

**HB 328- Support**

Public Testimony Submitted to the House Health and Social Services Committee

March 22 – March 26, 2016

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**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** bekyf@gci.net  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2016 6:12 PM  
**To:** Taneeka Hansen  
**Subject:** HB328

Dear Sir:

I am sending this to voice my support for HB328. As a nurse for over 35 years I have experienced many times over, the results of second hand smoke on people. Patients get a diagnosis of lung cancer and share 'I have never smoked in my life! How can this be happening to me?'. The most common answer is: they were exposed to second hand smoke. Many people don't realize that second hand smoke can cause cancer too. When they realize this to be true, it is too late. Restricting exposure to second hand smoke will improve health of workers, decrease lost time away from work for personal illness, and decrease long range health care costs per person. Prevention does save money!

Not allowing smoking in the work place is a SMART decision. Just as lawmaker who years ago struggled to make seat belts in cars a law. Many people feel that their personal 'right' outweighs the 'rights' of those around them. Smoking is a personal choice, however smoking around others in a work environment is not a personal 'right'. Protecting all workers/employees is everyone's responsibility!

Thank you for your consideration and support of HB328.

Becky Foster  
Fairbanks, Alaska

## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** steve taylor <sctanv11@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2016 4:50 PM  
**To:** Joshua Banks; Taneeka Hansen  
**Subject:** Fwd: HB 328

> Good Afternoon ladies and gentlemen,

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> I am writing to urge you to support, and vote yes on House Bill 328, the “Take it Outside Bill”, when it comes to you for a vote.

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> This Bill is not a referendum on smoking, e-cigarettes, or smokers. It simply requires that an individual not smoke or “vape” within their workplace, and to take it outside.

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> This bill also includes E-Cigarettes. There is mounting evidence that the “vapor” created by these products contains numerous dangerous carcinogens. There is an argument that these products are designed to help with cessation of smoking. And while that may or may not be true, the fact of the matter is that no one should have to be the Lab Rat for big tobacco without simply due to their place of employment, which is exactly what we all will be doing if E-Cigarettes are allowed in the workplace, and unwilling employees are subjected to E-Cigarettes against their will.

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> Big Tobacco claims that E-Cigarettes are safe, and pose no threat. You know, a lot like what they said about cigarettes.....anyone know how that turned out?.....I know that I wouldn't bet the health of myself, or family members on what they have to say, would you?

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> As far as this affecting local businesses? Just ask the local bars how going smoke free has helped them. If anything, many have seen an increase in business. Again, this bill is not about putting E-Cigarette shops, or tobacco shops out of business, its about taking it outside, and not subjecting others to the products dangers.

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> Many villages and cities in unorganized boroughs do not have a voice to utilize health powers, which means it falls in the hands of our State government. You have the Honorable power to do what Government is meant to do, in its basic of form.....protect your constituents, and more importantly, your friends and family and your children. Again, I urge you to help protect Alaskans right to breath clean air, and I thank you for your service and your time.

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> Please vote Yes on House Bill 328.  
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> Best Regards,  
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> Steven C. Taylor  
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> 3025 Doil Drive  
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> Anchorage, AK 99507  
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> 907-929-3802  
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**From:** Eva Loken [<mailto:eva@evaloken.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2016 6:08 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton <[Rep.Paul.Seaton@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Paul.Seaton@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** Smokefree alaska work places

I am writing to you to ask that you pass HB 328 out of committee as soon as possible, and help guide it through the rest of the process.

IN advance Thank you from all the workers that will not be exposed to 2ndhand smoke when this bill is law,

Eva

## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Sarah Drummond <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 10:12 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328  
  
**Categories:** Taneeka

Mar 23, 2016

State Representative Paul Seaton  
State Capitol, Room 102  
120 Fourth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Sincerely,

Ms. Sarah Drummond

## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 7:55 PM  
**To:** Taneeka Hansen  
**Subject:** FW: Vote YES on House Bill 328

**Categories:** committee

-----Original Message-----

From: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network [mailto:ican@acscan.org]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 7:42 PM  
To: Rep. Paul Seaton <Rep.Paul.Seaton@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Vote YES on House Bill 328

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Sincerely

Ms. Kimberly Sonderland  
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**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Barbara Pepek <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 9:30 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328  
  
**Categories:** Taneeka

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Sincerely,

Ms. Barbara Pepek  
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**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** Amy Modig <amy\_modig@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 2:45 PM  
**To:** Joshua Banks; Taneeka Hansen  
**Cc:** heather.aronno@cancer.org  
**Subject:** HB 328 Statewide Smoke-free Workplace Law

Hello,

Please use all of your resources to support and pass this important bill this year.

There is undeniable proof that smoking is a cancer causing agent and so is secondhand smoke.

We can do more for the health of all Alaskans if we can guarantee them a smoke-free environment in which they can breathe and work.

My workplace is so lucky that we are tobacco-free but this should be available for all, especially young parents and youth.

Our teens need a clear message that all forms of tobacco, including e-cigarettes, are dangerous for their health and development.

Thank you for your commitment to all Alaska.

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Modig  
Anchorage Parent, Grandparent and Worker  
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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Doug Sanvik <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 8:12 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328  
  
**Categories:** Taneeka

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Sincerely,

Mr. Doug Sanvik  
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Juneau, AK 99802-1774  
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**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of George Stewart <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 11:43 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

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Sincerely,

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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Daniel Morris <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 9:12 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328  
  
**Categories:** Taneeka

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Sincerely,

Mr. Daniel Morris  
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NAME:

A. Susan Smalley

REPRESENTING:

American Cancer Society / Cancer Survivor

BILL # or SUBJECT:

HB 328

COMMITTEE:

HSS

DATE: 3/22/16

If this legislation were about asbestos in the workplace, it would be a slam dunk. We have both the science and the dead and dying people who suffered the consequences of working with and around this.

Second hand smoke's effect on people has & continues to take its toll — on health of our citizens and on our economy as many costs of treatment are shared by those of us who are insured, by our health care providers and the state & federal governments.

Many people do not have the luxury of choosing a workplace by the quality of the air — they just need jobs that pay a living wage. They should not have to choose.

My own vested interest is for the good health of my community. Thank you for ~~your~~ your consideration!



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the \_\_\_House Health and Social Services  
Committee on HB328\_032216

Please accept the following as written testimony.

PLEASE support the passage of HB 328.

James Fassler  
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**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Hanna Zollinger <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 8:41 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

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Sincerely,

Ms. Hanna Zollinger  
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**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Wendy Hallback <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 8:51 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

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Sincerely,

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**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of G. Fries <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 9:25 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

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Sincerely,

Mr. G. Fries  
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Homer, AK 99603-2229  
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kickbatkool@icloud.com

**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Shannon Wileman <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 9:24 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Shannon Wileman  
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(907) 738-2388  
shannon.wileman@gmail.com

**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Kathleen Ward <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 11:41 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

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Sincerely,

Ms. Kathleen Ward  
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Kotzebue, AK 99752-1015  
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**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Evangelia Vlasakakis <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 11:41 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Evangelia Vlasakakis  
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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** Neelou Tabatabai <ntabatab@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 10:06 AM  
**To:** Taneeka Hansen  
**Subject:** HOUSE BILL 328

Hello,

I am writing to advocate for the passing of the smokefree workplace law. I have had many close family members pass away from smoking related causes. I am passionate about lung health and hope that you will support a bill that will protect thousands of Alaskans from having to go through what my family and I endured with the passing of our close relatives.

Thank you for your time.

Best,  
Neelou Tabatabai  
Concerned Alaskan

**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of martin niemi <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 9:41 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

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Sincerely,

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**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of LEE ANNE CRAFTON <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 10:11 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

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Sincerely,

Ms. LEE ANNE CRAFTON  
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**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Danielle Click <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 9:41 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
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Sincerely,

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PO BOX 1511  
1646 SPRUCE CIR.  
KODIAK, AK 99615  
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**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of  
Cindy Emery <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 8:51 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

Mar 22, 2016

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Cindy Emery  
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Anchorage, AK 99515-1576  
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cindy.emery@cancer.org

## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Heather Aronno <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2016 6:39 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328  
  
**Categories:** Taneeka

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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** Amy Gorn <amygorn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2016 9:59 PM  
**To:** Joshua Banks; Taneeka Hansen  
**Subject:** HB 328

Dear Mr. Banks and Ms. Hansen,

I am writing with my full support for House Bill 328 for a smoke free Alaska. I am thankful the House Health and Social Services Committee is hearing this crucial legislation. I grew up as a secondhand smoker, meaning as a child with family members smoking around me and in environments I could not escape even though the exposure to secondhand smoke brought asthma to my life, something still afflicting me as an adult. My health noticeably improved when I sought smoke free environments as an adult and as more cities across our country are protecting employees and customers from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke by simply having people "take it outside."

The rise of electronic cigarette usage and "vape" products is disturbing to me as it normalizes behaviors that young people do not need to see. The youth rates of use with these products in this State and around our country is alarmingly growing. The FDA has approved cessation devices to help smokers, such as nicotine inhalers, and e-cigs/vapes ARE not approved to support cessation.

The entire country of Ireland decided to make all their workplaces smoke free, and more states and cities across the country are doing so. It is the right decision to make for Alaska as not all areas of our state have the health powers to enact locally. It is not a fiscal burden and will save the state healthcare costs. Passing HB 328 out of committee and supporting overall, including the prohibition of electronic cigarettes, is one of the easy decisions this Session. I support HB 328 fully and urge you to support as well.

Please share this message with committee members. I wish I could testify at my local LIO in the Mat-Su, but my work requires me to be in Anchorage at a conference on Tuesday.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Amy Gorn  
Wasilla, AK

## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** Octavia Harris <octavia.m.harris@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 5:57 AM  
**To:** Joshua Banks; Taneeka Hansen  
**Subject:** HB 328 - Smokefree

Dear Legislators,

I am an Alaskan who lives in Fairbanks. I wholeheartedly support HB 328 and ask that the House Health and Social Services Committee pass HB 328 out of committee. I'm a mother of two boys with my oldest son being of working age. Last summer at 17 he got a job at our one of our local Fred Meyer stores. This store allows employees to smoke indoors. Although the smoking room is inside and supposedly ventilated I understand from ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers) that ventilation does not protect from tobacco smoke seeping through walls and the heating/cooling system. My son has asthma and not to mention he is still impressionable. He also had same age peers who worked at the Fred Meyer. These youth were not only exposed to tobacco smoke, but had the use modeled for them in the workplace. This should not occur. Taking it outside should also include electronic cigarettes or e-cigarettes also commonly known as vapes. The technology and advertising from the producers and sellers are targeting youth. More youth have used e-cigarettes recently than traditional cigarettes and many youth have become dual users. I care not only about my sons, but the other youth in my community and across the state. Additionally those with chronic illnesses or at-risk should not be exposed to tobacco-smoke or vape clouds indoors. The legalization of recreational marijuana use should also be applied to indoor workplaces. Non-smokers and smokers alike should have a level-playing field when it comes to breathing clean indoor air in workplaces. All indoor workplaces should be smoke and vape-free. This is a measure that will save lives and save Alaskans healthcare related costs.

Please pass HB 328 out of committee.

Thank you,  
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907.456.1262  
Fairbanks, AK 99701



**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** Keith Hamilton <khamilton@alaskacc.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 11:31 AM  
**To:** Rep. David Talerico; House Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** HB 328

As I am today engaged in State Board of Education meetings in Juneau, I am unable to call in or be present to testify regarding HB 328. Therefore, I wish to state that I support HB 328 fully as an educator, a parent, and a son who has lived his entire formative years in a home in which both parents smoked. In fact, sadly, both my parents died of lung cancer at 53 and 61 years of age unnecessarily due to their smoking habit. I do not wish for any person to be placed in a location that second hand smoke can do any damage to any people, whether they be clients, customers, or family members at any time and anywhere. My thanks,

Dr. Keith Hamilton, Doctor of Youth and Family Culture  
President  
Alaska Christian College

**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** Will Madison <willmadison@alaska.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 11:30 AM  
**To:** House Health and Social Services; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Craig Johnson  
**Subject:** Support for HB328

Please support passing of HB 328.

Thanks for all you do and try to do!

Will & Jane

**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** Judy Queen <judyqueen@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 11:35 AM  
**To:** House Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** House Bill 328

Please pass this bill requiring vaping, smoking, or any other air quality issues in the workplace, to be removed to a location not harmful to the rest of the workers -- outside!

Judy Queen  
115 Henrich Circle  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** Gloria Sweeney <gsweeney@kpbsd.k12.ak.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 11:41 AM  
**To:** House Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** Vaping

I totally support keeping vaping outside. It should actually be researched and limited. I understand it is out of control in our high schools. Always something!! Thank you.

Gloria Sweeney

249 River Watch Dr.

Soldotna, Ak. 99669

**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** Jacob Smith <jacob9870@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 10:20 AM  
**To:** Joshua Banks; Taneeka Hansen  
**Subject:** House Bill 328

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 328. I have experienced first-hand the difficulty to breathe in restaurants that still allow smoking. I cannot imagine what employees have to endure on a daily basis working in such establishments. I want you to stand up for the right to breathe clean air. Alaskans do not deserve to be exposed to second-hand smoke unwillingly. Please support House Bill 328 and protect the health of thousands of Alaskans.

Jacob Smith

**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** Gale Robison <grobison65@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 3:20 PM  
**To:** House Health and Social Services

I Strongly support Bill 328....please vote for it.

## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** Katie Steffens <ktsteffens@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 1:09 PM  
**To:** Taneeka Hansen  
**Subject:** House Bill 328

Hello, my name is Katie Steffens and I am representing myself in support of House Bill 328. I am a lifelong resident of Anchorage, Alaska and have been fortunate enough to grow up in a city that had the power to make its indoor work environments smoke-free.

I remember when Anchorage became smoke-free and I no longer had to sit in the smoking section when the non-smoking section was full in a restaurant. It is so nice to be able to go to a bar to grab drinks with friends or go to a restaurant with my family and not have to worry about inhaling someone else's secondhand smoke. I have friends who have picked up smoking, but because Anchorage became smoke-free when we were adolescents, they know it's not safe to smoke inside. So whether they are at a bar where smoking is still allowed or at their homes, they go outside to smoke. The Anchorage bill has encouraged everyone to be conscious and respectful of the indoor environments and the people in them.

Now an adult in the Alaska workforce, I am fighting for the half of Alaskans that do not have the same health privileges to pass such a law for their community today as the rest of the state. I hope that the 50% of Alaskans will be able to say "I remember when" because of this statewide bill.

I especially support this bill due to its inclusion of e-cigarettes and related products. We already know that there are toxic chemicals released in the secondhand smoke from vaping products. These devices are so new that there is only research on immediate health effects (most notable is popcorn lung) and it will be decades before the research on long-term health effects is able to emerge. Why would we wait to see what happens when we can prevent it from happening now? This is an opportunity for Alaska to be ahead of the health curve. This bill would not destroy small businesses. It's just asking their customers to take their habits outside of enclosed environments. It's putting the devices on a level playing field as tobacco. Secondhand smoke from either tobacco or e-devices becomes everyone's problem inside, whether they want it to be or not.

