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**Testimony of  
CARTY S. CHANG  
Interim Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

**Monday, April 6, 2015  
9:25 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 525, HOUSE DRAFT 2, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO STATE PARKS**

House Bill 525, House Draft 2, Senate Draft 1 proposes to prohibit smoking, the use of electronic smoking devices, and the use of tobacco products within the state park system and requires posting of signage. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following amendments**

**§184- Smoking or use of tobacco products prohibited.** (a) Within the state park system, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in:

- (1) Smoking; or
- (2) The use of tobacco products; provided that the department may designate areas where this section shall not apply.

(b) Clearly legible signs shall be conspicuously posted at each park and shall include the words "Smoking or Use of Tobacco Products Prohibited by Law" [~~with letters of not less than one inch in height~~].

The Department has some concerns related to costs for replacement signage, flexibility in sign postings, and exclusive use areas. The Department currently uses the American National Standard Institute standards for sign design pursuant to the Department's rules and feels the specified text size should be removed. There are currently designated areas that the Department may allow smoking that are part of the kuleana of the Division of State Parks and allowing the Department to designate the areas where the prohibition of smoking or the use of tobacco products shall not apply would assist the Department in maintaining current practices in those areas. In addition, the capacity of the Department to provide meaningful enforcement of the prohibition provision is limited in light of staffing shortages and other ongoing priorities.

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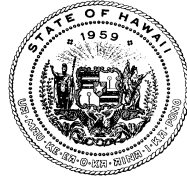
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The Department recognizes that most people who visit our state parks expect to experience the natural, cultural, or scenic resources and the clean fresh air. Tobacco smoke mars this experience.

The Department supports this measure with the amendments. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**WRITTEN ONLY**

**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB0525, HD2, SD1  
RELATING TO STATE PARKS**

SENATOR GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Hearing Date: April 6, 2015

Room Number: 016

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports HB0525, HD2, SD1  
3 which prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco products including electronic smoking devices  
4 (ESDs) within the state park system. The DOH recommends the use of the definition of tobacco  
5 product that has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General. The DOH also defers to  
6 the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) regarding their request for flexibility in  
7 sign posting, and the need for exclusions for specially leased areas where tobacco use  
8 prohibitions may not apply.

9 The DOH acknowledges the intent of this measure to uphold and expand healthy social  
10 norms by prohibiting smoking and tobacco use in public places. Smoke-free and tobacco-free  
11 environments positively influence tobacco use behaviors. According to the Centers for Disease  
12 Control and Prevention (CDC), there is strong evidence that smoke-free policies reduce tobacco  
13 use among youth. Movement toward policies that prohibit tobacco use where many residents  
14 and tourists visit for recreation will help dissociate the act of smoking from healthy lifestyles.

15 Creating smoke-free or tobacco-free parks is an important step toward protecting the  
16 public from involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS) and the toxic effects of tobacco  
17 litter. In parks and beaches, most cigarette butts end up in the sand, grassy areas, or parking lots,  
18 presenting potentially serious health risks to children and pets due to ingestion and choking.  
19 Discarded cigarette butts leach toxic chemicals into the ground and waterways, damaging the  
20 ecosystem and threatening the longevity of the natural environment. In 2013, the National

1 Poison Control Center reported 5,509 cases of children under the age of 5 years ingesting  
2 cigarettes and cigarette butts in the United States. The Center receives between 15 to 23 calls  
3 from Hawaii each year for this age group.

4 The introduction of this bill capitalizes on the momentum already begun on the county  
5 level. Community organizations and students have demonstrated strong belief in this cause to  
6 protect health and the environment by eliminating smoking and toxic, tobacco-related litter  
7 where people live, work, and play.

8 HB0525, HD2, SD1 does not allow for designation of areas where tobacco products may  
9 be used. While the DOH has not supported provisions for designated smoking (or tobacco use)  
10 areas, the Department defers to the DLNR regarding the need to exclude privately leased areas.  
11 The DOH further defers to the DLNR's request for flexibility in sign posting, as long as smoking  
12 prohibition information is prominent and conspicuous.

13 **Offered Amendments:** The DOH recommends expanding the following definitions for  
14 consistency to those approved by the State Attorney General:

15 "Tobacco product" to be codified in the singular case:

16 "Tobacco product" means any product made or derived from tobacco, that contains  
17 nicotine or other substances, and is intended for human consumption or is likely to be  
18 consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, or ingested by  
19 any other means, including, but not limited to, a cigarette, cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing  
20 tobacco, snuff, snus, or an electronic smoking device. "Tobacco product" does not include  
21 drugs, devices, or combination products approved for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug  
22 Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

23 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### Written Only Testimony

Submitted to the

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Monday, April 6, 2015 at 9:25 am

By

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and

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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

HB 525 HD2 SD1 – RELATING TO STATE PARKS

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports this bill.

The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center is one of only 68 institutions in the United States that hold the prestigious National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, and is the only NCI-designated center in the Pacific. The NCI designation provides greater access to federal funding and research opportunities, and gives the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific region access to innovative and potentially life-saving clinical trials without the necessity of traveling to the mainland.

Our passion at the UH Cancer Center is to be a world leader in eliminating cancer through research, education and improved patient care. Because tobacco consumption is a leading preventable cause of cancer, we take all issues related to tobacco very seriously. We have always supported strong tobacco control measures in Hawai'i.

With regard to electronic smoking devices, our perspective is informed by data recently obtained from Hawai'i adolescents and young adults who are participants in original research conducted by our own faculty. This research is vital to gaining an evidence-based understanding of what drives acceptance of this emerging technology, what users believe regarding its safety, and what the consequences are for adolescents, whose brains are particularly susceptible to nicotine.

Research conducted in Hawai'i high schools by Thomas Wills, PhD, has confirmed that rates of e-cigarette use by Hawai'i adolescents are at least double the rate of e-cigarette use observed in studies of mainland adolescents. Furthermore, his study published in the peer-reviewed journal *Pediatrics* clarified a reason why e-cigarette use is growing nationally among teens, as his data suggest that e-cigarettes may be operating to recruit lower-risk adolescents to smoking. And recently Pallav Pokhrel, PhD, and Thaddeus Herzog, PhD, published on the topic of e-cigarettes and motivation to quit

smoking. Drs. Pokhrel and Herzog also assessed differences between smokers who used e-cigarettes to quit versus those who used FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy. Additionally, these researchers have published on the effects of e-cigarette marketing on harm perceptions, as well as e-cigarette use expectancies and their impact on e-cigarette use among young adults.

