PEA Committee

From: Danny A. Mateo Sent: Sunday, November 18, 2018 8:56 PM

PEA Committee To:

Subject: Fwd: Strong Support for PEA 13

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From: County Clerk < County. Clerk@mauicounty.us>

Date: 11/18/18 12:51 PM (GMT-10:00)

To: "Danny A. Mateo" < Danny. Mateo@mauicounty.us>, Theresa Valdez < Theresa. Valdez@mauicounty.us>

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From: Kathleen Hagan

Sent: Sunday, November 18, 2018 12:50:54 PM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii

To: County Clerk

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Please see attached for written testimony in support of PEA 13 A Bill for an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8.20, Maui County Code, Relating to Smoking.

Mahalo,

Kathleen

To: The Honorable Yuki Lei Sugimura, Chair

The Honorable Stacy Crivello, Vice Chair

Members of the Policy, Agriculture and Economic Development Committee

From: Kathleen Hagan, Member, Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii

Date: November 20, 2018

Hrg: Policy, Agriculture and Economic Development Committee

9:00 a.m. at the Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor

Re: Strong Support for PEA 13, A Bill for an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8.20,

Maui County Code, Relating to Smoking

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in **strong support of** PEA-13, which regulates electronic smoking devices (ESDs).

It is time to revise our laws to include ESDs, which are not regulated at any level. ESDs produce smoke, which is not consistent with smoke-free environments which are intended to allow everyone to breathe freely and not be exposed to unwanted smoke or toxins.

Whereas our county and state legislation has been successful in helping to reduce cigarette smoking rates in Hawaii, vaping/ESD rates are increasing at an alarming rate, notably among our youth in Maui. As a teacher, a nurse, and the parent of a school-age child, I am very concerned about this trend.

This is an opportunity to make our laws more clear and consistent (brining our smoking definitions in line with the State), while helping to protect the health of all of our island residents and visitors.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter and encourage passage of PEA-13.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Hagan, MS, APRN

Paia, Maui