I'm sure that there will be many stories of loss, cancer, and disease due to tobacco from both sides of this argument. This bill can help decrease the number of these stories. Please continue to keep Alaskans healthy and pass House Bill 328.

Thank you.

**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** Linda Hutchings <linda@hutchingsstrucks.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 10:58 AM  
**To:** House Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** House Bill 328

Please accept my support of removing all smoking from our workplaces. I have been a proponent of no smoking since 1980 and eliminated smoking in our facilities that at one time had 82 employees and I have been opposed to vaping since its inception. Noxious fumes whether they are cigarettes, cigars or e-cigs should not be a part of the workplace. A person that is working should not have to endure noxious fumes just to keep a job – this is unfair and unhealthy not to mention offensive. Where are the rights of the individual that may have a lung disease such as asthma or want a healthy life style?

Linda Hutchings

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Soldotna, AK 99669

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**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Christina Cho <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 6:42 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328

Mar 22, 2016

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Sincerely,

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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Carri Feaster <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 3:41 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328  
  
**Categories:** Taneeka

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Sincerely,

Ms. Carri Feaster  
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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Patty Daugharty <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 2:11 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328  
  
**Categories:** Taneeka

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Sincerely,

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Eagle River, AK 99577-8784  
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pdakfam@gmail.com

## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Ashley Peltier <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 12:41 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328  
  
**Categories:** Taneeka

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Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 12:41 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328  
  
**Categories:** Taneeka

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Sincerely,

Mr. McLean Steadman  
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mcleansteadman@gmail.com

## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Jacob Smith <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 1:52 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328  
  
**Categories:** Taneeka

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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Neelou Tabatabai <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 1:52 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328  
  
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Sincerely,

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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Sarah Miles <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 1:22 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328  
  
**Categories:** Taneeka

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Sincerely,

Miss Sarah Miles  
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Kodiak, AK 99615-2607  
(907) 942-4199  
s.miles90@hotmail.com



## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Zoya Ponomareva <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 1:11 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328  
  
**Categories:** Taneeka

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Sincerely,

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Anchorage, AK 99517-1595  
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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Jackson Blackwell <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 1:11 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328  
  
**Categories:** Taneeka

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Sincerely,

Mr. Jackson Blackwell  
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Soldotna, AK 99669-2126  
(907) 953-9808  
jacksonblackwell99@gmail.com

## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** Susan Pfaffe <spfaffe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 5:06 PM  
**To:** Taneeka Hansen  
**Subject:** Please support HB328

I recently visited one of our local middle schools and they had signs posted in the hallways and classrooms with the following message:

"No One has the right to interfere with the learning, safety or well being of another person."

We expect our youngsters to respect each other and we need to model that same respect in the workplace and in public places.

Alaskans also cannot afford the economic impact tobacco on healthcare. Quite often those employers that leave employees unprotected from secondhand smoke are the same employers that DO NOT provide health insurance to their employees.

Please support HB328 and pass it through your committee so that all Alaskan workers are protected from the toxins in secondhand smoke.

Thank you,  
Susan Pfaffe

**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** Amanda Lenhard <ahoc1018@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 2:13 PM  
**To:** Joshua Banks; Taneeka Hansen  
**Subject:** HB328

Hi, my name is Amanda Lenhard, and I support HB328, smokefree workplaces for all Alaskans. I am a bartender and waitress and am fortunate enough to live and work in Anchorage where I don't get exposed to secondhand smoke. There are thousands of people statewide that aren't as lucky. They don't have a choice to work in a smokefree environment. They are forced to breathe in secondhand smoke just so they can bring home a paycheck. Let's protect all Alaskans from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke and aerosols and pass HB328. Thank you.

**The Honorable Representative  
David Talerico, Chairman  
House Health & Social Services Committee**

Dear Representative Talerico:

I am writing you to express my complete support for HB238 and in hopes that you and your esteemed colleagues on the HSS Committee will also support this long overdue legislation.

Since 2009, I have been encouraging our local and state policy makers to pass legislation to protect Alaska's non-smokers from breathing secondhand smoke in all Alaskan workplaces. I am by no means asking you to ban smoking as many would have you believe.

When I go to my favorite lounge for dinner with my wife, I have a cigarette but I don't light up.

As I walk into the grocery store, I have a cigarette but I don't light up.

AND,

On more than one occasion when I took my wife to the CPH Emergency room suffering from an acute attack of asthma specifically diagnosed as caused by 2<sup>nd</sup> hand cigarette smoke WE had a cigarette but we didn't light up. Hopefully you can relate to the stress and fear experienced by myself and my wife during this time. Watching someone struggle to breathe and being totally incapable of helping in any way is not something I would wish on anyone. The fear in her eyes is something I do not wish to experience ever again.

I have all these cigarettes and the last time I purchased a pack of cigarettes was (1967) when they cost 25 cents. My wife is a non-smoker as well. It all comes from 2<sup>nd</sup> hand cigarette smoke, which is known to cause at least 3,000 new lung cancer deaths each year and is thought to cause approximately 46,000 heart disease related deaths each year as well.

This is where we hear the only excuse smokers have for polluting their lungs and the immediate environment, "They have the right to." My response to the above would be, "yes, they have the right to smoke," but when my wife and I enter any public place we are not imposing in ANY way on the rights of smoker's but they are imposing their health choices on us and everyone else present.

Regardless of what some misinformed people are saying it is an absolute fact that cigarette smoking and 2<sup>nd</sup> hand smoke are killing our citizens. If you accept that fact then I say it is insanity not to require smokers to "take it outside" when they frequent public places in our state, something that many communities and states have already achieved without the claimed

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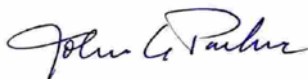
adverse economic impacts purported by smokers. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result.

Finally, a lady I know was recently at a hearing similar to this and a smoking rights advocate stood up and said he was against what he portrayed as a “smoking ban” bill then before the Senate. He said, “What’s next, are you going to want a ban on me buying a “Twinkie” at the grocery store?” Her response was, “sir, you eating a Twinkie will not make my butt larger but you smoking in my presence will definitely make my medical bills larger.”

House Bill 238 and Senate Bill 1, will protect everyone’s right to breathe smoke and aerosol-free air on the job. Not only will these two pieces of legislation save lives, but they will also save more than \$60 to \$70 million dollars each year spent on Medicaid expenditures attributed to smoking and its adverse effects on our citizens.

E-cigarettes and other electronic smoking devices (vapes) should remain in this “take it outside” legislation, as there is simply no need to subject non-smokers to their hazardous secondhand emissions.

As a business owner, it is my responsibility to provide a safe and healthy work environment for my employees and clients. Let us do the healthy thing for all Alaskans including, tobacco smokers and E-cigarette smokers and pass HB238. Then encourage the Senate to quickly and finally ratify SB1.



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March 22, 2016

Members of the Committee

My name is Angela Cernich. I am an Alaskan born Athabascan woman who, along with my husband, own and operate Arctic Industries, a small business here in Anchorage. There is no irony in the fact that our business focuses on safety in the work place. You see, the topic of second hand smoke is of great personal concern for me and something that I feel very strongly about.

As a child, I was raised in a smoke-filled environment compliments of my parents who were the proverbial chain smokers. This had a very profound effect on my personal health. I had many issues related to my severe allergy to smoke... yet my parents just didn't recognize the cause of those health issues. After I moved out of my home, many of the severe issues subsided.

However, as an adult, I've always dealt with asthmatic and lung issues related to the damage done to my lungs. So much so, that last year, as I was in a hospital with lungs which were collapsing, I was diagnosed with COPD. The very sad part of this disease for me is that I personally never smoked a day in my life. So here I am, facing a lifelong disease that will likely shorten my life... a disease that I have to vigilantly fight with medications, inhalers, and lung issues that plagued me on a daily basis. Even the common cold becomes much more for me: it will linger for weeks and cause me to have coughing bouts that lead to extreme migraine like headaches. And yet, I am not the one who caused this.

My parents did not know back then the damage they were doing. We do know today the effects of second hand smoke. When I hear a smoker say, "No one should be allowed to take away my rights to smoke", I say, "Of course I don't want to take away your right to kill yourself. But I do want the right for me to be able to breath smoke free air. You have the right to choose to kill yourself: you don't have the right to take me with you!"

I also know what it is like to be in a remote area where jobs are scarce and you're forced to choose between making a living or your health. When I went to Ninilchik to spend the summer with my father who was diagnosed with cancer, the only place I could find a job was at the Inlet View, a restaurant/bar that allows smoking. Within a week, I was so sick that I had to quit my job. Because there were no other jobs available, I was forced to leave and did not have the chance to spend that summer with my father.

As you hear the testimonies on why it is so important that we give all Alaskan's the right to breath smoke free air, I hope you will remember this: if my father were alive today, I know without a doubt that he would look you in the eye and tell you, had he known what he was doing to his beloved daughters lungs, he would have chosen to take it outside!

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you my reasons for being an ardent supporter of HB328.

*Angela Cernich*



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House HSS  
Committee name  
Committee on HB 328, dated 3/22/16  
Bill/Subject

Hello. My name is Stephanie Allen, Executive Director for United Way of Mat-Su and Coalition Director for Thrive Mat-Su, our local youth substance abuse prevention coalition. I would like to ask for your support of HB 328. A statewide smokefree ordinance would be beneficial for a variety of reasons. You have a unique opportunity to use policy to make significant improvements in both public health and public safety. Like OSHA regulating fumes in auto body shops to the prohibition of trans fat in food preparation, prohibiting smoking in public places has true, positive health outcomes by not allowing harmful chemicals to be breathed in by bystanders. As a resident of Palmer, I understand first hand the notion of not wanting to →

Signed: Stephanie Allen  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Address

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Phone number



Thank you - Chair - Paul Seaton

I would like to express my support for House Bill 328.

It is my firm belief that no one should be exposed to second hand smoke in the workplace or anywhere for that matter against their wishes.

I was a smoker for 33 years. I quit smoking almost three years ago. Even when I was a smoker it was my belief that I had no right to subject others to the health risks associated with my habit. I also did not think that anybody should have to endure the smell of my cigarette smoke or have it permeate their clothes and hair. I think that it is only fair that if folks want to smoke they should do it away from anybody and everybody that does not want to be exposed to it.

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interfere with the operations and policies of private business owners. When the residents of Palmer were considering this issue for a city-wide regulation, business owners spoke passionately that a regulation would unjustly harm their business and they would lose revenue. Palmer residents voted and passed a city-wide ordinance. The outcome, from the business sector, has been nothing but remarkable. Instead of losing money, Palmer businesses are making more money than ever before and have increased not only sales but new loyal customers. I ask for your support of HB 328 to support public health, to support public safety, to support increased revenue for businesses and to implement a policy that will require less treatment, hospitalization and State health costs to treat chronic disease. Thank you for your service to Alaska and for the opportunity to express my thoughts on this important issue.

My name is Beverly Wooley, I am a registered voter in Alaska and have worked in public health in this state for over 30 years. I am here today to encourage you to support HB 328 – a statewide smoke-free workplace law for businesses and public places.

As a public health professional I have work tirelessly to ensure the right to breathe clean air. Beginning as a young health educator at the Municipality of Anchorage, I worked on the original ordinance requiring non-smoking sections in restaurants and many years later, as the DHHS director, I worked to pass the ordinance that is now in place and prohibits smoking in all workplaces and public facilities in the MOA.

Unfortunately, only about half of Alaska's population is covered by a smoke-free workplace law. Due to limitations in local health authority many places throughout the state that have voiced a desire to be protected from smoke in the workplace are not able to enact such a law – this is why it is critical that you, the legislature, enact a statewide smoke-free workplace law to protect the thousands of Alaskans living in areas not able to enact their own local health laws. To me it's a matter of health equity – all Alaskans deserve the right to breathe clean air in workplaces and public facilities.

On a more personal noted, I am asking you to pass this law to help protect my 87 year old mother who has been in Alaska since 1959. A former smoker, who quit over 25 years ago, she suffers today from COPD. Even brief encounters with second hand smoke will send her into a coughing fit and leave her short of breath. It is frightening beyond words to see someone you love dearly struggle to breathe. As they say, when you can't breathe, nothing else matters!

I grew up in a home with two parents that smoked and for many years worked in smoky restaurants while putting myself through college. At the age of 49 I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Despite regular screenings, the cancer was not found until it was stage 3a; a diagnosis that has forever changed my life and one day may well take my life. New research now suggest there is a potential link between second hand smoke and breast cancer in adults. Did all those years of breathing second hand smoke cause my cancer? I'll never know for sure, but why take the chance of potentially putting other young women at risk for developing this horrible disease. Smokers just need to take it outside.

HB 328, which should include second hand smoke from not only tobacco but also marijuana and e-cigarettes, will protect employees, patrons and visitors from the terrible and well-documented diseases and premature death caused by secondhand smoke. No one should have to choose between their health and a good job or where they choose to do business. Please do the right thing to improve health equity for all Alaskans – pass HB 328 this session and ensure all people the right to smoke-free businesses and public places throughout our great state. Thank you.

Submitted by Beverly K Wooley, Anchorage, AK

My name is Bill Ross, I'm a 50+ year Alaska resident, a 36 year cancer survivor and I reside in Anchorage. Today I want to share what is in my heart, my song of Love for my wife Pam who was taken from me by cancer which was caused by secondhand cigarette smoke.

It was 3AM November 25th of 2012 and I held Pam in my arms as she died, gently rocking her, wiping the sweat from her face and softly singing to her while she struggled to breath. I told her of my undying love for her and I reassured her that it was OK for her to leave me and that I would be alright. At 3:27AM I kissed her goodbye as she let out her last breath, my heart breaking, already missing her sweet voice, her beautiful smile and most of all her physical presence.

She died because of others who exercised their right of free choice to smoke inside of her office. Perhaps they didn't understand that all rights come great responsibilities, the responsibility to exercise those rights in a manner to cause no harm or infringe on the rights of others. My wife Pam had the right to have a safe workplace, to breath clean air, and live a happy full life with her family, however, her rights were ignored by people who acted irresponsibly.

I speak these words of truth in the hope that I have touched your hearts with my pain and that you will do the responsible thing, the right thing, and pass HB-328 so no else will have to live through the horrible ordeal of watching a love one die from cancer caused by secondhand cigarette smoke

Thank You for allowing me the opportunity to share with you,

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Dear Legislators,

My name is Diana Redwood and I would like to voice my support for HB 328 to provide smoke free workplaces for all Alaskans. As a community member who loves Anchorage's smoke free law, I urge you to vote yes for HB 328. All Alaskans deserve to work in and enjoy smoke free environments. This saves money in healthcare costs and protects the health of Alaskans, including those who are trying to quit.