As scientific research on electronic smoking devices progresses, we will have a stronger basis to adjust laws according to evidence. At the present time, however, caution is warranted. As others have noted, the FDA currently does not regulate e-cigarettes, and thus the consumer has no assurances regarding e-cigarette ingredients. Further, because of the novelty of e-cigarettes, the long term effects of using these devices are unknown. A further concern, not often discussed, is the potential for electronic smoking devices to be used as drug delivery devices for substances other than nicotine.

We respectfully urge you to pass this bill.



To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Lyndsey Garcia, Policy & Advocacy Director

Date: April 2, 2015

Hrg: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor; Monday, April 6, 2015 at 9:25AM, Room 016

Re: **Strong Support and Recommendations for HB 525, HD2, SD1, Relating to State Parks**

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Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in **strong support of HB 525, HD2, SD1, which prohibits the use of tobacco, including electronic smoking devices (ESDs), in our state parks.**

The Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawai`i (Coalition) is a program of the Hawai`i Public Health Institute working to reduce tobacco use through education, policy and advocacy. Our program consists of over 100 member organizations and 2,000 advocates that work to create a healthy Hawai`i through comprehensive tobacco prevention and control efforts.

**The Coalition recommends consistency with House Bill 940's definition of "tobacco products"**

HB 525, HD2, adds a new section to Chapter 184, Hawai`i Revised Statutes, which states that "Within the state park system, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in: (1) Smoking; or (2) The use of tobacco products..." and includes "use of an electronic smoking device" within the definition of "Smoking."

The Coalition recommends that the definition of "tobacco products" be consistent with that of House Bill 940 HD1 as that language has been reviewed by the State Department of Health and State Attorney General's office.

**The Coalition recommends allowing an exemption for exclusive use areas.**

It has come to the attention of the Coalition that "exclusive use" areas exist within certain state parks such as leased areas with residential structures away from public areas. Understanding the need for the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to be flexible in those circumstances, the Coalition recommends the underlined language be added to Section 1 of the measure:

“...(2) The use of tobacco products;  
provided that the department may designate exclusive use areas where this section shall not apply.”

**The Coalition recommends a justification section be added to this measure.**



The section should explain DLNR's intention of exempting exclusive use areas with residential structures on certain leased areas of state park land as well as other specific circumstances where the health of the public would not be affected by secondhand smoke.

### **Statewide support for prohibiting the use of tobacco in Hawai'i's parks.**

Currently, three out of four counties have enacted smoke-free parks and beaches laws. Hawai'i County's parks and beaches went tobacco-free in 2008.<sup>1</sup> A few years later, all Honolulu City and County parks and beaches became smoke-free on January 1, 2014.<sup>2</sup> Maui County followed later that year with tobacco-free parks and beaches.<sup>3</sup> We commend the lawmakers that passed these laws and support furthering their efforts through making a policy for all state parks.

SMS research conducted an independent poll in 2014 that shows overwhelming support, with **78%** of registered voters supporting statewide smoke-free public beaches and parks.

### **Secondhand smoke has killed 2.5 million Americans and should be eliminated.**

Secondhand smoke is dangerous; the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary U.S. Surgeon General Report released on January 17, 2014 states that any level of exposure to secondhand smoke is dangerous and can be harmful and over 2.5 million people have died from secondhand smoke.<sup>4</sup> The International Agency for Research on Cancer and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency both note that environmental tobacco smoke (or secondhand smoke) is carcinogenic to humans. Secondhand smoke contains 7,000 identifiable chemicals, 69 of which are known or probable carcinogens.

Growing scientific evidence shows that secondhand smoke has a harmful effect on air quality in some outdoor settings. Studies have shown that when people are in close proximity to each other, the levels of exposure to secondhand smoke can be comparable to secondhand smoke levels measured within enclosed spaces.<sup>5</sup> By passing HB 525, HD2, SD1, exposure to secondhand smoke will decrease, protecting the public health of residents and tourists alike. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lyndsey Garcia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lyndsey Garcia  
Policy and Advocacy Director

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<sup>1</sup> Hawai'i County Code, 14-21b.

<sup>2</sup> ROH 41-21.3 amended by Bill 25 (2013) CD2 RD 1

<sup>3</sup> Maui County Code 13.040.20 amended by Ord 4120

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2014). "The Health Consequences of Smoking – 50 Years of Progress: A Report of the Surgeon General." Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health.

<sup>5</sup> Global Smokefree Partnership. (2009). "The Trend Toward Smokefree Outdoor Areas." Accessed from <http://www.globalsmokefree.com/gsp/resources/recurso.php?id=225> on May 6, 2013.



**Testimony in Strong Opposition to HB525.**

THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, April 06, 2015

TIME: 9:25 am

PLACE: Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Dear Honorable Chair and Committee members,

The Hawaii Smokers Alliance strongly opposes HB525. This type of outdoor smoking ban has already proven to be an unenforceable and bigoted failure in county parks. With perhaps the exception of the heavily policed Waikiki beach and Hanauma Bay, compliance to these types of bans is close to 0%.

HB525 lacks any sound scientific basis that outdoor tobacco smoke could harm somebody. What is more it seeks to ban electronic smoking. Electronic smoke vapor has NOT BEEN FOUND to pose any significant risk to others by the FDA as of 2015, despite years of pressure from drug companies to do so. Yes, years gone by and the FDA still hasn't been able to formally find fault in vaping products that would warrant a ban. In addition, it would be extremely rare for a person to litter an expensive vaping device that cost \$50 or \$100.

Please do not allow this unjust measure to pass out of your committee.

