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## Testimony in SUPPORT of HB0586, HD2 RELATING TO USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND E-CIGARETTES ON HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION PREMISES SENATOR JILL TOKUDA, CHAIR SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS Hearing Date: April 8, 2015 Room Number: 211

### 1 Fiscal Implications: None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports HB0586, HD2 which 3 prohibits tobacco or e-cigarette use on Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) premises and acknowledges HHSC for offering tobacco cessation and education. DOH agrees with the 4 amendments that clarify the definitions of "electronic smoking device" and "tobacco product". 5 6 Tobacco use is primarily a health issue. The scientific findings from the 2006 U.S. 7 Surgeon General's Report, "The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke," disclosed that there is no safe level or amount of exposure to secondhand smoke. The 8 Report further stated that hospitals with tobacco-free policies are particularly effective because 9 10 they not only protect patients from secondhand smoke exposure but also project a positive, healthy image, send a consistent message, and also encourage and support tobacco use cessation 11 12 among both patients and staff. The 2014 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention publication, "Best Practices for 13

Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs" reaffirms that "Systems changes within health care organizations complement interventions in state and community settings by institutionalizing sustainable approaches that support positive individual behavior change."

HHSC is demonstrating its commitment to providing quality healthcare to the
people of Hawaii and taking tangible steps to prevent tobacco-related diseases. The
proposed measure will prohibit the use of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices
and protect patients, employees, and visitors to the health facilities of the HHSC and will
assist those who smoke through tobacco cessation programs and education.

- 1 The DOH supports this measure and offers assistance with education and signage.
- 2 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



# Senate Committee on Ways and Means Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

April 8, 2015 Conference Room 211 9:00 a.m. Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony Strongly Supporting HB 586, HD2, Relating To Use of Tobacco Products and E-Cigarettes on Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Premises. Prohibits the use of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices on premises of the facilities operated by the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC). Requires HHSC to consult with collective bargaining units and provide at HHSC expense tobacco cessation programs to its public employees.

> Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H. Chief Executive Officer Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **strong support of HB 586, HD2**, that prohibits tobacco and electronic smoking device usage on HHSC campuses state-wide.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), secondhand smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals – hundreds which are toxic to humans – and 70 that can cause cancer. An estimated 2.5 million *non-smoking* adults have died since 1964 due to the adverse effects of secondhand smoke. There are numerous health problems associated with exposure to secondhand smoke, particularly in women and infants, including more severe and frequent asthma attacks, ear infections, respiratory infections and sudden infant death syndrome ("SIDS").

HHSC is in the business of providing quality healthcare services to the communities we serve. Our employees are a valued part of that community. Thus, employees who express an interest to quit smoking should also be supported. Allowing tobacco and electronic smoking device usage at our facilities is in direct conflict with the nature of our operations. Passage of this bill would ensure our patients, employees, and visitors are

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protected at all times from exposure to secondhand smoke. Moreover, HHSC would be able to promote positive, healthy practices and lead by example.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this measure.

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### HB586

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### Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 586, HD2, "Relating to Use of Tobacco Products and E-Cigarettes on Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Premises"

The American Heart Association SUPPORTS HB 586, HD2.

Supporting hospitals in becoming tobacco-free is one of the American Heart Association's national policy goals.

Tobacco use is one of the leading preventable risk factors for cardiovascular diseases. As we've learned through our policy efforts to restrict smoking in public and work places, such policies not only reduce exposure to non-smokers of deadly environmental tobacco smoke, but also have the added benefit of changing the public norms regarding tobacco use. The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation's desire to eliminate tobacco use on its campuses will further send the clear message to the community that tobacco use is no longer encouraged in our society, and help support those who continue to use tobacco, but want to quit, to achieve the goal of cessation.

Please support HB 586, HD2.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald B. Weisman Hawaii Government Relations Director



"Building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke."

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To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair Members, Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Lyndsey Garcia, Policy & Advocacy Director

- Date: April 7, 2015
- Hrg: Senate Committee on Ways and Means; Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 9:00AM, Room 211
- Re: Support for HB 586, HD2, Relating to the Use of Tobacco Products and E-Cigarettes on Hawai`i Health Systems Corporation Premises

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in **support** of HB 586, HD2, which amends Chapter 323F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to prohibit the use of tobacco products and e-cigarettes on the premises of all health facilities operated by the Hawai`i health systems corporation. This Bill also makes available tobacco-cessation programs for public employees of health facilities.

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 supports a system-wide tobacco-free policy for all health systems facilities in Hawai`i as well as tobacco cessation programs for public employees of health facilities.

