

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

July 10, 2006

GOV. MSG. NO. 826

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 003 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on July 10, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

SB3262 SD1 HD1 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH. (ACT 295)

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

ACT 295

THE SENATE TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2006 STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that tobacco smoke is a
- 2 major contributor to many health problems. Secondhand smoke
- 3 causes heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung
- 4 cancer in healthy nonsmokers. Thousands of premature deaths and
- 5 illnesses in Hawaii are attributed to it annually.
- 6 The legislature further finds that recent research
- 7 demonstrates heightened health dangers to those exposed to
- 8 secondhand smoke, since Hawaii passed a statewide anti-smoking
- 9 statute seventeen years ago. In 2004, the Centers for Disease
- 10 Control and Prevention issued an advisory to persons with heart
- 11 disease to avoid indoor settings where smoking is allowed, which
- 12 warrants increased protections in the workplace and for the
- 13 public in general.
- 14 The counties in Hawaii have adopted ordinances that offers
- 15 varying levels of protection to workers and the public against
- 16 secondhand smoke. The legislature acknowledges that a
- 17 consistent level of basic protection from secondhand smoke is

- 1 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
- 2 are severable.
- 3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on November 16,
- 4 2006.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Approved this day: <u>JUL 1 0 2006</u>

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.

Speaker, House of Representatives

Clerk, House of Representatives