Respectfully, Michael Zehner – Co-chair of the Hawaii Smokers Alliance



April 3, 2015

To: Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, & Committee Members of Judiciary & Labor (JDL)  
Re: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, SD1 Relating to State Parks  
Hrg: Mon., 4/7, at 9:25 am, Room 016

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of HB 525, HD2, SD1. As the Hawaiian Islands Manager of the Surfrider Foundation, I have worked with our five chapters and a broad coalition to help pass county bills for Smoke- & Tobacco-Free Beaches. Surprisingly, we received almost no push-back after their passage. Now, with successful bills on the Big Island, Oahu and Maui, we would like to work with you to create a more consistent statewide policy that will not only reduce the huge amounts of litter on our beaches but also protects beachgoers, children and marine life from the toxic effects of cigarette butts and second-hand smoke.

As a former smoker myself, I know how addictive cigarettes can be. I strongly support extending the ban on tobacco products to all of Hawaii's state park system. Regarding DLNR's concerns about enforcement, similar laws have been successful with signage & self-enforcement. As for signage, organizations like ours will work with government agencies (as we did on Oahu) to create a public education and awareness campaign.

As founding members of the Rise Above Plastics (RAP) Coalition (whose members include Styrophobia, Conservation Council for Hawaii, Sustainable Coastlines, Surfrider and Kokua Hawaii Foundation), we believe all parks within the state should be tobacco-free. Cigarette butts are the most littered items in Hawaii and across the country, and we find thousands of them at our monthly beach cleanups around the state.

In fact, on Sat., 1/31/15, Surfrider and the Rise Above Plastics (RAP) Coalition hosted a series of RAP Cleanups around the state and collected more than 15,000 cigarette butts and 3400 pieces of other plastic debris! At a similar cleanup last year on Maui, students and volunteers picked up more than 14,500 in less than two hours. Most people don't realize that cigarette butts are made of plastic, endure in the environment for years and have many known carcinogens, which are toxic to marine creatures and small children who ingest them.

Along with the toxic effects of cigarette butts, we hope to reduce secondhand tobacco smoke. I grew up with parents who smoked and still experience health issues like chronic sore throats. A 2014 SMS poll showed that the public overwhelmingly supports smoking bans in our parks (78% of registered voters polled). **Working with the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), we would like to add an amendment that defers to DLNR to exclude certain designated "exclusive use areas" (ie., long-term leases) from the ban.**

As members of the RAP Coalition, we urge you to pass HB 525 in order to protect residents, tourists, children and wildlife from exposure to secondhand smoke and toxic cigarette butts. This bill will also help keep our beaches, parks and coastal areas cleaner and healthier, while reducing the labor and costs for state and county agencies and groups like ours who have to clean them up! Mahalo for your consideration and leadership on this issue and let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Stuart Coleman  
Stuart H. Coleman  
Hawaii Coordinator

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# Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawai'i

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DATE: 4th April, 2015

TO: Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Maile Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labour

FROM: Suzanne Frazer, President, Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawai'i

RE: **TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 525 HD2 SD1**  
Relating to State Parks. Prohibiting smoking and the use of tobacco products within the state park system.

Committee meeting on Monday 6th April, 2015 at 9:25AM in room 016.

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawai'i (B.E.A.C.H.) in strong support of HB525 HD2 SD1 which will ban smoking and tobacco use throughout Hawai'i's state park system. Thank you for hearing this bill and many thanks to Rep. Evans and Rep. Ing for introducing this bill and to the Senate committees on Health, Water and Land, and House committees on Judiciary, Water and Land, and Health for moving this bill through their respective committees. We hope that you will also pass this bill as this is a very needed law.

I recently visited state parks on O'ahu, Kaua'i and Maui and found them littered with cigarette butts and stinking of cigarette smoke. I along with one other person, picked up a total of 7323 cigarette butts in 3 parks and found butts littered right next to rubbish bins as well as throughout the park - stubbed out on trees, under picnic tables, in the sand etc. There is a vast difference now between Hawai'i's state parks and the cleaner, healthier County parks where smoking has been banned. The County parks are free of smoke and the huge amounts of cigarette butt litter. The bans are working very successfully resulting in a healthier environment for all.

Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawai'i (B.E.A.C.H.) supported the ban of tobacco at all beaches and parks in Maui County and the bans of smoking at all beaches and parks in Honolulu and Hawai'i Counties.

Education has been a key factor in the successful implementation of the new law on O'ahu. B.E.A.C.H. organized 4 meetings which brought together the Director and staff members of the City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation, the Hawai'i State Department of Health Tobacco Prevention and Education Program, the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i, Surfrider Foundation, Sustainable Coastlines, the Honolulu Police Department and B.E.A.C.H. to collaborate on an educational approach to the implementation of the new smoking bans at beaches and parks on O'ahu.

Implementation included the following:

- B.E.A.C.H. had educational booths at outreach events in the months leading up to the new law starting and organized a series of outreach events at beaches as soon as they became smoke-free. B.E.A.C.H. outreach volunteers educated beach goers, giving out information at educational booths while other volunteers did beach clean-ups removing cigarette butts and other litter from beaches for a clean start to the new law.
- temporary signs were used by the park department and lifeguards until the new metal signs arrived. Graphic design of sign donated by B.E.A.C.H.
- smoke-free stickers were put on rubbish bins at all Honolulu City and County parks. The stickers were created and funded by Hawai'i State Department of Health.
- decals on existing signs - the Department of Parks and Recreation added smoking to the list of activities prohibited on existing signs with the same size lettering as other prohibited activities.
- metal signs with international smoke-free logo were placed on existing poles and located at the entrance to parks where everyone will see it by the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- media news stories (Olelo, Green Magazine, Honolulu Star Advertiser, KITV4 News, KHON2 News, Hawai'i News Now and various online media including Hawai'i Reporter).
- bus posters in all county buses for over a year now. The Hawai'i State Department of Health paid for printing and B.E.A.C.H., Surfrider Foundation, Sustainable Coastlines and the Coalition for Tobacco-Free Hawai'i all applied to have the posters displayed in the bus. Installation fee funded by the Coalition for Tobacco-Free Hawai'i. Graphic design donated by B.E.A.C.H.
- posters distributed to all county parks. Graphic design donated by B.E.A.C.H. and printing cost donated by Coalition for Tobacco-Free Hawai'i.
- "Celebrate Our New Smoke-Free Beaches" banners created and funded by the Hawai'i State Department of Health for use by organizations.
- B.E.A.C.H. developed a webpage with educational materials including a downloadable flyer designed by B.E.A.C.H. as well as information about the new law:  
[www.b-e-a-c-h.org/smoke-free-beaches-oahu.html](http://www.b-e-a-c-h.org/smoke-free-beaches-oahu.html)
- 11000 rack cards were distributed by B.E.A.C.H. volunteers to hotels, hostels, taxi drivers, tour operators, language schools, universities, shops/businesses, organizations, lifeguards, police, media and to the general public at outreach events and beach clean-up events reaching both residents and visitors. Printing cost donated by Surfrider Foundation. Graphic design donated by B.E.A.C.H.
- flyer for use by City and County Parks staff to give out with permit applications so groups using the park have the information about the new law. Graphic design donated by B.E.A.C.H.

