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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2301, S.D. 1

12:40 p.m. Room 211

RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL

The Department of Budget and Finance offers comments on Senate Bill (S.B.)
No. 2301, S.D. 1.

S.B. No. 2301, S.D. 1: 1) establishes a Cigarette Litter Abatement Special Fund (CLASF) to be administered by the Department of Health (DOH) to conduct outreach and education on improper cigarette disposal and to fund cigarette litter removal on public lands and spaces; 2) establishes a cigarette litter abatement excise tax to be imposed on each cigarette sold in the State, the proceeds of which shall be deposited into the CLASF; and 3) appropriates unspecified amounts of general and special funds for FY 21 for the purposes of the CLASF.

As a matter of general policy, the department does not support the creation of any special fund that does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3, HRS. Special funds should: 1) serve a need as demonstrated by the purpose, scope of work, and an explanation why the program cannot be implemented successfully under the general fund appropriation process; 2) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and

charges made upon the users or beneficiaries or a clear link between the program and the sources of revenue; 3) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 4) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. In regard to S.B. No. 2301, S.D. 1, it is difficult to determine whether the proposed special fund would be self-sustaining.

The department defers to DOH and the Department of Taxation on the programmatic and taxation aspects of this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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To: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair;

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair; and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Rona M. Suzuki, Director

Department of Taxation

Re: S.B. 2301, S.D. 1, Relating to Litter Control

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Time: 12:40 P.M.

Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

The Department of Taxation (Department) appreciates the intent of S.B. 2301, S.D. 1, and offers the following comments.

S.B. 2301, S.D. 1, establishes a cigarette litter abatement excise tax in Section 245-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). The tax is imposed on wholesalers and dealers at an unspecified rate per cigarette sold, used or possessed. The new tax is imposed beginning July 1, 2021.

The Department notes the Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health made multiple changes to this measure based on the Department's comments. The Department appreciates the consideration of its testimony.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



Testimony COMMENTING on SB2301 SD1 RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL

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SENATOR DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Hearing Date: 2/25/2020 Room Number: 211

- 1 Fiscal Implications: Unknown. This measure may impact the priorities identified in the
- 2 Governor's Executive Budget Request for the Department of Health's (Department)
- 3 appropriations and personnel priorities.
- 4 **Department Testimony:** The Department offers comments on SB2301 SD1. This measure
- 5 creates a cigarette litter abatement special fund, from which the Department may (1) conduct
- 6 outreach and education to curb improper cigarette litter disposal; (2) use for costs to collect and
- 7 remove cigarette litter from public lands and public spaces; and (3) reimburse a county for costs
- 8 that county incurs from collecting and removing cigarette litter on public lands and public spaces
- 9 within its control, pursuant to rules adopted by the Department.
 - The Department has not actively enforced state litter laws under Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 339 since the abolishment of the Litter Control Office in the late 1990s. To carry out the duties specified in this bill, the Department requests the Legislature to reestablish positions and allow moneys from the cigarette litter abatement special fund to be expended on these positions.
- Additionally, in Section 1 of the bill, in order to accrue monies collected for the purposes specified, the Department requests that the special fund be established in the State Treasury.
 - Offered Amendments: None

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17 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

LEGISLATIVE TAX BILL SERVICE

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SUBJECT: TOBACCO, Cigarette Litter Abatement Excise Tax

BILL NUMBER: SB 2301, SD-1

INTRODUCED BY: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Establishes a cigarette litter abatement excise tax to be imposed on each cigarette sold in the State, the proceeds of which shall be deposited into a cigarette litter abatement special fund. Provides that the cigarette litter abatement special fund shall be used to cover the costs of collecting and removing cigarette litter and providing outreach and education to curb improper cigarette litter disposal. Appropriates funds.

SYNOPSIS: Adds a new section to chapter 245, HRS, to impose upon a tobacco wholesaler or dealer a cigarette litter abatement excise tax equal to \$_____ for each cigarette. The fee shall be applied using stamps.

If stamped cigarettes thereafter become the subject of a casualty loss deduction allowable under the income tax law, the fee paid shall be refunded.

The fee will be subject to the same limitations applicable to the tobacco tax as stated in section 245-3(b), including that sales to the federal government are exempt and the taxes shall be paid only once with respect to the same cigarettes or tobacco products.