Thanks for supporting HB 328!

Sincerely,

Diana Redwood

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March 22, 2016

Attention: House Health and Social Services Committee – Alaska Legislature

Thank you for the providing a public hearing opportunity for constituent input to your deliberations on HB-328.

I have long been in favor of smoke free environments and the health issues that are abated by this change in practice, so fifteen years ago when my husband and I first began our business – a coffee house in Fairbanks – we determined that the business would be smoke-free.

A significant factor in my strong support of this bill is that my mother, diagnosed with Emphysema, never smoked; but did work in smoke-filled restaurants for most of her life. I, too, never smoked; but during earlier times in my performance work, I spent way too many hours in smoke-filled rooms, breathing more deeply than perhaps anyone else in the room, as I sang for their entertainment. While I don't have the severe condition that my mother does, I do have issues of allergic and problematic breathing responses to smoke filled rooms.

It's been mentioned that people can make the choice if they want to work in such conditions. True enough and I made the decision to create my own smoke-free workplace, where my band SAND CASTLE performs every Friday and Saturday evening. However, this is not a realistic option for most musicians – particularly young hopeful musicians – and they should not have to put their health in jeopardy in order to work.


In talking with club owners who have converted to smoke-free venues, I am not surprised when they tell me that their revenue increased substantially.

Only recently did I learn of the properties of E-cigarettes and, based on what I learned, I firmly agree with including them as an item that doesn't deserve acceptance in a smoke-free venue.

As an Alaskan leader, you are called upon to decide on a broad spectrum of issues that relate to the well-being of our communities. Please give your utmost consideration to this bill. It will provide for a more productive and healthful workplace and, not surprisingly, will also benefit in less health costs for our state.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

  
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HB328

COMMITTEE:

HSS

DATE: 3/24/14

As a former employee of a ~~smoking~~ Smoking Environment,  
and as a current employer of a non smoking environment,  
I urge you to support HB328, Smokefree Alaska Workplaces.

50% of Alaskan Employees ARE not covered by a smokefree  
law. These areas do not have health powers to protect the  
employees from second hand smoke.

Every person has the right to BREATHE Smokefree air.  
It is time to PASS this Bill to protect ALL Alaskans  
from Second Hand Smoke.

Thank you

Johna Beech



## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** John Laux <john.laux@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2016 3:37 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Liz Vazquez  
**Cc:** Heather Aronno  
**Subject:** Smoke Free Workplace Legislation: Written Public Comment

**Categories:** Taneeka

Written Testimony for Consideration by House HSS Committee, RE: Smoke Free Workplace

Allow me to begin by thanking the House HSS Committee, and its Chair, the Honorable Rep Paul Seaton, for the opportunity to submit written comments for the committee's consideration as it relates to the House version of SB1, the Smoke Free Workplace piece of legislation, that has come before you for consideration. Second, allow me to apologize for not recalling, nor going to the trouble of looking up what the HB number for the current bill is, but I leave such considerations of nuance such as that to more abled persons, such as Heather Aronno and Marge Stoneking to remember, as I already have quite a few things of my own to keep remembering. And third, I ask the committee to excuse me for any typos, syntax discrepancies, or misspellings that might be present in my written work herein, as I did wait until the last minute to write this, and so it may at points present as a bit rushed. And fourthly, please allow me to take this opportunity to assure Rep.

Seaton that I have been taking my Vitamin D, and yes it has been the 5K IU variety; and although I am open to consideration of the important health implications of Vitamin D, I do think it important to also acknowledge its limitations, one of which seems to be the prevention of lung cancer from second hand smoke exposure.

My name is John Laux. As a matter of full and transparent disclosure, I inform you today that I am submitting testimony to House HSS on my own behalf as a citizen of this Great Land, and not on behalf of any other organization or individual, and I am in no way being compensated or paid for my taking time out of my schedule to craft and submit this written testimony. Having said that, it is the case that I currently hold a number of positions and am seated in a number of roles that do involve me in a number of Alaskan healthcare and public health conversations. Among others, these positions include: a) a board member for both the Alaskan Public Health Association, and the Alaska Healthcare Executive Network, b) a mayor's appointment, and current chair of the Anchorage Health and Human Services Commission, c) appointment to the Anchorage Air Quality Advisory Committee of the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS), d) appointment as the Air Quality representative to the AMATS Technical Advisory Committee, e) an elected section counselor for the American Public Health Association, and f) a member of the editorial board of an American College of Healthcare Executives peer-reviewed journal, to name the obvious highlights. But again, I state that I write to you today on my own behalf, expressing my own opinion on this topic, and that my statement here today is entirely my own, and should not in any way be construed as being either the formal or even informal opinion of those groups and organizations for which I serve (but don't be surprised by a lot of overlap).

... and I write to you today as a former smoker.

I know first-hand (pun intended) the health impacts felt by quitting smoking. I have lived them. I have felt them intimately, and in ways that I still do not even think I yet have the words for which to describe. My first cigarette was at the age of twelve; one of the cool kids up the street smoked, and I had seen it in all of the movies, so I figured I'd give it a try. At first, I hardly even inhaled, but a few days into it I tried to do that thing that all the cool bad-guys do in the movies, where they take a drag of the cigarette by mouth, and then exhale it through their nose; I tried that, and got one of the worst sinus headaches and impacted equilibriums of my life. I snuck back in the house, trying not to be caught by my parents, and stood in the shower, cold water blasting on me, for what felt like hours, trying to get that pain to go away. We all have read about the research studies of how addictive smoking is, but smokers know first-hand,



we know in a way more intimate and more personal than those who have never smoked, just how strong that addiction can be when, even after sinus headaches, and smoker's cough, after bronchitis and after those weird urges for another smoke the likes of which have us leaving our home, and its warm bed and television, at midnight, or 1:00 AM, or later, just to drive up to some sketchy gas station in the middle of the night just to buy ourselves another pack. Yet even through all of this, we kept smoking, and so many of us could so seldom explain why we even did it.

I didn't smoke throughout high school; my supplier moved away, which is probably largely the reason why I never smoked marijuana during high school too, but now I'm drifting off topic. But I started smoking again in college; looking back on it now, it was a way of numbing the anxiety that came along with tests and research papers, with dorm roommates who I didn't get along with and with the miserable responsibilities that came along with having to be an adult which I was first only learning as an eighteen year old at Kent State University. I quit a few times, for short periods; during Army Basic Training and part of AIT, until I found myself chain-smoking Newports on the River Walk in San Antonio while on weekend pass from Fort Sam Houston. And I kept smoking, roughly about a half-pack a day, through the rest of my undergrad when I transferred up to UAA, and throughout graduate school. I worked my way through college working the night shifts at psychiatric hospitals, and I had a smoke buddy while there; we used to take breaks together, and she would vent to me about how she almost got punched or kicked by a patient earlier in the day, and I'd spend the break doing a better job of breathing in through the mouth and out the nose than I did when I was twelve while listening to the sweet melody of my smoke buddy's voice and trying not to stare at her. And I kept up this habit for far longer than I ever wanted to; practicing one of the most unhealthy behaviors known while working in the field of healthcare, being addicted to a substance such as nicotine when I worked in the field of addictions. I woke up one day, at a conference at the Hyatt Denver, and saw a group of people smoking on the sidewalk during a break, and it occurred to me how tethered they were to this habit we had all seemed to pick up along the way; it was like a leash they were tied to, like chains that had bound them.

And in that moment I realized how much of a hypocrite I had been to live such a life wherein I might tell others to do as I say and not as I do. Healthcare and public health had become my chosen vocation somewhere along the way in life, and yet I was not being that example that I wished to see in others. And so I quit smoking. . . and it was hard. Day three kicked my ass. . . (and I'm pleased that I am one of few people who will ever have gotten the word "ass" written into a piece of the public comment record to a state legislature, but again I've gone off topic). The cravings were intense, and the urges were real, but I somehow managed to get through it, and I am a better man for having quit smoking. My sense of smell has improved; I pick up whiffs of perfume on the air in ways that I don't think I ever could throughout my twenties. My breathing is easier; I've ran marathons and climbed mountains. And my thought process is clearer; whether this be a good thing or bad thing may be up for debate, as, instead of how I once was, wherein I would find myself sitting through boring meetings about how Streur didn't seem to have the will or ability to reform Medicaid back in 2013 under the Parnell years, and I sit there watching the clock and waiting for the chance to sneak out to the parking garage to burn myself a Camel Light, or Camel Blue, or whatever they're called now, after I quit I somehow found myself more engaged in those meeting conversations, asking the questions that I wouldn't have asked before because no longer was I chained to that urge to burn one. It was like an actual and literal fog had cleared, and I cannot envision how I might ever go back to that haze that I once knew.

The legislation that you have before you for consideration right now is an opportunity for you to help clear that fog for others, to part that haze for those who cannot do it purely on their own. The notion that there are places still in this state where workers who haven't even made the horrible life choice that I did to take up smoking are being exposed to the strong second-hand smoke of others seems barbaric to me. If your neighbor was listening to Metallica at 130 decibels, you'd tell them to turn it the hell down. If your neighbor was shining a flood-light in your living room window, you'd tell them to turn the damned thing off. Yet somehow there are friends and neighbors in this Great Land, who, when someone strikes up a carcinogen the next seat over, this is somehow okay. No, it is not.

And for as much as a smoke free workplace helps in protecting the health interests of the non-smokers, it also begins and furthers the incentive structure for others to quit. If like me, an individual eventually grows tired of stepping outside when it's thirty degrees below zero, or huddling under a little canopy of a building when it's pouring down rain, just to practice a behavior that costs the person ten dollars a pack in this state and research has shown takes seven minutes off their life expectancy, then maybe they too might find the courage and ability to quit. . . and if they need any help or support along the way, they can feel free to call me and I'll talk them through the hell that is day three after throwing the smokes away; my phone number is already a matter of numerous public records, and I'm pretty easy to

find. And for as much as I have grown to consider myself a civil libertarian, a believer in the notion that people should have the freedom to do what they wish so long as they are made aware of the risks posed to them and that said behavior does not adversely impact others, it is easily the case that smoking is a behavior for which it can adversely impact others who do not choose to exhibit the behavior, and it is often no longer a behavior of conscious choice by the smoker, but rather an exercise of addiction, and in this event, civil libertarianism be damned, it does stand within the role and scope of the state to take such reasonable and prudent actions as to protect the health and safety of the populace by having the smoker take it outside. This is why a smoke free workplace is what is called for by many a health and public health entity, organization, or association, some of which I am involved with, and this is why the smoke free workplace does seem to be the inevitable and eventual course of every U.S. city, municipality, county, borough, or state; because a smoke free environment is in the best interest of the individual person, the best interest of the populace, and the best interest of the health and welfare of our democracy's citizenry, which in turn serves the best interest of her healthy future. And this is why I encourage you to support and move out of committee whatever HB number you all have given the piece of legislation that I'm still prone to refer to as SB 1. We all will better because of it, even if that third day of quitting seems to kick or ass.

Submitted, with gratitude, for your review and consideration this 24th day of March, 2016.

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**Taneeka Hansen**

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**From:** Mindy Payne <mindyfishes@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 8:31 AM  
**To:** House Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** House bill 328

Good morning,

My name is Mindy Payne and I'm emailing you to inform you of my support of house bill 328. As a mother of three small children, I do not want them exposed to harmful breathing conditions including vaping. I believe smokers and vapors should take it outside.

Thank you for your time,

Mindy Payne

Kenai, AK

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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network <ican@acscan.org> on behalf of Ashley Strauch <ican@acscan.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2016 1:45 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** Vote YES on House Bill 328  
  
**Categories:** Taneeka

Mar 24, 2016

State Representative Paul Seaton  
State Capitol, Room 102  
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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear State Representative Seaton,

I write to you today in support of House Bill 328, which would create a statewide smoke-free indoor workplace law. This bill will protect Alaskans from unnecessary exposure to cancer-causing toxins from secondhand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol in the workplace.

Sixty-nine percent of Alaskans support a statewide smoke-free workplace law, according to recent polling. Similarly, large percentages support including e-cigarettes (72%) and marijuana (79%) in a smoke-free workplace law. Public opinion and awareness of the dangers of exposure to these substances is clear: No one should have to choose between a job and their health.

Secondhand smoke exposure to non-smokers increases their risk of heart disease and lung cancer by up to 30%. It's time for us to extend protection from secondhand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol in the workplace to employees and customers across the state.

Alaskans can't wait any longer for smoke-free workplaces. I hope I can count on you to vote yes on House Bill 328.

Sincerely,

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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** Jennie Hafele  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2016 3:14 PM  
**To:** House Health and Social Services  
**Cc:** Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Pete Kelly  
**Subject:** FW: HB 328 comment

Please enter into the record the attached testimony to HB 328 in the House Health & Social Services Committee dated 3/22/2016.

Cc: Interior Delegation Members

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**From:** Nancy Tarnai <[njtarnai@gmail.com](mailto:njtarnai@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** HB 328 comment

Hello,  
I waited over 2 hours and had to leave but hated not to give my testimony. Please send to all members of the HSS Committee. Thanks.

Here it is:

Alaskans should be able to go to work and breathe air that is not loaded with 69 known cancer causing chemicals found in secondhand smoke. I worked my way through college in restaurants and bars that permitted smoking and I have paid a hefty health price from breathing smoke-filled air. All I ask is that smokers take it outside! The smoke-free workplace law will protect Alaskans and keep us healthier by far, saving money and lives in the long run.

Thank you!

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Nancy Tarnai  
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To the committee,

I would like to voice my support for House Bill 328 and express my sincere appreciation for everyone who's been working towards this critical bill, which can have significant health impacts and protect health for generations to come. I've been a Fairbanks resident for over 8 years, and I value the freedom of all workers to breathe smoke-free air. I'm faculty at UAF, and feel grateful to breathe smoke-free air at my workplace. But I believe all workers deserve the right to breathe smoke-free air, regardless of their occupation. No-one should have to choose between their job and their health. The health risks workers face at smoky establishments are ones that are preventable with a change in policy. It's time for this change to happen.

As someone with sensitivity to tobacco, I experience health problems when exposed for even short periods of time. So I have to avoid not only places where smoking is allowed, but even places that share walls or ventilation with smoky establishments. Such places have chosen to be smoke-free, and yet are still infiltrated with smoke from the bars next door, despite steps to try to mitigate the problem. So they don't currently get to make a choice as to whether to be truly smoke-free. This law would result in clean air in such places as well, protecting the health of customers and workers and the vitality of their business.

I also appreciate that this bill includes a regulation on not smoking near doorways. It's a struggle for me to get in and out of places, like the grocery store or large public events, when people are smoking at the door. When planning to participate in the democratic caucus this upcoming Saturday, I called and requested if it's possible to ask people not to smoke at the door so that people like me can still get in and participate. With the regulations included in this bill, there'd be no more guesswork, no wondering if I can get in somewhere, just free and engaged participation in civic life.

