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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2688 SD1 RELATING TO THE SALE OF E-LIQUID

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

Hearing Date: Fri., February 26, 2016, 10:00am Room Number: 016

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None to the Department of Health.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports SB2688 SD1 to protect
- 3 children from exposure to nicotine and other hazardous ingredients found in e-liquid products.
- 4 This measure also provides a warning label requirement that informs consumers about the
- 5 contents of the containers.
- 6 SB2688, SD1 strengthens the warning label language to specifically reflect the harms caused by
- 7 intentional exposure to the products' contents. The addition of a new section on e-liquid
- 8 packaging standards and expanded definition of hazardous substances that includes e-liquids to
- 9 HRS Chapter 330C, Hawaii Poison Prevention Act, will make Hawaii current law consistent
- with the proposed measure.
- 11 Under the new federal Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act, which was signed into law by
- 12 President Obama in January of this year, liquid nicotine can only be sold in child-resistant bottles
- and containers that are packaged to meet the same standards as set forth in the Poison Prevention
- Packaging Act of 1970. While this law provides a strong first level of safety regulation for e-
- 15 liquid manufacturing, it lacks a warning label requirement which would make explicit the
- dangers of the products' contents. The addition of labeling through the Food and Drug
- Administration could take years to enact. SB2688, SD1, if enacted, would proactively
- strengthen Hawaii requirements to protect children and residents against poisoning from the
- 19 nicotine contents of e-cigarettes or electronic smoking devices (ESDs).

- 1 Liquid nicotine poisoning especially among children has been a highly publicized problem in the
- 2 United States. Between 2013-2015, the Hawaii Poison Center received calls about 39 children
- 3 less than 6 years old for unintentional liquid nicotine exposure. Most (69%) were less than 2
- 4 years old. Almost half were treated in a hospital emergency department. With the average
- 5 hospital emergency charge estimated to be \$955.00. This represents a significant financial
- 6 burden for parents and insurers.
- 7 Nicotine, depending on the concentration can be extremely dangerous¹. For any age,
- 8 unintentional exposure to nicotine by swallowing or contact with the skin can result in nausea
- 9 and vomiting, respiratory arrest, seizures, or even death². A small dose of nicotine can be
- 10 hazardous to children. On milliliter of nicotine fluid can equal the amount of nicotine in 1
- cigarette, which is enough to cause severe reaction in a child. Children are especially vulnerable
- given they are often drawn to the products due to their attractive packaging and kid-friendly
- 13 flavors.^{3,4}
- SB2688 SD1 reinforces current research that liquid nicotine products carry warnings that are
- understandable, conspicuous and salient to the user⁵, reflecting the hazardous or potentially
- lethal nature of the products. Otherwise, these products may appear as benign and marketed to
- be visually appealing to vulnerable populations.

¹ Electronic Cigarettes and Liquid Nicotine Data- December 31, 2015(Rep.). (n.d.). Retrieved February 3, 2016, from American Association of Poison Control Centers website: https://aapcc.s3.amazonaws.com/files/library/E-cig_Nicotine_Web_Data_through_12.2015.pdf

² Stanton Glantz, Child Resistant Packaging of Electronic Cigarette Devices and Refill Liquid to Prevent Child Poisoning, Center for Tobacco Control Research & Education (July 8, 2014) Retrieved February 3, 2016, from https://tobacco.ucsf.edu/child-resistant-packaging-electronic-cigarette-devices-and-refill-liquid-containers-containing-nicot

³ Press Release, American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) and Poison Centers Issue Warning About Electronic Cigarettes and Liquid Nicotine (Mar. 25, 2014), available at http://www.aapcc.org/press/29.