Smoking and tobacco use contribute to a wide range of institutional costs. These costs include employee absenteeism, extensive health care costs and increased medical insurance costs, fire risk, negative environmental impacts, and increased cleaning and maintenance costs.

Furthermore, 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. 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.

Electronic smoking devices (ESDs), sometimes called e-cigarettes, also emit an aerosol that can be breathed by both the ESD user and bystanders. ESD aerosol contains nicotine, ultra-fine particles, and toxic chemicals including formaldehyde, lead, nickel, and acetaldehyde, all of



which are known to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.<sup>1,2</sup> It is vital that we protect everyone from the dangers of secondhand aerosol. According to Dr. Stanton Glantz, Director for the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education at the University of California, San Francisco, "If you are around somebody who is using e-cigarettes, you are breathing an aerosol of exhaled nicotine, ultra-fine particles, volatile organic compounds, and other toxins."<sup>3</sup> Studies have shown that even ESDs claiming to not contain nicotine contain low levels of nicotine.<sup>4</sup> The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that "legal steps should be taken to end use of e-cigarettes indoors in public and work places. Evidence suggests that exhaled e-cigarette aerosol increases the background air level of some toxicants, nicotine and particles."<sup>5</sup>

By passing HB 586, HD2, exposure to secondhand smoke and aerosol will decrease, creating a healthier environment for all residents and tourists in the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Respectfully,

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Lyndsey Garcia Policy and Advocacy Director

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights, "Electronic Smoking Devices and Secondhand Aerosol" (2014). Available at <u>http://www.no-smoke.org/pdf/ecigarette-secondhand-aerosol.pdf</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> California Department of Public Health, "State Health Officer's Report on E-Cigarettes: A Community Health Threat." January 2015. Available at <u>http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/tobacco/Documents/Media/State%20Health-e-cig%20report.pdf</u>.
<sup>3</sup> Ibid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Available at http://northcoastalpreventioncoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/E-Cigarettes-Fact-Sheet.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Noncommunicable diseases and mental health: Background on WHO report on regulation of e-cigarettes and similar products." Available at: <u>http://www.who.int/nmh/events/2014/backgrounder-e-cigarettes/en</u>



Wednesday, April 8, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. Conference Room #211

#### Senate Committee on Ways and Means

- To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair Senator Ron Kouchi, Vice Chair
- From: George Greene, President & CEO Healthcare Association of Hawaii

### Re: Testimony in Support <u>HB586 HD2 — Relating to Use of Tobacco Products and E-Cigarettes on Hawaii Health Systems</u> <u>Corporation Premises</u>

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii's 160 member organizations include all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, all public and private skilled nursing facilities, all the Medicare-certified home health agencies, all hospices, all assisted living facilities, durable medical equipment suppliers and home infusion/pharmacies. Members also represent other healthcare providers from throughout the continuum including case management, air and ground ambulance, blood bank, dialysis, and more. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 20,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of HB586 HD2, which prohibits the use of tobacco products and e-cigarettes on premises of facilities operated by HHSC, and requires HHSC to offer tobacco cessation programs to its employees.

All across the country, more and more hospitals and healthcare facilities are adopting 100% smoke-free policies, reinforcing their steadfast commitment to creating and sustaining healthy communities. HHSC, in keeping with this trend, should be permitted to improve its campuses by allowing its patients, employees and visitors to enjoy the benefits of a healthy, smoke-free environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB586 HD2.

Re: Opposition to HB586 HD2

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Kaui Kepaa Wahiawa, Hawaii

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Nathan A Mattern Pearl City, HI

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I oppose HB 586 HD2. There is no concrete proof that e-cigarettes are harmful to the user and all indications are that there are no adverse affects on bystanders.

I've been a staunch Democrat all my life, but I don't like where this party is going lately. Products such as ecigarettes should be banned only after it is proven that they are dangerous. "It might be dangerous" is not good enough and a ban based upon such rationale is just bad public policy. I feel strongly enough about this that I will not support or vote for any member of any legislative body who at this point in time supports any ban, unreasonable restrictions or taxes on the use of e-cigarettes.

I am at this point a firm believer in e-cigarettes. I have good reason, as I - a smoker for more than 40 years - quit smoking instantly upon trying my first e-cigarette. What follows is my submission to the FDA regarding the proposed "enabling" rules:

From: Dave S. Fukuoka To: FDA Center for Tobacco Products RE: FDA, Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0189, Regulatory Information Number (RIN) 0910- AG38

I am a retired attorney. I also hold a M.B.A. I will be 60 years old this year. I started smoking as a freshman in college. I tried to quit several times over the years. I tried hypnotism, a hand-held digital device, nicotine patches and nicotine gum. I got close with the digital device, but — no cigar. I smoked for about 40 years, at one point smoking roughly 1.5 packs a day.