B.E.A.C.H. also assisted with implementation of the new Maui County tobacco-free beaches and parks law, educating the public at outreach events, developing educational materials and a webpage:  
[www.b-e-a-c-h.org/smoke-free-beaches-maui.html](http://www.b-e-a-c-h.org/smoke-free-beaches-maui.html). B.E.A.C.H. will help support the implementation of HB525 educating the public about tobacco-free state parks.

Smoking is a health issue in regards to second-hand smoke and it is also a health issue for young children who can die or become poisoned from the ingestion of cigarette butts. Hydrogen cyanide, arsenic and formaldehyde are just some of the up to 4000 dangerous chemicals that are in used cigarette butts that litter beaches. Butts can also smolder up to 3hrs when they are dropped and still lit. No other plastic item littered on beaches releases toxic smoke.

Many parks also include shorelines and cigarette butts pose a health hazard for fish and other marine life. When cigarette butts wash into the ocean, toxic chemicals and nicotine (one of the most lethal natural insecticides on the planet) leach out of the butts within an hour of contact with water, killing fish. So cigarette butts aren't just any litter and this is not just an aesthetic problem - one concerning dirty parks. Cigarette butts are dangerous, toxic litter that are especially harmful to young children, fish and other marine life.

Cigarette butts are the number one, most littered plastic item. They are made from cellulose acetate - a type of plastic and plastic does not biodegrade. It does not have a timeline for disappearing. Plastic lasts forever. When plastic gets into the ocean it accumulates additional poisons such as dioxins and other persistent organic pollutants. Fish, whales, sea turtles, sea birds and other marine life are ingesting plastic in the ocean. We need to do everything we can to reduce plastic litter throughout Hawai'i's state park system and in the ocean in order to protect Hawai'i's marine life.

A smoking ban at all state parks in Hawai'i will make a huge difference, resulting in cleaner parks and a healthier environment for all - residents, visitors and marine life. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in strong support of HB525 HD2 SD1.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Frazer.  
President, B.E.A.C.H.

Please see attached photos of:

- signs at Ala Moana Beach Park on existing poles with internationally recognized smoke-free symbol and one inch size lettering
- sign at Kuhio Beach, Waikiki showing smoking decal which was added to existing prohibited activities signs
- rubbish bins at Ala Moana Beach Park with smoke-free stickers
- smoke-free beaches and parks bus poster on a City and County of Honolulu bus
- smoke-free beaches and parks educational materials
- educational booths on O'ahu and Maui



*Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawai'i is an all volunteer, non-profit organization that brings awareness and solutions to marine debris through environmental education; plastic reduction/litter prevention campaigns; and marine debris removal and research; in order to inspire actions by individuals and the community that protect Hawai'i's marine life, sea birds and ocean/coastal environment.*



City and County of Honolulu signs were placed on existing sign poles often on the back of other signs or on buildings or other structures so no new poles were needed.



Signs were placed at the entrances to parks to ensure that everyone sees them as they enter the park. The smoke-free symbol (which is internationally recognized) is necessary to ensure that non-english speaking people are aware of the new law.



Smoking was added as a decal onto existing prohibited activity signs at City and County of Honolulu beaches and parks.



“Mahalo for not smoking” stickers with no smoking logo were put on rubbish bins in City and County of Honolulu beaches and parks.



Smoke-free beaches and parks bus poster. Designed by B.E.A.C.H.



Smoke-free beaches and parks educational materials from L: permit flyer for groups, printable flyer (available on B.E.A.C.H. website), rack cards, poster. All materials designed by B.E.A.C.H.



B.E.A.C.H. outreach at Kuhio Beach, Waikiki, September, 2013 - educating the public about the new smoke-free beaches (Waikiki, Ala Moana and Sandy Beach became smoke-free in 2013) and the upcoming island-wide ban which started in January 2014.



B.E.A.C.H. doing outreach at the Maui Earth Day Festival, April 2014 - educating the public about the new Maui County law banning tobacco at all beaches and parks.

Rafael Bergstrom  
Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter  
House Bill 525: Smoke Free State Parks  
Committee: JDL  
April 2nd, 9:45AM  
In Strong Support

Aloha Members of Senate JDL Committee,

I am writing to voice my strong support for House Bill 525, the establishment of smoke free State Parks. I have spent the last two years volunteering and working for the Surfrider Foundation after finishing my masters in Environmental Management at UH. During my time in Hawai'i I have witnessed the profound amount of litter that is dumped on our beautiful island; cigarette butts are some of the most prevalent forms of this public waste. On January 31<sup>st</sup> as part of a statewide beach cleanup, the Oahu Chapter of Surfrider and its volunteers collected over 5000 cigarette butts in a little over an hour and half at Oneula Beach Park. Around the State the numbers reached over 15,000 butts in a short period of time. These are coming only from the beaches that we cleaned, when multiplied across the island's beaches and parks as a whole the numbers would be staggering and quite frankly – disgusting.

We are all well aware at this point of the detriments of smoking cigarettes as they contain nasty chemicals that are not only harmful to our own health, but also the health of the environment. Those facts are not debated anymore. However, I understand that we still need to protect our personal freedoms, even if that may be someone's choice to smoke and harm themselves. There was a time in my life when I may not have appreciated this bill, but having seen the amount of toxic litter that ends up in our storm drains and on our beaches, I have to believe that we will be better off as a society if we keep smoking off of our beaches and out of our parks. Our counties have begun the process of making the islands smoke free on beaches and parks, but our state can take another step towards a cleaner and healthier future.

Based on recommendations from DLNR, we would like to add an amendment that the Department may designate exclusive use areas where this section shall not apply. We also defer to the Dept. regarding the size of lettering on the signs about no tobacco products in the parks.