⁴ *Policy Approaches to Prevent Liquid Nicotine Poisonings* (Issue brief). (n.d.). Retrieved February 3, 2016, from Tobacco Control Legal Consortium website: http://publichealthlawcenter.org/sites/default/files/resources/tclc-fs-e-liquid-nicotine-poisonings-2015.pdf

⁵ Nicotine Exposure Warnings and Child-Resistant Packaging for Liquid Nicotine, Nicotine-Containing E-Liquid(s), and Other Tobacco Products; Request for Comments. (2015, August 12). Retrieved February 3, 2016, from University of California San Francisco Center for Tobacco Control and Research website: https://tobacco.ucsf.edu/sites/tobacco.ucsf.edu/files/u9/Liquid nicotine public comment-1jz-8kin-qyu8.pdf

- 1 Accidental ingestion continues to be a real threat to the health and safety of Hawaii's children
- 2 and families. The Department of Health supports this bill to heighten consumer awareness about
- 3 the toxicity of e-products and proactively prevent children and consumers from accidental
- 4 ingestion, injury, and even death.
- 5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
February 26, 2016 at 9:00 am
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Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center strongly supports this bill.

The UH Cancer Center is one of only 69 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 cancer researchers in Hawai'i with greater access to federal funding and research opportunities. More importantly, it gives the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific region access to many 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 in Hawai'i very seriously. Whereas the UH Cancer Center always has supported strong tobacco control measures in Hawai'i, the recent emergence of electronic smoking devices (e-cigarettes) presents new challenges for tobacco control and tobacco-related legislation. To address these challenges, UH Cancer Center researchers have been actively involved in conducting studies about cigarette smoking and e-cigarette use among adolescents in Hawai'i, a vulnerable population for initiation of both cigarette smoking and e-cigarette use.

The UH Cancer Center perspective on electronic smoking devices is informed by data recently obtained from Hawaii adolescents and young adults who are participants in **original research conducted by our own faculty**. 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

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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.

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.

We have also learned that the potential for electronic smoking devices to be used as drug delivery devices for substances other than nicotine exists. Electronic smoking devices and the various liquids offered on the market are attractively packaged so as to be enticing to adolescents and children. Not only is nicotine potentially poisonous, the liquids in the e-liquid containers can also pose serious health risks to children. Packaging e-liquid in child-resistant packages and placing warning labels on those packages would reduce potential health risks to children.

We respectfully urge you to pass this bill.



Date: February 25, 2016

To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

From: Members of the University of Hawaii Student Health Advisory Council

Re: Strong Support for SB 2688, Relating to the sale of E-liquid

Hrg: February 26, 2016 at 10:00am at Conference Room 016

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 2688, which urges the State

of Hawaii to prohibit the sale of e-liquid containers for electronic smoking devices unless the container is child-resistant, and also prohibits the sale of electronic smoking devices unless they contain warning labels identifying the health hazards associated with use of these products.

Many current e-cigarette users have families with small children. Currently if young child obtains an e-liquid container they can easily open the container and orally consume the e-liquid, which could result in their death. By requiring child-resistant containers this health hazard could be potentially eliminated. In addition, many adolescents and young adults believe that e-cigarettes are not harmful to their health. Not knowing the true health hazards can lead to addiction and will have future negative health-related consequences for the young people of Hawaii.

Child-resistant containers and warning labels on all electronic smoking devices is an achievable solution that will save lives. Therefore, the Student Health Advisory Council strongly supports and urges the passing of SB 2688.

Mahalo,

Ku'uleialohaonalani Sazer, Graduate Co-chair





Date: February 25, 2016

To: The Honorable Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Trish La Chica, Policy and Advocacy Director, Hawai'i Public Health Institute

Re: STRONG SUPPORT for SB2688, SD1 Relating to the Sale of E-Liquid

Hrg: February 26, 2016 at 10:00am at Conference Room 016

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in <u>STRONG SUPPORT</u> of SB2688, SD1 which prohibits the sale of e-liquid used for electronic smoking devices (ESDs) unless the container is in child-resistant packaging and labeled with appropriate warning language.

The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i (Coalition) is a program of the Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) that is dedicated to reducing tobacco use through education, policy, and advocacy. With nearly two decades of history in Hawai'i, the Coalition has led several campaigns on enacting smoke-free environments, including being the first state in the nation to prohibit the sale of tobacco and electronic smoking devices to purchasers under 21 years of age.

On January 28, 2016, President Obama signed and enacted The Child and Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2015ⁱ, which requires all liquid nicotine containers used for e-cigarettes and other vaping devices to be sold in child-resistant packaging. However, **this law does not require the inclusion of warning labels, which the Coalition strongly recommends**.

