

PEA Committee

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To: The Honorable Yuki Lei Sugimura, Chair
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From: Kahiau Snyder, Kamehameha Schools Maui
Re: Strong Support for PEA-13
Hrg: Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 9:00 A.M.
Council Chamber
Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor

200 South High Street

Wailuku, Hawaii

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of PEA-13 which will adjust Maui County's definition of "smoke" and "smoking" to include electronic smoking devices.

Let us suppose, for the sake of the testimony, my uncle's name is Drew and my older sister's, Kaloke. In the August of 2015, Uncle Drew took Kaloke and I to Big Beach, where it was recently made illegal to engage in smoking. Uncle Drew is a legal-aged user of electronic smoking devices. Kaloke, was 16 years of age and I, 12. Uncle Drew was vaping most of the way from our house in Wailuku to Makena.

Kaloke and I were in the water, Uncle Drew was up on the beach by our chairs and bags because he didn't want our belongings to be unattended. While we were in the water, Uncle Drew was on his phone and vaping. Kaloke and I just came up from the water so Uncle Drew could go in the water. He threw his box mod (a model of vapes) in his bag and went down to go swim. Up on the beach, Kaloke reached into Uncle Drew's bag and grabbed his vape. She would continue to check if he was looking from the water. She took a hit from his vape and returned it to his bag. She turned to me and told me not to tell anyone, which of course I obeyed because she's my older sister. She would continue to take hits off of his vape until he came up from the water.

She is now 19, still underage, and vapes. She has been trying to quit recently because of the new studies and information about how terrible vaping is for one's body. However, if the definition of smoking included the use of electronic smoking devices in August 2015, it would be illegal for anyone, even someone of legal age like Uncle Drew to be vaping on the beach. I believe that if Uncle Drew wasn't engaging in the use of an electronic smoking device at that time, my sister would've never begin vaping. After reading my story, I sincerely hope you feel compelled to pass PEA - 13 and take a step in the right direction to ensuring the health and safety of Maui County residents. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Me ka 'oia'i'o wale nō,

Kahiau Snyder

Wailuku

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