Adds a new section to chapter 339, HRS, to establish a special fund into which the fee will be deposited. The fund will be expended by the Department of Health.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2020.

STAFF COMMENTS: This measure can be viewed as a hike in the cigarette tax. It is functionally the same thing.

The question that should be asked is the purpose of the tobacco tax. If the goal is to make people stop smoking by making it cost-prohibitive to smoke, then (a) it's working, as hikes in the cigarette tax have begun to exert downward pressure on collections not only locally but also nationally, but (b) it shouldn't be expected to raise revenue, because of (a). If the goal is really to stop the behavior, why are we not banning it?

As the Foundation's previous President, Lowell Kalapa, wrote in the Tax Foundation of Hawaii's weekly commentary on October 28, 2012:

Lawmakers seem to have a simplistic reaction to solving problems the solution to which plagues their constituents – tax it.

Probably the best example is what people like to call sin taxes, those excise taxes that are levied on tobacco and alcohol products. After all, smoking causes cancer and alcohol

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causes all sorts of problems including driving under the influence. Lawmakers and community advocates shake their heads and push for higher tax rates, arguing that making these products more expensive will deter folks from using these products.

The problem is that lawmakers also like the revenues that are generated from the sales of these products and, in some cases, they have tried to link the use and sale of these products with noble causes such as the funding of the Cancer Research Center that is currently being built. Again, the argument is that smokers should pay for programs and projects which seek to cure the related ill which in this case is cancer caused by smoking.

The irony is that arguments to increase the tax on tobacco and, more specifically, cigarettes, is a goal of getting smokers to quit while depending on the revenues from tobacco and cigarette taxes to fund an ongoing program, in this case the Cancer Research Center. So, which is it folks, stop smokers from smoking and if successful, there won't be any revenues to fund the Cancer Research Center?

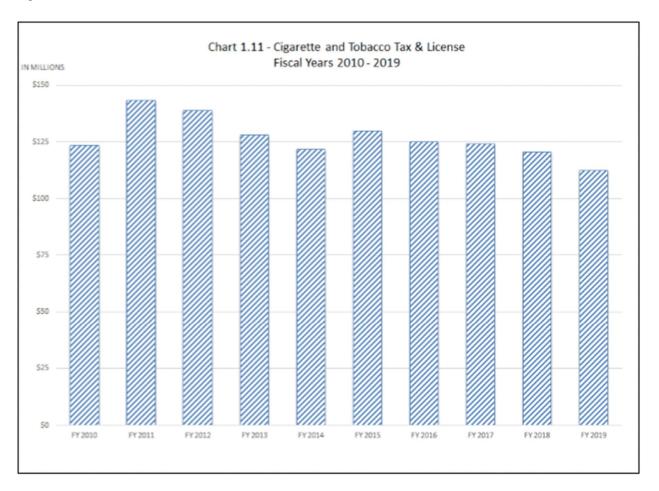
The fact of the matter is that it appears that both locally and nationally, higher taxes on cigarettes are influencing smokers as tax collections on the sale of cigarettes have fallen. Certainly some of the decline is due to smokers actually quitting, but to some degree one has to suspect that some purchases were made via mail order from exempt Indian reservation outlets while others may be what is called gray market purchases, that is from sources outside the country.

What should come as a surprise is that most of the folks who have quit are of some means as they are more likely to recognize the health hazard caused by use of this product. That means most of those who are still smoking are among the lower-income members of our community. Thus, the tax is regressive, generating less and less collections from middle and higher-income individuals.

As predicted, programs that have been fed by earmarks from the tobacco tax, like the Cancer Research Center, have become a victim of the success of tobacco cessation programs and publicity. Revenues produced by the tobacco tax have been in steady decline over the past few years despite tax rate increases, and hoisting the smoking age to 21 in the 2015 session certainly didn't reverse the trend.

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Source: Department of Taxation Annual Report (2018-2019), page 24.

If the goal is to affect social behavior, use of the tax law is not the most effective way to do so.