There is growing concern over child poisoning cases related to e-cigarettes, which increased tenfold between 2011 and 2014 and totaled more than 3,067 in 2015ⁱⁱ, as well as the death of a 1-year-old boy who died after drinking from an e-liquid bottle left on a dining room tableⁱⁱⁱ. Just a teaspoon of liquid nicotine can be toxic, and e-liquids are offered in kid-friendly flavors such as gummy bear, vanilla cupcake, and banana split, that often look and smell like candy.

Compared to other tobacco products, ESDs are not regulated. In Hawai'i, they have no warning labels. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have not approved ESDs as a safe and effective smoking cessation device.





While the federal legislation is an important step in increasing the safety of e-cigarettes and other electronic smoking devices, safety issues still abound, with reports of toxic e-liquid flavorings causing harm to lungs when inhaled^{iv}, e-cigarettes spontaneously exploding^v, and the exposure to nicotine, a highly addictive substance^{vi}.

The Coalition urges you to protect our children from exposure and accidental ingestion of toxic e-liquid. We also support the inclusion of warning labels to educate the public on poisonous nicotine as well as the enforcement of current tobacco selling laws.

We strongly support SB2688, SD1 and urge you to pass this measure out of committee.

Mahalo,

Trish La Chica

Policy and Advocacy Director

ⁱ Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2015. https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/114/s142

ⁱⁱ American Association of Poison Control Centers. E-cigarettes and liquid nicotine. American Association of Poison Control Centers. Retrieved from http://www.aapcc.org/alerts/e-cigarettes/

iii "First Child's Death From Liquid Nicotine Reported as 'Vaping' Gains Popularity" 12 Dec 2014.

http://abcnews.go.com/Health/childs-death-liquid-nicotine-reported-vaping-gains-popularity/story?id=27563788

iv "E-Cigarette Flavorings Can Be Toxic to Lung Cells" 18 May 2015. https://www.healthline.com/health-news/e-cigarette-flavorings-can-be-toxic-to-lung-cells-051815

v "Man Suffers Severe Injuries After E-Cigarette Explodes in His Mouth" 15 Feb 2012. http://abcnews.go.com/Health/electric-cigarette-explodes-fla-mans-face/story?id=15645605



February 23, 2016

To: The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Members, Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, & Health

From: Cory Smith, VOLCANO Fine Electronic Cigarettes®

CEO and Owner

RE: SB2688 SD1 – Support with Amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

VOLCANO Fine Electronic Cigarettes[®] is the largest manufacturer and retailer of vapor products and vaping accessories in the State of Hawaii. We currently own and operate 11 locations statewide and employ over 70 full-time workers to support sales of our products not only here in Hawaii, but to all 50 states as well as over 30 International countries.

We stand in support of SB2688 and the requirement that e-liquid products should be sold with necessary child resistant measures and proper warnings. However, the labeling requirement as stated in the bill should be amended to prove workable and fair.

- President Obama has already signed into law the Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2015 requiring at the federal level that all e-liquid containers sold in the US have child-resistant caps. This law would supersede any law passed in the state and has already accomplished what this bill is set to do.
- We have manufactured and retailed our own brand of e-liquids with Childproof caps, California Proposition 65 warnings and general nicotine usage and warning information since as early as 2009. We, along with the rest of vapor industry, have self regulated those measures and we firmly believe in maintaining a high level of safety and quality and are pleased to see this legislature taking steps to make sure these measures become a state mandated requirement.
- Requiring "Not for sale to persons under 21 years of age" and "For Help Call the Hawaii Poison Center 808-222-1222" to be included on the label is only accurate in Hawaii and does not recognize the fact that VOLCANO, along with several other Hawaii based manufacturers, sell products outside of the state. Hawaii is currently the only state restricting sales of e-liquid to persons between the ages of 18-21. However our sales are not limited to just the State of Hawaii. We also export our e-liquids to all 50 states and some 30 other countries. As such, we suggest a change of wording to "Underage Sale"



Prohibited" or "Not For Sale Minors". We do not agree with requiring a local poison control center number for the same reason. These narrow labeling requirements do not allow flexibility for the product to be sold in different retail markets where state laws may vary and retain its eligibility to be sold without a conflict on packaging.

