

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2121

H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2121, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTE MANAGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the sale, offer for sale, or distribution for sale of any disposable electronic smoking device in the State beginning January 1, 2027.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Office of Sustainability, Climate, Equity, and Resilience of the County of Hawai'i; University of Hawai'i Student Health Advisory Council; Hawaii COPD Coalition; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Island of Hawaii YMCA; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Friends of Kamalani & Lydgate Park; Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i Youth Council; Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i; Hamakua-Kohala Health; Hawai'i Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter; CARES; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that between 2017 and 2022, disposable electronic smoking devices (ESD) tripled in nicotine strength, quintupled in e-liquid capacity, and dropped nearly seventy percent in price and between February 2020 and September 2025 the



proportion of total ESD unit sales attributable to disposable ESDs increased from twenty-six percent to 56.5 per cent. Your Committee further finds that disposable ESDs are cheap, widely, available, and easy to use and often come in candy or fruity flavors, making them a popular choice for teenagers and youth. However, because of a lack of appropriate handling guidelines, most individuals throw their disposable ESDs into the regular trash, which allows for microplastics and harmful chemicals inside the products to leach into the environment. This measure is intended to protect the public health and safeguard the State's communities and natural resources by prohibiting the sale of disposable electronic smoking devices.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2121, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,

  
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GREG YAMAYAMA, Chair



