



Hawai'i Needs an Updated Smoke-Free Workplace Law

Everyone HAS THE RIGHT TO BREATHE CLEAN AIR,
and **EVERYONE** has the right to work in a safe environment.

Why does Hawai'i need a statewide secondhand smoke law?

- It's been almost two decades since Hawai'i updated its smoke-free protections statewide. Since then, science has uncovered a great deal more about the health effects of tobacco and secondhand smoke.
- All counties in the state have ordinances dealing with secondhand smoke, but they vary widely, with entire groups of people left unprotected.
- 41% of workers report that they still work in places where smoking is allowed and the public is still exposed to dangerous secondhand smoke in public places.
- A statewide law will ensure a consistent level of basic protections statewide from exposure to secondhand smoke.
- 11 states have passed comprehensive legislation addressing secondhand smoke in all workplaces and public places. At least 9 other states are currently considering similar legislation. A growing number of countries have nation-wide smoking bans including: Scotland, England, Ireland, Italy, Uganda, India, Sweden, Norway and New Zealand.

Hawai'i voters want strong secondhand smoke laws in workplaces & public areas

- 85% of voters support a statewide law that would prohibit smoking in most enclosed public places, including all workplaces, public buildings, offices, bars, nightclubs and restaurants across the state.
- 93% of Hawai'i's people believe workers should be protected from exposure to secondhand smoke and that restaurants and bars would be healthier for customers and employees if they were smoke-free.
- 88% in Hawai'i believe secondhand smoke is a moderate or serious health hazard.
- 31% would eat out more often if bars and restaurants were smoke-free.
- 91% believe the laws and protection should be consistent statewide.