I finally tried to limit my smoking by allowing myself to smoke only after a certain time interval. I started with one every half-hour and eventually got myself to limit myself to one cigarette every 2 hours. Unfortunately, I was never able to get beyond that and ended up in a holding pattern of roughly 1/2 pack a day for the last year of my smoking "career".

One day, my brother - who also holds a law degree - came to me and encouraged me to look into electronic cigarettes. He said that he would feel forever guilty if I ended up with lung cancer or emphysema if he didn't at least make an effort to get me to switch. Knowing him, I knew that he had already done a decent amount of research before mentioning it to me. He had already asked his doctor what he thought. His doctor said that while it was better for me to quit, at this point he thought that using e-cigarettes was better than continuing to smoke cigarettes. His doctor did say that more research was needed on the long-term consequences of using e-cigarettes.

My own research convinced me that electronic cigarettes were a much less harmful alternative to smoking real cigarettes. I also asked my own physician what he thought and he said "Do it. You have to get off cigarettes."

I decided on a setup, then joined the E-Cigarette Forums (ECF) and asked for other members' opinions. I was encouraged to bypass the beginning "cig-a-like" kit I had selected and to move "up" to a setup with a larger battery. After much discussion there, I took their advice and purchased an "Ego" type kit. Along with the kit, I ordered a tobacco flavored e-juice in two strengths, 12 and 18 mg/l. I did not really enjoy that e-juice, but I was able to determine that the 12 mg/l e-juice was appropriate for me.

I received my e-cigarette kit on September 19, 2013. I have not had a cigarette since then. It was easy. It took no effort. I have not wanted a real cigarette since that date. E-cigarettes work. There is no doubt about that in my mind. E-cigarettes enabled me to instantly quit smoking real cigarettes.

I then ordered a sampler of tobacco-flavored e-juice from one vendor and a sampler of tea, fruit and dessert flavors from another. After trying all of the e-juices in the samplers, I ordered a larger bottle of a tobacco-flavored e-juice and a few larger bottles of tea, fruit and dessert flavored e-juices. In a relatively short period of time, I found that I much preferred the fruit, pastry and dessert flavors over any of the tobacco flavores. I still have that single, larger bottle of tobacco-flavored e-juice and have hardly used any of it. If I knew someone who could use it, I'd give it away.

I was told on the ECF that half the battle was getting the right hardware and that the other half is finding your "all day vape". I believe both statements are true. I don't know that I would have stuck with e-cigarettes if I had to use tobacco-flavored e-juices.

I understand the need to impose some amount of regulation on e-cigarette juices. A list of ingredients printed on each bottle would be helpful and appreciated. On the other hand, preventing vendors from creating flavors would in my opinion be counter-productive. I believe that this technology should be encouraged and not unnecessarily hindered.

As I have no desire to go back to smoking real cigarettes, I make the following requests:

First, please, please do not create and impose a regulatory system so onerous and/or costly that the smaller e-juice vendors cannot survive in the marketplace; leaving this market to "big tobacco" is a mistake.

Second, please do not unnecessarily restrict the kinds of flavors available in the e-juice marketplace. As I noted above, I believe it critical that a smoker trying to quit real cigarettes be able to find an e-juice that he/she really likes.

Finally, please do not unnecessarily hinder the creation of devices. In just the short time I have been an e-cigarette user, devices have substantially evolved into better, more useable and satisfying devices. I have seen the "cig-a-like" devices like "Blu" e-cigarettes. I have not tried them, but from what I've seen and read, I do not believe that they would satisfy me.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns over the proposed regulations. I joined CASAA to keep abreast with relevant news.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dave S. Fukuoka Wailuku, Maui, HI

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Santiago Lopez United States

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathryn Salomon	Individual	Support	No

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http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/enhanced/doi/10.1111/add.12623/

http://ntr.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2013/12/10/ntr.ntt203.short?rss=1

In the last website that I have above, it shows that the second hand exposure to vaping is NOT nearly as toxic as a cigarette's second hand smoke.

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Micah sampaio 91-841 walewa place

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Really think. Who does this benefit? How does this benefit them? How much does this benefit them? And lastly, ARE THEY YOUR CONSTITUENTS?

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Lane Tamashiro Honolulu, HI

From:	Teddy Kim
To:	WAM Testimony
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Sean Higa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris Cooper	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jake J. Watkins	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lisa Oshiro	Individual	Oppose	No

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