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S. B. 1263, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, RELATING TO TATTOO ARTISTS

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
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**April 1, 2009
2:00 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department appreciates the changes made to this bill but cannot
2 support it at this time due to the fiscal implications and budget uncertainties.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Approval of additional positions and training funds will be needed in order
4 for the Department of Health to administer this bill.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The bill seeks to provide licenses to unlicensed tattoo artists
6 participating in tattoo conventions or events outside of tattoo establishments and proposes to allow
7 temporary tattoo establishment permits to be issued to these conventions and events. The bill also seeks
8 to rectify deficiencies in statutes that regulate tattoo artists.

9 As requested by the legislature the department collaborated with the tattoo industry in
10 developing and establishing the changes in this measure and many of our suggested changes were
11 incorporated in the current amendments, and for that we are very grateful. If the bill moves forward, for
12 clarification purposes we would like to suggest the following additions to the bill: On page 4, line 16,
13 add "or suspended" after unrevoked. On page 6, line 2, add "or suspended" after unrevoked.

14 In light of budget cuts and the aforementioned fiscal implications the department cannot support
15 this bill at this time. The department regrets it would not be able to adequately implement the changes

1 necessitated by this measure and add new responsibilities to existing programs that will be affected by
2 these budget cuts.

3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Dear Finance Committee:

I am writing in reference to SB 1263 which is an update of the current Hawaii Tattoo Regulations. As a licensed tattooist, a board member of both the Alliance of Professional Tattooists and the National Tattoo Association and a 28 year veteran of the trade I am in support of this bill.

As part of the coalition that penned the original bill I believe our regulations are long overdue for updating. The health issues of today coupled with the popularity of tattooing warrant adapting our state's obligation to protect the health of our people.

This bill covers all forms of tattooing: modern electric, traditional (hand tap) and cosmetic. As blood born pathogens know NO boundaries it is imperative that we give the Health Department the proper authority to oversee body invasive procedures.

This bill increases licensing and inspection funding for the Department of Health to alleviate costs incurred for site inspections, testing and other expenses. It allows for trade shows and educational exhibits under the right health related constraints. There are allowances for visiting practitioners to meet our state requirements which not only will bring in added revenue in licensing but also allow guest appearances which abide by the law to which we follow.

Thank you for your considerations,

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Testimony
Finance Committee Hearing
2:00 pm, Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Chair: Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro
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Support of SB1263, SD2 HD2 Relating to the permitting of tattoo shops and licensure of tattoo artists.

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Thank you for hearing this bill and for the opportunity to testify. This testimony is on behalf of a coalition of twenty two licensed tattooists, five medical practitioners, and twenty five community members.

The Department of Health (DOH) has questioned their ability to regulate tattooing in light of the State's current fiscal condition and possible staff cutbacks. We strongly believe that due to the serious health risks involved, tattooing must be properly regulated, and that the current regulations must be brought up to date. In order to help compensate for likely budget cuts, the tattoo community is in support of substantial increases in fees for both permits and licenses. In addition, new revenue will be generated from temporary licenses and permits.

The increased fees we have suggested for tattoo permits and licensure will generate approximately \$55,000 annually, whereas current fee structures generate about \$15,000 annually. This is an increase of approximately \$40,000 annually. Also, new measures proposed in this bill will allow for alternative tests and courses in lieu of the State administered exam, which is now a requirement. The alternative test options for licensure will reduce the current workload for DOH staff. Therefore, we believe that this bill will ensure public health while providing funding to administer the program with minimal impact to the operations at the DOH.

Although we are quite pleased with the bill as it now stands, both our coalition and the DOH staff would like to see one addition, if at all possible. On page 6, following line 10, as part of Section 321-376, the fees for licenses are not included. Perhaps the following could be added as a subsection:

- (1) The fee for initial licensing is \$125 to be submitted by the deadlines established by the Director.
- (2) Renewals are due biennially in even numbered years, and is \$75 for the 2 year period. These fees may be increased by not more than \$10 annually.

Currently the fees are \$75 for initial licensing and \$7.50 biennially for renewals and are specified in administrative rules, but this is substantially below the licensing fees in any other state, and we unanimously believe should be increased.

We tremendously appreciate your time and consideration, and urge you to pass SB1263.

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in support of SB1263 with specified revisions

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