own study of the 1918 Flu Pandemic revealed Bacterial Pneumonia from mask wearing was the leading cause of death.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/18710327/>

2. Pfizer, the world's largest pharmaceutical conglomerate's own study for their Covid vaccine revealed that 162 out of 21,728 Unvaccinated Subjects Contracted Covid with only 9 (NINE) contracting a severe illness. This PROVES that 99.2% of Unvaccinated subjects when exposed to Extreme Viral Loads of Covid are Naturally Immune and that ONLY .04% out of 21,728 unvaccinated subjects were seriously ill. In Other Words, Pfizer has Proven 99.96% of the population has NOTHING TO FEAR from exposure to Covid. This study was across All Age Groups.

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2034577>

3. Florida is the 3rd most populous state (21M) in the U.S. with the second highest population of elderly above 65-years of age and has had its economy open for 5 months with bars and restaurants at 100% capacity with no masks while California (39M) is on its 3rd economically destructive lockdown and is faring far worse than Florida with regard to its Covid numbers. This PROVES that an open state and economy with no masks is faring better than a state with a strict lockdown and mask mandate.

That is a 60-million subject control group should be the end of the discussion to any intelligent minded person capable of understanding basic math, probability and is concerned with the long term economic and social impact this lockdown has had on the lives and emotional well-being of its people. And therefor, any politician or government, that is attempting to impose or maintain these unfounded, unwarranted and unconstitutional restrictions on the lives of its citizenry is committing a treasonous crime against the people they are sworn to represent and whose interests they work and are paid for.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 1:34:17 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leah	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Science does not support the use of face coverings to help STOP the transmission of any virus or bacteria therefore it should be a personal choice if someone wants to wear a mask or not!

A fine should never be given for this ridiculous, uneducated mandate for a face covering!

Stop controlling people who are not sick!!!

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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cheryl Nakamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Protecting our families and communities is at the heart of the aloha spirit. This bill is significant to so many of us who are hurting, reeling from the pain associated with the passing of a loved one because not enough was done a year ago...

On November 21st, 2020 at 20:00, 5 days before Thanksgiving, my Mom, Nora Nakamura passed away at Adventist Health Castle from COVID-19. My Mom suffered the vile effects of this unrelenting virus for more than a month. She laid in isolation, alone in the hospital for all of this time, none of which our family was allowed to visit her, because Oahu was in the midst of a spike in COVID cases. Imagine, your 71-year-old parent, without the capability to have their loved ones to be there to comfort, to give company and to reassure that he/she would be okay. Imaging being a 39-year-old child, of such parent, unable to accept the fact that you will not see another day with your parent; knowing that you were shorted so many more years; knowing that you are responsible for every decision of care for your parent, whether it being palliative care or continuing life extending care, which may bring more pain for your parent. Imagine being a grandchild, not having the capability to say good-bye to a person that was supported you through 17 years of your life and was supposed to watch you graduate 6 months later--celebrating one of the most important milestones. Now imagine being a physician, working for the same hospital that your mother-in-law lay in, knowing that mortality is right around the corner, but you avoid expressing the ill-fated reality that you have to explain to their loved one's children, spouse and siblings. Imagine being the spouse of such loved one, being married for 46 years, and being housed in a hotel, because you had contact with your loved one right before they tested positive for COVID-19, unable to leave or find away to bring comfort to your child who is having panic attacks. Finally, imagine having to fight anti-science, non-believers that the virus is able to take the life of your loved one; having your loved one's death minimalized (even by a virologist that works for the State of Hawaii Department of Health), having your loved one being statistic to add to the total of victims in Hawaii, in the US, in the world.

My Mom and my family did not need walk this ill-fated path. We believed science, we believed the reality of the virus both risk and mortality, we believed that more needed to be done then and more needs to be done now. Please pass this law, protect our kupuna, our children, and all in between from having to be put into the same isolation that my family and I have dealt with. Please place importance on humanity, on doing

what is right to protect everyone young and old, so that no one else has to bury their loved one. Let grandchildren have their grandparents, their parents and siblings see them mark all of their milestones. Let them live to give their long-awaited "honis", and able to celebrate all the milestones that they didn't celebrate to keep their loved ones safe.

My family may have lost the matriarch, but I don't want her death to be in vain. I want it to be remembered, not forgotten. Our stories of loss need to be told, because we don't want someone else to feel this frustrating, lonely and aggravating pain that sometime succumbs my father, my sister, my brother, my children, my aunties, my uncles, and me. Please pass this mask mandate, it would mean a lot to all of us who lost our loved ones. Thank you.



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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 726,
RELATING TO FACE COVERINGS

Before the House Committee on
JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

By

Luke P. Meyers
Administrator, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA)

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice-Chair Matayoshi and Members of the Committee:

House Bill 726 requires every person to wear a face covering when in a public setting, subject to certain exceptions. Establishes a fine for failure to wear a face covering.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) offers **comments** on House Bill 726.

This bill is unnecessary because the counties, State, and the Federal Government have, and continue to, address this requirement on the public through emergency and executive orders issued under the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

Statutorily mandating the wearing of face covering may be unnecessary because under the authority of section 127A-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the counties and State are already able to impose a face covering requirement on the public through emergency orders issued in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

HI-EMA is also concerned that the bill does not provide a means of terminating the face covering mandate if the pandemic ends before the sunset date of the bill and the face covering mandate becomes unnecessary while the legislature is not in session. The bill also does not provide a means of extending the face covering mandate if the pandemic continues beyond December 31, 2021, and the face covering mandate is still necessary. HI-EMA is also concerned that the bill lacks guidance on how the face covering mandate would be enforced.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 1:47:08 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
K Y	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am completely against face coverings especially if it needs to worn throughout the duration of someone's work shift. I have had close calls of passing out during work, while having my face covered. You are doing more damage to yourself when you breathe in the carbon dioxide that you just exhaled, it basically feels like you're smothered by a pillow the entire time while wearing the mask.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 1:47:58 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tina Cunningham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I SUPPORT HB726 – As Mahatma Gandhi stated, *“The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members”*.

It is the responsibility of our elected officials to ensure we have a safe society for all. Our mask mandates were not rolled out well nor were there adequate marketing campaigns to raise awareness. We have already had numerous encounters with people stating they don’t need to wear a mask because “they took a test”. We know that a test is ONLY valid for the day that it is taken (our own former White House administration proved that). People are already arriving on island that have been vaccinated, and (hopefully) soon our residents will be. This is going to present a new challenge in people believing they do not need a mask. However, there is no way to know who truly has been vaccinated. In addition, there is this information that was published:

Andrew Badley, M.D., COVID-19 Research Task Force Chair, Mayo Clinic: *“What we know the vaccine does is it prevents symptomatic disease. What we don't know if it does or not is to prevent infection. And if you are infected, but you don't get sick because of the vaccine, you can still replicate the virus and transmit the virus.”...our recommendations are that if you've received the vaccine you still wear a mask, maintain social distancing...”*

It is IMPERATIVE that we have a clear law that is stating that masks are worn in public until we have solid scientific evidence that it is safe to relax that requirement.

We are a very community involved family, volunteering in cultural, historical, and civic groups. Our family hikes often and walk twice daily either through the Kamaole Beaches and sidewalks that front them or the walk at Wailea. Every time there are numerous people that we pass that are within reach of my arm without a mask on at all. We live near the beach in a lovely neighborhood, but I am a prisoner in my own home because of these ignorant and selfish actions (or lack of action).

Personally, I feel let down by our Governor, Lt. Governor, and Mayor for their lack of a thorough plan of safety measures when they begin the “travel plan”. It now falls on our legislature to focus and act in the best interest and safety of our citizens, businesses, and the visitors that come here. Please make the mandate uniform across the state:

when you leave your home or hotel room, you wear a mask except when you are traversing to the water. Let's make our sidewalks, trails, and ALL public places safe for everyone, particularly with the variants now in Hawaii.

Mahalo for considering my testimony.

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 1:48:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Moe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Wearing a mask has never been scientifically proven to stop the spread of any virus. On the contrary, mask wearing has been proven to compromise health by elevating carbon dioxide levels inhaled to dangerous levels, and has been linked to upper respiratory infections and even death by bacterial pneumonia.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 1:51:59 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim Cordery	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am adamantly OPPOSED to HB726! This Bill is removes my rights as a private citizen to breathe freely! I Am Ousted from stores because certain stores refuse my Medical exemption and I have every right to Not wear a mask as I have Accute Asthma and have a Dr.'s Exemption note! That is a sufficient reason to be able to shop in any store with being turned away or shunned by every other shopper/employee in the store!!!

I am extremely opposed to this ridiculous bill even being proposed as there are NO clinical studies that have proven that the MASK protects anyone from COVID! Succinctly written on the box! Does not protect you from Viruses!..., I am extremely upset that the Governor has taken advantage of healthy people thus far with the continuing of the these unlawful emergency orders for Over An Entire Year Now, with a 99.4 percent of recovery from COVID! This is nothing short of Tyranny!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 1:54:53 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Fisher	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

We all want to go back to normal. I hope for the safety of my fellow locals and the livelihood we all need. I wish I felt safe traveling, but I don't. Those of us forced to serve tourists in Hawaii must have protections in place for our safety.

Please pass the mask protection we all need and deserve. It will keep everyone honest and on the same page. This isn't the mainland. We need to do what's right and pono. The 6foot rule is silly. Leave your house or car, put on a mask.

Make it clear and actionable for us all.

We implore you to fix this travesty before more people get sick and more lives are lost.

Thank you for your consideration

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 1:55:42 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lily Gavri	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Not only are masks ineffective at preventing the transmission of covid and other viruses they are also detrimental to health. There are many studies and doctors speaking out about this that are being censored for telling the truth! When the science is not conclusive we don't get to pick and choose what to believe or enforce! Dr. Fauci himself did a study on how more mask wearers died during the Spanish flu due to bacterial pneumonia than non mask wearers. Masks are a symbol of the planned impending enslavement of humanity which whoever supports this bill is helping to facilitate.

RE: HB726HD1

Mask wearing outdoors makes no sense whatsoever with fresh air and exercise a key to good health. If businesses wish to enforce the protocol of mask wearing, it is up to them to do so and up to the customer to choose to enter the establishment or not.

It is not up to the government to implement a protocol that has been bandied about by the CDC and WHO as to whether or not it is actually efficacious. The cloth masks cannot actually block the virus and scientifically it has been shown that it is like barring a mosquito with a chain link fence. It is a symbol of oppressive and over-reaching governments to tell people that a mask is required. They can recommend, but not mandate. If individuals choose to wear masks because it makes them feel safer, then let them choose to do so. It is not up to the legislature to pass bills that is opinion based and not proven scientifically to stop this virus, as they all do. Has our society come to the point that it will mandate restrictions such as masks during all flue seasons in the future? We have survived until now and are likely to continue. There are no peer-reviewed, placebo-controlled study that show masks work.

This list of consequences from this bill should be considered.