Although I personally struggle with the health effects of exposure to smoke in my life, I believe the most compelling reason for a smoke-free workplace law is for people exposed in their jobs, day in and day out. They're exposed to levels I can't even imagine being able to tolerate, levels which needlessly endanger their life and long-term health. I am grateful to breathe smoke-free air at my work, and feel all workers, including restaurant and bar staff, should experience the same benefits, regardless of where they work. I support smoke-free workplaces, as do a majority of Alaskans. It is heartening to see this increase in public awareness. Please support this critical bill: it's time has come.

Thank you,

Inna Rivkin

My name is Julie Wrigley. I am a mother, wife and cancer survivor. I ask you today to pass HB 328 to protect all Alaskans from second hand smoke and vapor. While much scientific evidence links second hand smoke to cancer and other deadly diseases we are only beginning to learn what pollutants are in second hand vapor. Alaskans don't have to take the risk of being exposed to these pollutants. HB 328 helps bring clean air to all Alaskans while lowering our collective health care costs burden. I ask you today to be part of the solution. Alaskans deserve clean air, Alaskans need you to pass HB 328.

Sincerely  
Julie Wrigley  
Anchorage, AK

My name is Ken Helander. I am the Advocacy Director for AARP Alaska, the state's largest membership organization with nearly 89,000 members. AARP strongly supports HB 328, to provide statewide smoke-free workplaces. We know that healthy younger people turn into healthier older persons.

Right now Alaska faces a great many hazards with potentially serious long-term consequences. The harmful effect of second-hand smoke is certainly one of them. But it is also one that you can easily eliminate with passage of HB 328. It has the very predictable outcome of saving a great deal of money in property damage and health costs. But most of all, it will save lives and make Alaska a healthier place for all.

We encourage your support for passage of HB 328.

Thank you.

Ken Helander  
Anchorage, AK



I am a middle-aged first time mom who lives, works, plays, and prays in Anchorage going on 4 years now with my amazing husband. We thoroughly enjoy exploring this beautiful state. We don't expose ourselves to places that are not smokefree because we know a baby's lungs are the size of a thumb print and if secondhand smoke gets trapped in our clothes it will enter her lungs when we hold her close.

I have never smoked and because my baby can't protect herself from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke, as a parent I must do what I can to ensure that she is able to enjoy her new life growing up in smokefree environments. Her grandmother didn't have that option and the knowledge wasn't available to her great grandmother pre-baby boom era, which resulted in a life long diagnosis of asthma in her grandmother.

What we have now is the opportunity to provide smokefree workplaces, businesses and public spaces across Alaska. Public health is not only my passion, it's also my profession and as a citizen, registered voter, new parent and advocate for my baby who trusts us to make the best decisions for her health, I encourage my elected officials to support the smokefree workplace bill, House bill 328, and make sure that it gets through committee for a vote.

Kimberly Morgan  
Anchorage

Please support the HB 328. My father, older brother and my daughters father all started smoking in their teens and continue today. None of them went to college and all worked in entry-level, low paying jobs where people smoked. My 75 year old father has recently quit after smoking for 60 years because he was hospitalized for two months with a broken hip and is now too disabled to go out to buy tobacco.

My daughters father tried hard to quit and was succesful until he went back to work. My younger brother spent his childhood being treated for asthma because my father smoked in the house. It is time to stop having different expectations for the health, wellness and longevity of low-income Alaskans.

As for e-cigarettes, if they help you quit, that's great, there's no reason not to take them outside. They are not safe. 50% of middle schoolers report starting to smoke cigarettes with e-cigarettes <sup>1</sup>. The British Medical Journal and the Journal of American Medical Association both report that youth who use e-cigarettes are between 3 and 6 times more likely to go on to smoke cigarettes within a year <sup>2,3</sup>.

Multiple studies have shown that prohibiting smoking in indoor workplaces immediately cuts the rate of hospitalizations for heart attacks, stroke, asthma, lung disease and premature and low birth weight-babies. A recent Cochrane review found the heart attack rate was reduced by 26% in NON-smokers <sup>4</sup>. That is how dangerous second-hand smoke is.

If you care about reducing medical costs in Alaska, banning smoking in indoor public places should be the first order of business. Save money, save lives.

“For example, in the 18 months after smoking was banned in bars, restaurants, bowling alleys, and other businesses in Pueblo, Colorado, there was a 27 percent decline in heart attacks -- down from 257 to 187 cases per 100,000 people per year. There was no drop in the surrounding communities.

Overall, women, nonsmokers, and people under age 60 seem to benefit the most in regard to heart-attack-risk reduction, Meyers says. Many of those affected are employees in places where smoking is still allowed, he says.

"I feel very sorry for the hospitality and entertainment industry workers, because that's exactly who those folks are," Meyers explains. "They are really getting exposed.""

Sincerely,

Dr. Kristin Cox  
Juneau Alaska

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March 21, 2016

Dear members of the Alaska Senate Finance Committee,

As a cardiologist practicing in Fairbanks, Alaska, and as an American Heart Association volunteer, I urge you to support House Bill 328.

The link between second-hand smoke (also called environmental tobacco smoke) and disease is well known, and the connection to cardiovascular-related disability and death is also clear. About 22,700 to 69,600 premature deaths from heart and blood vessel disease are caused by other people's smoke each year and between 38,000 and 129,000 heart attacks. Exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of heart disease and stroke. Long-term exposure to secondhand smoke, in a home or in the workplace, is associated with a 25 to 30 percent increased risk for coronary heart disease in adult nonsmokers. Even short-term exposure can increase the risk of heart attacks among non-smokers.

In addition to treating patients who suffer from diseases caused by secondhand smoke exposure, I have also experienced the effects of being exposed to second-hand smoke. In November 2001, at the age of 39, I suffered a heart attack after spending several hours at a nightclub with friends. It was a culmination of many years of secondhand smoke exposure at bars, restaurants and other public places. I never smoked and had always lived a healthy lifestyle. As a cardiologist, I became a heart patient overnight and underwent open heart bypass surgery as a result of this environmental pollution.

In addition to reducing involuntary exposure to second-hand smoke, Bill 1 would also encourage smokers to quit. This is significant because cigarette smoking is so significant a risk factor for numerous diseases that the Surgeon General has called it "the leading preventable cause of disease and deaths in the United States." Cigarette smoking increases the risk of coronary heart disease, and when it acts with other factors, it greatly increases that risk. Smoking increases blood pressure, decreases exercise tolerance and increases the tendency for blood to clot. Smoking also increases the risk of recurrent coronary heart disease after bypass surgery. Smoking decreases HDL (good) cholesterol.

States that have passed smoke-free air laws have experienced a decline in smoking rates. Smoke-free air laws result in changes in the public norms regarding smoking, and can particularly influence children's views on smoking making them less likely to smoke.

House Bill 328 would positively affect Alaska residents' health, the state's healthcare costs, and would benefit businesses which would no longer be impacted by the various costs associated with indoor smoking. I strongly support House Bill 328 and hope that you will too.

Sincerely,

Paul C. Ho, M.D.  
Past Chief of Cardiology  
Hawaii Region Kaiser Permanente

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March 22, 2016

Representative Paul Seaton  
Representative Liz Vazquez  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representatives Seaton and Vasquez:

On behalf of the Mat-Su Health Foundation and its Board of Directors, I am writing to express support for HB328, which will provide comprehensive protection from secondhand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol for employees and customers in all workplaces and public places statewide.

Despite progress in the last several years, Alaska still has some of the highest tobacco use rates in the nation, and this costs Alaska \$579 million annually in direct medical costs and lost productivity due to tobacco-related death. Passage of HB328 will help reduce these costs and will also reduce Medicaid costs, an objective that many Alaskans share. Most importantly, it will add years of precious life for many Alaskans.

A recent analysis of 11 studies encompassing more than 2.5 million births and nearly 250,000 asthma attacks found that the number of premature births and children's hospital visits for asthma dropped 10% in parts of the United States, Canada and Europe barely a year after they enacted smoking bans. Why? Because strong smoke free laws change social norms about smoking and actually lead to more people implementing smoke-free policies in their own homes and that's one of the reasons why smoke free policies have such a direct impact on child's health. Medicaid is the payor source for the majority of babies born in Mat-Su at Mat-Su Regional and across much of Alaska. You can look at the cost of Medicaid asthma admissions and premature births see what a 10% drop in these admissions would save Alaska the very next year after the law is in place. You care very deeply about the health and welfare of our children, and HB328 helps to protect them. An earlier analysis of the impact of smoking bans on adult health demonstrated a 15% reduction in cardiovascular events. Every community that has instituted these smoking bans has seen a decrease in heart attacks.

Alaska needs a robust clean indoor air statute, and one that includes e-cigarettes. Adolescents perceive e-cigarettes as safer than traditional cigarettes, but let's address the myths that these products are safer or that they are a cessation tool. They are the opposite—they are a grooming tool, grooming kids to accept, like, and become dependent on smoking and nicotine. Recent research indicates that youth who try e-cigs are much more likely than other youth to progress to traditional cigarettes. In fact, a 2015 National Institutes of Health report showed that 9th graders who used e-cigs were over three times more likely to start using combustible tobacco products than those who didn't use e-cigs.

Keep in mind, too, that e-cigarettes have not been approved by the FDA as a smoking cessation aide. While some individuals have quit smoking tobacco by using them, studies indicate that e-cigs may not be helpful at the population level. Many people become "stable dual-users" who use both traditional cigarettes and electronic cigarettes. The aerosol in e-cigarettes contains many substances, including nicotine, ultrafine particles, volatile organic compounds and toxins known to cause cancer. There is enough peer-reviewed, published scientific evidence to determine that second-hand aerosol is not harmless. Including e-cigs in Alaska's smoke-free



workplace law does not prohibit people from using these unregulated products, rather they simply must step outside to use them, just like people do to smoke cigarettes.

Only half of Alaskans are protected by smoke-free workplace laws. Many jurisdictions, such as the Mat-Su Borough, do not have the health powers necessary to pass an area-wide smoke-free law. HB328 is the next step in further reducing smoking rates and secondhand smoke exposure in Alaska. It's the next step in raising the health status of all Alaskans. The Mat-Su Health Foundation Board unanimously supports this bill and respectfully asks you to expedite its passage.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

Cc: Rep. Neal Foster, Rep. Louis Stutes, Rep. David Talerico, Rep. Geran Tarr, Rep. Adam Wool

Dear Legislators:

I am Jean Tsigonis, a family doctor from Fairbanks and the current President of the Alaska Academy of Family Physicians. I speak for myself and for the Academy. I entreat you to support House Bill 328, which fights diseases caused by exposure to second hand smoke. These include: fetal growth retardation, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, upper respiratory infections, asthma, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), and lung cancer. This needs to be addressed from a state-wide view, since many people do not live within local jurisdictions that can protect them. This way the entire state's health can be protected. By preventing disease, the health care costs of our state will drop. This is a net positive budget item, with the cost of signage being provided through the American Cancer Society.

Thank you for taking this into consideration. If you have any questions, feel free to call or write me.

Sincerely,

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## Taneeka Hansen

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**From:** Jim F <jimfassler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2016 9:20 AM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** HB328 "Take it Outside"

**Categories:** Constituent, Taneeka

Below is a link to The Peninsula Clarion stating that a no smoking bill (SB1) has passed the Senate finance committee & is heading for a vote.

The article also states that HB 328, sponsored by Rep. Dave Talerico, R-Healy, "Take it Outside's" companion legislation is sitting in the House, not yet having started the committee process.

<http://peninsulaclarion.com/news/2016-03-19/tobacco-bill-makes-progress>

PLEASE urge your fellow representatives to bring this bill out of committee & vote YES to "take it outside".

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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Marquitta M. Andrus  
REPRESENTING: Myself  
BILL # or SUBJECT: HB 328  
COMMITTEE: House ISS DATE: 3-22-16

Good morning....

My name is Marquitta Andrus, I was born and raised in Sterling, Alaska. My maternal and paternal grandparents homesteaded on the Kenai and Moose River in Sterling.

My dad was a heavy smoker of 4-5 packs a day. At two weeks old I almost died. My mom awoke to gurgling sounds in my crib. To her horror she found me blue. She screamed for my dad who hung me upside down, beating my back to dislodge enough flegm for me to begin breathing again. I had pneumonia.

Back then the risks of second hand smoke were not known. My dad continued to smoke heavy all the years I lived there. (Not outside the house but inside)

In fourth grade I could not pass the Presidential Fitness Award, because of the running portion, due to shortness of breath.

For 7 years I worked in a mini mall, next to a pull tab parlor, that allowed smoking. The building had shared air throughout. At times you could see smoke seeping from the outlets. Many complaints were made to the landlord with him dismissing our concerns and he would express didn't want to lose "good renters" by asking them to go smoke free. He put glad plug ins throughout and set baking soda boxes along the walls, thinking that would fix our problem.

At a health fair, my friends asked me to go with them to the booth with the lung function test. I failed miserably, the technician highly recommending I seek medical attention right away. I was diagnosed with COPD. A lung disease that has no cure. My doctor told me I could no longer be exposed to second hand smoke as it would progress my disease. Thankfully, my board of directors understood the urgency of this and we moved to a space with Clean air.

Sent from my iPhone

Marquitta M. Andrus  
*Marquitta M. Andrus* 3-22-16

Thank you, I urge <sup>your</sup> consideration in moving this Bill forward to the floor and vote yes for a "Healthier Alaska!"

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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME:

Anna Wrobel

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HB 328

COMMITTEE:

HHSS

DATE: 3/22/16

Good \_\_\_\_\_ . My name is Anna Wrobel. I live in Soldotna and I am a student at Soldotna High School. I am testifying today in favor of House Bill 328. When I get out into the workforce, I want to feel safe and feel assured that I am not being exposed to an unhealthy environment. I want to be able to pick a job at a workplace based on whether I like the people and place. <sup>I don't want to</sup> ~~and not~~ have to worry about whether or not I am going to get asthma or another illness due to second-hand smoke. I just spent the last hour providing tobacco prevention education to fourth graders at Redoubt Elementary School and I want a future for myself and these children that discourages tobacco use and promotes healthy workplaces. Thank you.



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NAME:

Pamela Howard

REPRESENTING:

Self

BILL # or SUBJECT:

HB 328

COMMITTEE:

H/SS

DATE:

3/22/2016

I have been a school nurse for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School Dist. for 30 yrs and have seen the consequences of smoking and secondhand smoke. Both in the school and workplace, there is increased illness and absenteeism. On a personal note, I have never smoked but because I joined the workforce when employees and patients were still allowed to smoke in the hospital. As a result, I got asthma and needed to leave the hospital job and become a school nurse. I urge you to support this bill to protect our workers and children as they get jobs. ~~and reduce~~ I never felt empowered to do anything about this when I was constantly being exposed, but now I can request you to use your power to do something about this. Thank you so much.