- It is also important to note that the majority of e-liquid retailers in Hawaii are not manufacturers and are merely importers, thus they do not have control over the products packaging and labeling. These stringent and narrow warning guidelines will result in most retailers being unable to carry any e-liquid.
- The warning requirement "This product is not FDA Approved" is incorrect since vapor products are not currently under FDA authority. The FDA's Deeming Regulations, which would give them authority over vapor products, have not been approved by the Office of Management and Budget yet. Therefore, at this time, e-liquid products do not require FDA approval to be marketed or sold in the United States and thus are not legally required to be labeled as such. Requiring this warning would raise significant state and federal legal issues.

We hope that you will consider our amendments and will make the necessary changes to the warning language to make this bill a successful one. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,
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SB2688

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Rex F. Benigno	808 Smokes	Oppose	No	

Comments: Vapor products contain NO tobacco, often times contain NO nicotine, and ultimately emit NO smoke, SB2691 aims to unfairly classify all vapor products as "Tobacco Products" and erroneously refers to the them as "Electronic Smoking Devices" to bring vapor products into the same regulatory framework and licensing requirements as traditional tobacco cigarettes. • SB2689 States in its justification that the use of licensing and permit fees "facilitate the enforcement of the cigarette tax and tobacco tax law". However, seeing as though there are no current laws in place that subject vapor products to a cigarette tax or the tobacco tax law, this bill should be considered premature. • SB2689 would amount to a 9900% increase in licensing fees for wholesalers and a 150% increase for retail dealers. This is a highly unreasonable increase that will result in a significant financial burden. These costs would ultimately be passed on to the consumer. • Vapor Products are not the same as tobacco products, and thus, should not be regulated in the same fashion. Vapor products have not been demonstrated to have the same detrimental effects of combustible tobacco products and have otherwise been shown in recent studies to be as much as 95% less toxic than traditional Cigarettes.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Gerald Honma	Smokeless Hawaii	Oppose	No	

Comments: * President Obama has already signed into law the Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2015 requiring at the federal level that all e-liquid containers sold in the US have child-resistant caps. This law would supersede any law passed in the state and has already accomplished what this bill is set to do. * â— We have manufactured and retailed our own brand of e-liquids with Childproof caps, California Proposition 65 warnings and general nicotine usage and warning information since as early as 2009. We, along with the rest of vapor industry, have self regulated those measures and we firmly believe in maintaining a high level of safety and quality and are pleased to see this legislature taking steps to make sure these measures become a state mandated requirement. * Requiring Not for sale to persons under 21 years of age and For Help Call the Hawaii Poison Center 808-222-1222 to be included on the label is only accurate in Hawaii and does not recognize the fact that VOLCANO, Smokeless Hawaii along with several other Hawaii based manufacturers, sell products outside of the state. Hawaii is currently the only state restricting sales of e-liquid to persons between the ages of 18-21. However our sales are not limited to just the State of Hawaii. We also export our e-liquids to all 50 states and some 30 other countries. As such, we suggest a change of wording to Underage Sale Prohibited" or "Not for Sale to Minors"

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chaz bollig	Individual	Oppose	No	

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Chris Wells	Individual	Oppose	No	

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Devin Wolery	Individual	Oppose	Yes	

Comments: Obama already covered this. You can take a break on this bill and defer it. https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114s142enr/pdf/BILLS-114s142enr.pdf

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P Kuromoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This legislation is unnecessary and unscientific. Federal regulation already covers packaging requirements. Furthermore, dilute nicotine solutions as used in vapor devices are lower risk than this legislation tries to portray. These solutions are too dilute to be a high risk to cause "substantial personal injury or substantial illness" and never have, despite millions of users in the country.

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Peter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Most INGREDIENTS in e-liquids are safe, except for nicotine, nicotine is very similar to caffeine, but we are okay to give it to our kids? PLEASE lets educate ourselves (State Reps) instead of looking at this as a money making ploy for the government.

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Teddy Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

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william shaver	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This is just ridiculous! The state of Hawaii has already made a law prohibiting anyone under the age of 21 to purchase any tobacco or e-cig products. Why are you guys harassing this community and making things more inconvenient for people in this industry especially these amazing local operating ones that support the local community in a great way.

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