Cheers,  
Rafael Bergstrom  
Oahu Chapter Coordinator, Surfrider Foundation

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**HB525**

Submitted on: 4/3/2015

Testimony for JDL on Apr 6, 2015 09:25AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alex Abe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm Alex Abe and I oppose this bill strongly.

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DATE: April 3, 2015

TO: Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Maile Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labour

FROM: Alexandra Glenn

RE: **TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB525 HD2 SD1**  
Relating to State Parks. Prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco products.  
Committee meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at 9:25AM in room 016.

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members,

I strongly support HB525 HD2 SD1 which bans smoking and tobacco use in all state parks in Hawai`i.

As a previous smoker I know the negative effects of smoking first hand. Smoking at parks and all public places puts the rest of the public in danger. People who have chosen not to smoke or subject themselves to the toxic chemicals in cigarettes should not be exposed to them through harmful second hand smoke while visiting our beautiful parks, beaches and other public areas. Not only are cigarettes toxic and harmful to humans they are also toxic to our marine life and protected sea birds. I cannot sum up into a rational number the times that I see cigarette butts littered on our island. Please help to protect this island and all of its residents.

Cigarette butts are toxic and harmful to young children who can die or become poisoned from ingesting cigarette butts. There are 4000 dangerous chemicals in used cigarette butts and these chemicals leach out of butts when they wash into the ocean poisoning fish and other marine life.

Cigarette butts are the number one most littered plastic item in Hawai`i parks. They are made from plastic and plastic does not biodegrade. Plastic lasts forever.

In regards to enforcement, there are many smoking bans throughout the state such as the building ban, restaurants, bars, county parks and beaches and there are not extra people employed to enforce these bans. The key is to educate the public about the new law as most smokers would not deliberately break the law. If they know what the law is, they will follow it.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in strong support of HB525 HD2 SD1.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Glenn

**From:** [Alexis Haban](#)  
**To:** [JDL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
**Date:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 11:22:19 AM

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To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair; Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair; and members of the committee

Re: Opposition to HB525

Hearing: JDL, Monday, April 6, 2015, 9:25 am

I oppose bill HB525. The use of e-cigarettes and vapor products at state parks and beaches should not be prohibited. There is no justification for a ban because vapor products do not produce smoke, create no litter, and vapor dissipates quickly outdoors. There are no concerns at all about exposures to bystanders.

Barbecue grills produce plenty of smoke and carcinogens, and car exhaust is far more dangerous than vapor.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Alexis Haban  
Lanai City, HI

**From:** [Alika Spahn Naihe](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
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Alika Spahn Naihe  
Kalihi, Honolulu, HI

**From:** [Amy Castillo](#)  
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Amy Castillo  
Honolulu, HI

**From:** [Andrea Freitas](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
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Andrea Freitas  
aiea, hi

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**HB525**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anthony Orozco	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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**HB525**

Submitted on: 4/3/2015

Testimony for JDL on Apr 6, 2015 09:25AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
April Pacheco	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly Opposed to HB525.

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**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 8:46:44 AM

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Date: April 2, 2015

To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, SD1, Relating to State Parks

Hrg: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor; Monday, April 6th at 9:25AM in Room 016

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of HB 525 HD2 SD1. I strongly support prohibiting the use of tobacco, including electronic smoking devices (ESDs) in Hawai'i's parks. I support this bill because I believe our parks should be tobacco-free. Current laws on the county level do not cover all our parks and do not include ESDs (except in Hawai'i County). ESDs are not FDA approved smoking cessation devices and the aerosol they emit is not harmless water vapor. ESDs are currently unregulated and emit nicotine, ultra-fine particles, and other toxins into the air.

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Mahalo,

Beau Lani Barker

Honolulu, HI

**From:** [Brandy Marcoux](#)  
**To:** [JDL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
**Date:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 6:52:19 PM

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Brandy Marcoux  
Waipahu HI

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Santiago	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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**HB525**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chad Wheeling	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Is this bill designed to just insult people? Who the hell is going to comply?

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Mahalo,

Cheryl Albright

Honolulu, HI

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chris Anton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Don't pass this bill, or at least take electronic cigarettes out of this bill.

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Hearing: JDL, Monday, April 6, 2015, 9:25 am

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Chris kealoha  
aiea, hi

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**HB525**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chris Wells	Individual	Oppose	No

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Christian acosta  
Waipahu HI

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
christopher koke	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cindy Barger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the ban on smoking on state beaches. Hawaii is known for our beautiful beaches. I've been involved with numerous beach cleanups where thousands of cigarette butts have been collected. In addition, I enjoy our beaches as a place for healthy recreation. Being exposed to second hand smoke while trying to recreate ruins the experience and is a threat to my personal health. Please support this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Clayton Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is pointless. 525 won't "protect" the public from anything except from their freedoms. Shame on you guys for letting this bill get as far as it did. Another sad day at 415 Beretania if this bill passes.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dallas Nelson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: So nasty to people that e-smoke. This bill lacks any kind of logic.

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Date: April 2, 2015

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Mahalo,

Dan Domizio

Pahoa, HI

**From:** [Daniel Wilhelmson](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
**Date:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 12:04:34 PM

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Daniel Wilhelmson  
Honolulu

**From:** [Daria Fand](#)  
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Mahalo,

Daria Fand, Community Advocate

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**HB525**

Submitted on: 4/5/2015

Testimony for JDL on Apr 6, 2015 09:25AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daryl Fink	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for pushing to ban the disgusting and poisonous presence of cigarettes and the inevitable litter of butts everywhere on the ground. They are a violation of personal space, from the smoke in the air that people are subjected to - and continue by leaching toxic waste into the ground and water -- they stink and they are ugly !!!! - and we saw them all over the state parks we went to on all parts of kauai during our recent visit ..... thanks daryl fink

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**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2015

**To:** Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Maile Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

**From:** Dean Otsuki

**RE: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB525 HD2 SD1  
RELATING TO STATE PARKS**

Prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco products within the state park system. Requires posting of signage prohibiting smoking or the use of tobacco products.

Committee Meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at 9:25am, conference room 016.

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support of HB525 HD2 SD1 which will ban smoking and use of tobacco products within the Hawai`i state park system.