Pamela K. Howard RN

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REPRESENTING:

SELF

BILL # or SUBJECT:

HB 328

COMMITTEE:

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SERVICES

DATE:

3/22/16

I SUPPORT HB 328- FOR ALL  
THE HEALTH REASONS MOST ARE  
AWARE OF. PERSONALLY I CANNOT  
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I VIEW SMOKING IN THE PRESENCE  
OF CHILDREN- AND ANIMALS AS  
PHYSICAL ABUSE- SUCH AS IN A  
VEHICLE OR IN HOMES OR CONFINED  
AREAS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME  
MARION NELSON



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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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BILL # or SUBJECT:	<u>HB 328</u>		
COMMITTEE:	<u>HHSS</u>	DATE:	<u>3-22-16</u>

Good afternoon,

I am Jenny Olendorff and I live and work in Soldotna.

I thank Rep. Talerico for introducing HB 328 and I ask that you pass this bill from this committee. Singing this bill into law will protect all Alaska workers from exposure to secondhand smoke and secondhand emissions from e-cigarettes.

For years, I worked in an office in a mall where cigarette smoke from the adjoining business seeped in through the walls, the vents and even the outlets. We begged the business next door to have their employees and customers smoke outside, away from the air intake and doorways but they would not do it. After realizing that the landlord wasn't going to take action, we finally gave up after 7 years and found smoke-free office space across town.

Employers and building owners DO NOT have the right to expose their employees or customers to toxic chemicals of any kind. Secondhand smoke is no different than any other workplace hazard against which we have laws to protect us. We protect restaurant patrons from food borne illnesses by passing cleanliness laws. When we learned about the danger of exposure to asbestos, we mandated that buildings be renovated to protect those who worked within whose walls.

PLEASE, in the name of public health, protect Alaskan workers from secondhand smoke and aerosol in the workplace by passing HB 328.

Thank you for all of your hard work.

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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Joseph W. Yourkowski  
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BILL # or SUBJECT: HB328  
COMMITTEE: Health and Social Services DATE: 3-22-16

My name is Joseph Yourkowski. I am 19 years old and attend the 8th grade at Niliski Middle High School. I am writing to you on behalf of the American Cancer Society Action Network. This bill means a lot to me because I myself am a cancer survivor. The type of cancer I was diagnosed with was not due to smoking or second hand smoke. However I still have first hand knowledge of how awful, painful, expensive, and excruciatingly long cancer can be. This bill will eliminate smoking in the work place. It will allow for someone to not have to choose between a pay check and their ~~chance of~~ health. If there is any possibility of a person decreasing their chance of going through what I had to, then that possibility must become reality. This bill is about not smoking any cigarettes, including E-cigarettes, in the workplace. A person's right to smoke ends at my nose. Please help promote a healthier work place for all Alaskans. This bill is too important to pass up. Thank you.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Zachary Stockton  
REPRESENTING: Self  
BILL # or SUBJECT: ~~HB 328~~ HB 328  
COMMITTEE: HSS DATE: 3/22/16

Hello my name is Zachary Stockton I go to Kenai Central high School and I am a part of Trans against tobacco use, I have taken time to come voice my opinion because I believe this is an important topic, growing up in this time frame I have gotten to see the impacts of second-hand smoke, I feel that my and future generations should not have to be concerned about potential health risks resulting from second hand smoke in the workplace, while I understand this might cause less revenue for certain businesses for a short time after, I think we should look at the bigger picture and see that secondhand smoke has been proven to cause illnesses such as heart disease and Lung Cancer and kills 53,800 people a year from secondhand smoke, I have grown up in a tobacco free school system and into a tobacco free college I feel this should not change because of where I would like to work, I also feel that anyone should be able to take away my right to breathe clean air and to protect my self from secondhand smoke. I also know this will not completely solve the issue of secondhand smoke but I feel this will protect many people from second-hand smoke. Also I would like to let you know there is many other students who would like to come voice their opinion but cannot because of sports and other after-school activities.



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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME:

Megan Silta

REPRESENTING:

Myself

BILL # or SUBJECT:

328

COMMITTEE:

HHSS

DATE: 03/22/2016

Good Afternoon, my name is Megan Silta, I live in Soldotna and I'm a Student Athlete at Soldotna High School. I'm testifying today in favor of House Bill 328. The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District has a 100% tobacco-free policy for all school campuses. When I graduate from high school, I expect to attend a smokefree university. When I graduate from college, I expect to work in a smokefree workplace. I've personally witnessed friends and fellow athletes receive college offers to play sports and have that offer taken away due to the effects of tobacco use because those kids were raised in households that did not encourage healthy environments and did not discourage tobacco use at a young age. Please join the 30 other states that have comprehensive smoke free workplace laws. Thank You.

Megan Silta



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March 14, 2016

Attention: Senate Finance Committee – Alaska Legislature

*House Health & Social Services Committee*

Thank you for the providing a public hearing opportunity for constituent input to your deliberations on SB-1. I would have given testimony at the Fairbanks LIO this morning, but previous commitments did not allow for my participation.

I have long been in favor of smoke free environments and the health issues that are abated by this change in practice, so fifteen years ago when my husband and I first began our business – a coffee house in Fairbanks – we determined that the business would be smoke-free.

A significant factor in my strong support of this bill is that my mother, diagnosed with Emphysema, never smoked; but did work in smoke-filled restaurants for most of her life. I, too, never smoked; but during earlier times in my performance work, I spent way too many hours in smoke-filled rooms, breathing more deeply than perhaps anyone else in the room, as I sang for their entertainment. While I don't have the severe condition that my mother does, I do have issues of allergic and problematic breathing responses to smoke filled rooms.

It's been mentioned that people can make the choice if they want to work in such conditions. True enough and I made the decision to create my own smoke-free workplace, where my band SAND CASTLE performs every Friday and Saturday evening. However, this is not a realistic option for most musicians – particularly young hopeful musicians – and they should not have to put their health in jeopardy in order to work.

In talking with club owners who have converted to smoke-free venues, I am not surprised when they tell me that their revenue increased substantially.

Only recently did I learn of the properties of E-cigarettes and, based on what I learned, I firmly agree with including them as an item that doesn't deserve acceptance in a smoke-free venue.

As an Alaskan leader, you are called upon to decide on a broad spectrum of issues that relate to the well-being of our communities. Please give your utmost consideration to this bill. It will provide for a more productive and healthful workplace and, not surprisingly, will also benefit in less health costs for our state.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

  
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March 21, 2016

Alaska House Health and Social Services Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
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Dear House HSS Committee Members,

On behalf of our members in Alaska, Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights **encourages the House Health and Social Services Committee to pass House Bill 328 onto the House Judiciary Committee, which would prohibit smoking and the use of electronic cigarettes** (e-cigarettes) and other electronic smoking and/or vaping devices in all enclosed workplaces and public places in order to protect the health of workers and patrons.

Local smokefree indoor air laws protect half of Alaska's population. A statewide law would extend that same protection to everyone in the state. This law would save lives and health care costs for generations to come from the staggering toll of secondhand smoke.

E-cigarette industry proponents, including tobacco companies, often lobby to allow use of their products inside smokefree environments. Their goal is not public health, but rather to maximize profits by enabling product consumption inside otherwise smokefree environments. E-cigarette proponents may claim that the chemical aerosol emitted by these products is completely harmless and only contains "water vapor." It's worth noting that water typically isn't an ingredient in these products.

**More than 470 localities and 8 states now specifically prohibit the use of e-cigarettes and other vaping devices in all smokefree spaces, and it is now a standard component of smokefree indoor air laws.**

Research shows that e-cigarettes and vaping devices can produce high levels of harmful ultra-fine particles that can irritate or damage the respiratory system. These products produce a dense visible aerosol of liquid sub-micron droplets consisting of glycols, nicotine, volatile organic compounds, and carcinogens (e.g., formaldehyde, metals like cadmium, lead, & nickel, and nitrosamines). So while some may believe the product is "safer" than a conventional cigarette, the use of and exposure to e-cigarettes certainly isn't harmless or risk-free (see attached fact sheet). Even substances that might be safe for eating have not been tested for safety as a heated, inhaled aerosol.

E-cigarettes and vaping devices are completely unregulated – there is simply no way to know what is in one device vs the thousands of others. They are not one standardized chemical product, but thousands of different ones - many of which are produced off-shore, then bought and sold online with no requirement for ingredient disclosure or quality control. These devices can also be used to vape a wide range of substances from nicotine e-juice to hash oil to flakka (a synthetic drug). Some devices even have multiple chambers for vaping different products.

Regardless of the debate of whether these products serve a role in cessation, there is simply no need to use them inside shared air spaces (such as workplaces and public places) where others are then subject to the hazardous secondhand emissions. Just like traditional cigarettes, e-cigarettes should be used in ways that don't impact the health of others.

Alaska should follow the recommendations of experts such as the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH); the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE); the World Health Organization (WHO); the American Industrial Hygiene Association; and other health and safety organizations that **recommend that electronic smoking devices should not be used inside smokefree spaces.**

**Non-users exposed to secondhand emissions from e-cigarettes show levels of cotinine (a biomarker for nicotine exposure) in their system.** There is also evidence of third-hand exposure from the residue the aerosol leaves behind on surfaces in an area where these products have been used.

Alaska has the opportunity to protect public health from exposure to secondhand smoke and secondhand aerosol. We have enough science to make an intelligent decision that secondhand aerosol is not harmless and that it is a new source of air pollution that contains ultrafine particles, toxicants, and carcinogens.

**Given these facts, Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights urges Alaska to pass House Bill 328 to prohibit smoking and the use of electronic smoking devices in all public places and workplaces, at all times, without exception.**

Thank you for your leadership and desire to make Alaska the best place to live, work, and visit. Please feel free to contact me at 510-841-3045 if you have any questions, comments, or feedback.

Sincerely,



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President & CEO

Attachments: Electronic Smoking Devices and Secondhand Aerosol fact sheet  
Electronic Smoking Devices and Smokefree Laws  
List of Cities and States with e-cigarette laws

*Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights is a national, member-based, not-for-profit organization based in Berkeley, CA that is dedicated to helping nonsmokers breathe smokefree air since 1976.*



# Electronic Smoking Devices (ESDs) and Smokefree Laws

[www.no-smoke.org/ecigs.html](http://www.no-smoke.org/ecigs.html)

## What are Electronic Smoking Devices?

Electronic smoking devices, often called **e-cigarettes**, heat and vaporize a solution that typically contains nicotine, and are often designed to mimic the look and feel of a real cigarette, while others resemble pens or other innocuous objects.

The devices are metal or plastic tubes that contain a cartridge filled with a liquid that is vaporized by a battery-powered heating element. The aerosol is inhaled by the user when they draw on the device, as they would a regular cigarette. The user then exhales a cloud of secondhand aerosol which includes toxins and other pollutants.

**Electronic smoking devices are currently unregulated products.** Most electronic smoking devices contain nicotine, and some companies claim to sell nicotine-free cartridges. They come in a wide variety of designs, flavors, and nicotine levels. These are not one uniform product but hundreds of different products.

### Sample of Electronic Smoking Devices:

#### Disposable e-cigarette:



#### Rechargeable e-cigarette:



#### Disposable hookah pen-style device:



#### Pen-style rechargeable device:



#### Tank-style rechargeable device:



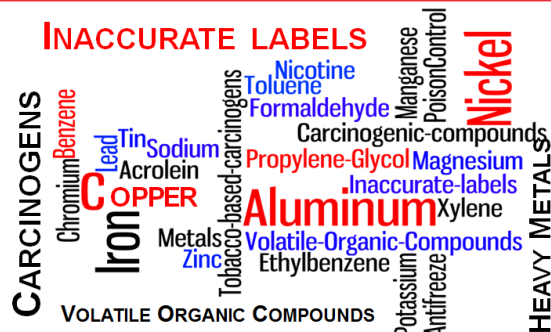
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## Electronic Smoking Device Aerosol is Not Water Vapor

Supporters claim that electronic smoking devices release “nothing but water vapor.” However, **water is not an ingredient in electronic smoking devices.**

The “smoke” you see is NOT a “vapor”: it is an aerosol containing toxins like those listed in the infographic (below) from the Chicago Department of Public Health.

### NOT SAFE...



### NOT WATER VAPOR!

The aerosol (incorrectly called vapor) contains **nicotine, hazardous ultrafine particles** that lodge deeply in the lungs of nonsmokers, and **toxins** known to cause cancer. This is why it is not appropriate to use these products in smokefree environments, such as workplaces.

Electronic smoking devices are unregulated products that have no requirements for ingredient disclosure, accurate labeling or quality control.

### Electronic smoking devices are called:

- ◇ Electronic cigarette
- ◇ E-cigarette
- ◇ E-hookah
- ◇ E-vapor device
- ◇ Hookah pen
- ◇ Personal vaporizer
- ◇ Vape Pen/Vapor pen
- ◇ Vapor cigarette
- ◇ And more!

# Electronic Smoking Devices: The Facts

## Electronic Smoking Devices Are Not Emission-Free

The first peer-reviewed study to look at exposure to aerosol from electronic smoking devices (ESDs) in real-use conditions found that non-smokers who were exposed to conventional cigarette smoke and ESD aerosol absorbed similar levels of nicotine.

"Cigarettes vs. e-cigarettes: Passive exposure at home measured by means of airborne marker and biomarkers." *Environmental Research*, Volume 135, November 2014.

TABLE 1 Chemical emissions of selected compounds from e-cigarettes for exposure analyses.		
CHEMICAL	CHEMICAL EMISSIONS ( $\mu\text{g}/150$ PUFFS – 70 ML/PUFF) INDIRECT EXPOSURE	
	Minimum	Maximum
ACETALDEHYDE	2.0	13.6
ACROLEIN	<0.02	41.9
FORMALDEHYDE	3.2	56.1
CADMIUM	<0.04	0.22
LEAD	0.03	0.57
NICKEL	0.11	0.29
NICOTINE	5,770	19,060
NNK <sup>a</sup>	<0.0001	0.028
PROPYLENE GLYCOL	250,950	828,750

Offermann, Bud. "The Hazards of E-Cigarettes." ASHRAE Journal, June 2014.

***"If you are around somebody who is using e-cigarettes, you are breathing an aerosol of exhaled nicotine, ultra-fine particles, volatile organic compounds, and other toxins."***

— Dr. Stanton Glantz, Director for the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education, UCSF

## Tempting a New Generation into Nicotine Addiction

ESDs are not a proven smoking cessation device; they are an alternative nicotine delivery device that will maintain or restore the habit, and can hook a new generation addicted to nicotine. ESD proponents are deceptively marketing the products to the public—especially to young adults via online media—as a "safe" alternative to smoking and an easy way to quit smoking tobacco cigarettes.



Source: [www.smokelessdelite.com](http://www.smokelessdelite.com)

ESDs come in an impossibly long list of enticing flavors that historically have appealed to youth, from **Gummy Bear** to **Bubble Gum** to **Vanilla Cupcake** to **Lemon Chiffon Pie**. Rechargeable ESDs allow users to mix their own "e-juice" to create their own flavor combinations and potentially create higher nicotine levels.

