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

SENATOR JOSH GREEN, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

SENATOR LAURA H. THIELEN, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Hearing Date: MARCH 20, 2015

Room Number: 414

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports HB0525,HD2 which
3 prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco products including electronic smoking devices (ESDs)
4 within the state park system. The DOH defers to the Department of Land and Natural Resources
5 (DLNR) regarding its request for flexibility in sign posting as long as the tobacco prohibitions
6 are clearly noted. The DOH recommends the use of the definition of tobacco product that has
7 been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

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

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

1 ecosystem and threatening the longevity of the natural environment. In 2013, the National
2 Poison Control Center reported 5,509 cases of children under the age of 5 years ingesting
3 cigarettes and cigarette butts in the United States. The Center receives between 15 to 23 calls
4 from Hawaii each year for this age group.

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

9 This measure allows for designation of areas where tobacco products may be used.
10 DOH does not support expressed provision of designated smoking (or tobacco use) areas in the
11 bill language; however, the DOH defers to the DLNR regarding its privately leased areas.

12 **Offered Amendments:** For consistency, the DOH suggests expanding the following
13 definitions to those approved by the State Attorney General:

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

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

22 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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

**Before the Senate Committees on
HEALTH
and
WATER AND LAND**

**Friday, March 20, 2015
1:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 414**

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

House Bill 525, House Draft 2 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) appreciates the intent of this bill as it would enhance the visitor experience at state parks eliminating any exposure to second hand smoke, and litter from cigarette butts, however the Department is concerned with budget implications and expectations of enforcement.**

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.

However, the Department has some concerns related to costs for replacement signage, and flexibility in sign postings. The Department has developed standardized signage which includes text which varies in size and requests that the specified 1" text size in the bill be removed. 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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STATE PARKS

March 19, 2015

To: Chairs Green & Thielen, Vice-Chairs Wakai & Galuteria, & Members of the House Committees on Health (HTH) and Water and Land (WTL)
Re: Strong Support for HB 525, Relating to State Parks
Hrg: Fri., 3/20/15, at 1:30 pm, Room 414

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of HB 525. 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 protect 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 parks, not just those within the state park system. So I suggest changing the language of the bill to apply the prohibitions to all parks in Hawaii. 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 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 world, 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. Studies have shown that when people are in close proximity to each other, the levels of exposure to secondhand smoke can be comparable to levels measured within enclosed spaces. I grew up with parents who smoked and still experience health issues like chronic sore throats. And polls show the public overwhelmingly supports smoking bans.

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
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Hawaii Coordinator

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To: The Honorable Josh Green, Chair, Senate Committee on Health
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Health
Members, Senate Committee on Health

The Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair, Senate Water and Land Committee
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, Senate Water and Land Committee
Members, Senate Committee on Water and Land

From: Lyndsey Garcia, Policy & Advocacy Director

Date: March 19, 2015

Hrg: Senate Committee on Health / Senate Committee on Water and Land; Friday, March 20, 2015 at 1:30PM, Room 414

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

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in **strong support of HB 525, HD2, and offer one recommendation to apply these prohibitions to all parks within the state.**

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 also supports the public through its smoke-free parks and beaches advocacy work at the county and state levels.

The Coalition supports prohibiting the use of tobacco in all of Hawai`i's parks.

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." In order to address inconsistencies across counties and prevent confusion among tourists and residents, the Coalition recommends that tobacco, including ESD use, be prohibited in all parks within the state instead of just within the state park system.

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 2008.¹ A few years later, all Honolulu City and County parks and beaches became smoke-free on January 1, 2014.² Maui County followed later that year with tobacco-free parks and beaches.³ We commend the lawmakers that passed these laws and support furthering their efforts through making a consistent statewide policy.

¹ Hawai`i County Code, 14-21b.

² ROH 41-21.3 amended by Bill 25 (2013) CD2 RD 1

³ Maui County Code 13.040.20 amended by Ord 4120



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 50th 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.⁴ 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.⁵

By passing HB 525, HD2, exposure to secondhand smoke will decrease, creating a healthy environment for the State. These laws should be applied consistently across all parks within the state to protect 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

⁴ 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: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health.

⁵ 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.

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DATE: 19th March, 2015

TO: Chair Josh Green and Members of the Committee on Health
Chair Laura Thielen and Members of the Committee on Water and Land

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

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

Committee meeting on Friday 20th March, 2015 at 1:30PM in room 414.