I feel that the public's health would be better served to have all of Hawai`i's state parks tobacco-free. Hawai`i's residents and visitors should have their health protected from toxic second hand smoke and have the right to breath clean air.

Second hand smoke releases over 250 toxic chemicals and more than 50 of them are known to cause cancer. Cigarette butts can smolder for up to 3 hours and release dangerous and toxic chemicals into the air. Toxic chemicals leach out of cigarette butts within an hour of being in contact with water. Marine life have been found dead after ingesting butts.

Smoking is an unhealthy habit. Smoking cigarettes is linked to cancer and emphysema. My mother and father both smoked for years and died from smoking related diseases. Watching my once healthy father deteriorate into a person with emphysema and dependent on an air tank for oxygen was a painful experience for me. At the end of his life he couldn't walk more than 5 feet without having to sit down and rest. My mother had cancer in her lungs which rapidly spread throughout her body and she died within a few months. Had there been a smoking ban when they were younger it could have encouraged them to quit smoking and possibly prolong their lives.

One of my friends told me that after the 2006 smoking ban in public place came into effect it helped her quit smoking because it was too much of a hassle to find a place to smoke. This was a person that smoked cigarettes for 30 years. She said she hardly ever catches colds these days and has much more energy. This was an unexpected gift to her. The banning of smoking on all state beaches and parks could help people quit smoking and become healthier which reduces medical bills and possibly prolong their lives. Other former smokers that I have talked to said that being around non-smokers makes it easier for them to quit smoking.

State workers working in parks should not be subjected to second hand smoke. I was recently on Kauai and talked to a lifeguard at Haena State Park and he said that he tells smokers not to smoke near the lifeguard stand because it bothers the lifeguards breathing in the smoke. A lifeguard at Makena State Park, Maui said that he it's really bothersome to breathe in cigarette smoke at their tower and especially when they are training. Another lifeguard I talked to at Kaimana Beach said

that he was so thankful that the City of Honolulu banned smoking at beach parks because he was downwind from benches where people would sit and smoke cigarettes and cigars. Breathing in second-hand smoke should not be one of the hazards of their job.

No smoking signage, posters and public service announcements informing the public about the smoking ban will help tremendously in educating visitors and locals about the new law. Education about the new law is key. I feel that educating the public about the smoking ban like the state smoking ban in public spaces in 2006 and the 2014 Honolulu County smoking ban in parks will help tremendously in enforcing the state smoking ban in parks. The law would give non-smokers confidence to tell smokers to not smoke at state parks because the law would be on their side. It definitely gave me confidence when confronting smokers on beaches at Honolulu County beaches and parks when that law became effective last year. Most smokers are law abiding citizens and will stop smoking in smoke-free areas if informed nicely about the smoke-free law.

Cigarette butts degrade the beauty of the beach and are the most littered plastic item collected at beach clean-ups around the world and Hawai`i is no different. Plastic does not biodegrade, it lasts forever in the environment. This is not ordinary litter like candy wrappers or food containers, this is toxic litter. Cyanide, formaldehyde, arsenic are just a few of the hundreds of poisonous chemicals found in cigarette butts. If a toddler ingests a cigarette butt he or she can be fatally harmed. Banning smoking at state parks would drastically reduce the amount of cigarette butt litter like it did at Honolulu County parks and help keep marine life and our keiki safe.

Thank you for allowing me to provide written testimony in support of HB525 HD2 SD1.

Yours sincerely,

Dean Otsuki.

**From:** [Debbie Apolo](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
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Date: April 2, 2015

To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, SD1, Relating to State Parks

Hrg: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor; Monday, April 6th at 9:25AM in Room 016

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Mahalo,

Debbie Apolo, CTTS

Mililani, HI 96789

**From:** [Devin Antonio](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
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Re: Opposition to HB525

Hearing: JDL, Monday, April 6, 2015, 9:25 am

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Devin Antonio  
Honolulu hi

**From:** [Devin Wolery](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
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Devin Wolery  
Pearl City, HI

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**HB525**

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Dustin Andrews	Individual	Oppose	No

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ericpaul agustin  
honolulu

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errik.gordon  
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**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 5:42:19 PM

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Date: April 2, 2015

To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, SD1, Relating to State Parks

Hrg: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor; Monday, April 6th at 9:25AM in Room 016

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Mahalo,

Floyd Rhoades

Kailua Kona, HI

**From:** [Forrest Batz](#)  
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The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, SD1, Relating to State Parks

Hrg: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor; Monday, April 6th at 9:25AM in Room 016

Aloha Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

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Mahalo,

Forrest Batz, PharmD

Keaau, HI

**From:** [Francis Wong](#)  
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Date: April 2, 2015

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The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
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Mahalo,

Francis Wong

Honolulu, HI 96818

**From:** [Gerald Honma](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
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To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair; Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair; and members of the committee

Re: Opposition to HB525

Hearing: JDL, Monday, April 6, 2015, 9:25 am

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Gerald Honma  
Pearl City

**From:** [Helen Barrow](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
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Date: April 2, 2015

To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, SD1, Relating to State Parks

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Mahalo nui loa,

Helen Barrow

Makawao, HI

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**HB525**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Holly Limm	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the HB 525 HD2 SD1 which bans smoking and tobacco use in all state parks in Hawai'i. I have participated in a number of beach cleans, as well as just picking up litter from Oahu beaches, and the number one item I find is cigarette buds. It is worrisome, especially, when they are found in close proximity to family birthday parties and other social events with young children. Other visitors of the beach are subjected to second-hand smoke. Cigarette buds are extremely harmful to young children if ingested. They are also made of plastic which does not biodegrade and eventually ends up in the ocean. Enforcing this bill will create a safer and cleaner environment for beach goers. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in strong support of HB525 HD2 SD1

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To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair; Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair; and members of the committee

Re: Opposition to HB525

Hearing: JDL, Monday, April 6, 2015, 9:25 am

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I also believe that vaping is a healthier lifestyle. Because I have asthma and never needed my pump in awhile plus it saved my dad got him into vaping he was struggling to breath when he was smoking cigarettes and now he feels a whole lot better now. So I ask you folks to please drop the bill mahalo for your time.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jacob Harp  
Big Island, Hi