- Mask wearing in public spaces is very difficult when the individuals are exercising as it reduces the most effective breathing process rather than clear oxygen going unimpeded to the lungs. Examining the lungs shows harmful bacteria is accumulated in the masks and can cause infections and reduced immunity due to rebreathing these toxins that are contained on the mask surface. Common sense dictates this should be a personal choice. This bill is not helping our health or frame of mind.
- People do not wash or change their masks often enough to eliminate the germ buildup on the cloth and setting them in a purse or pocket increases picking up germs from surfaces.
- The litter from dropped masks is endemic and no one will pick them up to throw them away.
- Personal choice in this matter is important to our freedom and if people are concerned, then they should keep their distance or isolate themselves.
- Using Police Officers to ticket people for not wearing face masks is a cost to the taxpayers that should be carefully examined. How many officers will be put on this duty that will undoubtedly be low level duty than parking meters and will take up a huge amount of time in court as it has already been seen. Be wary of unintended consequences.

Sincerely,

Jody Allione

Kailua, HI

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 2:08:05 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
angela kramer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. A state of legitamite emergency has never been proven. Recovery rate of covid is over 99.5%. Its been year of mask wearing. It has not stopped the spread. Masks are not proven to work. As a free citizen, I will breathe freely, without a face covering and so will my children and loved ones. So be it.

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 2:22:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sarah keparutis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

My name is Sarah Keparutis and i strongly oppose HB726.

The bill is based on the presumption that mask wearing is, in fact, effective in curbing the spread of a virus. Prior to this pandemic, mask wearing was only reserved for medical centers, hospitals or people that were sick. Why are we now forcing healthy people to behave like sick people? The legislature is seeking to codify into law a forced medical treatment with no credible studies to back up this decision. We the people deserve to have studies that prove conclusively that (a) mask wearing is effective and (b) asymptomatic spread is the driver of this pandemic before you criminalize innocent, healthy people. Dr.Fauci from the CDC has been recorded saying that asymptomatic spread has never been the driver of a pandemic. If there are multiple studies on masks with different conclusions, it would remain that mask efficacy is still open for debate thereby unscientifically illogically and unfairly criminalizing those that refuse masks.

People seem to have forgotten that there are other causes of death that affect people. In fact, people are so afraid that even if they have a medical exemption, they will still wear a mask for fear of angry judgment received from other citizens, despite the dangerous effect it has on their health. Not being allowed to enter a place of business because of one single virus, while ignoring the host of other illnesses that are far deadlier is illogical, unfair, unhealthy and dangerous to those that suffer from them.

HB726 does not address the leading causes of death in Hawaii and the United States, which would be heart disease and respiratory illnesses, both of which require healthy uninhibited, continuous doses of oxygen. Oxygen that is blocked by a piece of cloth over your face. In fact, these causes of death far exceed the numbers of death caused by Covid.

According to covidtracking.com in 2020, there were 288 deaths in the state of Hawaii due to Covid. There were 11,798 people that died in our state last year, making only 2.4% of deaths in our state due to Covid. We are not saving lives by administering these measures if 97.6% of deaths are due to other causes. More people have died of the flu each year for the past 6 years.

The bill additionally ignores the fact that mask wearing makes it difficult for people to breathe, removes personal connection, hides facial expressions and has caused unhealthy hostility between neighbors, among other negative things. It also ignores the dangerous impact it has on children, their growing bodies, and the possibility of an inability for them to learn how to connect with other people.

In a government where a person is innocent unless proven guilty, we have flipped this principle and sickness is now being considered a crime, and a person guilty with sickness unless proven innocent with health. This bill is unconstitutional, unscientific, illogical and unhealthy - all reasons of which I urge you to kill the bill.

Mahalo,

Sarah Keparutis

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 2:28:07 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Abigail Keparutis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Representatives,

My name is Abigail Keparutis, I am 21 years old, and I strongly oppose HB726.

This bill goes against the very freedoms our country was founded on. It removes choice and free will from the people.

Mask efficiency is still up for debate. There have been no studies that confidently state whether they prevent the spread of airborne diseases or illnesses. If you would read the words on the packaging of any store-bought face mask, you would see that it says face masks are not meant to stop the spread of diseases like COVID-19. Before the spread of COVID-19, the only individuals required to wear face masks were medical professionals or people who were actually very sick.

Why are all people's now required to wear masks, whether ill or not? We now have a community of people behaving like sick people.

Mask wearing promotes anxiety and fear of sickness. Health does not only include being healthy physically. Our own government acknowledges the fact that mental and emotional health are equally as important as physical health, and that when either the emotional or mental health is damaged, that can have very negative effects on physical health.

Another way I strongly disagree with this bill, is that it puts an enormous amount of pressure and a new workload on our law enforcement to actually enforce the consequences of not following this bill. How, may I ask, is it possible or within the boundaries of our country's constitution for law enforcement officers to search vehicles and make sure each person in that vehicle is related/living in the same home? Is that not encroaching on our privacy as citizens?

In conclusion, this bill is unscientific, unhealthy in every way for the human mind, body, and emotions, and it is unconstitutional.

Regards, Abigail Keparutis

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 2:40:33 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leinani Cambra	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I fiercely OPPOSE HB726. It's extremely perplexing that gov officials are even entertaining this communistic, fascist concept.

There are thousands of medical personnel worldwide that understand the detrimental effects of wearing face diapers for extended even short durations of time. Dr. Buttar, Dr. Judy Mikovitz, to name a few, are excellent sources regarding the "mask" narrative.

I hope you're aware that the body's intake of oxygen, which we require to live, is greatly diminished while CO2 levels spike while wearing a face mask which can indefinitely result to bacterial pneumonia.

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 2:44:25 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clayton Kunitake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support mandating the wearing of masks when in public, both indoors and outdoors. It doesn't matter the distance from another person because if you're down wind you can catch their breath and virus. The 6 foot rule is too confusing and difficult to enforce, make wearing masks mandatory regardless of distance. The only exceptions allowed should be when you're in the ocean or swimming pool.

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 2:51:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hajjar Gibran	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I opose this bill and any other bill that infringes on my freedom.

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 2:59:32 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Beth pirtle	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aa a Hawaiian tax payee and 15 year visitor, I oppose your mask mandate for the simple facts, I can not breath propper, I can not see proper, . The mask is not the answer th C-19. Please do not make our children wear masks, I beg you to let us breath the cleanest air on earth unobstructed.

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 3:05:15 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anna Morozov	Aloha Festival	Oppose	No

Comments:

This Bill is an absolute crime against humanity!

We The People STRONGLY OPPOSE MANDATORY MASK WEARING!

Masks do not prevent virus transmission!

Masks are means of oppression!

We are made to breathe fresh air, not our own toxins!

This is so wrong on so many levels!!!

NO TO THIS BILL!

Thank you for helping public that you work for!



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Online submission for Floor session:
Floor session convene times for Wednesday, February 10, 2021:
Senate: 11:30 a.m. | House of Representatives: 12:00 p.m.

Date: Thursday, February 11, 21
RE: HB726 Testimony

Aloha,

On behalf of the Hawaii county assembly we oppose HB726. If passed, our body politic will ignore HB726 as we are not associated and will not be forced to associate with the U.S. or any of its franchise sub divisions, agents or ordinances.

Based on separation of jurisdiction and survey, your resolutions do not apply to the Hawaii county assembly based upon the violations of UDHR and Law of Nations and in violation of the Constitution of the Hawaii county assembly.

People have a God-given right to decide for themselves what is healthy and unhealthy and any medical health advice shall be null, void and unenforceable. Excerpt from our Hawaii County assembly Constitution:

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Section 13.60 Medical Freedom

At all times, including during times of emergency, no person will be deprived of their God-given right to decide for themselves what is healthy and unhealthy. Neither will any person be deprived of the right to reject any health or medical advice. Proclamations, laws or orders based on medical or health advice shall be null, void and unenforceable.

Narratives regarding health and/or wellness will not be dictated to the people, The Hawaii county assembly may be granted responsibility for providing relevant information to the people if the people deem that service necessary. However, under no circumstance will any person be coerced, pressured, shamed, or deprived of liberties for refusing to accept a medical or health intervention of any kind, including but not limited to treatments, vaccinations, lifestyle modifications, masks, face coverings, or medicine.

Medical records and health exemption shall always remain private and under no circumstances be required to be submitted to any agency, corporation, government or health registry.

No person will be deprived the right to engage in commerce for exercising their rights under this Article. A director of Health and Safety shall be elected to ensure medical freedom rights.

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Mahalo,

Sky Sierran Kubby

President, Hawaii county assembly

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 3:08:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie Austin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this important bill! Mask wearing is a simple, effective measure against Covid-19, which has new variants and is nowhere near being under control. A few months of rigorous, enforced masking will give time for more residents to be vaccinated

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 3:29:33 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Diamond	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

Please do not allow this HB726 to pass. There is no end date and no reference criteria to determine its necessity. Governor Ige mandate wearing a mask included LIST of exemptions from such medical intervention for conditions such as asthma, hypoxia, etc.) and that was fair call. People's condition continue to exist and forcing those with conditions would be an arbitrary cruel act.

I strongly oppose this bill! I am passionate about public safety and I know our leaders are, too. But only fair measures be passed that don't violate human rights. I believe we all are and will be held accountable for every word we say, every choice and deed we make.

Thank you for all your due diligence and conscientious decisions in this very important time in history of our country.

Mahalo!

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 3:35:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Philip Nasca	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this mandate to wear masks at all times because there is no definitive scientific nor medical proof that these masks work. I don't see that our Governor nor Legislature have considered the Scientific explanations of why the masks are ineffective in stopping the spread of flu viruses and can have detrimental effects to our health from lack of oxygen and inhalation of our own contaminated air when we exhale with a mask on. Three world class Medical Professionals coloborated on the "Great Barraington Declaration" an in depth analysis of the current Covid 19 measures and concludes that the lock downs, closing of businesses and mandatory wearing of masks are all unnecessary and counter productive methods of dealing with this new flu strain. Another agency, "American Frontline Doctors" which is made up of a group of top notch doctors have also concluded that masks are unnecessary for those low risk citizens and counter productive to the slowing down of this disease. Never before in the history of the world has the civil government forced healthy people to shut down their businesses be quarantined and surrender their freedoms to save the few from possible death from a disease. Please consider the devastaing effects of mandating masks will have on the economic future of Hawaii. If our political leaders, as well meaning as they are, legalize this draconian measure we will see a huge exodus of residents leaving Hawaii for States allowing freedom at an increasing rate which will add to the deficit our State faces due to lack of taxpayers.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 3:36:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronnie McCamley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB726 HD1 because wearing masks do not prevent transmission of covid19. This bill is not based on any scientific facts. I also oppose any fines associated with this bill.

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 3:44:36 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paula Blum	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oxygen Matters! I need to live. I need fresh air. It is unhealthy to breathe in CO2
Hypercapnia (carbon dioxide poisoning) can occur. One day we will learn that wearing
masks will be causing other health related problems. Then what will the government
do?