Aloha Chair Green, Chair Thielen 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 which will ban smoking throughout Hawai'i's state park system. I recently visited a number of state parks and found them littered with cigarette butts and stinking of cigarette smoke. I picked up more than 3000 cigarette butts and found hundreds of butts littered right next to rubbish bins. 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. There are no designated smoking areas at any of the beaches and parks in these counties. Maui, Hawai'i and Honolulu Counties have laws that are working fine without designated smoking areas. Designated smoking areas will undermine HB525 and will result in areas of the park that are still littered with cigarette butts which can blow and wash into the ocean and people will still be affected by second-hand smoke. **Please amend HB525 HD2 to remove the section (see in italics below) related to designated smoking areas found under (a) number 2 - *"provided that the department may designate areas where this section shall not apply"*.**

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 City and County of Honolulu Parks and Recreation Department, Hawai'i State Department of Health Tobacco Prevention and Education Program, the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i, Surfrider Foundation, Sustainable Coastlines and the Honolulu Police Department to collaborate on an educational approach to the implementation of the new smoke-free beaches and parks bans on O'ahu. Implementation including 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 as soon as beaches became smoke-free. B.E.A.C.H.

- outreach volunteers educated beach goers, gave out information at an information booth while other volunteers did a beach clean-up removing cigarette butts and other litter from beaches
- temporary signs created by B.E.A.C.H. used by the park department and lifeguards until the new metal signs arrived
 - smoke-free stickers on rubbish bins - created and paid for by Hawai'i State Department of Health
 - decals on existing signs - the City and County Dept. of Parks 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 on existing poles and located at the entrance to the park where everyone will see it - City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation
 - media news stories
 - bus posters designed by B.E.A.C.H. in all county buses for over a year now. The State Dept. of Health paid for printing and B.E.A.C.H. Surfrider, Sustainable Coastlines and the Coalition for Tobacco-Free Hawai'i all applied to have the posters displayed in the bus
 - posters designed by B.E.A.C.H. distributed to all the parks. The Coalition for Tobacco-Free Hawai'i paid for the printing
 - 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 downloadable flyers as well as information about the new law: www.b-e-a-c-h.org/smoke-free-beaches-oahu.html
 - B.E.A.C.H. distributed 11000 rack cards (designed by B.E.A.C.H.) 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. The cost of the rack cards was paid for by Surfrider.
 - flyer designed by B.E.A.C.H. 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

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.

Sincerely,



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

Please see attached photos of:

- sign at County Park showing the decal added to existing sign
- sign at County Park on existing poles with internationally recognized smoke-free symbol and one inch size lettering
- State Park sign/pole
- educational booth at outreach event



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.



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| Jessica Chang | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: Vaping helps people quit.

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| Anthony Orozco | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Jake J. Watkins | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Tina | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Erik Vuong | Individual | Support | No |

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| Cindy Nettles | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Monika Lopez | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: Don't ruin the park for folks that smoke or e-smoke. Nobody litters e-smokes.

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| Clayton Silva | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Michael Zehner | Individual | Oppose | Yes |

Comments: Outside smoking and vaping bans can't be enforced and are an outrage to the basic civil liberties of our tax paying minority group.

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| Javier Mendez-Alvarez | Individual | Support | No |

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| Susan J. Wurtzburg | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I walk on 'Oahu beaches, and pick up cigarette butts. Please ban smoking in these areas, since smoking people seem incapable of disposing of their trash appropriately. Plus, the smell of cigarette and e-cigarette smoke is horrible, and none of us non-smokers should be forced to smell it during recreation in public areas.

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| Craig Krening | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Daryl Fink | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: While visiting Kauai several weeks ago we were very sad to see so many cigarette butts all around the parking lots, bathroom areas, picnic tables and beaches in all of the public beaches we visited. Its a very sad and disgusting problem. I hope this Bill goes through. Thank you Daryl Fink

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| Susan Larson | Individual | Oppose | No |

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Senate Committee on Health
and

Senate Committee on Water and Land
March 20, 2015 at 1:30 pm

By

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and

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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

HB 525 HD2 – RELATING TO STATE PARKS

Chairs Green and Thielen, Vice Chairs Wakai and Galuteria, and Members of the Committees:

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.

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| Toni Symons | Individual | Support | No |

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| Mark Dietrich | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Michael S. Nakasone | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Chris Wells | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Yolanda Vazquez | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: We visited 7 different public beaches all around Kauai. All of them had cigarette butts from the parking lot - on the paths, around the tables (if there were any), on the ground around the trash cans, and on the beach. On several occasions we had to relocate on the beach - because of cigarette smoke coming from people smoking on the beach. Everything about cigarettes is offensive, toxic and unhealthy. They poison the air, the land and the water. There should be a huge fine for throwing cigarette butts on the ground and especially into the water. Thank you for your consideration. Yolanda Vazquez.

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| Kimo Cruz | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| James Gauer | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: A step forward in banning smoking from public places and reducing harm to state employees

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| Patricia Fontaine | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: While vacationing in Kauai last June, I noticed a lot of cigarette butts on Tunnels Beach. I found out that cigarette butts contain some 1500 toxins that can leach into the ocean. Also, when people smoke near you outside, it causes you to breathe their second hand smoke which is highly carcinogenic.