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Jake J. Watkins	Individual	Oppose	No

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Janine Laurin  
aiea, hi

**From:** [Jaron stallings](#)  
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Jaron stallings

**From:** [Jaron](#)  
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Jaron

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**HB525**

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Jason Park	Individual	Oppose	No

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**HB525**

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Jeff Stevens	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jessica Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

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**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 9:17:07 PM

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Date: April 2, 2015

To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, SD1, Relating to State Parks

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Mahalo,

Joan Loke

Honolulu, HI

**From:** [Joel Cruz](#)  
**To:** [JDL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
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Joel Cruz  
Pearl City

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**To:** [JDL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
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To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair; Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair; and members of the committee

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**From:** [Johnathan Benicta](#)  
**To:** [JDL Testimony](#)  
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**From:** [Jolene Mateo](#)  
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Jolene Mateo

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**HB525**

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jordan fahmie	Individual	Support	No

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**From:** [Jordan Stewart](#)  
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Jordan Stewart  
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**From:** [Joseph Iariviere](#)  
**To:** [JDL Testimony](#)  
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**From:** [Joseph Keawe'aimoku Kaholokula](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 10:13:04 AM

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Date: April 2, 2015

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The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
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Mahalo,

Joseph Keawe'aimoku Kaholokula

Honolulu, HI

**From:** [Kanani Kilbey](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 10:03:51 AM

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Mahalo,

Kanani Kilbey

Honolulu, HI

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**HB525**

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Kathy Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ke Nguyen	Individual	Oppose	No

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**From:** [Kimberly welker](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
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Kimberly welker

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Kimo Cruz	Individual	Oppose	No

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**From:** [Lance Watanabe](#)  
**To:** [JDL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
**Date:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 11:08:51 AM

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United States

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Lane Tamashiro  
Honolulu, HI

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lani Hernandez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Electronic smoking devices don't hurt or bother anybody. It's so silly to think folks would be harmed by them outside. This bill really make me think that the Democrat party has forgotten what the word "liberal" means. :(

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**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 11:31:36 PM

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Mahalo,

Lani Nagao

Lihue, HI

**From:** [Logan Barayuga](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
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Logan Barayuga  
Honolulu, HI

**From:** [Luke Reiley](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
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Luke Reiley  
Pearl City

**From:** [Lynda Hirakami](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 6:45:00 PM

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Mahalo,

Lynda Hirakami

Pahoa, HI

DATE: April 5, 2015

TO: Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Maile Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labour

FROM: Lynn Garcia, MSW Candidate

RE: **TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB525 HD2 SD1**  
Relating to State Parks. Prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco products.

Committee meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at 9:25AM in room 016.

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members,

I strongly support HB525 HD2 SD1 which bans smoking and tobacco use in all state parks in Hawai`i.

I currently work for the Health Promotion Department at the University of Hawaii, and am passionate about banning smoking and tobacco from all public areas, especially those frequented by children and families. I like to go to state parks with my children, and we do not like being in areas where we can be exposed to second hand smoke or where cigarette butts are littered everywhere.

Cigarette butts are toxic and harmful to young children who can die or become poisoned from ingesting cigarette butts. There are 4000 dangerous chemicals in used cigarette butts and these chemicals leach out of butts when they wash into the ocean poisoning fish and other marine life.

Cigarette butts are the number one most littered plastic item in Hawai`i parks. They are made from plastic and plastic does not biodegrade. Plastic lasts forever.

In regards to enforcement, there are many smoking bans throughout the state such as the building ban, restaurants, bars, county parks and beaches and there are not extra people employed to enforce these bans. The key is to educate the public about the new law as most smokers would not deliberately break the law. If they know what the law is, they will follow it.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in strong support of HB525 HD2 SD1.

Sincerely,

Lynn Garcia

**From:** [Maile Goo](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 4:44:46 PM

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Mahalo,

Maile S. Goo

Honolulu, Hawaii

Maile Goo  
3683 Woodlawn Terrace Place  
Honolulu, HI 96822

**From:** [Maka Ah-Van](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
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Maka Ah-Van

**From:** [Maria Moreno - Chow](#)  
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**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
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Maria Moreno - Chow

Kailua, HI

**From:** [Marichu Ilo](#)  
**To:** [JDL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
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Marichu Ilo

**From:** [Marilyn Gagen](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
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Mahalo,

Marilyn Gagen

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Mark Owens	Individual	Oppose	No

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**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 11:37:40 AM

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Mahalo,

Mary A. Guinger

Kaneohe, HI

**From:** [Matt](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
**Date:** Saturday, April 04, 2015 1:52:25 PM

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To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair; Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair; and members of the committee

Re: Opposition to HB525

Hearing: JDL, Monday, April 6, 2015, 9:25 am

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Matt

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**HB525**

Submitted on: 4/2/2015

Testimony for JDL on Apr 6, 2015 09:25AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melissa Jasper	Individual	Support	Yes

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Date: April 2, 2015

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Mahalo,

Michael Kellar

Kaneohe, HI

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Michael S. Nakasone	Individual	Oppose	No

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**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 2:47:27 PM

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Date: April 2, 2015

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Mahalo,

Michele Nihipali

Hauula, HI

**From:** [Michelle Gray](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
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Mahalo,

Michelle Gray

Honolulu, HI

**From:** [Michelle Kwock](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
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**HB525**

Submitted on: 4/3/2015

Testimony for JDL on Apr 6, 2015 09:25AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michelle Robinson	Individual	Oppose	No

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**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 3:53:10 PM

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Date: April 2, 2015

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Mahalo,

Michelle Schiff

Kailua, HI

**From:** [Mitchell Kolowena](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB525 HD2 SD1  
**Date:** Saturday, April 04, 2015 9:48:37 AM

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Aloha,  
Please accept my testimony in strong support of HB525 HD2 SD1.  
Thank you,  
Mitchell Kolowena

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
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**HB525**

Submitted on: 4/1/2015

Testimony for JDL on Apr 6, 2015 09:25AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Monika Lopez	Individual	Oppose	No

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**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for HB525 on Apr 6, 2015 09:25AM  
**Date:** Saturday, April 04, 2015 7:50:56 AM

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**HB525**

Submitted on: 4/4/2015

Testimony for JDL on Apr 6, 2015 09:25AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nami Nielipinski	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please change the "effective date" from 2050 to sometime this year or next year. As a past Asthma sufferer, I cannot stress the urgency of this bill passing and taking effect soon enough. It is not only unattractive and stinky/gross to the residents and tourists alike, especially at the beaches but more importantly, smoking is a deadly health hazard, especially second-hand. Plastic pollution from the filter is also detrimental to the ocean environment. Mahalo for your KOKUA.