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 3:46:43 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kristin Matsuda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There is no need for this legislation and our elected leaders' time would be better spent on lighting a fire under your partners in public ed to get back in schools than crafting more ways to punish people. Give up on this mask obsession already; we have all been home long enough to watch Dr. Fauci lie, yes, lie, to the American people and in less than one year go from "masks are not effective" to "maybe double-up on them." It's more like doubling down on a stupid policy that was only supposed to serve as a temporary mitigation measure. We are beyond "temporary" with legislation like this, and it has nothing to do with public health so much as the ability to control some people and grant anonymity to others (remember the days when only people up to no good comfortably wore masks in public, like bank robbers?). I would love to know which doctors are still saying that prolonged use of masks and the daily inhalation of one's own carbon dioxide is healthy. Does that even make common sense to any of you? How about applauding people for their sacrifices to date instead? How about not legislating COVID behavior anymore b/c after a year there is no proven formula to eliminate COVID in Hawaii except to stop people from flying here. That is the best you've got. So let's try something else, like relying on common sense, basic hygiene, stay home if you're sick or at risk, and let the rest of us get on with life. Your constituents gave you a whole year to figure this out and you've failed, miserably, by imposing laws that protect the weak and vulnerable at enormous expense to the healthy vast majority of us. We will never forget these decisions you've made, but you do have the opportunity now to change course so that you might be remembered fondly for doing the right thing in the end: Let folks get the vaccine if they want it; give them therapeutics if they need it. And let's get on with life already.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 3:48:33 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dan Lanterman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please give the citizens of Hawaii (United States) their freedom to have complete medical autonomy. This includes the right to choose whether to wear a face mask. People want their freedoms back!

thank you.

HB-726-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 3:58:57 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaliko Trusdell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We have been hectored, harangued, and harassed into wearing masks, even though there is not one single, solitary, random controlled study that shows that they have ever worked. Not one.

But no matter. At the beginning of this pandemic, Dr. Fauci, the Oracle at Delphi to the regressive left, told 60 Minutes (on March 8), "There's no reason to be walking around with a mask." Nothing about the actual science regarding masks has changed one little tiny bit since then.

The governor of Connecticut, a Democrat (big surprise there) named Ned Lamont has now issued his 70th(!) executive order dealing with coronavirus. (Nothing says leadership like an endless stream of dictatorial mandates.) His latest edict mandates that anyone who leaves home without a mask is subject to a \$100 fine. And get this - almost anybody in state government can hand these tickets out to miscreants like they were lottery tickets.

The Commissioner of Public Health, who has absolutely no legal enforcement powers, can fine people a C-note. So can local health directors, district health directors, municipal chief executive officers, and even public safety departments at institutions of higher education. As David Horowitz would put it, he has "e-mask-ulated" his entire population.

There might be some justification for this if masks actually worked. But they don't. They never have, and they never will. In fact it is scientifically impossible for masks to work. If we "follow the science," as pro-maskers yammer about incessantly, then we would cancel every mask mandate in the country today.

Here's the actual science on masks and respiratory illness, as [Daniel Horowitz writes](#):

*"Because the virions of coronavirus are roughly 100 nanometers, 1/1000 the width of a hair and 1/30 the size of surgical mask filtrations (about 3.0 microns or 3,000 nanometers), surgical masks (not to mention cloth ones) do not help...Surgical masks could possibly stop large droplets from those coughing with very evident symptoms, but would **not stop the flow** of aerosolized airborne particles, certainly not from asymptomatic individuals."*

In other words, the pores in masks are 30 times wider and bigger than the virus they're supposed to catch. As one observer said, using a mask to protect yourself from a respiratory virus is like trying to stop a mosquito with a chain-link fence.

Here is information from the CDC, which is the Vatican of virology for anti-Trumpers. Last spring, after looking at 10 randomized controlled trials (the gold standard as far as Dr. Fauci is concerned), we have this: "[T]he CDC, **as late as May**, was [citing](#) the 10 randomized controlled trials that showed "**no significant reduction in influenza transmission with the use of face masks.**"

If that's not enough, how about this from The Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine at Oxford: "(It) summarized six international studies which 'showed that masks alone have **no significant effect** in interrupting the spread of ILI or influenza in the general population, nor in healthcare workers.'"

Here's some more from Horowitz's article: Swedish epidemiologist Anders Tegnell: the scientific evidence for mask-wearing to prevent COVID-19 is "**astonishingly weak.**"

Netherlands Medical Care Minister Tamara van Ark: "From a medical point of view, there is **no evidence** of a medical effect of wearing face masks, so we decided not to impose a national obligation."

Public Health England [concluded](#), "There is **weak evidence** from epidemiological and modelling studies that mask wearing in the community may contribute to reducing the spread of COVID-19."

Horowitz cites work by our own HHS, which concludes that wearing masks since they serve as bacteria traps, incubators, and transport devices for pathogens, might actually make you sick:

*In June, HHS' Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality funded a systemic review of all relevant randomized clinical trials (RCTs) on the effectiveness of mask-wearing in stopping respiratory infections and [published](#) the findings in the Annals of Internal Medicine. The conclusion was as clear as it is jarring to the current cult-like devotion to mask-wearing. "Review of RCTs indicates that **N95 respirators and surgical masks are probably associated with similar risk** for influenza-like illness and laboratory-confirmed viral infections in high- and low-risk settings."*

HHS looked at eight trials with over 6,000 participants and concluded:

*"Compared with no masks, surgical masks were **not associated with decreased risk** for clinical respiratory illness, influenza-like illness, or laboratory-confirmed viral illness in household contacts when masks were worn by household contacts, index cases, or both."*

Quebec's public health director, Horacio Arruda, said, masks *"get saturated with moisture from the mouth and nose after about 20 minutes. Once they're wet, they **no longer form a barrier** against viruses trying to come through or exit."*

Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, an infectious disease doctor at UCLA, said wearing masks is all psychological, not physiological, biological, or scientific. Masks "only make you feel better."

In other words, our manic obsession with masks is a matter of political science, not actual science. It's voodoo virology, not real virology.

This is how Horowitz concludes his article:

"We have become emasculated as a society. We have become a people who are willing to surrender every morsel of our liberty at the ever-changing and capricious whims of 'public health officials,' even when they are appallingly contradictory and without any evidence justifying the 180-degree U-turn ... our passivity has allowed our entire country to become a Halloween nightmare masquerade every day, with no end in sight."

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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary Ngo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I OPPOSE HB 726 because some people just can't wear mask for their medical conditions such as asthma, allergies, etc. Governor Ige had a long list of exemptions, rightly so.

Wearing a mask needs to remain voluntary as otherwise it would create lawsuits for wrongful injury or death by forced implementation of medical intervention such as mask without written consent. On a side note there seem to be no real state of emergency.

Death rate in America from all causes for 2019 and 2020 is not showing there is an increase in death in 2020 that would substantiate that we are in emergency. Also, prior years death rate from 2015 show a similar number.

<https://www.macrotrends.net/countries/USA/united-states/death-rate>

In addition, a cloth face mask cannot protect one or other from covid-19. Mask manufacturers put this disclaimer on the box. However, the prolonged use of a mask reduces the users oxygen intake and lead to other health problems, according to many doctors and scientists in the medical field. People should have the right to decide for themselves if they want to use a medical intervention. Otherwise, the forced use of a medical device would amount to medical malpractice, that happens in dark times of history, which can't be advocated by a government respecting our constitutional rights.

Thank you for your time and attention to this testimony.

Please vote NO on HB 726.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 5:24:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I respectfully STRONGLY OPPOSE this measure. I live on the Big Island and have watched our COVID numbers steadily decrease till we are now in single digits. Every imposition like the mandatory mask mandate and especially the fines you put on us is hurting us. It's demoralizing when we're already down. We deserve medical freedom and we have been pretty darn good about complying with this whole COVID thing for MONTHS. It is hurting our businesses and it is harming a lot of people in other ways

Many feel as I do that the "emergency" has passed and we have to get back to normal. Even the CDC has changed the way the count deaths and you must realized all this nonsense is causing a lot of deaths unrelated to COVID. This proposed legislation is the wrong way to go. Enough is enough. Please spend your time legislators in rebuilding our economy, not putting further restrictions us as individuals or businesses.

And finally, get the teachers back in the classrooms!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 5:44:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie Lin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha.

I am Stephane Lin, and I strongly oppose this bill which would put in place legislature to require every person to wear a face covering when in a public setting, subject to certain exceptions, as long as there is an "emergency."

First of all, I do not agree that almost one year into the presence of Covid-19 in the USA, that there is enough of a threat to the health and life of our citizens to declare that we are in an "emergency." The recovery rate for healthy individuals is well over 99% and there have been less deaths associated with Covid-19 than the common flu.

Second of all, there is no strong evidence that face coverings prevent the spread of Covid-19!

The restrictions being placed on people to wear face coverings, as well as restrictions on business and schools to open to the public is a FAR greater health risk to our citizens.

People are suffering from a lack of oxygen due to wearing face coverings, especially for long periods of time at work.

People are suffering from loss of livelihood - especially mentally.

People are suffering from lack of outdoor time, exercise, and socializing.

Children are suffering from lack of physical contact and play with other children.

THIS IS THE EMERGENCY, THIS IS THE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, and it is caused by a "virus" whose affect on human health is extremely minor compared to all of the other health issues we face, both BEFORE Covid-19 came onto the scene, and AFTER, once all the restrictions began to take effect and harm people's health.

Once again, I absolutely oppose any measure which requires people to cover their face in public, for any reason.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Lin



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.
Via Video Conference**

RE: HB 726, HD 1, RELATING TO FACE COVERING

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **offers comments with amendments** on HB 726, HD 1 which requires every person to wear a face covering when in a public setting, subject to certain exceptions and establishes a fine for failure to wear a face covering with a sunset date of December 31, 2021 or when the last emergency proclamation related to the COVID-19 emergency issued by the Governor expires, whichever is sooner.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

As businesses in Hawaii adjust alongside government proclamations and orders to stem the tide against the spread of COVID-19, the Chamber believes a consistent, statewide face covering mandate will help in bringing clarity in an ever-changing COVID-19 environment especially for businesses establishments.

The Chamber respectfully requests an amendment on Page 3, subsection (c) so that businesses are not penalized to strictly enforce actions of customers that may be out of their control. Many businesses have already adjusted to the new normal by informing customers and displaying signage on entrance doors for the safety and welfare of customers and employees.

To impose liability on brick-and-mortar businesses and require employ to enforce face covering mandate, is an undue burden and could potentially put employees and operators in unnecessary risk when attempting to vacate customers from the premise. Business and operations already have strict protocols and adding enforcement responsibilities may put them in jeopardy if confronted by irate customers.

For these reasons, we respectfully on page 3, subsection (c) to be amended to read as follows:



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c) Any owner or operator of any business or operation shall ~~refuse admission or service to~~ inform any individual who ~~enters their business that they are legally required~~ fails to wear a face covering unless an exemption under subsection (b) applies. Businesses are not liable for individuals who refuse to wear a face mask after being informed they should wear a face mask. Businesses may inform an individual of the requirement to wear a face mask via signage. Individuals in violation of face covering mandates are subject to enforcement and penalties by police, not retail stores' employees. Business and operations may adopt stricter protocols or requirements related to face coverings and face shields. ~~Businesses and operations not enforcing the wearing of face coverings as required by this Act may be subject to penalties under this Act, including fines and mandatory closure.~~

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 6:30:52 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sheila O'Malley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it is against my medical freedom!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 6:34:01 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
golde wallingford	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

It has been proven that face coverings do not allow a person enough oxygen . OSHA regulates that 19.5 % of oxygen is required..and when a mask is worn it drops as low as 15%. This is obscene to make people wear a face covering. It does not protect, but causes more health problem with bacterial infections, etc. Ige is making Hawaii a police state with these "emergencies".....There are many credible scientists and doctors who say wearing masks is harmful to ones health. Enough is enough. Quit the fear mongering...and spread aloha instead.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 6:36:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter Cooper	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There is NO SCIENTIFIC evidence that face masks work - look at the 12 states that did not implement face masks (Florida, Arizona, Alaska, Idaho, South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Mississippi). Their health is as good if not better than California, New York and HAWAII.