A June 2014 study found that some chemicals used as flavorings in ESD liquid are approved by the FDA for food use (ingestion), but they are not approved for inhalation, and are, in fact, associated with respiratory disease when inhaled. **Remember: ESD's are not regulated by the FDA.**

- ◆ In 2014, 2.5 million middle and high school students used e-cigarettes. **Source:** CDC MMWR, April 2015
- ◆ More high school students use e-cigarettes than conventional cigarettes. E-cigarette use increased from 1.5% in 2011 to 13.4% in 2014, while cigarette use declined from 16% to 9% in that time. **Source:** CDC MMWR, April 2015
- ◆ One in three students perceived e-cigarettes as being less harmful than conventional cigarettes and these students were more likely to have used e-cigarettes. **Source:** [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25044196](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25044196)



## Cities are Including Electronic Smoking Devices in Smokefree Laws

As of October 2015, 438 U.S. municipalities and 5 states include electronic smoking devices (ESDs) as products that are prohibited from use in smokefree environments. See the full list at [www.no-smoke.org/pdf/ecigslaws.pdf](http://www.no-smoke.org/pdf/ecigslaws.pdf).

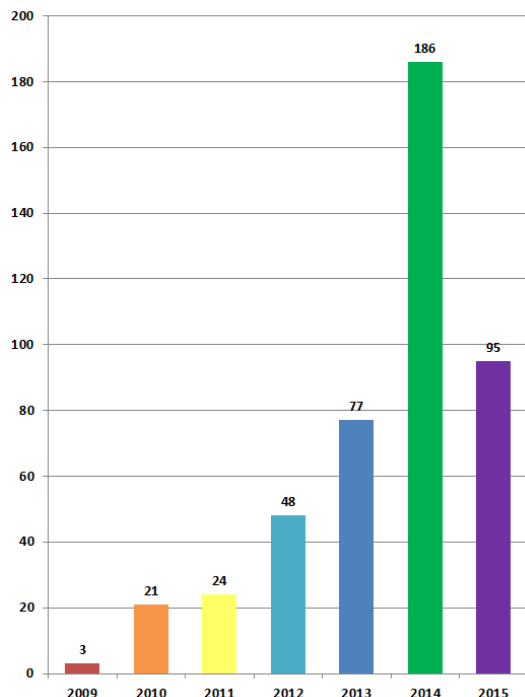
From **New York City** to **Indianapolis**, and **Chicago** to **Los Angeles**, communities are choosing to expand their smokefree air laws to not allow the use of ESDs in all smokefree environments (indoors and outdoors) so that workers & the public don't have to breathe the toxic aerosol that they emit.

Other examples of cities addressing ESDs in smokefree workplace laws including **Bessemer, AL**; **Madison, KY**; **Prentiss, MS**; and **Waxahachie, TX**.

Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights and our public health partners encourage municipalities and states to prohibit the use of ESDs in all smokefree venues, where people may be exposed to the secondhand aerosol they emit.

It is the right and responsibility of our elected officials to take action to protect public health and safety.

### Number of Smokefree ESD Laws by Year



## How Can My Community Ensure Smokefree Workplaces Stay that Way?

**It's very simple.** If your community has a 100% smoke-free air law, the law can be amended by adding a definition of "electronic smoking device" and amending the definition of "smoking" to include electronic smoking devices (ESDs).

If your community is protected by a strong statewide smokefree law, then you can adopt a law to prohibit the use of ESDs wherever the state law prohibits smoking. This is also an opportunity to close any gaps that may exist in your state smokefree law.

If your community is not yet protected by a 100% smoke-free air law for all workplaces and public places, now is a great opportunity to consider adopting a law that addresses both tobacco smoking and ESD use in those spaces.

**You can find definitions in ANR's model law** for smoke-free workplaces and public places at [www.no-smoke.org/pdf/modelordinance.pdf](http://www.no-smoke.org/pdf/modelordinance.pdf)



Sign for Chicago's smokefree law, which includes ESD use.

### What is the FDA doing about Electronic Smoking Devices?

While the FDA can and should regulate electronic smoking devices as tobacco products, they do not have the authority to address where the products may be used. Cities and states can and are enacting laws that regulate when and where ESDs can be used, as well as laws that regulate sales to minors and where the product can be sold. In other words, city and state lawmakers should not wait for the FDA to address these products.

## Myths & Facts about ESDs

**Myth:** Electronic smoking devices (ESDs) are harmless! They only emit water vapor.

**Fact:** The aerosol emitted by ESDs is not water vapor. The aerosol contains many substances, including nicotine, ultrafine particles, volatile organic compounds and toxins known to cause cancer. There is enough peer-reviewed, published scientific evidence to determine that second-hand aerosol is not harmless. It's a new source of air pollution that should not be permitted in smokefree environments.

**Myth:** I quit smoking by using an ESD! Do you want to prevent people from quitting tobacco?

**Fact:** ESDs are not proven cessation devices. While some individuals have quit smoking tobacco by using ESDs, studies indicate that ESDs may not be helpful at the population level. Many people become "stable dual-users" who use both cigarettes and ESDs. Including ESDs in smokefree laws does not prohibit people from using these unregulated products, rather they simply must step outside to use them, just like people do to smoke cigarettes.

**Myth:** Nicotine is no more harmful than caffeine!

**Fact:** Not true! Nicotine is an addictive and very poisonous drug in even small amounts. Nicotine exposure can negatively impact developing fetuses as well as teenage brain development. Nicotine also reacts with other chemicals to create tobacco-specific carcinogens. The potential hazards to non-users in a shared air space are due to more than just nicotine.

**Myth:** I own a vape shop. I'm a small business owner that creates jobs and pays taxes in our community. If you included ESDs, I'll lose money and so will the city.

**Fact:** Thus far this has not been proven to be true. The tobacco industry has historically used "small business" arguments and threats, but smokefree laws have not been found to be damaging to business. If the shop is in a strip mall and shares the air with other businesses, these workplaces should not be exposed to unwanted secondhand aerosol.

## What to Expect from the Opposition

Electronic smoking device (ESD) manufacturers and proponents seek to enable use of these products in otherwise smokefree spaces in order to maximize profits. They are actively engaged in efforts to prevent regulation of where the products can be used. This is especially true now that the big U.S. tobacco companies and their retailer networks are fully engaged in the ESD industry.

<u>Tobacco Company</u>	<u>Cigarette Brands</u>	<u>ESD Brands</u>
Altria	Marlboro, Virginia Slims	MarkTen
Reynolds American	Camel, Kool	Vuse
Lorillard	Newport	Blu

Communities should expect to hear from local ESD users ("vapers") and vape shop owners, but also from out-of-state opposition groups, such as Consumer Advocates for Smoke-free Alternatives Association (CASAA) and Vaping Militia. These groups have generated email blasts and Twitter bombing to City Councils from ESD supporters located around the U.S., who are not local constituents.

Opponents to including ESDs in smokefree laws have taken a page directly from the tobacco industry's playbook. They will claim that ESDs are harmless, that they contain only water vapor, that using them indoors is necessary to help people quit smoking, and other arguments that aim to create doubt and confusion.

For instance, Los Angeles radio stations aired ads by Blu, owned by Lorillard Tobacco Company, and Vuse, owned by Reynolds American, asking people to attend a City Council hearing to oppose a proposed ordinance to not allow ESD use in smokefree spaces. Thankfully, the City Council resisted the industry pressure and voted unanimously to include ESDs in the city's smokefree air law.



Tobacco vs ESD Ads. Source: <http://tobacco.stanford.edu>



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## Electronic Smoking Devices and Secondhand Aerosol

Electronic smoking devices (or ESDs), which are often called **e-cigarettes**, heat and vaporize a solution that typically contains nicotine. The devices are metal or plastic tubes that contain a cartridge filled with a liquid that is vaporized by a battery-powered heating element. The aerosol is inhaled by the user when they draw on the device, as they would a regular tobacco cigarette, and the user exhales the aerosol into the environment.

*“If you are around somebody who is using e-cigarettes, you are breathing an aerosol of exhaled nicotine, ultra-fine particles, volatile organic compounds, and other toxins.”* Dr. Stanton Glantz, Director for the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education at the University of California, San Francisco.

### Current Legislative Landscape

- As of January 1, 2016, [475 municipalities and 8 states include electronic smoking devices](#) as products that are prohibited from use in smokefree environments.

### Constituents of Secondhand Aerosol

Electronic smoking devices (ESDs) do not just emit “harmless water vapor.” **Secondhand aerosol (incorrectly called vapor by the industry) from ESDs contains nicotine, ultrafine particles and low levels of toxins** that are known to cause cancer.

- ESD aerosol is made up of a high concentration of ultrafine particles, and the particle concentration is higher than in conventional tobacco cigarette smoke.<sup>1</sup>
- Exposure to fine and ultrafine particles may exacerbate respiratory ailments like asthma, and constrict arteries which could trigger a heart attack.<sup>2</sup>
- ESD aerosol particles are smaller than 1000 nanometers, which is a similar size to tobacco smoke and diesel engine smoke, and bystanders can be exposed to this aerosol. “The exact size distribution depends on the chemical composition of the electronic cigarette liquid, the e-cigarette device operation, and user vaping preferences.”<sup>3</sup>
- At least 10 chemicals identified in ESD aerosol are on California’s Proposition 65 list of carcinogens and reproductive toxins, also known as the [Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986](#). The compounds that have already been identified in [mainstream](#) (MS) or [secondhand](#) (SS) ESD aerosol include: **Acetaldehyde (MS), Benzene (SS), Cadmium (MS), Formaldehyde (MS,SS), Isoprene (SS), Lead (MS), Nickel (MS), Nicotine (MS, SS), N-Nitrosornicotine (MS, SS), Toluene (MS, SS)**.<sup>4,5</sup>
- ESDs contain and emit propylene glycol**, a chemical that is used as a base in ESD solution and is one of the primary components in the aerosol emitted by ESDs.
  - Short term exposure causes eye, throat, and airway irritation.<sup>6</sup>
  - Long term inhalation exposure can result in children developing asthma.<sup>7</sup>
- Even though propylene glycol is FDA approved for use in some products, the inhalation of vaporized nicotine in propylene glycol is not. Some studies show that heating propylene glycol changes its chemical composition, producing small amounts of propylene oxide, a known carcinogen.<sup>8</sup>



- There are **metals in ESD aerosol, including chromium, nickel, and tin nanoparticles**.<sup>9</sup>
- FDA scientists found detectable levels of carcinogenic tobacco-specific nitrosamines in ESD aerosol.<sup>10</sup>
- People exposed to ESD aerosol absorb nicotine (measured as cotinine), with one study showing levels comparable to passive smokers.<sup>11</sup>
- **Diethylene Glycol**, a poisonous organic compound, was also detected in ESD aerosol.<sup>12</sup>
- **Exhaled ESD aerosol contained propylene glycol, glycerol, flavorings, and nicotine, along with acetone, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, propanal, diacetyl, and triacetyl.**<sup>13</sup>
- Many of the elements identified in the aerosol are known to **cause respiratory distress and disease**. The aerosol contained particles >1 µm comprised of tin, silver, iron, nickel, aluminum, and silicate and nanoparticles (<100 nm) of tin, chromium and nickel. The concentrations of nine of eleven elements in ESD aerosol were higher than or equal to the corresponding concentrations in conventional cigarette smoke.<sup>14</sup>
- ESDs cause exposure to different chemicals than found in conventional cigarettes and there is a need for risk evaluation for both primary and passive exposure to the aerosol in smokers and nonsmokers.<sup>15</sup>
- Short term use of ESD has been shown to increase respiratory resistance and impair lung function, which may result in difficulty breathing.<sup>16</sup>
- The first study to look at exposure to aerosol from ESDs in real-use conditions found that non-smokers who were exposed to conventional cigarette smoke and ESD aerosol absorbed similar levels of nicotine.<sup>17</sup>
- The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) has concluded that ESDs emit harmful chemicals into the air and need to be regulated in the same manner as tobacco smoking. The “E-cigarettes do not produce a vapor (gas), but rather a dense visible aerosol of liquid sub-micron droplets consisting of glycols, nicotine, and other chemicals, some of which are carcinogenic (e.g., formaldehyde, metals like cadmium, lead, & nickel, and nitrosamines).”<sup>18</sup>
- ESD aerosol is a source of high doses of particles being deposited in the human respiratory system.<sup>19</sup>
- ESD exposure damages lung tissues. Human lung cells that are exposed to ESD aerosol and flavorings—especially cinnamon—are show increased oxidative stress and inflammatory responses.<sup>20</sup>
- Concentrations of formaldehyde are higher than concentrations of nicotine in some samples of ESD aerosol. Formaldehyde is created when propylene glycol and glycerol are heated to temperatures reached by commercially available ESDs operating at high voltage.<sup>21</sup>
- Flavorings are a largely unrecognized potential hazard of ESDs. Diacetyl and acetyl propionyl are present in many sweet-flavored ESDs, and are approved by the FDA for food use (ingestion), but are not evaluated and approved for heating and inhalation, and are associated with respiratory disease when inhaled.<sup>22</sup> High doses of diacetyl, used to flavor buttered popcorn, have been shown to cause acute-onset bronchiolitis obliterans, a severe and irreversible obstructive lung disease when inhaled by workers exposed to particulate aerosolized flavorings containing diacetyl.<sup>23</sup> Therefore, these chemicals cannot be deemed “generally recognized as safe” for inhalation.

- There is a risk of thirdhand exposure to nicotine released from ESD aerosol that deposits on indoor surfaces.<sup>24</sup>
- Overall, ESDs are a new source of **Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and ultrafine/fine particles in the indoor environment**, thus resulting in “passive vaping.”<sup>25</sup>
- The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that ESDs not be used indoors, especially in smokefree environments, in order to minimize the risk to bystanders of breathing in the aerosol emitted by the devices and to avoid undermining the enforcement of smokefree laws.<sup>26</sup>
- The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recommends that employers “establish and maintain smoke-free workplaces that protect those in workplaces from involuntary, secondhand exposures to tobacco smoke and airborne emissions from e-cigarettes and other electronic nicotine delivery systems.”<sup>27</sup>
- The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) also recommends that ESDs be included in smokefree laws: “**Because e-cigarettes are a potential source of pollutants (such as airborne nicotine, flavorings, and thermal degradation products), their use in the indoor environment should be restricted, consistent with current smoking bans, until and unless research documents that they will not significantly increase the risk of adverse health effects to room occupants.**”<sup>28</sup>
- The American Public Health Association adopted a resolution, “Supporting Regulation of Electronic Cigarettes,” that outlines seven action steps including, “States and municipalities [should] enact and enforce laws...prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in all enclosed areas of public access and places of employment. These standards should be incorporated into existing clean indoor air laws.”<sup>29</sup>
- The American Association for Cancer Research and the American Society of Clinical Oncology supports prohibiting the use of ESDs in smokefree spaces until the safety of second- and thirdhand aerosol exposure is established.<sup>30</sup>

**ESD aerosol is a new source of pollution and toxins being emitted into the environment.** We do not know the long-term health effects of ESD use and although the industry marketing of the product implies that these products are harmless, the aerosol that ESD emit is not purely water vapor.