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**From:** [Nathan Dickerson](#)  
**To:** [JDL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
**Date:** Saturday, April 04, 2015 3:49:23 PM

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To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair; Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair; and members of the committee

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Nathan Dickerson  
aiea, hi

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**HB525**

Submitted on: 4/2/2015

Testimony for JDL on Apr 6, 2015 09:25AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicholas Winters	Individual	Oppose	No

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**From:** [Niki Kue](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
**Date:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 2:15:56 PM

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To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair; Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair; and members of the committee

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Electronic cigarettes do not omit toxins or dangerous second-hand smoke into the air. The 'smoke' is simply vapor. The e-liquid that is used with e-cigs and vaporized is made out of three main ingredients, Propylene Glycol, Vegetable Glycerin, and added artificial/natural flavoring. All of these ingredients are FDA Approved. When vaporized these ingredients do not omit anything toxic to the people in the surrounding. There is no existence of second-hand vapor that is harmful to the body.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Niki Kue  
Honolulu, HI

**From:** [Oliver Culannay](#)  
**To:** [JDL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
**Date:** Saturday, April 04, 2015 10:18:46 AM

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Oliver Culannay  
Honolulu, hi

**From:** [P. Kuromoto](#)  
**To:** [JDL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
**Date:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 10:59:58 AM

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This bill is absolute nonsense and it reflects poorly on the state for nonsense legislation like this to pass.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

P Kuromoto  
Honolulu

**From:** [Patricia Blair](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 9:39:17 AM

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Date: April 2, 2015

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Mahalo,

Patricia Blair

Kailua, HI

**From:** [Paul Smith](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
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Paul Smith

Honolulu-Waikiki, HI

**From:** [Boyd, Manager Richard Boyd](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 8:42:36 AM

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Mahalo,

Boyd, Manager Richard Boyd

**From:** [Ronald Chow](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
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Kailua, HI

**From:** [Ronald Kuriki](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 11:03:45 AM

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Honolulu, HI

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Roxine Iijima

Kaneohe, HI

**From:** [Ryan Mandado](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 8:46:18 AM

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Date: April 2, 2015

To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, SD1, Relating to State Parks

Hrg: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor; Monday, April 6th at 9:25AM in Room 016

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Ryan Mandado

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
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**Subject:** Submitted testimony for HB525 on Apr 6, 2015 09:25AM  
**Date:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 8:37:45 AM

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**HB525**

Submitted on: 4/2/2015

Testimony for JDL on Apr 6, 2015 09:25AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryan Oswald	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: House bill 525 is so f\*cking retarded. Do you guys think for one second that anyone's gonna respect this bunk ass piece of shit that some bone heads call a bill?

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**To:** [JDL Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [mauimoonflower@gmail.com](mailto:mauimoonflower@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** \*Submitted testimony for HB525 on Apr 6, 2015 09:25AM\*  
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**HB525**

Submitted on: 4/1/2015

Testimony for JDL on Apr 6, 2015 09:25AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sabrina Spencer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 11:33:56 AM

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Date: April 2, 2015

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Mahalo,

shay Chan Hodges

Haiku, HI

**From:** [Shilpa Patel](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 9:40:07 AM

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Mahalo,

Shilpa Patel

Honolulu, HI

**From:** [Stuart Coleman](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 11:37:44 AM

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Mahalo,

Stuart Coleman

Honolulu, HI

**From:** [Sue Jackson](#)  
**To:** [JDL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 7:06:59 PM

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To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair; Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair; and members of the committee

Re: Opposition to HB525

Hearing: JDL, Monday, April 6, 2015, 9:25 am

I oppose bill HB525.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sue Jackson  
Honolulu

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for HB525 on Apr 6, 2015 09:25AM  
**Date:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 2:01:22 PM

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**HB525**

Submitted on: 4/2/2015

Testimony for JDL on Apr 6, 2015 09:25AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan Larson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The fact this bill got as far as it did tells me that you don't care if people who smoke and vape start voting for your opponents next election.

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**From:** [Tami MacAller](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Saturday, April 04, 2015 9:15:39 AM

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Date: April 2, 2015

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Mahalo,

Tami MacAller

Kailua Kona, HI

**From:** [Teddy Kim](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
**Date:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 1:20:56 PM

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To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair; Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair; and members of the committee

Re: Opposition to HB525

Hearing: JDL, Monday, April 6, 2015, 9:25 am

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Barbecue grills produce plenty of smoke and carcinogens, and car exhaust is far more dangerous than vapor.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Teddy Kim

**From:** [Thomas cole](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
**Date:** Saturday, April 04, 2015 9:15:00 AM

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Thomas cole  
aiea, hi

**From:** [Tina Jarneski](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 11:20:31 AM

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Date: April 2, 2015

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Mahalo,

Tina Jarneski

Hilo, HI

**From:** [Tolone Thairathom](#)  
**To:** [JDL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
**Date:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 12:23:16 PM

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Tolone Thairathom  
Honolulu, HI

**From:** [Tyler Ralston](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 8:41:16 AM

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Mahalo,

Tyler Ralston

Honolulu, HI

**From:** [victor.anguiano](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
**Date:** Saturday, April 04, 2015 10:30:37 AM

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To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair; Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair; and members of the committee

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victor.anguiano

**From:** [Vin Kim](#)  
**To:** [JDL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose HB525  
**Date:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 12:16:15 PM

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**From:** [Walter Williams](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 7:28:16 PM

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Walter Williams

**From:** [Wamya Ogata](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 3:09:41 PM

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Mahalo,

Wamya Ogata

Mililani, HI

**From:** [Wehi Ona](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 11:38:54 AM

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Wehi Ona

Hilo, HI

**From:** [Yukiko Morimoto](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks  
**Date:** Friday, April 03, 2015 9:32:10 AM

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Yukiko Morimoto

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