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Many thanks. Valerie Yontz

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Mahalo,

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Mahalo,

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Senate Committee HTH

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Mahalo,

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Mahalo,

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Mahalo,

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Mahalo,

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I am in support of including ESDs under the definition of "tobacco product" and "smoke or smoking" in the smoke-free workplace law, as well as to prohibit the use of ESDs in the places where smoking is prohibited. Including ESDs as a defined tobacco product will not only reduce confusion in society, but will protect the public.

Because ESDs have only been readily available in the United States since 2006, there is limited research on their health risks. An analysis by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) states that the tobacco solution in ESDs contain a toxic chemical found in antifreeze and several cancer-causing chemicals. ESDs are the least regulated amongst all of tobacco products.

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I urge you to pass HB 940 HD1 in order to provide protection for the public and our loved ones.

Mahalo,

Elizabeth Wakayama

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Dear Committee Members:

As a pediatrician in Honolulu and medical director of the HEALTHY Tobacco & Nicotine Cessation Program, I strongly support HB 940 HD1.

Electronic smoking devices are clearly products meant to approximate the use of cigarettes and other tobacco products. The inclusion of electronic devices that vaporize nicotine is an important step in maintaining consistency in the laws. The definition of tobacco product and smoking must also include the use of these electronic smoking devices, which should be prohibited in the same places that smoking is prohibited, including smoke-free workplaces.

Electronic smoking devices take a mixture of chemicals, including nicotine, and vaporize it at high temperatures. These devices emit nicotine byproducts and a variety of other chemicals, and they have not been fully studied in regards to safety. E-cigarette vapor has been shown to include carcinogens and toxins including nicotine, nitrosamines, diethylene glycol, formaldehyde, and acetaldehyde. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has exhibited concern regarding the safety of electronic smoking devices as well.

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I urge you to pass HB 940 HD1 and continue to promote health over corporate interests.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this important measure.

Sincerely,

Bryan Mih, MD, MPH, FAAP

Pediatrician

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Ms. Madi Silverman
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March 17, 2015

TESTIMONY: Written Only

To: Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Health

From: Hawaii Public Health Association

Subject: HB0940, HD1 Relating to the Regulation of Tobacco Products

Dear Chair Green and Members of the Committee,

HPHA is an association of over 600 community members, public health professionals, and organizations statewide dedicated to improving public health. HPHA also serves as a voice for public professionals and as a repository for information about public health in the Pacific.

The HPHA supports the passage of HB0940, HD1 which would prohibit the use of electronic smoking devices (ESDs) wherever smoking is prohibited by law.

As indicated in recent local media, youth fascination with ESDs warrant proactive measures to uphold social norms and curb usage before it is too late. According to the Hawaii Youth Tobacco Survey, lifetime e-cigarette use among high school students tripled from 5.1 percent in 2011 to 17.6 percent in 2013. Use also quadrupled among middle school students, from 1.8 percent to 7.9 percent, during the same time period. The rate of uptake for these products is alarming and the passage of measures to decrease social acceptability of ESDs is urgently needed.

According to the CDC, nicotine use by youths in any form is unsafe and can harm adolescent brain development. Additionally, the fact that ESDs are found to contain and emit toxic and carcinogenic chemicals, yet remain unregulated in terms of use, manufacturing, and marketing, leaves the public highly vulnerable to its potentially devastating impact.

Holding ESD use to the same regulatory standards as cigarettes is an important means of proactively protecting the public against emerging tobacco products. Regulation, as through HB0940, HD1 updates definitions to fully address the diversity of evolving products, simplifies enforcement of all smoking, and decreases the social acceptability of tobacco use. The HPHA supports this strong policy to protect the health of people in Hawaii as well as future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Holly Kessler'.

Holly Kessler, Executive Director
Hawaii Public Health Association

Testimony of Professor Mark A. Levin *in strong support* for HB 940 HD1

RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS
Senate Committee on Health
March 18, 2015

Chair Green, Vice-Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee on Health:

Aloha. In the 1950's, the tobacco industry fooled the world by marketing filtered cigarettes. These weren't safer, though millions of people died having been led to believe they were. Meanwhile tobacco smoke pollution brought down those around them as well.

In the 1970's, the industry scammed the public by marketing light and mild cigarettes. Once again, not safer but this too was a great boost to keep people addicted, and paying for it with wallets and lives. Secondhand death and disease continued too.

Finally, in the 1990's, lawmakers around the globe began stepping forward to right these wrongs. The work is incomplete, but in our state, our legislators, many of you among them, took important steps forward including our 2006 Smokefree Workplaces Law and with several significant tax increases.

Here we go again. New addictive vapor devices are pitched to be a route to safer use. Again these are simply a boost for the industry to keep people addicted *and even to hook new users among our youth*. But with Big Tobacco's deadly track record, in what right minds should we trust public health to the unregulated aerosol particles sent off by the latest devices?

Though you may get local testimony, addictive vapors are surely Big Tobacco's 21st century hope. If these devices have therapeutic merit, let the sellers prove that to expert regulators in accordance with federal food and drug laws. But they haven't, won't, and can't. In the meanwhile then, let's be smart and safe -- setting all legal structures to be the same as for incendiary tobacco products. No special treatment belongs here; please pass HB 940 HD1.

Mahalo.

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HB940

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Robinson	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Michael Zehner	Hawaii Smokers Alliance	Oppose	Yes

Comments: The Hawaii Smokers Alliance stands on previous testimony in Strong Opposition. If electronic smoking is "harmful" then those who want it banned should exercise their rights to call OSHA to bring the General Duty Clause into affect. That way it would be based on scientific facts and not the hollow fear mongering displayed by the anti-smoking lobby.

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Clayton Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

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Naomi C. Liu	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tim Lemke	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm a non-smoker and I don't use nicotine containing electronic smoking products. I can't understand what the big deal is over these products. They have little or no smell and it doesn't linger around. People also like the electronic cigarette because it helps them quit smoking. This hb940 is not well thought out. I oppose it.

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Brent Lankford	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cindy Nettles	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mahalo,

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Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: Strong Support for HB 940, HD1, Relating to the Regulation of Tobacco Products

Hrg: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 1:30PM, Room 414

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As a new industry, the dangers of ESDs continue to emerge and show inconsistent amounts of the addictive poison nicotine in the e-juice, dual use with cigarettes, and huge increases of use by middle and high school students. Contrary to popular belief, ESDs do not emit harmless water vapor. Instead, they emit an aerosol that contains nicotine, ultra-fine particles, volatile organic compounds, and other toxins.

HB 940 HD1 is the first step to regulating ESDs and protecting employees, customers, and the public from inadvertent exposure to nicotine and other chemicals and poisons. ESDs are not FDA approved smoking cessation devices and should not be used in enclosed or partially enclosed public places. Prohibiting ESD use where smoking is prohibited will protect the public, reduce confusion within society, decrease distractions in the workplace, and maintain the social norm.

I urge you to pass HB 940 HD1 in order to provide protection for the public. Failing to act may set us back decades.

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