

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 2, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2260

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2260
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SMOKING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect the public from the
toxic effects of second-hand smoke by prohibiting smoking in
public places and places of employment.

The Department of Accounting and General Services, Hawaii
Medical Association, Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawaii
Pacific Health, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, American Heart
Association, American Lung Association of Hawaii, Imi Hale Native
Hawaiian Cancer Network, Tobacco Free Oahu, Coalition for a
Tobacco Free Hawaii, Local 368 AFL-CIO, Tobacco Free Kauai,
American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific Inc., Kauai's American
Cancer Society, Students of Hawaii Opposing Use of Tobacco,
Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, The Center, Windward Ahupuaa
Alliance, and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill.
The Honolulu Police Department opposed this measure.

Your Committee finds that tobacco smoke is a major
contributor to many health problems and that breathing second-hand
smoke increases the risk of disease in nonsmokers, including heart
disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer.



In 2004, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an advisory to persons with heart disease to avoid indoor settings where smoking is allowed. Exposure to second-hand smoke has also been attributed to thousands of premature deaths and illnesses in Hawaii annually.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2260 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