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## States and Municipalities with Laws Regulating Use of Electronic Cigarettes

*As of January 1, 2016*

The following list includes states and municipalities with **laws currently in effect** that regulate where use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) is prohibited. E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices that are designed to mimic cigarettes by vaporizing a nicotine-laced liquid that is inhaled by the user. The use of e-cigarettes in workplaces and public places is a significant public health concern, not only because of their unregulated constituents and the potential health impact of the vapor on users and bystanders, but also because e-cigarette use causes public confusion as to where smoking is allowed, resulting in compliance problems with smokefree laws.

Most local and state smokefree laws were enacted before e-cigarettes were on the market, so while such laws do not explicitly mention e-cigarettes, it should not be assumed that their use is permitted. Existing smokefree laws are often interpreted to prohibit e-cigarette use in their smokefree provisions.

In the 100% Smokefree Venues column, the following abbreviations are used:

**W** = Non-Hospitality Workplaces

**R** = Restaurants

**B** = Bars

**G** = Gambling facilities.

Please note, this document shows the number of places, not the number of laws. Some places have multiple laws. Please visit our [lists page](#) to see information by *law* in chart format. For more information on e-cigarettes, visit our [e-cigarette resource page](#).

## State Laws Regulating Use of E-cigarettes

### State Laws Restricting E-cigarette Use in 100% Smokefree Venues

Other state laws that do not explicitly address e-cigarettes might be interpreted as prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in existing smokefree provisions.

State	100% Smokefree Venues In Which Use of E-cigarettes Prohibited	Use of E-cigarettes Specifically Permitted	Permitted In:
1. Connecticut	RBG	No	
2. Delaware	WRBG	Yes	Vapor establishments.
3. Hawaii	WRB	No	
4. Maine	WRB	No	
5. North Dakota	WRBG	No	
6. New Jersey	WRB	No	
7. Oregon	WRBG	No	
8. Utah	WRB	Yes	Retailers that sell e-cigarettes, until 7/1/17.

## State Laws Regulating E-cigarette Use in Other Venues

State	Prohibited In:	Use of E-cigarettes Specifically Permitted	Permitted In:
1. Arkansas	Use of e-cigarettes prohibited on school district property.	No	
2. California	Smoking, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited at Orange County Fair, including amphitheater, grandstand, and bleacher seating areas.	No	
3. Colorado	Definition of tobacco product for purposes of prohibition of use on school property amended to include e-cigarettes, unless approved by FDA as cessation devices.	No	
4. Georgia	Tobacco use, including use of e-cigarettes and hookahs, prohibited everywhere on campuses of University System of Georgia, with limited exceptions for educational purposes and research.	No	
5. Illinois	As of 7/1/15, smoking, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited on all campuses of State-supported institutions of higher education, including buildings, grounds, parking lots, and vehicles owned by institutions. Enclosed research laboratories are exempt.	No	
6. Kansas	Tobacco use, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited on all Dept. of Corrections property and grounds, by both employees and inmates. Per opinion of Attorney General, Indoor Clean Air Act of 2010 does not apply to e-cigarettes.	Yes	All places where smoking is prohibited per 3/12/10 law, including workplaces, restaurants, bars, gambling facilities, and public places generally.
7. Kentucky	Tobacco use, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited on all properties of State Executive Branch, including buildings, vehicles, and land, but excluding specific outdoor areas such as parks, Kentucky Horse Park, and Kentucky State Fairgrounds. Per Governor's Office, does not apply to State colleges and universities.	No	

State	Prohibited In:	Use of E-cigarettes Specifically Permitted	Permitted In:
8. Maryland	Smoking, including use of e-cigarettes prohibited on MARC commuter rail system trains.	No	
9. Minnesota	Use of e-cigarettes prohibited in State and local government buildings, facilities of State colleges and universities, facilities licensed by Commissioner of Human Services, and facilities licensed by Commissioner of Health.	No	
10. New Hampshire	Use of e-cigarettes prohibited in public educational facilities and on grounds thereof.	No	
11. Oklahoma	Tobacco use, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited in all Dept. of Corrections facilities, including vehicles and grounds.	No	
12. South Dakota	Tobacco use, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited in Dept. of Corrections facilities and on grounds thereof, by both employees and inmates.	No	
13. Texas	Use of e-cigarettes prohibited in specified public places.	Yes	Designated areas in specified public places.
14. Virginia	Smoking, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited on Virginia Railway Express trains and limited to 100 feet on north end of station platforms.	No	
15. Vermont	Smoking, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited on school grounds and at child care facilities, both indoors and outdoors.	No	
16. Wisconsin	Smoking, including use of e-cigarettes, prohibited at indoor facilities of State Fair and at main stage area.	No	

## Local Laws Regulating Use of E-cigarettes

### Laws Restricting E-cigarette Use in 100% Smokefree Venues

**Note:** The jurisdiction(s) affected by county-level laws vary widely. Look for a plus symbol (+) next to each county with a law that includes both incorporated and unincorporated areas. A county without a symbol means that the county law covers unincorporated areas only.

State	City/County	100% Smokefree Venues in Which Use of E- cigarettes Prohibited	Use of E-cigarettes Specifically Permitted	If Partial, Permitted In:
1. AK	Dillingham	RB	No	
2. AK	Juneau	RBG	No	
3. AK	Palmer	WRB	No	
4. AL	Anniston	WRBG	No	
5. AL	Bessemer	WRG	No	
6. AL	Clay	WRBG	No	
7. AL	Creola	WRBG	No	
8. AL	Foley	WRG	No	
9. AL	Fultondale	WRBG	No	
10. AL	Gadsden	WRBG	No	
11. AL	Homewood	WRB	No	
12. AL	Midfield	WRBG	No	
13. AL	Monroeville	WRBG	No	
14. AL	Opelika	WR	No	
15. AL	Troy	WRBG	No	
16. AL	Vestavia Hills	WRBG	No	
17. AZ	Coconino County	WR	No	
18. AZ	Tempe	WRB	No	
19. CA	Arcata	WRB	No	
20. CA	Artesia	RB	Partial	E-cigarette retailers.
21. CA	Berkeley	WRBG	No	
22. CA	Beverly Hills	RBG	No	
23. CA	Butte County	WRB	No	
24. CA	Calabasas	WRBG	No	
25. CA	Camarillo	W	No	
26. CA	Campbell	RBG	No	
27. CA	Capitola	WG	No	
28. CA	Carlsbad	RBG	No	
29. CA	Chico	WRB	No	



30. CA	Contra Costa County	WRBG	No	
31. CA	Corte Madera	WRB	No	
32. CA	Daly City	WRBG	No	
33. CA	Davis	WRBG	No	
34. CA	Del Mar	WRB	No	
35. CA	Dixon	RBG	No	
36. CA	Dublin	RBG	No	
37. CA	El Cajon	RBG	No	
38. CA	El Cerrito	WRBG	No	
39. CA	Eureka	WRBG	No	
40. CA	Fairfax	WRBG	No	
41. CA	Folsom	RBG	No	
42. CA	Foster City	RB	No	
43. CA	Fremont	WRB	No	
44. CA	Garden Grove	RBG	No	
45. CA	Goleta	RB	No	
46. CA	Hayward	RB	No	
47. CA	Laguna Hills	WRBG	No	
48. CA	Lemon Grove	RBG	No	
49. CA	Lompoc	RB	No	
50. CA	Long Beach	WRBG	No	
51. CA	Los Angeles	RBG	Partial	Retail e-cigarette stores and theatrical production sites.
52. CA	Mammoth Lakes	WRBG	No	
53. CA	Manhattan Beach	WRBG	No	
54. CA	Marin County	WRB	Partial	Individual apartment units in multi-unit residences.
55. CA	Mariposa County	RBG	No	
56. CA	Mill Valley	WRB	No	
57. CA	Morgan Hill	WRB	No	
58. CA	Mountain View	WRB	No	
59. CA	Oroville	W	No	
60. CA	Paradise	WRB	No	
61. CA	Petaluma	W	No	
62. CA	Pico Rivera	RBG	No	
63. CA	Pittsburg	RBG	No	
64. CA	Pleasant Hill	WRBG	No	

65. CA	Pleasanton	WRB	No	
66. CA	Rancho Cordova	WRBG	No	
67. CA	Richmond	WRBG	No	
68. CA	San Anselmo	WRB	No	
69. CA	San Bernardino County	W	No	
70. CA	San Diego	WRBG	Partial	Designated areas of Petco Park and Qualcomm Stadium; e-cigarette lounges and shops.
71. CA	San Diego County	RBG	No	
72. CA	San Francisco	WRB	No	
73. CA	San Luis Obispo	WRBG	No	
74. CA	San Mateo	RB	No	
75. CA	San Mateo County	W	No	
76. CA	Santa Barbara County	W	No	
77. CA	Santa Clara	WR	No	
78. CA	Santa Clara County	WRB	No	
79. CA	Santa Clarita	WRB	No	
80. CA	Santa Cruz	WG	No	
81. CA	Santa Maria	RB	No	
82. CA	Santa Monica	WRB	Partial	Two existing e-cigarette lounges/businesses.
83. CA	Santa Rosa	WRBG	Partial	Existing retail tobacco stores and new retail tobacco stores that are freestanding.
84. CA	Scotts Valley	WR	No	
85. CA	Seal Beach	RBG	No	
86. CA	Sebastopol	WRBG	No	
87. CA	Shasta County	WRB	No	
88. CA	Solana Beach	RB	No	
89. CA	Solano County	W	No	
90. CA	Solvang	RB	No	
91. CA	Sonoma County	WRBG	No	
92. CA	Temecula	WRBG	No	
93. CA	Tiburon	WRB	No	
94. CA	Union City	WRB	No	
95. CA	Ventura	RBG	No	
96. CA	Walnut Creek	RBG	No	

97.	CA	Watsonville	WG	No	
98.	CA	Yolo County	WRB	No	
99.	CO	Arvada	WRB	Partial	Theatrical productions; specialty vaping stores.
100.	CO	Boulder	WRB	No	
101.	CO	Breckenridge	RBG	No	
102.	CO	Brighton	RBG	No	
103.	CO	Edgewater	WRBG	No	
104.	CO	Evans	RBG	No	
105.	CO	Fort Collins	WRB	No	
106.	CO	Frisco	RB	No	
107.	CO	Golden	RB	No	
108.	CO	Greeley	RB	No	
109.	CO	Lafayette	RB	No	
110.	CO	Lakewood	RBG	No	
111.	CO	Littleton	RBG	No	
112.	CO	Louisville	RB	Partial	Retail e-cigarette stores.
113.	FL	Alachua County	WRG	No	
114.	FL	Archer	WRG	No	
115.	FL	Bellevue	WRG	No	
116.	FL	Boca Raton	WRG	Partial	Wherever tobacco smoking is permitted by State law; retail e-cigarette shops.
117.	FL	Clay County	WR	No	
118.	FL	Delray Beach	WRG	Partial	Retail e-cigarette shops.
119.	FL	Gainesville	WRG	No	
120.	FL	Hawthorne	WRG	No	
121.	FL	High Springs	WRG	No	
122.	FL	Lighthouse Point	WRG	No	
123.	FL	Marion County	WRG	No	
124.	FL	Miami/Dade County	WRG	No	
125.	FL	Newberry	WRG	No	
126.	FL	Orange Park	WRG	No	
127.	FL	Port Saint Lucie	WRG	Partial	Retail e-cigarette stores.
128.	FL	Port St. Joe	WRG	No	
129.	FL	Vero Beach	WRG	Partial	Retail e-cigarette shops.
130.	FL	Waldo	WRG	No	

131.	GA	Chatham County	WRBG	No	
132.	GA	DeKalb County	W	No	
133.	GA	Pooler	WRBG	No	
134.	GA	Savannah	WRBG	No	
135.	HI	Hawaii County <sup>+</sup>	WRB	No	
136.	IA	Iowa City	WRB	No	
137.	ID	Ketchum	WRBG	No	
138.	IL	Arlington Heights	WR	No	
139.	IL	Chicago	WRBG	Partial	Theater performances; retail tobacco stores.
140.	IL	Deerfield	WRB	No	
141.	IL	DeKalb	WRB	No	
142.	IL	Elk Grove Village	WRB	No	
143.	IL	Evanston	WRB	No	
144.	IL	Naperville	WRBG	No	
145.	IL	Oak Park	WRB	No	
146.	IL	Ogle County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
147.	IL	Schaumburg	WRBG	No	
148.	IL	Skokie	WRBG	No	
149.	IL	Wheaton	WR	No	
150.	IL	Wilmette	WRBG	No	
151.	IN	Greenwood	W	No	
152.	IN	Indianapolis/Marion	WRB	No	
153.	KS	Hutchinson	WRB	Partial	Specified areas of gambling facilities; specified clubs; specified cigar dinners.
154.	KS	Kansas City/Wyandotte	WRBG	No	
155.	KS	Olathe	WRB	No	
156.	KS	Overland Park	WRBG	No	
157.	KS	Park City	WRB	No	
158.	KS	Topeka	WRB	No	
159.	KY	Bardstown	WRBG	No	
160.	KY	Berea	WRBG	No	
161.	KY	Danville	WRBG	No	
162.	KY	Glasgow	RBG	No	
163.	KY	Lexington/Fayette	WRBG	No	
164.	KY	Manchester	WRBG	No	
165.	KY	Morehead	WRB	No	

166.	KY	Richmond	WRBG	No	
167.	KY	Versailles	WRB	No	
168.	KY	Woodford County	WRB	No	
169.	LA	Abbeville	WRBG	No	
170.	LA	Cheneyville	WRBG	No	
171.	LA	Hammond	WRBG	No	
172.	LA	Monroe	WRBG	No	
173.	LA	New Orleans	WRBG	No	
174.	LA	Ouachita Parish	WRBG	No	
175.	LA	Sulphur	WR	No	
176.	LA	West Monroe	WRBG	No	
177.	MA	Acton	WRBG	No	
178.	MA	Adams	WRBG	No	
179.	MA	Amherst	WRBG	No	
180.	MA	Andover	WRBG	No	
181.	MA	Arlington	WRBG	No	
182.	MA	Ashland	WRBG	No	
183.	MA	Athol	WRBG	No	
184.	MA	Auburn	WRBG	No	
185.	MA	Barre	WRBG	No	
186.	MA	Billerica	WRBG	No	
187.	MA	Bolton	WRBG	No	
188.	MA	Boston	WRB	No	
189.	MA	Bourne	WRB	No	
190.	MA	Bridgewater	WRBG	No	
191.	MA	Buckland	WRBG	No	
192.	MA	Burlington	WRBG	No	
193.	MA	Cambridge	WRB	Partial	Housing Authority developments and outdoor dining areas.
194.	MA	Charlemont	WRBG	No	
195.	MA	Cohasset	WRBG	No	
196.	MA	Concord	WRBG	No	
197.	MA	Dartmouth	WRBG	No	
198.	MA	Dedham	WRB	No	
199.	MA	Deerfield	WRBG	No	
200.	MA	Dighton	WRBG	No	
201.	MA	Dover	RB	No	
202.	MA	Dracut	WRBG	No	