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To: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Members of the Ways and Means Committee

Re: Support for SB 2301, SD1, Relating to Litter Control

Hrg: February 25, 2020 at 12:40 PM at Conference Room 211

The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i, a program of the Hawai'i Public Health Instituteⁱ is in **Support of SB 2301, SD1** which establishes a cigarette litter abatement excise tax and corresponding special fund. Revenues from the special fund are to be used for cigarette litter education, outreach, and removal.

Cigarettes are the most littered item in the world, with more than 45 trillion cigarettes littered each year. The disposed cigarette butts pose a serious environmental hazard, as they leach toxic chemicals that can contaminate the environment and poison animals, and the filters inside contribute to plastic waste. According to the Truth Initiative, cities spend between \$3 million and \$16 million on cigarette clean-upii.

In addition, imposing an additional tax on cigarettes for litter abatement could result in an overall price increase, a proven strategy to reduce consumption on tobacco products for both adults and youth. For every 10 percent increase in cigarette prices, youth smoking will reduce by about seven percent and total cigarette consumption by about four percentⁱⁱⁱ.

Tobacco use is still the number one preventable cause of death and costs our State \$526 million annually. Imposing a litter abatement fee may have the positive effect of both reducing smoking and helping to offset some of the costs of tobacco in the state.

The Coalition supports SB 2301, SD1 and asks you to pass this measure out of committee.

Mahalo,

Jessica Yamauchi, MA Executive Director

The Hawai'i Public Health Institute is a hub for building healthy communities, providing issue-based advocacy, education, and technical assistance through partnerships with government, academia, foundations, business, and community-based organizations.

ⁱ 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 more than 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.

ⁱⁱ 5 ways cigarette litter impacts the environment. (2017, April 21). Retrieved 2019, from Truth Initiative website: https://truthinitiative.org/research-resources/harmful-effects-tobacco/5-ways-cigarette-litter-impacts-environment

^{III} U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2012). *Preventing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults: A Report of the Surgeon General*. Retrieved from https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK99237/pdf/Bookshelf_NBK99237.pdf

SB-2301-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 4:11:41 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Zehner	Testifying for Hawaii Smokers Alliance	Oppose	No

Comments:

We strongly oppose this tax hike. Money would be wasted administrating a unneccessary special fund. We'd like to know exactly who exactly would personally profit from this extortion job against constituents that smoke.

Furthermore, the bill is highly bigoted against our minority group. The vast majority of litter mass is littered by the non-smokers who would pay nothing. How can the lawmakers promoting this bill justify their malicious actions to the faces of voting constituents who like to smoke and do not litter?

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/22/2020 8:34:25 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ned Garcia	Individual	Oppose	No

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/21/2020 2:36:33 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Jake J. Watkins	Individual	Oppose	No	

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Submitted on: 2/20/2020 6:08:59 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support SB2301, as cigarette butts are toxic and often eaten by turtles and other marine creatures.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

Kihei, Maui

SB-2301-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2020 8:57:40 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris C.K. Arakaki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

So no tax for non-smokers that litter? WTF!!!!!

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<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/22/2020 9:24:39 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
April Pacheco	Individual	Oppose	No

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/22/2020 9:54:12 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Sabrina Spencer	Individual	Oppose	No	

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/22/2020 10:12:23 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

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

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/22/2020 11:32:50 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sean Higa	Individual	Oppose	No

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/22/2020 12:05:26 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	No

Date: February 22, 2020

To: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: **Strong Support for SB2301 SD1**, Relating to Litter Control

Hrg: February 25, 2020 at 12:40 PM in Capitol Room 211

Aloha Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

As a parent, educator and health professional, I am writing in **strong support of SB2301 SD1**, which establishes a cigarette litter abatement excise tax to be imposed on each cigarette sold in the State, the proceeds of which shall be deposited into a cigarette litter abatement special fund; provides that the cigarette litter abatement special fund shall be used to cover the costs of collecting and removing cigarette litter and providing outreach and education to curb improper cigarette litter disposal; and, appropriates funds.

Hawai'i's outdoor public spaces are key to our state's robust tourist industry. Cigarette litter accumulating in our outdoor spaces is harmful to terrestrial and marine life, as well as being unsightly.

Because every 10% increase in cigarette prices leads to 3-5% decrease in overall smoking rates, SB2301 HD1 is doubly beneficial. By taxing cigarettes for tobacco litter cleanup, it also increases financial motivation for smokers to quit.