This is government over reach. Look at the one Scientific study of 4-thousand plus people in Sweden that showed no difference in contacting Covid-19 whether a mask was or was not worn.

The SCIENCE shows there is no benefit.

Use of a mask reduces Oxygen to 18.5% versus the standard 20% - let people be in charge of their own health care choices and STOP the OVER REACH

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 6:46:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas J Wheeler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support this bill!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 6:49:42 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tranae Apigo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The numbers here in Hilo are fairly low. We shouldn't be subject to wearing a mask no matter where we go. We already wear them at work, in stores and restaurants. If we are all social distancing wearing the mask at all times while out is unnecessary. The. To be charged with a felony is absurd. Please don't pass this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 6:58:33 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rebecca Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

This bill is unconstitutional and therefore should be considered illegal from here on in. Forced mask wearing is unlawful because it is dangerous to the health of the general public. Masks are known to limit oxygen flow and create an atmosphere where carbon dioxide and germs are re-breathed leading to lung disease, brain damage and other illnesses when worn for long periods of time such as is being forced upon us at this time.. Even short periods of mask wearing can be injurious especially to growing children who can develop permanent brain damage. The first thing we need to do is determine whether or not there is a pandemic. Worldwide deaths in 2020 were slightly less or near the same as the previous 3-4 years. Why would we put ourselves in such grave danger by forcing mask wearing when there is no proven pandemic? The governor has proclaimed an emergency that is not based in fact . I strongly OPPOSE this bill and any others like it.. Please work to be a true public servant and support what is truly best for the people of Hawaii. This bill is not in anyone's best interest. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 7:12:29 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chad Apigo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We are already wearing our masks at work, in public places and practicing social distancing. I feel that this bill should not be implemented being our number are fairly low and alot of our islands people are complying with the rules as it is.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 7:27:56 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Darwin Fajardo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Face coverings must not be made mandatory in public especially when alone or with family. Face coverings mask facial expressions and we miss a very important part of communication and stigmatize negatively the unmasked. I support Prophylactic support of HCQ to be made public over the counter. The human body naturally creates antibodies against viruses. Masks impede breathing and increase and covid is killed by sunlight exposure. Herd immunity is needed.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 7:40:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Perry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There are numerous and substantial evidence and studies explaining that face masks DO NOT prevent getting infected AND additionally cause more harm to the person. Everyone should be able to CHOOSE what they are comfortable doing instead of FORCING EVERYONE to wear masks because of those that are so afraid, ignorant, and haven't learned, understood or done their research about the FACTS that masks DON'T help.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 7:59:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rebecca Melendez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please do research on the herb Andrographis. It helped kill the Spanish Flu in 1918 and it has helped people I know who have had C19. Please do research on what herbs have helped stop viruses and Andrographis helps kill respiratory viruses and that is what C19 is.

C19 is a virus and so is the flu. People who are more at risk, are people with pre-existing conditions and they should have the choice to keep more of their distance and sanitize more.

People who are not so much at risk, deserve to have the freedom of choice as well. We already wear masks in all the stores and we are doing well to keep our distance and we have the right to keep our freedom!

A lot of people on the mainland are committing suicide because of the intensity of the shut down and having their freedoms and jobs taken away. Do you want our mental health to be affect more than it is already? Are you prepared to have people just want to kill themselves rather than live in this world anymore? Because this is a very real possibility especially if you keep taking our freedoms away!

It is known that being in the sun helps promote good mental and physical health and if you take the freedom of being able to shine our face in the sun, you take away the freedom that many men and woman have died fighting to give us, the freedom of choice and, just plan having freedom to live.

Please do not take our freedom of choice to be outside and be able to feel the sun on our face away! This is not right and this is not healthy for the mind, body or the spirit! We already conform to wearing a mask indoors and we keep our distance outside. The choice should stay in the hands of the people! Do not cause more suicides!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 8:20:42 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Albert Grande	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I think this bill will benefit all the citizens of Hawaii. Hopefully this will send a strong message to all visitors as well. There is no question that wearing masks can help to curb infections of COVID 19. In addition keeping socially distant is very effective. Wearing masks and keeping socially distant will help to protect everyone. These are two things we can all do to protect each other. Please help us to protect each other. I respectfully encourage the passage of this bill. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 8:28:12 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jason Klahr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The “**Bill SB726**” requiring/imposing continued use of Personal protection equipment related to previous Governor Proclamation for the long expired emergency actions concerning the “*Covid/Sars*” outbreak and financial penalties for non-compliance are deemed illegal in both Hawaii State and Federal Constitution(s) by the people of Hawaii. Laws, proclamations, edicts or mandates can not have the force of law thereby making them “By Our Leave” and can not carry the penalty of law.

The time limit has long since expired since its inception and finds the Governor and all state officials in violation of the rule of law as laid out by the Hawaii and federal constitution(s) and are considered “Waring against the Constitution(s)” respectively. Doing so has the effect of said officials abdication of their positions and can face personal criminal prosecution.

The **Civil Rights Act** of 1966 expressly forbids removing/suspending the civil rights of any United States citizens under color of law for any reason. This applies to civilian and governmental persons.

Any and all government personnel are hereby ordered to rescind, cease and desist the enforcement/creation of any and all unconstitutional Laws, proclamations, edicts or mandates immediately.

Any government only governs by the leave of the people.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 8:30:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yuki Klahr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB 726.

Governor's extension for emergency proclamation was never legislated as the law requires. Therefore, it does not have the force of law and it is merely a suggestion. A fine can not be enforced for not following a suggestion. Any legislation which is past during illegal emergency proclamation is a violation of the Hawaii State and Federal Constitution(s). Therefore, imposing face covering and fine is illegal and wars against Constitution, which you swore an oath to uphold.

I strongly urge you to dismiss HB 726.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 8:31:59 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alisen Celestyne	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

A declaration of emergency by the State does NOT give anyone to take away the constitutional right for any individual to take care of their own health. Mask wearing should never be mandatory.

Furthermore, there is much evidence that wearing a mask can obstruct some air breathing, which will lead to worse health for people, especially if wearing for many hours. This would be a most unhealthy practice. It is so much better to practice strengthening our natural immune systems than to suppress breathing in this way.

Alisen Celestyne, Kapaa, Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 8:43:17 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Loree Jean Searcy	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I oppose HB726 mandatory wearing of masks in public because I feel it is a direct violation of my USConstitutional rights. This entire agenda of mask wearing is a communistic hoax to keep people from talking and expressing themselves. It's tyranny! Masks do not need to be worn because they don't keep us from getting the virus in fact they are shown to increase the risk of infection.

Why do you legislators not listen to the people? This is a Democratic state with government for the people, by the people.

Keep the Aloha in Hawaii! Mask wearing is not Aloha! Who's going to want to vacation in this state with so many tyrannical laws?

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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
CARLA SUE JENKINS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 9:02:56 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert B. Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

2020 only saw 55 more deaths than in 2019 according to Hi State statistics. The WHO recently stated that Cases being tested using a 45 amplification give too many false positives. And this is the number most labs use. Even Dr. Fauci says it should be at 27 amplification. So the number of cases could be as high as double what they actually are. So the big question is really if we are in a state of emergency at all. Wouldn't the obvious fix be to increase the ICU capacity for that demographic who show symptoms that require hospitalization. Based on the above information the state would have a hard time proving there ever was a true state of emergency.

The same is true of masks. The CDC has wavered in their approval at all and clearly state that a mask is only necessary when "social distancing" can not be achieved and it is almost always possible to achieve the distance out of doors. Masks our mandatory indoors already.

It seems unnecessary to create another law. There are many studies that say masks work and there are just as many studies from highly reputable sources that say they don't and give a false sense of security. I don't believe anyone has actually done a physical study using real people. Most studies if not all are anecdotal or based on computer models. The studies that say they don't work are in publication so the state is just opening itself to law suits.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 9:15:43 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Wikoff	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

After reading HB 726 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION of HB 726 related to Face Coverings.

I OPPOSE HB 726 because the whole narrative surrounding this alleged pandemic last year has been a hoax.

The death rate statistics from all causes in the USA are available for 2019 and 2020.

The link is below:

<https://www.macrotrends.net/countries/USA/united-states/death-rate>

They are about the same at 8 deaths per 1000 people. If there was a real pandemic, the death rate in 2020 would have been much higher than in 2019.

How many people do you know personally that have died of covid?

How many people do you know that have lost their livelihoods, jobs or businesses due to the misuse of "emergency" powers?

The cure should not be worse than the disease! There is no reason to continue this charade through the tyrannical use of governmental powers to force face muzzles on the people of Hawaii.

Mask manufactures clearly state that a cloth face mask cannot protect the user from covid-19.

The use of a mask can reduce the user's oxygen intake and lead to other health problems. People must have the right to decide for themselves if they want to use a medical device. The forced use of a medical device over a contrived pandemic is simply medical tyranny.

Don't ignore the science and impose useless protocols on the public.

Please vote NO on HB 726.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 9:28:46 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yeung Yeung Yu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB726 because the whole narrative surrounding the alleged pandemic last year has been a hoax. The statistics from all causes of death in the USA for 2019 and 2020 are in. Here's the link:

[www. macrotrends.net/countries/USA/united-states/death-rate](http://www.macrotrends.net/countries/USA/united-states/death-rate)

They are about the same as 8 deaths per 1000 people. Don't you think if there's a real pandemic, the death rate in 2020 should have been higher than in 2019?

How many people do you know personally that have died of Covid? How many people do you know that have lost their jobs or businesses due to the misuse of emergency powers?

A cloth face mask cannot protect you from Covid. Mask manufacturers even put this disclaimer on their box.

The use of a mask can reduce the users' oxygen intake and lead to other health problems. People should have the right to decide for themselves if they want to use a medical device. Otherwise, the forced use of a medical device over a contrived pandemic would amount to medical tyranny.

Don't ignore the science and impose useless protocols on the public.

Please vote NO on HB 726.

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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shellie Beaumont	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is completely UNCONSTITUTIONAL when their are less deaths from Covid than the regular flu, And theirs a Simple Cure!! Hydroxychloroquine & Ivermectin and Vitamins. We need to open up the State and get everyone back to work with NO More Restrictions!

I OPPOSE THIS BILL

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 9:45:42 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carrie Rogers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB 726. Requiring an individual to wear a mask has negative impacts within an individuals health and additionally threatens the emotional health in the community. Oral bacteria build up in masks results in toxicity affecting the lungs, throat and gums. Covering the nose and mouth forces CO2 recirculation, limiting the oxygen intake. Hypoxia and hypercapnia (CO2 rebreathing) impairs body and mental function and can cause headaches, drowsiness, exhaustion, muscular weakness, paranoia, panic attack, depression and irregular heartbeat. Taking healthy individuals and forcing them into masks is in ethical, unconstitutional and not supported to increase health and immunity in our community. Focus on increasing immunity should be paramount. Additionally, humans are designed to see entire faces for reading facial reactions, exchanging non verbal communication exchange and recognition for full connection and social emotional health.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 9:56:54 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nathan Patry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There is no science to this agenda. It is an overt act aimed at muzzling and separating the citizens to prevent the spread of thought and discussion about the blatant abuse of power by the governor, and now the legislature.