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| Kathy Kim | Individual | Oppose | No |

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| Lisa Oshiro | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: This is a civil rights issue. I highly oppose hb525. Mahalo.

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Mahalo

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| Ryan Oswald | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: No F--king way I'm going to obey this pile of crap should it become law and nobody else will either. This bill is nothing but toilet paper.

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Re: Opposition to HB525

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I oppose bill HB525. The use of ecigarettes 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.

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Mahalo

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From: [Helen Barrow](#)
To: [HTHTestimony](#)
Subject: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015 12:37:30 PM

March 20, 2015

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Mahalo

Helen Barrow
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From: [Dan Domizio](#)
To: [HTHTestimony](#)
Subject: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015 12:15:35 PM

March 20, 2015

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From: [Stuart Coleman](#)
To: [HTHTestimony](#)
Subject: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks
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From: [Tyler Ralston](#)
To: [HTHTestimony](#)
Subject: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015 11:58:49 AM

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From: [Chris Fukui](#)
To: [HTHTestimony](#)
Subject: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015 11:40:27 AM

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From: [Cheryl Albright](#)
To: [HTHTestimony](#)
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From: [Tami MacAller](#)
To: [HTHTestimony](#)
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From: [Janelle Kubo](#)
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Subject: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015 11:24:24 AM

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From: [Michelle Kwock](#)
To: [HTHTestimony](#)
Subject: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015 11:23:06 AM

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Mahalo

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From: [Smitha Varricatt](#)
To: [HTHTestimony](#)
Subject: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015 11:22:51 AM

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From: [Forrest Batz](#)
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Subject: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015 11:20:33 AM

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From: [Michael Kellar](#)
To: [HTHTestimony](#)
Subject: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015 11:18:18 AM

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From: [Jermy Domingo](#)
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Subject: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks
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From: [Nan Pheatt](#)
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In addition, smokers frequently litter parks with cigarette butts, which can be ingested by children and pets. Discarded butts that are still burning can cause fires.

I support tobacco-free parks and urge you to pass HB 525 HD2 in order to protect residents and tourists alike from inadvertent exposure to nicotine and other chemicals and poisons.

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From: [Kanani Kilbey](#)
To: [HTHTestimony](#)
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From: [Yukiko Morimoto](#)
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From: [Valerie Rose](#)
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From: [Barbara Nosaka](#)
To: [HTHTestimony](#)
Subject: Strong Support for HB 525, HD2, Relating to State Parks
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015 10:56:41 AM

March 20, 2015

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TO: Chair Josh Green and Members of the Committee on Health
Chair Laura Thielen and Members of the Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Lynn Garcia, MSW Candidate

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

Committee meeting on Friday 20th March, 2015 at 1:30PM in room 414.

Aloha Chair Green, Chair Thielen and Committee Members,

I strongly support HB525 HD2 which bans smoking and tobacco use in all state parks in Hawai`i. As a mother of two young children, I like to go to parks that are free from second hand smoke and not littered with cigarette butts.

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.

The section in this bill related to designated smoking areas in (a) number 2: “provided that the department may designate areas where this section shall not apply” needs to be removed as designated smoking areas do not work. Allowing designated smoking areas will result in areas of the parks that are still littered with cigarette butts and unavoidable exposure to second-hand smoke which doesn’t stay put in the designated area – it goes where the wind takes it.

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.

Sincerely,

Lynn Garcia

Date: 19th March, 2015

To: Chair Josh Green, Members of the Committee on Health
Chair Laura Thielen, Members of Committee on Water and Land

From: Dean Otsuki, P.O. Box 25284, Honolulu, HI 96825

**RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB525 HD2
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. (HB525 HD2)

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Aloha Chair Green, Chair Thielen and Members of the Committees,

I am writing in support of HB525 HD2 which will ban smoking and use of tobacco products within the 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.

I think that we can all agree that 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 originally 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. Other smokers that I have talked to said that being around non-smokers makes it easier to quit smoking.

Please amend the bill to not have areas where people can smoke. The direction of where second hand smoke drifts depends on the direction of the wind and in Hawai'i it blows from the east, west, south and north on any given day. Non-smokers could be subjected to second hand smoke depending on which way the wind is coming from. State workers working in parks should not be subjected to second hand smoke either. 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. 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.

No smoking signage, posters and public service announcements informing the public about the smoking ban will help a lot 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 smoking ban. 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 butt litter and keep our keiki safe.

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

Yours sincerely,

Dean Otsuki.

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TO: Chair Josh Green and Members of the Committee on Health
Chair Laura Thielen and Members of the Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Alexandra Glenn
Honolulu, HI 96815

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Alexandra Glenn

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