

PEA Committee

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The Honorable Stacy Crivello
Members of the Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee
From: Zeriyah Kaina, Kamehameha Schools
Re: Strong Support for PEA-13
Hrg: Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of PEA-13 which will add vaping to the definition of smoking. I, Zeriyah Kaina from Kamehameha Schools, am in full support of PEA-13 because adding vaping to the definition of smoking will make things clearer for people who vape, to not vape when there is a NO SMOKING sign present because people who vape thinks that this sign does not apply to them. I believe that this will help to limit the amount of people smoking and vaping near health facilities, stores, etc.

Smoking and vaping are similar because for both substances you inhale and exhale harmful smoke and nicotine. Some people think that vaping is better for their health than smoking, but vaping is known to cause bronchiolitis obliterans, a condition that damages your lungs' smallest airways and makes you cough and feel short of breath. This chemical was also once used to flavor microwave popcorn.

I think that adding to the smoking definition is a good idea to make things clearer for people who vape and to also help prevent young adolescents from vaping. I hope you pass this bill so that in the future people will better understand and young keiki will be safer from breathing in smoke.

Mahalo,
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