Less deaths from Covid in 2020, even though every thing is 'Covid-related death,' than last year's regular flu. Covid is real, however not deadly. Emergencies and emergency powers do not last a year - that is called dictatorship. Arbitrarily deciding which businesses are allowed to operate and at what capacity is fascist.

Educated and aware,

Nathan Patry

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 9:59:41 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
john kochiss	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern; I oppose this bill, for one thing the forced wearing of masks all the time creates collateral damage to the wearer, it's been documented that the second wave of the great pandemic of 1917-1918 was predominantly bacterial pneumonia caused by re-breathing putrid carbon dioxide rich, but low oxygen level, air. This seems to be a giant over-reach attempt by the governor, infringing on our civil rights and freedoms. I sincerely hope and pray this measure is struck down, what a travesty and injustice to the people of Hawaii if this measure passes. Thank you for reading my comments, Aloha!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 10:01:07 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robyn Tampos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly Oppose this bill.

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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victoria Husen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Covid-19 virus has been shown to be fatal in a small population (without prior underlying issues) and requiring facial coverings at all times in a humid environment will not be effective. Doctors are reporting several cases of rash, difficulty breathing, exhaustion from the use of masks, respiratory infections and fainting particularly in Hawaii. I oppose the necessity for always having to wear a mask in public. Please consider the difficulties of children and the elderly. Thank you for your consideration.

State of Hawaii House of Representatives
HB 726 HD1 Relating To Face Coverings
TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

TESTIFIER: Craig Dansie
DATE: February 10, 2021

Good afternoon,

My name is Craig Dansie and I am a man currently domiciled in Hawaii in the County of Honolulu My address is 150 Hamakua Drive #304, Kailua, HI. After reading HB 726 HD1 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITION** of HB 726 HD1 related to Face Coverings.

The death rate in America from all causes in 2020 was the same as the death rate in 2019. Are you going to tell us we need to be fined and our businesses shut down, if we don't wear a face covering, because the death rates in 2019 and 2020 were the same???

2019: 8 deaths per 1000 people.

2020: 8 deaths per 1000 people.

United States - Historical Death Rate Data		
Year	Death Rate	Growth Rate
2020	8.880	1.120%
2019	8.782	1.120%
2018	8.685	1.220%
2017	8.580	1.240%
2016	8.475	1.270%
2015	8.369	1.270%
2014	8.264	1.290%
2013	8.159	0.090%
2012	8.152	0.090%
2011	8.145	0.090%

Source:

<https://www.macrotrends.net/countries/USA/united-states/death-rate>

The death rate in Hawaii was slightly lower than nationwide! Hawaii's population is about 1,415,872, and had 11,798 deaths in 2020. The death rate was 8.33 compared to 8.88 nationwide.

Sources:

<https://health.hawaii.gov/vitalstatistics/preliminary-vital-statistics-for-2020/>

<https://census.hawaii.gov/home/population-estimate/>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawaii>

There was no emergency to justify the governor's proclamations, shutting down people's businesses, ruining people's lives, putting muzzles on people's faces and violating the people's unalienable rights.

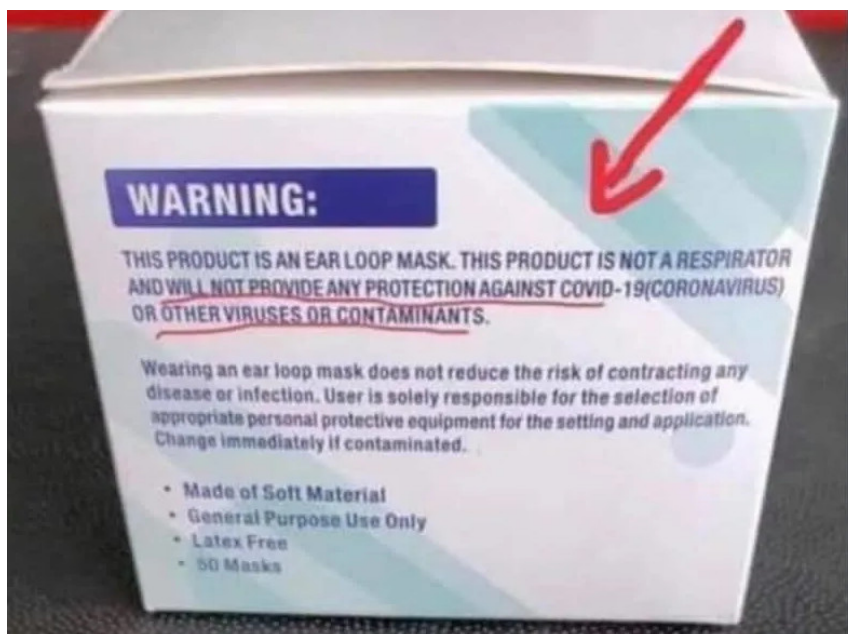
The pandemic was a hoax, punishable under 18 U.S.C. § 241 "Conspiracy Against Rights", 18 U.S.C. § 242 "Deprivation Of Rights Under Color Of Law" and 18 U.S. Code § 1038 "False Information And Hoaxes".

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/241>

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/242>

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1038>

A cloth face mask cannot protect you from covid-19. Mask manufacturers even put this disclaimer on the box: "WILL NOT PROVIDE ANY PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19(CORONAVIRUS) OR OTHER VIRUSES OR CONTAMINANTS."



The leading cause of death in Hawaii is heart disease. We had 2,575 deaths from heart disease in 2017. Compare that with 423 people that is claimed to have died in Hawaii in the last year with covid (not from covid).

Why don't you claim an emergency on heart disease and make laws forcing people to stop smoking, exercise and eat healthy, under penalty of a fine and shut down businesses that allow overweight people to enter their businesses? You could have saved more lives! Of course, this would be ridiculous.

HI Leading Causes of Death, 2017	Deaths	Rate***	State Rank*	U.S. Rate**
1. Heart Disease	2,575	129.8	48th	165.0
2. Cancer	2,456	128.6	49th	152.5
3. Stroke	764	37.5	25th (tie)	37.6
4. Flu/Pneumonia	637	29.6	1st	14.3
5. Accidents	585	35.7	48th	49.4
6. Alzheimer's Disease	465	19.7	48th	31.0
7. Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	378	19.0	50th	40.9
8. Diabetes	299	15.9	48th	21.5
9. Suicide	227	15.2	28th (tie)	14.0
10. Kidney Disease	208	10.7	31st	13.0

Source:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/states/hawaii/hawaii.htm>

Improper chronic use of a face mask can reduce the user's oxygen intake and lead to other health problems such as dermatitis, bacterial pneumonia, hypoxia, brain damage, and automobile accidents. People should have the right to decide for themselves if they want to use a medical device. Otherwise, the forced use of a medical device over a contrived pandemic would amount to medical tyranny.

HB 726 HD1 as well as the enforcement of the governor's proclamation regarding face masks, is unconstitutional as it is an violation of the people's freedom of speech. Face coverings effect both the volume and clarity of speech and block the communication of facial expressions.

1st Amendment to the United States Constitution:

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the **freedom of speech**, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.*

The Constitution of the State of Hawaii Article I § 4:

*No law shall be enacted respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the **freedom of speech** or of the press or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.*

The constitution is a restriction and limitation on the government. Nowhere in the Constitution of the State of Hawaii did I read it's your job to protect me from a cold. My health is my responsibility. But it is your job to protect my unalienable rights! The right to work and the right to breathe. This whole thing is about control and not health.

Now, do your job and vote NO on HB 726 HD1.

More studies on the use of face masks:

1. U.S. Death Rate 1950-2021

<https://www.macrotrends.net/countries/USA/united-states/death-rate>

2. Effectiveness of Adding a Mask Recommendation to Other Public Health Measures to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Danish Mask Wearers - A Randomized Controlled Trial

<https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-6817>

3. PCR Pandemic: Interview with Virus Mania's Dr Claus Köhnlein - Masks and lockdowns are ridiculous and damaging the whole population

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LToSnpz8A4>

4. Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 - Filter Efficiency and Fit - Laboratory Studies – Increased CO2

<https://aapsonline.org/mask-facts/>

5. Del Bigtree on Highwire - Masks are toxic for children (and adults too)

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/YnRMNMfgfFzn/>

6. Del Bigtree on Highwire - IT'S COMMON SENSE!

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/MMw41ZuP216w/>

7. Landmark Danish study finds no significant effect for facemask wearers

<https://www.spectator.co.uk/article/do-masks-stop-the-spread-of-covid-19->

8. Truthstream Media - The Characteristics of an Initiation Ritual

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RVG8qNLdoY>

9. Covid-19: important potential side effects of wearing face masks that we should bear in mind

<https://www.bmj.com/content/369/bmj.m1435/rr-40>

10. Cathy O'Brien on the real reason for masks: 'My daughter was made to wear a mask from the age of two as part of her CIA MKUltra mind control'

<https://davidicke.com/2020/09/08/cathy-obrien-on-the-real-reason-for-masks-my-daughter-was-made-to-wear-a-mask-from-the-age-of-two-as-part-of-her-cia-mkultra-mind-control/>

<https://davidicke.com/2020/09/11/mkultra-mind-control-survivor-cathy-obrien-on-the-cia-military-use-of-masks-in-controlling-the-mind-my-daughter-was-forced-to-wear-one-from-aged-two-to-control-her-breathing-and-perception-if/>

11. Cancer Wisdom TV - Why Masks Are Useless And Dangerous And Are About Mind Control Not Health

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/GliixVwgQiel/>

12. New Jersey driver crashes car after passing out from wearing N95 mask

<https://nypost.com/2020/04/24/driver-crashes-car-after-passing-out-from-wearing-n95-mask/>

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 10:54:31 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Stanton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Law Makers,

I oppose this bill on the grounds that it infringes on my Constitutional rights and establishes a dangerous precedent that could be abused.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thomas B Stanton

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 11:12:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna Thompson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a US citizen and resident of Hawaii I strongly oppose HB726 for several reasons listed below.

The government is not authorized to dictate mandatory medical treatments or interventions, including mandatory masks or face coverings.

To mandate medical treatment of any kind for healthy individuals is against the law. A mask is a medical mandate.

To force medical treatment and ignore the right to refuse medical treatment is against the law.

Lying about the facts of illness, fabricaing an illness that does not exist within a person, or giving a false treatment, are all against the law. The mortality rate of 2020 is in line with previous years, with most labeled COVID deaths coinciding with pre-existing conditions. PCR testing has been proven to be up to 97% false positives, and governments are beginning to provide FOI documentation that admit SARS-COV2 does not exist: <https://principia-scientific.com/irish-government-admits-covid-19-does-not-exist/>

State and County officials cannot advise, implement treatment, or force anyone to abide by any specific doctor such as one advising the State or County, because people have the right to get a second opinion of diagnosis.

There is a Patient Bill of Rights, and forcing someone to wear a mask can cause harm or even death. There are many reports from doctors and neuroscientists of the adverse effects of wearing a mask, including but not limited to permanent, irreversible brain injury, facial rashes, fungal infections, and bacterial infections. I personally have had difficulty breathing while wearing a mask and unable to perform normal duties. Wearing a mask also causes build up of mucous and more running noses due to the inability to properly de-toxify thru normal respiration.

