
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO INSTITUTE A COMPLETE BAN ON SMOKING IN ALL STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, secondhand smoke causes heart disease, stroke,
2 respiratory disease, lung cancer, and other diseases in healthy
3 nonsmokers; and
4

5 WHEREAS, recent research demonstrates heightened health
6 dangers to those exposed to secondhand smoke, since Hawaii
7 passed a statewide anti-smoking statute 19 years ago; and
8

9 WHEREAS, in 2004, the Centers for Disease Control and
10 Prevention issued an advisory to persons with heart disease to
11 avoid indoor settings where smoking is allowed, which warranted
12 increased protections in the workplace and for the public in
13 general; and
14

15 WHEREAS, the Legislature passed a comprehensive new law,
16 Act 295, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006 (Act 295), banning smoking
17 in places open to the public and places of employment to ensure
18 a consistent level of basic protections statewide from exposure
19 to secondhand smoke; and
20

21 WHEREAS, Act 295, however, provided an exemption for state
22 correctional facilities; and
23

24 WHEREAS, smoking in prison is delivering toxic chemicals to
25 a, literally, captive audience; and
26

27 WHEREAS, inmates who choose not to smoke are unable to
28 remove themselves from areas where smokers are and guards cannot
29 abandon their posts to avoid the secondhand smoke; and



1 WHEREAS, inmates incarcerated in Hawaii's jails and prisons
2 and the employees who guard them also deserve protection from
3 the lethal effects of secondhand smoke; now, therefore,
4

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
7 Session of 2008, that the Department of Public Safety and
8 Department of Human Services are urged to institute a complete
9 ban on smoking in all state correctional facilities; and
10

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Public
13 Safety, Director of Human Services, and Director of Health.
14
15
16

OFFERED BY:

Tom Browne

John M. Mays

[Signature]

[Signature]
Kal Bush

Kirk Caldwell

[Signature]

Marilyn Mayes
Maui B. Lee

J. M. Karaman
[Signature]

[Signature]

Rida T.R. Casanilla

[Signature]

FEB 22 2008

