

Good morning. My name is Steven Mapes. I reside in Kenai. I am speaking in opposition of HB328 and on behalf of the hundreds of adults on the Kenai Peninsula who have made the choice to vape instead of smoke.

An independent research document "Peering through the Mist" by Dr. Burstyn found the TLV's were magnitudes below OSHA limits.

The abstract on page 1 of "Peering through the Mist" states the results and conclusions of Dr. Burstyn's research.

And an independent study, commissioned by Public Health England, found that e-cigarette use is around 95% less harmful to health than smoking and they contain almost none of the chemicals in cigarettes associated with serious diseases like lung cancer and emphysema.

On pages 2 and 3 of the Public Health England study are graphs showing the positive results of e-cig use among adults.

Adults choosing to vape instead of smoke look to **unbiased/independent** studies like this to help them make informed decisions.

Vaping has saved Alaskans who used to smoke, thousands of dollars and, because they are not painting their lungs with tar and filling their bloodstream with carbon monoxide, has had a tremendous positive impact on their lives.

It seems that this bill is about closing down this industry in Alaska or effectively regulating this healthier alternative out of existence. Unless it's about money and not health and well-being of the citizens of Alaska.

There was a time in the not too distant past when people were sure that automobiles were evil and airplanes were foolish... Alaska has the opportunity to show leadership in this proven,, less harmful way of nicotine delivery..

"You may hear our opposition say otherwise but the truth, as provided by **independent studies and real world evidence**, is that vaping works..

Thank you for your time and thoughtfulness on this issue.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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 BILL # or SUBJECT: HB 328
 COMMITTEE: HNSS DATE: 3/22/16

I'm sorry but I feel that there is enough places that have no smoking. Also I feel that the smokers should have the same courtesy that no smokers have. They should be able to go some places that allow smoking & not have to go outside in the cold. I don't know why people think they can run your life better than you.

None of these people have ever been in my bar nor will they probably never be in my bar. As I said before all my bartenders smoke & my patrons smoke & this will be a hardship on my business & also other small business & I can't wait for 5 yrs to have my business increase. When you close the moms & pops places I hope you have deep pockets then you can tax yourselves. Because people not opened & has no income and not pay taxes & my employees are only working 25 to 30 hrs a week because I can't pay insurance & neither can they so a loss of patrons will hurt me & my employee will be out of work - So I guess they can draw unemployment. Doesn't sound real good to me. I hope you will not pass this at this time because so many are laid off because of the oil prices. so please consider this. Thank you.

PS. why do the kids under 18 have a say in this. They are not

EVEN OLD ENOUGH TO buy Cigs - Cigars - E-cigs? AL
Though I know that they have their ~~op~~pinions.
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discriminated against & that our rights are being
taken away.