203.	MA	Eastham	WRBG	No	
204.	MA	Easthampton	WRBG	No	
205.	MA	Fairhaven	WRBG	No	
206.	MA	Fitchburg	WRBG	No	
207.	MA	Foxborough	WRBG	No	
208.	MA	Franklin	WRBG	No	
209.	MA	Gardner	WRBG	No	
210.	MA	Gill	WRBG	No	
211.	MA	Grafton	WRBG	No	
212.	MA	Granby	WRBG	No	
213.	MA	Great Barrington	WRBG	No	
214.	MA	Greenfield	WRBG	No	
215.	MA	Hamilton	WRBG	No	
216.	MA	Hatfield	WRBG	Partial	Smoking bars and hotels/motels.
217.	MA	Haverhill	WRBG	No	
218.	MA	Holyoke	WRBG	No	
219.	MA	Hubbardston	WRBG	No	
220.	MA	Hudson	WRBG	No	
221.	MA	Hull	WRBG	No	
222.	MA	Lee	WRBG	No	
223.	MA	Leicester	WRBG	No	
224.	MA	Lenox	WRBG	No	
225.	MA	Leominster	WRBG	No	
226.	MA	Leverett	WRBG	No	
227.	MA	Lexington	WRBG	No	
228.	MA	Lynn	WRBG	No	
229.	MA	Lynnfield	WRBG	Partial	Stores that sell e-cigarettes.
230.	MA	Marblehead	WRBG	No	
231.	MA	Marlborough	WRBG	No	
232.	MA	Marshfield	WRBG	No	
233.	MA	Mashpee	WRBG	No	
234.	MA	Medfield	WRBG	No	
235.	MA	Medway	WRBG	No	
236.	MA	Methuen	WRBG	No	
237.	MA	Milford	WRBG	No	
238.	MA	Montague	WRBG	No	
239.	MA	Needham	WRB	No	

240.	MA	New Bedford	WRBG	No	
241.	MA	Newburyport	WRBG	No	
242.	MA	Newton	WRBG	No	
243.	MA	North Andover	WRBG	No	
244.	MA	North Attleborough	WRBG	No	
245.	MA	North Reading	WRBG	No	
246.	MA	Northampton	WRBG	No	
247.	MA	Orange	WRBG	No	
248.	MA	Orleans	WRBG	No	
249.	MA	Oxford	WRBG	No	
250.	MA	Pittsfield	WRBG	No	
251.	MA	Plainville	WRBG	No	
252.	MA	Provincetown	WRBG	No	
253.	MA	Reading	WRBG	No	
254.	MA	Rockport	WRBG	No	
255.	MA	Salem	WRBG	No	
256.	MA	Saugus	WRBG	No	
257.	MA	Sharon	WRBG	No	
258.	MA	Shelburne	WRB	No	
259.	MA	Sherborn	WRBG	No	
260.	MA	Shrewsbury	WRBG	No	
261.	MA	Somerset	WRBG	No	
262.	MA	South Hadley	WRBG	No	
263.	MA	Stockbridge	WRBG	No	
264.	MA	Sunderland	WRBG	No	
265.	MA	Sutton	WRBG	No	
266.	MA	Swampscott	WRBG	No	
267.	MA	Swansea	WRBG	No	
268.	MA	Taunton	WRBG	No	
269.	MA	Tewksbury	WRBG	No	
270.	MA	Townsend	WRBG	No	
271.	MA	Wakefield	WRBG	No	
272.	MA	Watertown	WRB	No	
273.	MA	Wayland	WRBG	No	
274.	MA	Webster	WRBG	No	
275.	MA	Wendell	WRBG	No	
276.	MA	West Springfield	WRBG	No	
277.	MA	Westminster	WRBG	No	

278.	MA	Westport	WRBG	No	
279.	MA	Westwood	WRBG	No	
280.	MA	Weymouth	WRBG	No	
281.	MA	Whately	WRBG	No	
282.	MA	Williamstown	WRB	No	
283.	MA	Winchendon	WRBG	No	
284.	MA	Winchester	WRBG	No	
285.	MD	Baltimore	W	Partial	Restaurants, bars, video lottery facilities, retail e-cigarette stores.
286.	MD	Howard County	WRB	No	
287.	MD	Montgomery County	RB	No	
288.	ME	Portland	RB	No	
289.	MI	Washtenaw County <sup>+</sup>	W	No	
290.	MN	Austin	WRB	Partial	Use of vaporized medical marijuana permitted wherever not prohibited by State law.
291.	MN	Beltrami County <sup>+</sup>	WRB	Partial	E-cigarette stores, for purpose of sampling non-nicotine substances.
292.	MN	Big Stone County	WRBG	No	
293.	MN	Bloomington	WRB	No	
294.	MN	Clay County	WRBG	No	
295.	MN	Duluth	WRBG	No	
296.	MN	Eagle Lake	WRBG	No	
297.	MN	Eden Prairie	WRBG	No	
298.	MN	Edina	RBG	No	
299.	MN	Elk River	WRBG	No	
300.	MN	Ely	WRBG	No	
301.	MN	Hennepin County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
302.	MN	Hermantown	WRBG	No	
303.	MN	Houston County	WRBG	No	
304.	MN	Isanti	WRBG	No	
305.	MN	Jordan	RBG	Partial	Retail e-cigarette stores.
306.	MN	Lac Qui Parle County	WRBG	No	
307.	MN	Lakeville	WRBG	No	
308.	MN	Mankato	WRB	No	



309.	MN	Marshall County <sup>+</sup>	WRB	No	
310.	MN	Minneapolis	WRBG	No	
311.	MN	Moorhead	WRBG	No	
312.	MN	North Mankato	WRBG	No	
313.	MN	Olmsted County <sup>+</sup>	WRB	Partial	Use of vaporized medical marijuana permitted wherever not prohibited by State law.
314.	MN	Orono	WRBG	No	
315.	MN	Ramsey County	WRBG	No	
316.	MN	Red Wing	WRBG	No	
317.	MN	Savage	WRBG	No	
318.	MN	Sleepy Eye	WRBG	No	
319.	MN	St. Anthony	WRB	No	
320.	MN	St. Louis County	WRBG	No	
321.	MN	Waseca	WRBG	No	
322.	MO	Branson	WRB	No	
323.	MO	Clinton	WRB	No	
324.	MO	Columbia	RB	No	
325.	MO	Creve Coeur	WRB	No	
326.	MO	Farmington	WRB	No	
327.	MO	Gainesville	RB	No	
328.	MO	St. Joseph	WRBG	No	
329.	MO	Washington	WRBG	Partial	Testing of e-cigarettes in e-cigarette retail stores until 1/22/17.
330.	MS	Anguilla	WRBG	No	
331.	MS	Arcola	WRBG	No	
332.	MS	Baldwyn	WRBG	No	
333.	MS	Bassfield	WRBG	No	
334.	MS	Beulah	WRBG	No	
335.	MS	Brandon	WRBG	No	
336.	MS	Bruce	WRBG	No	
337.	MS	Byram	WRBG	No	
338.	MS	Calhoun City	WRBG	No	
339.	MS	Centreville	WRBG	No	
340.	MS	Coahoma County	WRB	No	
341.	MS	Courtland	WRBG	No	
342.	MS	Crawford	WRBG	No	

343.	MS	Diamondhead	WR	No	
344.	MS	Duck Hill	WRBG	No	
345.	MS	Duncan	WRBG	No	
346.	MS	Durant	WRBG	No	
347.	MS	Ethel	WRBG	No	
348.	MS	Farmington	WRBG	No	
349.	MS	Fayette	WRBG	No	
350.	MS	Flowood	WRG	No	
351.	MS	Forest	WRBG	No	
352.	MS	Friars Point	WRBG	No	
353.	MS	Georgetown	WRBG	No	
354.	MS	Holly Springs	WRBG	No	
355.	MS	Indianola	WRBG	No	
356.	MS	Isola	WRBG	No	
357.	MS	Itta Bena	WRBG	No	
358.	MS	Iuka	WRBG	No	
359.	MS	Louisville	WRBG	No	
360.	MS	Magee	WRBG	No	
361.	MS	Mantachie	WRB	No	
362.	MS	Mendenhall	WRBG	No	
363.	MS	Monticello	RBG	No	
364.	MS	Moorhead	WRBG	No	
365.	MS	Nettleton	WRBG	No	
366.	MS	New Augusta	WRBG	No	
367.	MS	Petal	WRBG	No	
368.	MS	Pickens	WRBG	No	
369.	MS	Pittsboro	WRBG	No	
370.	MS	Plantersville	WRBG	No	
371.	MS	Prentiss	WRBG	No	
372.	MS	Rolling Fork	WRBG	No	
373.	MS	Saltillo	WRB	No	
374.	MS	Sidon	WRBG	No	
375.	MS	Sledge	WRBG	No	
376.	MS	Southaven	WRB	No	
377.	MS	State Line	WRBG	No	
378.	MS	Sumner	WRBG	No	
379.	MS	Tupelo	WRB	Yes	Retail e-cigarette stores.
380.	MS	Tutwiler	WRBG	No	

381.	MS	Walnut	WRBG	No	
382.	MS	Walnut Grove	WRBG	No	
383.	MS	Weir	WRBG	No	
384.	MS	Wesson	WRBG	No	
385.	MS	Woodville	WRBG	No	
386.	MT	Lewis and Clark County	WRBG	No	
387.	ND	Bismarck	WRBG	No	
388.	ND	Dickinson	WRBG	No	
389.	ND	Walhalla	WRBG	No	
390.	ND	Williston	WRBG	No	
391.	NJ	Newark	WRBG	No	
392.	NM	Carlsbad	W	No	
393.	NM	Santa Fe	WRB	No	
394.	NY	Cattaraugus County	RBG	No	
395.	NY	Lynbrook	RB	No	
396.	NY	New York City	WRB	Partial	Retail e-cigarette stores.
397.	NY	Suffolk County <sup>+</sup>	WRB	No	
398.	NY	Tompkins County <sup>+</sup>	WRB	No	
399.	NY	Westchester County <sup>+</sup>	WRB	No	
400.	OH	Bexley	WRB	No	
401.	OH	Grandview Heights	WRB	No	
402.	OH	Oberlin	WRB	No	
403.	OR	Benton County	WRB	No	
404.	OR	Corvallis	WRB	No	
405.	OR	Cottage Grove	WRBG	No	
406.	PA	Philadelphia	WRB	Partial	Specialty e-cigarette establishments; tobacco products distribution businesses.
407.	SC	Denmark	WRB	No	
408.	SC	Estill	WRBG	No	
409.	SC	Hartsville	WRB	No	
410.	SC	Inman	WRB	No	
411.	SC	West Pelzer	WRB	No	
412.	SC	Yemassee	WRB	No	
413.	TX	Bedford	R	No	
414.	TX	Boerne	R	No	
415.	TX	Bonham	RB	No	

416.	TX	Burkburnett	WRB	No	
417.	TX	Denton	WRB	No	
418.	TX	Desoto	WRBG	No	
419.	TX	Edinburg	WRBG	No	
420.	TX	El Paso	WRB	No	
421.	TX	Frisco	WRB	No	
422.	TX	Georgetown	RB	Partial	Stand-alone vaping businesses.
423.	TX	Harlingen	WRBG	No	
424.	TX	Highland Village	WRB	No	
425.	TX	Joshua	WR	No	
426.	TX	Lufkin	WRBG	No	
427.	TX	San Angelo	WRB	No	
428.	TX	San Marcos	WRB	No	
429.	TX	Sherman	RB	No	
430.	TX	Socorro	WRB	No	
431.	TX	Waco	WRB	No	
432.	TX	Waxahachie	WRBG	No	
433.	TX	Weatherford	R	No	
434.	TX	Wichita Falls	WRB	No	
435.	UT	Davis County	WRB	Partial	Retailers that sell e-cigarettes, until 7/1/17.
436.	WA	Grant County	WRBG	Partial	Retail e-cigarette stores.
437.	WA	King County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
438.	WA	Pasco	WRBG	No	
439.	WA	Pierce County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	Partial	Retail e-cigarette stores; hookah bars.
440.	WA	Snohomish County	WRBG	Partial	Retail e-cigarette stores.
441.	WI	Ashwaubenon	WRBG	No	
442.	WI	Dane County	WRB	Partial	Retail e-cigarette stores.
443.	WI	Florence County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
444.	WI	Greenfield	WRBG	No	
445.	WI	Janesville	WRBG	Partial	Retail e-cigarette stores.
446.	WI	Jefferson County	WRBG	No	
447.	WI	La Crosse County	WRBG	No	

448.	WI	Madison	WRB	Partial	Retail e-cigarette stores.
449.	WI	Onalaska	WRBG	No	
450.	WV	Barbour County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
451.	WV	Berkeley County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
452.	WV	Brooke County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
453.	WV	Calhoun County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
454.	WV	Grant County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
455.	WV	Greenbrier County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
456.	WV	Hampshire County	WRBG	No	
457.	WV	Hancock County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
458.	WV	Lewis County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
459.	WV	Marshall County <sup>+</sup>	W	No	
460.	WV	Mercer County <sup>+</sup>	WR	No	
461.	WV	Mineral County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
462.	WV	Monroe County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
463.	WV	Morgan County <sup>+</sup>	WR	No	
464.	WV	Nicholas County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
465.	WV	Pleasants County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
466.	WV	Randolph County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
467.	WV	Ritchie County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
468.	WV	Roane County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
469.	WV	Taylor County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
470.	WV	Tucker County <sup>+</sup>	WRB	No	
471.	WV	Upshur County <sup>+</sup>	WRB	No	
472.	WV	Webster County <sup>+</sup>	WR	No	
473.	WV	Wirt County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
474.	WV	Wood County <sup>+</sup>	WRBG	No	
475.	WV	Wyoming County <sup>+</sup>	W	No	

<sup>+</sup>Law pertains to both incorporated and unincorporated areas of county.

#### **Laws Currently in Effect**

**State Laws Restricting E-cigarette Use in 100% Smokefree Venues: 8**

**State Laws Restricting E-cigarette Use in Other Venues: 16**

**Local Laws Restricting E-cigarette Use in 100% Smokefree Venues: 475**

**In addition, 318 local laws restrict E-cigarette Use in Other Venues (not listed above)**

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