I **strongly support SB2301 SD1** and respectfully ask you to pass this bill out of committee.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Forrest Batz, PharmD Kea'au, HI

SB-2301-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2020 11:04:52 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Bryan Mih	Individual	Support	No	ı

Comments:

As a pediatrician and medical director of the Kapi'olani Smokefree Families Program, I support this bill, which increases the cigarette tax and helps with cigarette litter abatement. Nicotine is one of the most addictive substances and cigarette smoking is one of the leading causes of health problems including cancer, heart disease, lung disease, and premature delivery of newborns.

By raising the tax, we are effectively deterring our young people from starting smoking. In addition, higher cigarette prices make it more likely for adult smokers to quit. For each 10% increase in price, there is a 3-5% reduction in use.

Big Tobacco recognizes this, and a 1985 Philip Morris internal document stated, "Of all the concerns, there is one— taxation—that alarms us the most. While marketing restrictions and public and passive smoking do depress volume, in our experience taxation depresses it much more severely."

Hawaii should continue to be a leader in encouraging the health of our people. Raising the tax on cigarettes is an effective method of discouraging people, especially our younger population, from smoking.

Sincerely,

Bryan Mih, MD, MPH, FAAP

Pediatrician

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/23/2020 8:26:08 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted B	By Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jason Park	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Tax is too high already.

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/23/2020 9:19:24 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Larson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We are taxed unfairy already.

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/23/2020 10:38:16 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Santiago	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

This is a real kick in the teeth for smokers that vote.

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/23/2020 11:34:15 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Mark Dietrich	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

Totally unfair! Most litter is littered by the 80% of people that don't smoke.

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/23/2020 2:22:56 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Wells	Individual	Oppose	No

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/23/2020 2:51:15 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
james. e. dodson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a Hawaii resident and federal worker here this bill is extremely important. Have lived and traveled the world and unfortunately Hawaii is the worst for cigarette pollution and abate. Please consider and support this bill.

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/23/2020 3:19:53 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/25/2020 12:40:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ke Nguyen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I don't make much money. Your bill hurts poor people. Soon a ballot will come in the mail and you can hear from me again.

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/23/2020 3:37:33 PM

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

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/23/2020 4:32:53 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessica Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/23/2020 5:14:01 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimo Cruz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposing this asinine tax ripoff.

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/23/2020 5:46:39 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Alex Abe	Individual	Oppose	No	

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/23/2020 6:09:41 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Mark Owens	Individual	Oppose	No	

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/24/2020 7:34:40 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Krystle Martin	Individual	Support	No

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:13:41 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Anton	Individual	Oppose	No

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:43:50 AM

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

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/24/2020 10:05:34 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Dustin Andrews	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments:

I oppose screwing over us working guys with more taxes!

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 10:16:49 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Shelly Ogata	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

As a nurse and public health advocate, I am in strong support of this bill and would ask for at least a \$1.00 increase per pack/5 cents per stick. May I point out that according to research done, every 10% increase in cigarette prices leads to 3-5% decease in overall smoking rates. Imagine, just by increasing the cost, you can achieve a significant decrease in smoking rates!

Please protect our youth and do the right thing.



SB-2301-SD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Bailes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in full support of Bill SB2301 to establish a cigarette litter abatement excise tax to cover the costs of cleaning up cigarette litter and provide education to curb improper cigarette disposal. Nearly six trillion cigarettes are consumed around the world every year. About two-thirds of those end up tossed into the streets that pollute our environment. Furthermore, cigarette filters are made of cellulose acetate, a type of plastic, and can take up to 10 years to decompose. As an avid hiker, beach-goer, and volunteer with non-profits like Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii, I have personally witnessed and collected thousands of cigarette butts littering our beautiful beaches and 'aina. Please pass this bill for a cleaner Hawaii and to hold cigarette users more accountable for their litter. Mahalo.



<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/24/2020 5:02:45 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tammy Young	Individual	Oppose	No



<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/24/2020 5:26:54 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony Orozco	Individual	Oppose	No

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/24/2020 5:44:04 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Cooper	Individual	Oppose	No

<u>SB-2301-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/24/2020 7:00:32 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clayton Silva	Individual	Oppose	No