

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2567

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 - 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3262  
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which  
was referred S.B. No. 3262 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect public health and  
welfare by prohibiting smoking in public places and places of  
employment, ensuring a consistent level of basic protections  
statewide from exposure to secondhand smoke.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the  
Department of Accounting and General Services; the American Cancer  
Society; the American Heart Association; the American Lung  
Association of Hawaii; the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawai'i;  
the Hawaii Association of Health Plans; the Hawaii Medical Service  
Association; the Hawai'i Primary Care Association; the Hawaii  
State AFL-CIO; the Hawai'i Women's Coalition; Healthy Mothers,  
Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawai'i; Kaiser Permanente;  
Kalihi-Palama Health Center; Kiwanis of Kauai; Laborers'  
International Union of North America Local 368, AFL-CIO; Maui  
Tobacco-Free Partnership; REAL Hawaii Youth Movement Against the  
Tobacco Industry; Tobacco Education and Assistance Program;  
Tobacco Free Kauai; and thirty-nine individuals. Comments were  
submitted by the Department of Health and the Department of Public  
Safety.

Your Committee finds that exposure to secondhand smoke is a  
health hazard and causes heart disease, cancer, SIDS, asthma, and

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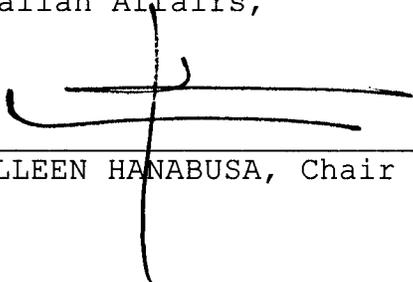


other diseases. Thus, it is extremely appropriate to protect innocent non-smokers from these effects by prohibiting smoking in the work place and public places. Your Committee further finds that this measure will reflect the most current public health policy relating to secondhand smoke and create a new statewide smoking law to ensure consistent levels of basic public health protection.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive change to correct a typographical error.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3262, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3262, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Hawaiian Affairs,



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COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair



