

March 18, 2011
3:00pm
Conference Room 229

To: The Honorable Sen. Josh Green, M.D., Chair
The Honorable Sen. Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Health

From: Paula Arcena, Director of Public Policy

Re: HB1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1267, HD1 which makes appropriations to provide for health services and programs and directs an additional portion of Tobacco Settlement Funds into the general fund.

AlohaCare is **opposed** to HB1267.

We understand the legislature is exploring all possible means to addressing our current State deficit. This is especially urgent now with the expectation that our economic recovery will be slow with the recent devastation Japan is experiencing from the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, which has a negative impact on our tourism industry.

While we appreciate the tough decisions the legislature is facing, we oppose HB1267 for a number of reasons:

1. *Contracts Settlement Agreement* – It contradicts the commitment the State made when it agreed to participate in the settlement with major tobacco companies to recover damages for tobacco-related health care costs paid by taxpayers and we believe reducing tobacco prevention and control funding will have a long-term negative impact on the State.
2. *Negative Long-term Consequences* – Long term we are highly concerned that reduced tobacco prevention and control programs will lead to higher Medicaid costs. These programs have been important to improving the health of Hawaii's residents and saving the State money. Between 2002 and 2008, Hawaii adult smokers decreased by 42,300 smokers. This saved an estimated \$402 million in direct medical costs, of which \$53.9 million is attributed to Medicaid costs. Therefore, \$58.6 million spent on tobacco prevention and control, yielded the State a \$402 million cost savings over 2002-2008.
3. *Eliminates Sole Funding for Health Programs* – This bill will reduce the sole source of funding available for obesity prevention, and chronic disease prevention, management and control programs in the Department of Health.

AlohaCare is a non-profit, Hawaii based health plan founded in 1994 by Hawaii's community health centers to serve low-income families and medically vulnerable members of our community through government sponsored health insurance programs. We serve beneficiaries of Medicaid and Medicare on all islands. AlohaCare has been contracted by the Hawaii Department of Human Services since the QUEST program started in 1994 to provide insurance coverage for Medicaid eligible beneficiaries through the QUEST program. We serve approximately 75,000 QUEST enrollees statewide.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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Alex Santiago

DATE: March 18, 2011

TO: Senator Josh Green, M. D. Chair, Senate Committee on Health,
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair,

FROM: Alexander C. Santiago, Executive Director
PHOCUSED (Protecting Hawai'i's Ohana, Children, UnderServed,
Elderly and Disabled)

RE: SB 1267

Aloha Senator Green, Senator Nishihara and Members of the
Senate Committee on Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition
to this measure.

During these extraordinarily difficult fiscal times it is easy to
understand the desire to look at everything and anything to
balance the budget. The concern we have is this is again a
shortsighted effort to divert funds into the general fund to help
shore up the budget

We have heard our Governor say that structural changes are
needed to deal with the challenges we are facing not just today
but well into the future. This is not a structural change.

If there is a desire to increase the general fund budget, other
more progressive strategies should be used.

While we understand that the health and human services safety
net must be protected and restored, we humbly ask that we do so
with a more long term view than is being asked for in this bill.

Thank you,

Alex Santiago
Executive director,
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Testimony for HTH 3/18/2011 3:00:00 PM HB1267

Conference room: 229
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. It saves lives. It saves money. We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. We receive this funding now because the Legislature promised to fund tobacco prevention to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs borne by our taxpayers.

Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for HTH 3/18/2011 3:00:00 PM HB1267

Conference room: 229
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:

Testimony From:

May Okihiro, MD, MS

- Pediatrician, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
- Director, Hawaii Initiative for Childhood Obesity Research and Education
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Title of Bill: HB 1267 HD1

Position: Oppose

Chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and stroke are among the most common, most costly and preventable health problems. Pediatricians are now seeing evidence of these chronic diseases in adolescents in Hawaii.

The Tobacco Settlement Special Fund is unfortunately the only source of state funding directed at a key long-term solution to our healthcare crisis - chronic disease and tobacco prevention and control. The diversion of funds proposed by this bill would siphon away funds essential to these programs and, in the long run, impact children and our most vulnerable families and communities in Hawaii.

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Subject: Strong Opposition to SB1267, HD1

James E. Drorbaugh, MD. Board Member, Blueprint For Change
Measure: HB1267, HD1, Relating to Health Care
Committee on Health

Sen. Josh Green, MD, Chair

Sen. Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Date: Friday, March 18, 2011

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Room 229

Testimony in strong opposition to HB1267, HD1

Good afternoon, Senator Green and Senator Nishihara,

I am on the Board of Blueprint For Change, a non-profit which supports prevention of child abuse and neglect through family strengthening in five Neighborhood Places; Kona and Puna on the Big Island, Wailuku on Maui and Kalihi and Waianae on Oahu. Over the past three years our funding has been cut by 30%. We are barely holding on and our hopes for the coming fiscal year are focused on the use of the Rainy Day Trust Fund.

We do prevention and, in the long run, this will save the State in treatment expenses many times the amount in dollars which we use now.