Wearing face coverings and masks gives criminals the ability to commit crimes in plain sight, avoid camera documentation, and is an additional security risk for the public while providing more obstruction to crime investigations. Groups including Antifa have used this tactic throughout 2020.

Wearing masks while driving is very serious due to loss of oxygen and can cause serious accidents, injury and even death. There have been reports of accidents while driving with a mask. <https://www.manningzimmermanlaw.com/wearing-a-face-mask-while-driving-can-cause-a-car-accident/>

Your oath is to defend the constitution, you may be held liable for violating your oath and forcing draconian laws upon the citizens that affect fundamental freedoms and actually cause more harm. The right to breathe without obstruction is a fundamental, constitutional right.

Thank you for your service.

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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherilyn Wells	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

You are treating Covid-19 as though an emergency exists, which it does not, including as outlined in the emails below, all of which you have received prior to this hearing. A pandemic and an emergency are two different issues. A pandemic is simply geographic in nature and MAY be the term that applies to Covid-19 now that the statistics indicate its overall fatality to be similar to a flu. The emergency was based on Much Higher potential fatality statistics (Ferguson et al) that were never "achieved." The test for determining Covid-19 infection was subsequently revealed to be "useless," so the 6% of alleged Covid-19 statistics that the CDC admitted had NO OTHER CO-MORBIDITIES that could cause a fatality is likely the closest we can get to an accurate picture of this virus's effects.

External peer review of the RTPCR test to detect SARS-CoV-2 reveals 10 major scientific flaws at the molecular and methodological level: consequences for false positive results.

<https://cormandrostenreview.com/report/>

<https://cormandrostenreview.com/retraction-request-letter-to-eurosurveillance-editorial-board/>

WHO Finally Admits COVID-19 PCR Test Has a 'Problem'

The WHO's new guidance, which includes lower PCR thresholds, almost guarantees COVID "case" numbers will automatically drop dramatically around the world. <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/who-admits-covid-pcr-test-has-a-problem/>

Thus, the governor's illegal extension of the "emergency" past the statutory 60 days makes any enabling legislation such as this proposal also subject to the same extra-statutory issue/problems with illegal timing and false premises. Should you decide to continue, this proposal requires an EIS so that both sides of the issue - the extensive list of mask harms to be included - can be assessed.

PPE & OSHA Expert cited in Footnote 30 of www.docs4opendebate/be/en/open-letter/

“We have killed people by putting them in face coverings, covering the mouth and nose, and telling them to work all day. We’ve killed people because of that. We’ve given them heart attacks. So OSHA actually created a respirator standard that, if you’re gonna cover somebody’s mouth and nose and require them to work all day that way, then you have to do a medical evaluation first.” Tammy K. Herrema Clark, PPE Expert

For the above quote, go to Minute 13:30

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=TgDm_maAgIM&feature=youtu.be

See 2/9/21 email sent to all representatives: Long Term Mask Use Can Contribute to Advanced Stage Lung Cancer (through enrichment of the lungs with oral commensal microbes). See 2/4/21 email sent to all representatives: Researchers Uncover How the CDC Illegally Inflated COVID-19 Death Statistics by at least 1,600 percent - investigation by Public Health Policy Initiative - petition for grand jury investigation sent to DOJ and all U.S. AGs. See 2/4/21 email sent to all representatives: 9,684 versus 161,392.... Study by Institute for Pure and Applied Knowledge. Without peer review (or public comment) CDC changed reporting system for Covid-19 deaths only, vastly inflating fatalities - potential breach of federal laws. See 1/31/21 email sent to all representatives: Five Crucial Covid Questions: Dr. Sucharit Bhakdi, Professor Emeritus of Medical Microbiology at the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, asks the German Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel. See 1/30/21 email sent to all representatives: “A Critical Review of CDC USA Data on Covid-19” - “deaths were being re-defined (as Covid) and subtracted from other causes of deaths”...actual statistical and epidemiological case for Covid-19 being a real pandemic is closed. To honest people, it’s closed. We’re done.” See 1/30/21 email submitted to all representatives: Request for Expedited Federal Investigation Into Scientific Fraud in Public Health Policies - submitted to FBI - Jan 11, 2021. See 1/30/21 email sent to all representatives: Statements by the Dutch Covid Doctors Collective (add to those of experts in Belgium, Germany, Great Barrington Declaration, America's Frontline Doctors, etc., etc.)... "We are actually WEAKENING society.". See 1/7/21 email sent to all representatives: SIXTEEN Covid-19 Facts (preface to book UNDERCOVER EPICENTER NURSE by Erin Marie Olszewski - "people who had tested negative multiple times for COVID-19 were being labeled as COVID-confirmed and put on ventilators and drugged .."). See 1/6/21 email sent to all representatives: "Influenza has been renamed COVID-19 in large part" - cumulative positive influenza test rate reported for Fall 2020 was just 0.2%, compared to 8.7% from a year before. See also testimony submitted in regards to HB 643.

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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brigitte Otto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

It doesn't make any sense that now that case numbers are going down stricter mask mandates are being considered. Further, the effectiveness of masks is more than controversial. The way it looks, masks do not even provide protection from a virus.

<https://fee.org/articles/new-danish-study-finds-masks-don-t-protect-wearers-from-covid-infection/>

https://drjockers.com/face-masks/?ck_subscriber_id=790220080

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0141076815583167>

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/1157412/>

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/BF01658736>

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0>

<https://mailchi.mp/tomwoods/maskstudy?e=126e497776>

On top of that, prolonged mask wearing can have negative health effects.

<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/news/the-risks-vs-benefits-of-face-masks-is-there-an-agenda/>

Forcing individuals to do anything that can cause them harm violates their rights.

All in all, the measures that have been taken so far in response to COVID-19 are already authoritarian. Each person should decide for himself/herself whether or not to wear a mask. This bill gives the governor too much power.

<https://gbdeclaration.org/?fbclid=IwAR20jqHaLN00yHenbxn1IXgx0jmKx3x44ldrEbWDAYErhT0iwt55FARwni8>

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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brett Kulbis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

OPPOSES HB-726.

Please, follow the science, there are no peer-reviewed randomized controlled trials (Dr. Fauci's "gold standard") demonstrating that cloth faces masks prevent the transmission of any virus, including SARS-CoV-2. In fact, Dr. Fauci told 60 Minutes (on March 8) that, "There's no reason to be walking around with a mask." Nothing about the actual science regarding masks has changed one little tiny bit since then.

The CDC's own journal "Emerging Infectious Diseases" comes to that very conclusion. The recent Dutch study, another peer-reviewed randomized controlled trial came to the same conclusion.

Also, on June 5, 2020 WHO guidance said:

- "There is no direct evidence (from studies on COVID-19 and in healthy people in the community) on the effectiveness of universal masking of healthy people in the community to prevent infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19."
- "At the present time, the widespread use of masks by healthy people in the community setting is not yet supported by high quality or direct scientific evidence and there are potential benefits and harms to consider."

Here is a link to mask charts showing the data that mask mandates don't work: <https://rationalground.com/more-mask-charts/>

When comparing states with mandates vs. those without, or periods of times within a state with a mandate vs. without, there is absolutely no evidence the mask mandate worked to slow the spread one iota. In total, in the states that had a mandate in effect, there were 9,605,256 confirmed COVID cases over 5,907 total days, an average of **27** cases per 100,000 per day. When states did not have a statewide order (which includes the states that never had them and the period of time masking states did not have the mandate in place) there were 5,781,716 cases over 5,772 total days, averaging 17 cases per 100,000 people per day. <https://www.theblaze.com/op-ed/horowitz-comprehensive-analysis-of-50-states-shows-greater-spread-with-mask-mandates>

Brett Kulbis

Aloha. My name is Maria Rivero Caps and I have lived in Kailua for over 20 years.

I **strongly oppose HB 726** and the compulsory wearing of masks in public places for the following reasons:

- 1) Insufficient evidence of any benefit of public mask wearing.
- 2) Risks of mask wearing, which include:
 - increased infections
 - hypoxia, hypercapnia
 - stress on cardiovascular, pulmonary, and renal function
 - interference with communication
 - tooth decay and gum disease - “mask mouth”
 - psychological as well as physiological stress.
- 3) Hawaii’s heat and high humidity make it difficult to tolerate mask-wearing.
- 4) Risks to the physical, psychological and emotional development of children.
- 5) Increased community strife due to overbearing, ill-advised mandates and fines.

There is insufficient evidence of a benefit to justify a mask mandate. The best evidence we have so far looking at mask use in the general public comes from a study published in the [Annals of Internal Medicine](https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-6817) in November 2020. <https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-6817> This randomized controlled trial of almost 5000 people found ***no significant difference in Covid infection rates between those who wore masks and those who did not.*** This result is consistent with prior studies of masks. The [New England Journal of Medicine](https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2006372) addressed universal masking in the covid-19 era as follows:

We know that wearing a mask outside healthcare facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection... In many cases, the desire for widespread masking is a reflexive reaction to anxiety over the pandemic.
<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2006372>

Citing extensive scientific evidence, the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) concluded that **recommendations for broad mask use in the public are “not based on sound data.”** <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/04/commentary-masks-all-covid-19-not-based-sound-data> **Regarding cloth masks, CIDRAP concludes, “There is no evidence to support their used by the public or healthcare workers to control the emission of particles from the wearer.”**

A thorough review of the scientific literature recently published in the [European Journal of Medical Research](https://eurjmedres.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/) <https://eurjmedres.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/>

[s40001-020-00430-5](#) finds only **"weak evidence" supporting mask mandates, and strong evidence for masks causing respiratory compromise in lung patients.**

Until recently, the World Health Organization (WHO) as well as public health officials in general recommended *against* the use of masking in the general public as a form of infection control for respiratory viruses. Anecdotes and social pressure notwithstanding, there's no good scientific evidence to justify the reversal of this policy.

There has been little consideration of the risks of mask use. The article published in the [European Journal of Medical Research](https://eurjmedres.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s40001-020-00430-5) <https://eurjmedres.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s40001-020-00430-5> concludes, **"Importantly, we found evidence for significant respiratory compromise in patients with severe obstructive pulmonary disease, secondary to the development of hypercapnia. This could also happen in patients with lung infections, with or without SARS-CoV-2."** Mask-wearing has been shown in various studies and circumstances to result in lower blood oxygen levels, increased carbon dioxide levels, and increased work of breathing. Although a healthy body can compensate temporarily, the physiological adaptations to mask-wearing become more difficult with age or any number of conditions affecting the cardiovascular system, lungs, and kidneys.

A 2008 study titled "Preliminary Report on Surgical Mask Induced Deoxygenation During Major Surgery" found that **surgeons had lower blood oxygen levels and increased pulse rates after the first hour of mask wearing. These changes occurred in all surgeon groups but were more prominent in surgeons over age 35.** <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/18500410/>

The only randomized study of cloth masks so far found an *increase in flu-like illnesses in hospital staff who wore cloth masks* compared to medical masks or control. <https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/5/4/e006577> The authors of this 2015 study concluded:

The results caution against the use of cloth masks. This is an important finding to inform occupational health and safety. Moisture retention, reuse of cloth masks and poor filtration may result in increased risk of infection.

