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**From:** Bryan Mih <bmih@hawaii.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2016 10:02 PM  
**To:** TRE Testimony  
**Subject:** Support SB 2083, Relating to the Statewide Traffic Code

Date: January 28, 2016

To: The Honorable Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

Re: Strong Support for SB 2083, Relating to the Statewide Traffic Code

Hrg: January 28, 2016 at 2:45pm at Capitol Room 229

As a pediatrician and medical director of the HEALTHY Quit Smoking Program at Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, I strongly support SB 2083, which encourages the State of Hawai'i to prohibit smoking in a motor vehicle when a minor is present. I have seen children come to our clinic and hospital with asthma exacerbation, pneumonia, bronchitis, middle ear infection, and other health issues that are worsened by exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke.

Children do not have a choice when they are placed in cars with smoking adults, and therefore are forced to inhale toxins that affect their health. This exposure affects them significantly, even if the car windows are open. Tobacco smoke and byproducts cling to the car's interior and to the child's hair, skin, and clothing. Allowing smoking in cars with children is the equivalent of putting a child in the space the size of a closet and then lighting a grill in that same space.

Electronic cigarettes and vaping devices should also be included in these regulations, too. 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.

Hawai'i has been a leader, protecting the public and its visitors from the dangers of secondhand smoke, and now, the State Legislature has the opportunity to protect its children and young people from the harmful impacts of smoking in a vehicle. Across the nation, seven states have passed laws to prohibit smoking when children and young people are present. This year, 12 additional states are considering similar legislation. We hope that Hawai'i can continue being an example for other states in the nation in promoting clean, smoke-free, and healthy environments for our residents and families by passing SB 2083.

Sincerely,

Bryan Mih, MD, MPH, FAAP  
Pediatrician

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**SB2083**

Submitted on: 1/27/2016

Testimony for TRE on Jan 28, 2016 14:45PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael S. Nakasone	Individual	Oppose	No

**Comments:**

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**From:** Kanani Kilbey <kanani.kilbey@gmail.com>  
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Children's bodies are still developing, and exposure to the poisons in secondhand smoke puts them at risk of severe respiratory diseases and can hinder the growth of their lungs. Secondhand smoke is a known cause of low birth weight, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), asthma, bronchitis, pneumonia, middle ear infection, and other diseases.

Just as restrictions on drivers' behaviors are required for public health and safety, protecting children from secondhand smoke and vapor from electronic smoking devices (ESDs) in vehicles is also necessary. ESDs contain harmful ingredients such as nicotine and cancer-causing chemicals that are inhaled by those exposed to e-cigarette vapor. In the 2015 Legislative session, the Legislature passed HB 940 which now includes ESDs in the statewide smoke-free air law.

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Mahalo,

Kanani Kilbey  
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**From:** kesslerholly@gmail.com on behalf of Holly Kessler <holly@hollykessler.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2016 4:47 PM  
**To:** TRE Testimony  
**Subject:** Re: testimony- chase kessler  
**Attachments:** minor in car testimony SB2083.pdf

Aloha Kaala,

Please find attached testimony for Chase Kessler.

She will be bringing a hard copy tomorrow to read from.

Aloha,  
Holly Kessler

On Wed, Jan 27, 2016 at 3:36 PM, TRE Testimony <[TRETestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:TRETestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)> wrote:

Aloha Holly;

We have received your email requesting that you would like to present oral testimony. Please bring a copy of your written testimony to the hearing tomorrow so we can file it.

Mahalo,

Kaala Coleman, Legislative Aide for

Senator Lorraine Inouye

**From:** [kesslerholly@gmail.com](mailto:kesslerholly@gmail.com) [mailto:[kesslerholly@gmail.com](mailto:kesslerholly@gmail.com)] **On Behalf Of** Holly Kessler  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2016 11:53 AM  
**To:** TRE Testimony  
**Subject:** Re: testimony- chase kessler

Chase Kessler would like to orally submit this testimony at the hearing on January

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Aloha,  
Holly



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**SB2083**

Submitted on: 1/27/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lani Hernandez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill should have not vaping products in it. In fact this bill should not even exist.

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**SB2083**

Submitted on: 1/27/2016

Testimony for TRE on Jan 28, 2016 14:45PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Zehner	Hawaii Smokers Alliance	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Testimony is attached for SB2083.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 2083 which urges the State of Hawai'i to prohibit smoking in a motor vehicle when a minor is present.

I think this is a brilliant idea. This bill will go further to protect The health of all occupants of the vehicles that have keiki in them. Other benefits would be: less distraction to the driver, less air pollution, less trash on our streets, Etc. The good example of focused driving would be good for our future generations to witness and influence good driving habits for their future.

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Mahalo,

Lisa Andrews

Kapa'au, HI 96755

January 26, 2016

ORAL TESTIMONY for SB 2083

Senators Inouye and Gabbard, and Members of the Committee on  
Transportation and Energy

My name is Chase Kessler, I'm a 16 and a junior at La Pietra Hawaii  
School for Girls.

I'm here today to tell you why I support smoke free vehicles while a minor is  
present.

I have been in a car with someone smoking and it is very unhealthy. The  
smoke becomes trapped with the windows closed and I was forced to  
breathe it. Because I am a kid, I could not say anything to the adult who  
was smoking, and it was terrible.

Now that I just got my driver's license, I will not allow anyone to smoke in  
my car.

I think it is important for us to look out for young kids by enacting a law to  
force adults to never smoke in a car while a minor is present. Kids cannot  
speak for themselves and they do not even know that the smoke they are  
inhaling is very bad for them. Breathing secondhand smoke is dangerous  
and toxic even when the car window is down. Every time a child breathes in  
secondhand smoke, they breathe in thousands of chemicals. It is our  
responsibility to take action on this important matter.

Thank you for considering this important bill.

Chase Kessler

**From:** Debbie Apolo <debz96789@gmail.com>  
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Mahalo,

Debbie Apolo, CTTS

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**From:** Jermy Domingo <jermy@hawaii.edu>  
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Date: January 28, 2016

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Mahalo,

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**SB2083**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Hamilton	Hawaii Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicholas Winters	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Vaping shouldn't be included in this bill. I've yet to see the FDA state for a fact that it's harmful.

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

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