The Rainy Day Trust Fund was created by the Legislature because of its experience in a previous economic downturn when funds to support social services were short. The very sound reasoning was that we should save up in good times so that we would have the funds to carry us through the tough times.

We are now in very tough times. The foresight of the Legislature in establishing the Rainy Day Trust Fund should be allowed to play out. The funds will enable us to get through these hard times without cutting services for those in the most need. The funds should not be patched in to the needs of the General Fund.

My testimony is in strong opposition to the passage of HB1267, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

James E. Drorbaugh, MD
Board Member, Blueprint For Change

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Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

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Please do not back down on this promise. We can't afford to have the next generation suffer any burden or harms because of tobacco. Our tobacco prevention efforts ensure this. I ask that you hold this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for HTH 3/18/2011 3:00:00 PM HB1267

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Testifier will be present: Yes
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.(Josh),

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Please lets not go backwards. Our education is finally making a gain in decreasing the number of children smoking!!!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Dawn

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Comments:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

I am opposed to all cuts to funding for tobacco prevention and control. I urge you to hold HB 1267, HD 1 in Committee.

Tobacco prevention works. Over thirty years ago I discouraged myself from the temptation to smoke as a young boy, after suffering from the effects of second-hand smoking for years. I now encourage my own son at the same tender age with the message that the best way to quit is not to start.

It saves lives. Having seen my other wise robust friends of various ages die of emphysema and lung cancer, I encourage others around me of all ages to not smoke in order to prolong their lives and the lives of their children.

It saves money. If someone had put away the habit for half the years he had been smoking, he would easily have paid off his mortgage years ago. And now he wonders how I can afford to ride around on my two Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Using roughly the same amount of money that he had spent on tobacco of course!

We cannot afford to cut funding for these critical programs. Prevention starts at the tender early age of a young schoolboy or girl. My own life attests to that, as well as the encouragement my young son has gotten from both myself and this program. Peer pressure and other stresses on a child can be turned into positive reinforcement. I also have learned about specific health detriments and benefits from the providers of this program.

We can't afford to have the next generation needlessly suffer because of tobacco usage. The tobacco prevention effort, coupled with other positive reinforcement, ensures this. I request that you hold this measure and continue to save our children's precious lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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RESENDING:

This is the testimony of Phyllis Dendle, Director, Government Relations for Kaiser Permanente. for the hearing of the Senate Committee on Health March 18, 2011 3:00 pm in room 229 on **HB 1267 HD1 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE**
Thank you for your assistance.

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Aloha,
This is the testimony of Phyllis Dendle, Director, Government Relations for Kaiser Permanente. for the hearing of the Senate Committee on Health March 18, 2011 3:00 pm in room 229 on **HB 1267 HD1 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE**
Thank you for your assistance.

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Testimony for HTH 3/18/2011 3:00:00 PM HB1267

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Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:

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Subject: Testimony in Opposition to HB 1267 HD 1

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Members, Senate Committee on Health.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 18, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care
Health Committee Hearing; March 18th, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators,

My name is Amanda Victorino. I am 18 years old and a member of REAL: Hawaii's Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry. I am writing to you because I want the Tobacco Trust Fund to continue for the purpose of tobacco prevention.

The tobacco industry makes money by targeting youth without concern for the fact that the products they are selling to us, such as candy flavored tobacco, are extremely hazardous to our health. By preserving the Tobacco Trust Fund for tobacco prevention, groups such as REAL can continue to work against the tobacco industry to stop their youth-targeting tactics and prevent tobacco use in Hawaii. Without this important funding, we would see an increase in tobacco use and an increase in targeting of youth by tobacco companies.

Please make a difference in many people's lives by keeping the Tobacco Trust Fund at the current level to help prevent tobacco use in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB 1267.

Thank you very much,

Amanda Victorino
REAL Member
Kapolei, Hawaii

March 18th, 2011

To: Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Committee on Health
Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on Health
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1267, HD1 Relating to Health Care
Health Committee Hearing; March 18th, 2011 at 3:00 pm; Room 229

Dear Legislators,

I am Ashley Hudson from Maui, Hawaii. I am 17 years old and currently attend Baldwin High School. I am a Special Projects Leader from REAL, Hawaii's youth led movement to expose the lies and manipulations of the tobacco industry. I am writing you because I am strongly opposed to HB 1267.

In REAL, we do presentations to help teens see the effects the tobacco industry has on youth through advertising. Here on Maui we do a lot of work to educate teens on the lies tobacco companies are using. REAL is a good campaign and I hope it continues. But we rely on funds from the Tobacco Trust fund to keep our campaign alive. Cuts to the Fund will result in less tobacco prevention programs like REAL.

Please help us by opposing HB 1267. Hawaii's tobacco trust fund benefits the youth of Maui and affects all of our lives. If the prevention programs get cut, smoking rates in Hawaii will increase and there will have to be more money spent to reverse tobacco's damages in the future.

Thanks,
Ashley Hudson
Maui