Mask use is particularly burdensome in hot, humid environments such as we have here in Hawaii. Moisture reduces the breathability of masks, so wearing masks in a high humidity environment or for prolonged periods where it will be exposed to sweat or moisture from the breath can make mask-wearing intolerable.

Children have collapsed and died in P.E class while wearing a mask.<https://nypost.com/2020/05/06/two-boys-drop-dead-in-china-while-wearing-masks-during-gym-class/>. We must allow people to breathe freely when they need to do so.

Imposing a mask mandate is unnecessary, dangerous and provides no benefit other than a false sense of security.

Respectfully,

Maria Rivero Caps
MD 1991 Univ. of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine
Residency Diagnostic Radiology 1991-1996 University of Washington
Pediatric Radiology Fellowship 1996-1997 Seattle Children's Hospital

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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nani Kaapana	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony. In my opinion, the legislature has no authority to require face coverings or any type of clothing, whatsoever. The US Supreme Court has already ruled on the unconstitutionality of attempts to force US citizens to wear certain clothing, and several State Supreme Courts have ruled that mask mandates are unconstitutional, are you going against even Supreme Court ruling??? Also the CDC has said numerous times that the masks DO NOT make a difference and hasn't proven to be effective in protecting people.

With just over 400 deaths supposedly from Covid, that is NOT considered a pandemic nor even close to it. The majority of the people that died were elderly and had health issues already that have been agitated by covid which has taken more lives between 2017 - 2019, honesty has not been the best practice when confirming the real cause of deaths such as heart disease, etc. The elderly ages are not new to the national mortality age, and i say that with a humble heart and with respect and condolences to those that have lost loved ones. This entire situation is to gain rule and keep people under oppression, messing with identity and continuously adding fear between people, and the generations from having any say in their future. Who knows that by the time they become of age, the ones trying to pass this ridiculous law will all have died off, and I can almost guarantee that it wouldn't be because of covid but due to either a different health issue or purely of aging. This mask covering has nothing to do with prevention, it is merely trying to keep everyone under slavery and control. I oppose this unconstitutional bill and the role of people trying to play God over other people's lives. This law is over reaching and it does not appear that this law will meaningfully have an impact on public safety. Hospitals are not being overwhelmed by patients. Persons can voluntarily elect to wear masks for their own protection. Businesses can deny patrons entrance without a mask. All without the enactment of this law.

Face mask should only be worn by sick people, this law is another way to gain monies from hard working families who are on hold to work because of so much dishonesty going on, and it is our tax money that put these people in office. It is time to say no more will we just accept everything and anything that is dealt to us in our days, we speak for now and the future of our keikis. I suggest you read the CDC information again and look at all the cons about what happens when you breathe in your own bacteria and what it does to your immune system. We are not a generation to be ridiculed by mockery and herded in like sheep or cattle. The fines that would be imposed is to only service

elsewhere in government, another way to gain funds, very deceiving tactics but labeled as safety measures. Mahalo and God bless Hawaii and America, it is time for the right people to work for the people who are getting paid by the people, it's time to breathe properly again like we were created to

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Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
bonnie fish	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Wearing face masks is against nature. we live in hawaii because we want to be living in harmony with nature. there is no scientific data proving that masks are helping. if they were

helping why is it getting worse? there is much scientific data if one were to read info other than what is being fed us by mainstream media to the contrary. people who are fragile and have weakened immune systems should be supported to stay home and let the rest of us get out

and get our economy and lives back. Please listen to dr Zach Bush for the real story of what is going on!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
D. Prince	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am here to express my strong opposition to HB726 and urge the state of Hawaii to not pass this bill. There is insufficient evidence to support the use of masks as a specific tactic that is more effective than other means of stopping the spread of COVID-19. As a medical worker, there are several gaps in the widespread use of masks. First, not all masks are the same. Homemade masks have different pore sizes and if the reasoning is to protect people from a specific disease such as COVID, then "mask" must be defined by a specific denir or permeability factor. Number 2, the public at large does not know how to safely and properly use masks in order to get true benefit. It is undeniable that if the outside of a mask has been exposed to any pathogen, if the wearer removes it imporperly and does not wash their hands with soap and water after then the use of the mask may actually INCREASE risk fo contracting that pathogen as a person continues to use their hands to do other activites and actually INCREASE their exposure. It is impossble to remove this barrier to efficity. Number 3, the decision to wear a mask MUST be left to the individual to determine their own specific health risk and the risk/benfits of wearing a mask vs breathing air and taking other precautions such as maintaining physical ditsnace between others, etc. The exclusions to the law are not sufficient and will prevent people who are unable or choose not to wear a mask to access public services, stores, etc. Also, mask use in exercise and what constitutes "strenuos activity" is an individual factor and cannot be generalized. Fourth, long term use of face coverings have been shown to have potential negative affects in pre-COVID research (when used by surgeons in surgica theater) and there must be more research to determine if the benefits do, in fact out weight the real and apparent physical risks. Fifth, the psychological affects of humans not being able to identify each other by sight are real and unavoidable if mask wearing is mandated. Crime will be harder to hinder as people are harder to identify. People will be further isolated from each other than if there were merely only physical distance precautions and true costs of pysical health is harder to measure in a society but must be carefully considered before a bill of this breadth is passed.

Please do not pass HB726. The benefits of this bill are merely assumed and come from a lack of considering all relevant information. The harmful affects, including incerased transmission in some cases, must be considered.

State of Hawaii House of Representatives
HB 726 HD1 Relating To Face Coverings
TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

TESTIFIER: ERIC HARA

DATE: 2/11/2012

Good afternoon,

My name is ERIC HARA and I am a [REDACTED] currently domiciled in Hawaii in the County of Pearl City My address is 1573 Hoomoana Place. After reading HB 726 HD1 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITION** of HB 726 HD1 related to Face Coverings.

The death rate in America from all causes in 2020 was the same as the death rate in 2019. Are you going to tell us we need to be fined and our businesses shut down, if we don't wear a face covering, because the death rates in 2019 and 2020 were the same???

2019: 8 deaths per 1000 people.

2020: 8 deaths per 1000 people.

Source:

<https://www.macrotrends.net/countries/USA/united-states/death-rate>

The death rate in Hawaii was slightly lower than nationwide! Hawaii's population is about 1,415,872, and had 11,798 deaths in 2020. The death rate was 8.33 compared to 8.88 nationwide.

Sources:

<https://health.hawaii.gov/vitalstatistics/preliminary-vital-statistics-for-2020/>

<https://census.hawaii.gov/home/population-estimate/>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawaii>

There was no emergency to justify the governor's proclamations, shutting down people's businesses, ruining people's lives, putting muzzles on people's faces and violating the people's unalienable rights.

The pandemic was a hoax, punishable under 18 U.S.C. § 241 "Conspiracy Against Rights", 18 U.S.C. § 242 "Deprivation Of Rights Under Color Of Law" and 18 U.S. Code § 1038 "False Information And Hoaxes".

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/241>

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/242>
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1038>

A cloth face mask cannot protect you from covid-19. Mask manufacturers even put this disclaimer on the box: "WILL NOT PROVIDE ANY PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19(CORONAVIRUS) OR OTHER VIRUSES OR CONTAMINANTS."

The leading cause of death in Hawaii is heart disease. We had 2,575 deaths from heart disease in 2017. Compare that with 423 people that is claimed to have died in Hawaii in the last year with covid (not from covid).

Why don't you claim an emergency on heart disease and make laws forcing people to stop smoking, exercise and eat healthy, under penalty of a fine and shut down businesses that allow overweight people to enter their businesses? You could have saved more lives! Of course, this would be ridiculous.

Source:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/states/hawaii/hawaii.htm>

Improper chronic use of a face mask can reduce the user's oxygen intake and lead to other health problems such as dermatitis, bacterial pneumonia, hypoxia, brain damage, and automobile accidents. People should have the right to decide for themselves if they want to use a medical device. Otherwise, the forced use of a medical device over a contrived pandemic would amount to medical tyranny.

HB 726 HD1 as well as the enforcement of the governor's proclamation regarding face masks, is unconstitutional as it is an violation of the people's freedom of speech. Face coverings effect both the volume and clarity of speech and block the communication of facial expressions.

1st Amendment to the United States Constitution:

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the **freedom of speech**, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.*

The Constitution of the State of Hawaii Article I § 4:

*No law shall be enacted respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the **freedom of speech** or of the press or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.*

The constitution is a restriction and limitation on the government. Nowhere in the Constitution of the State of Hawaii did I read it's your job to protect me from a cold. My health is my responsibility. But it is your job to protect my unalienable rights! The right to work and the right to breathe. This whole thing is about control and not health.

Now, do your job and vote NO on HB 726 HD1.

More studies on the use of face masks:

1. U.S. Death Rate 1950-2021

<https://www.macrotrends.net/countries/USA/united-states/death-rate>

2. Effectiveness of Adding a Mask Recommendation to Other Public Health Measures to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Danish Mask Wearers - A Randomized Controlled Trial

<https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-6817>

3. PCR Pandemic: Interview with Virus Mania's Dr Claus Köhnlein -

Masks and lockdowns are ridiculous and damaging the whole population

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LToSnpz8A4>

4. Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 - Filter Efficiency and Fit - Laboratory Studies – Increased CO2

<https://aapsonline.org/mask-facts/>

5. Del Bigtree on Highwire - Masks are toxic for children (and adults too)

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/YnRMNMfgfFzn/>

6. Del Bigtree on Highwire - IT'S COMMON SENSE!

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/MMw41ZuP216w/>

7. Landmark Danish study finds no significant effect for facemask wearers

<https://www.spectator.co.uk/article/do-masks-stop-the-spread-of-covid-19->

8. Truthstream Media - The Characteristics of an Initiation Ritual

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RVG8qNLdoY>

9. Covid-19: important potential side effects of wearing face masks that we should bear in mind

<https://www.bmj.com/content/369/bmj.m1435/rr-40>

10. Cathy O'Brien on the real reason for masks: 'My daughter was made to wear a mask from the age of two as part of her CIA MKUltra mind control'

<https://davidicke.com/2020/09/08/cathy-obrien-on-the-real-reason-for-masks-my-daughter-was-made-to-wear-a-mask-from-the-age-of-two-as-part-of-her-cia-mkultra-mind-control/>

<https://davidicke.com/2020/09/11/mkultra-mind-control-survivor-cathy-obrien-on-the-cia-military-use-of-masks-in-controlling-the-mind-my-daughter-was-forced-to-wear-one-from-aged-two-to-control-her-breathing-and-perception-if/>

11. Cancer Wisdom TV - Why Masks Are Useless And Dangerous And Are About Mind Control Not Health

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/GliIxVwgQiel/>

12. New Jersey driver crashes car after passing out from wearing N95 mask

<https://nypost.com/2020/04/24/driver-crashes-car-after-passing-out-from-wearing-n95-mask/>

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 8:12:55 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
shavaun gilliland	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Thomas Jefferson made it clear that natural rights are not a gift of government, to be arbitrarily modified or expunged by the stroke of a pen or will of a tyrant, but instead belong solely to each sovereign individual. That being said, No government not here nor there has any constitutional ability to infringe on the rights of the individual. Mask should be a choice.

If an individual feels "safe" wearing a cloth mask to protect themselves against a .1 micron virus then so be it. If an individual feels a cloth, or medical mask are not legitimately protecting them since (science is by no way definitive upon such) then they should have the choice not too.

Once again another bill being proposed with vague wording an possible if not highly probable long term nefarious consequences. We can be fined in public places for not wearing a mask?? So as soon as I leave the property line? Driving on roads? Enough is enough with this overstepping of government control ! How far will you go? Until we become a communist country, is that the end game?

Wearing a mask has not been definitive as protecting against any virus. Except for by the cdc and the Fauci cronies who are very much profiting off of this pandemic. There are our problems that are occurring since having to wear a mask in public. Societal psychological long term effects of not being able to connect, relate, empathize, to one another . That is leading to depression, suicide, and antisocial behavior. Along with the constant feeling of restriction, problems breathing, claustrophobia. Not to mention the exuberant amount of asthmatic people on this island, or the elderly or children that find this mask unbelievably hard to breathe with. In the Aloha, Alo-ha, Ha-breathe I find this incredibly ironic that you want to permanently put this law into action with fines and restrict our breathing.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 8:35:55 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Renee Dieperink	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly **OPPOSE** HB726!!!

If you want to make mask wearing a law, you owe it to the people to share with us what science you base this on. Spoiler....there is NO study that shows these masks hold back a virus or curtail the spread.

Making employers and businesses the law enforcement on mask wearing is wrong. I was at Costco yesterday, and after 5 minutes of mask wearing I had a blasting head ache. I went into a side isle and took my mask off for a few minutes to get proper oxgen. The Costco mask police approached me and insisted I put my mask back on. I replied I would do so in a minute or two. He kept bugging me to put it on immediately. I told him Costco would not like me to faint while shopping, which is what happened twice, last year in May when I was wearing a fabric mask.Back then I hit my head on the concrete really hard the second time. Since then I have switched to the surgical masks because they are so much easier to breathe in. These kinds of business employee and customer incidences are NOT okay.

If masks truly work, why would anyone be afraid of some people not wearing one? Aren't they protected? This is kind of like saying, my seat belt won't work because you are not wearing yours. No logic! I recommend that those who think it protects them wear a mask.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 8:50:58 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Hioki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB 726 is a well-meaning but TERRIBLE idea. The CDC has stated that COVID-19 is *not* spread by people who are asymptomatic and that mask-wearing is *not* an effective method of slowing the spread of COVID-19. The CDC even has data showing that most people who tested positive for COVID-19 wore masks "most or all of the time". Even Anthony Fauci *and* the US Surgeon General both originally gave guidance to *not* wear masks. Because the effectiveness of masks is still debatable, a bill such as drastic as HB 726 would be a very poor decision.

In addition, Hawaii has the lowest infection rate IN THE UNITED STATES. It is mystifying why our governor still believes we are in a state of emergency.

Also, it has *not* been proven what the detriments to long-term mask-wearing are. Such a bill could imperil the health of hundreds of thousands of people (including kupuna and keiki). For instance, there is no guidance on how long a single mask can be worn before it needs to be changed.

This legislation is foolish and alarmist. This legislation is based purely on the politics of fear and *not* science.

I am *strongly* oppose to this legislation.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 8:57:59 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lori Glorioso	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is unnecessary. Our citizens already "mask-up" when out in public or when they are unable to socially distance 6 feet. This bill will only overburden HPD more. When HPD is tasked with policing this, they will be the recipients of anger and outrage from peaceful, law-abiding citizens. Please put your efforts and resources into ways to improve our lives. This seems to be a waste of time. This bill is written to make everyone "feel good" but you have to admit, people are already wearing their masks. When I see an elderly person driving around in their car alone, and wearing a mask, I am concerned for their overall health.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 8:59:06 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanna Weber	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Oppose HB 726 HD1

ALOHA, JOANNA

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:04:14 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessica Gellert	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this measure because it infringes on our personal liberty.

There are reasonable and persuasive cases that can be made both FOR and AGAINST the use of masks in the healthy population. But by replacing individual choice with collective mandates, public officials have politicized the issue and polluted the science. For example, scientists have faced [retraction demands](#) on research that concluded mask-for-all policies were not based on sound data.

Public health officials should not be recommending a preventative measure—let alone mandating it—without knowing it is effective. (In public health, this is known as [the principle of effectiveness](#).)

Governments forcing healthy people into mask-wearing was always an affront to the rights we hold over our own bodies and our basic human dignity.

In November 2020 a Denmark study found face masks DO NOT protect healthy people from COVID19 - “Researchers in Denmark reported on Wednesday that surgical masks did not protect the wearers against infection with the coronavirus in a large randomized clinical trial,” the *New York Times* [reports](#).

To conduct the study, which ran from early April to early June, scientists at the [University of Copenhagen](#) recruited more than 6,000 participants who had tested negative for COVID-19 immediately prior to the experiment.

Half the participants were given surgical masks and instructed to wear them outside the home; the other half were instructed to not wear a mask outside the home.

Roughly 4,860 participants finished the experiment, the *Times* reports. The results were not encouraging.

“The researchers had hoped that masks would cut the infection rate by half among wearers. Instead, 42 people in the mask group, or 1.8 percent, got infected, compared with 53 in the unmasked group, or 2.1 percent. The difference was not statistically significant,” the *Times* reports.

Please do not pass this mask mandate that is purely political.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:07:12 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andi Nora	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly oppose.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:12:01 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Duane Sosa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha!!!

With all due respect, the "COVID-19" Virus has a Recovery/Survivability rate of 99.97%. That being said: why are we even required to wear masks??? Why all the fuss??? I have to strongly OPPOSE HB726 HD1.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:36:53 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jennifer carman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My constitutional rights, my birth rights as a US

citizen and as a human DO NOT allow anyone

or any agency to cause me to cover my face

and deny my full ability to breathe and live. PERIOD.

there is NO PANDEMIC or emergency, the stats

of the current plandemic are obvious, it's a flu season.

this atrocity of a bill is STRONGLY OPPOSED

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:51:58 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Solari	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is unconstitutional to force someone to wear a face mask that inhibits breathing. We the people should have the choice, as is part of the freedom of Liberty to choose what we put on our face. This is illegal and wrong!

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 9:58:53 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nick Finken	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill!! It is unconstitutional and is a violation of our civil rights

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 10:40:24 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janelle ragusa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Masks as well as everything else subjected upon a sovereign beings body should NEVER be forced or mandated. It is NOT a crime to breathe. Asymptomstic means HEALTHY.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 10:44:13 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ben Tamamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB726 because it does not give the individual citizen the freedom to choose for themselves if they want to wear a mask or not. After a year of coverage of Covid, I believe that everyone knows that they would be better off wearing a mask, for themselves and others.

However, this becomes an issue of freedom, freedom of choice with the individual choosing, not someone in government compelling the citizen what they can and cannot do.

Thank you for listening.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 11:19:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melissa A. Aiona	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am completely appalled that such a bill as Bill HB726 would even be introduced for consideration. There has been numerous studies done on the negative effects of mask wearing. I oppose this bill 200%... Our children and elderly need to be able to breathe our clean fresh air in Hawaii in order to stay healthy. Melissa A. Aiona

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 11:27:15 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fabriann Gin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this measure to force wearing a face covering in public or face a civil fine. There are several studies that prove the ineffectiveness of mask wearing in prevention of COVID-19 spread. Most well known is the Danish study. Here is the link <https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/m20-6817>

Also, the spread of coronavirus does not happen outside in fresh air when properly social distanced. Look at Australia's numbers for evidence.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 12:33:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victoria Ng	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

This is government overreach, and a slippery slope. Health should be between an individual and their doctor; NOT politicians.

Thanks

Victoria

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 1:03:58 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erik "Eazy" Shimane	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

COMMENT: First-IN the H.B. NO. 726 H.D. 1 - "face coverings" or "face covering" or "Face covering" or "Face Coverings" are presented as four separate objects. This statement alone will invalidate the Act in the propose format. Legislature is therefore wasting time and money on having the public correct elected constiuent resolve for text consistent inconsistency. Language presented, and more [re]vision needs to be done.

TESTIMONY: ON MASK(S)-During the early stages of ORDERS/MANDATES the literature on MASK(S) use and continue use was lacking evidence of SAFETY. https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/5/19-0994_article Data shows OUTDOOR MASKS (July 2020) started to shift cases (increase). <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/usa/hawaii/> The continue legacy of enabling an ACT to further cause harm was proven in "fabric" noted in proposed act as it clearly states causing additional damage <https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/5/4/e006577> (Note: "cloth masks should not be recommended for HCWs", upon I would substitute HCWs with public) Currently emerging evidence on prolonged mask use and oral cavity disease shows more harmful effects. Please consider the warnings presented as facts. Look towards the data on Ivermectin [<https://ivmmeta.com/>] and restart our economy using actual data because enabling MASK(S) will cause more harm.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 1:05:33 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shirley Respicio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I most stringently oppose bill HB726 on the grounds that it is unconstitutional to force citizens to use masks against their will. If masks work then those who feel the need should wear them, but no one should be forced to wear masks. My body, my choice. It is also unconstitutional to force businesses to discriminate by refusing service to any one.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 1:23:05 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barry Yokoyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please OPPOSE HB726.

Mahalo for your time.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 1:36:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol D. Yokoyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I have read through HB726 - Relating to Face Coverings. Please OPPOSE HB726.

When I peruse the *Midweek*, each week, the section "Hawaii's Most Wanted, Crime Stoppers", always has listings of criminals who have prior convictions ranging from 1 to 25. There are criminals assaulting others, stealing, destroying property and using/selling drugs out in the streets in downtown Honolulu and throughout the Island. HPD has real crimes to work on.

Improve the safety for the residents and communities of this Island by having HPD use its time, effort and energy by working on real crimes that are increasing instead of wasting time, effort and energy on issuing a fine to someone for not wearing a face covering.

For your information, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency's latest report for fatalities from COVID-19 is 424. I know that COVID-19 is an infectious disease. However, according to the CDC's website, the latest report for the year 2017, the leading cause of death in Hawaii was heart disease (2,575 deaths) followed by cancer (2,456 deaths). I am not discounting any deaths nor illnesses, but heart disease and cancer have taken the most lives. What are we really doing to stop so many deaths?

In addition, there is no scientific evidence for mask mandates. Think about it, does it make sense that we can eat and drink in a restaurant or even an airplane, but then have to wear a face covering while we are outdoors? Mask mandates are draconian measures. Please OPPOSE HB726.

Mahalo for your time.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2021 1:49:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Maemori	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is John Maemori and I am currently domiciled in Hawaii in the County of Honolulu. After reading HB 726 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITION** of HB 726 related to Face Coverings.

I OPPOSE HB 726 because the whole narrative surrounding this alleged pandemic last year has been a hoax.

The statistics are in! Have you looked up the death rate in America from all causes for 2019 and 2020?

<https://www.macrotrends.net/countries/USA/united-states/death-rate>

They are about the same at 8 deaths per 1000 people. Don't you think if there was a real pandemic, the death rate in 2020 should have been much higher than in 2019.

How many people do you know that have lost their jobs or businesses due to the use of "emergency" powers?

A cloth face mask cannot protect you from covid-19. Mask manufacturers even put this disclaimer on the box.

The use of a mask can reduce the users oxygen intake and lead to other health problems. People should have the right to decide for themselves if they want to use a medical device. Otherwise, the forced use of a medical device over a contrived pandemic would amount to medical tyranny.

Please vote NO on HB 726.