UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA

POLICY TITLE:  TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS

I. POLICY STATEMENT:

This policy removes tobacco use in any form from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UH Mānoa and/or the University) and all campus facilities. The policy goes beyond existing UH System restrictions concerning tobacco because it is now well understood that tobacco use in all forms is addictive, hazardous, and costly to individuals and institutions. The policy does not allow for exceptions, such as designated smoking areas, in light of the adverse administrative, public health, and environmental impacts associated with such tactics, and is in accordance with the explicit recommendations of the United States Department of Health and Human Services Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative, the American College Health Association, and follows the practices of hundreds of higher education institutions in the U.S., the Asia-Pacific region, and around the world.

II. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to promote and protect public health and reduce administrative costs associated with the burden placed on the University community related to smoking and other uses of tobacco on campus. This policy is intended to implement and build upon UH Executive Policy E10.102 on Tobacco Products dated April 2012.

III. APPLICABILITY/SCOPE:

A. Smoking and the use of tobacco products by all persons including students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors are prohibited on all property owned or operated by the University.
B. In furtherance of the preceding paragraph, smoking and the use of tobacco products are prohibited at all times in the following areas:
   1. Interior space owned, rented, or leased by UH Mānoa, including academic and administrative buildings, residence halls, athletic facilities, and parking structures.
   2. Outdoor areas including parking lots, grounds, eating areas, rooftops, plazas, courtyards, entrance and exit ways, agricultural facilities, and other areas of the university campus.
   3. Within vehicles on University property, and in University-owned vehicles and ocean vessels, regardless of location.
C. Littering campus with remains of tobacco or smoking-related products is prohibited.
D. All those attending public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social events, cultural events, and sporting events using University facilities shall be required to abide by this policy; organizers shall communicate this policy to attendees and shall enforce this policy.
IV. DEFINITIONS:

A. Smoking, as defined in HRS Chapter 328K-12, includes inhaling the fumes of burning tobacco or any other plant material, or burning or carrying any lighted equipment for smoking tobacco or any other plant material, or the personal habit commonly known as smoking. Smoking also includes the use of an e-cigarette which creates a vapor, in any manner or any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this Policy.

B. Tobacco Product means any substance containing tobacco leaf, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, hookah tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco, bidis, blunts, clove cigarettes, or any other preparation of tobacco; and any product or formulation of matter containing biologically active amounts of nicotine that is manufactured, sold, offered for sale, or otherwise distributed with the expectation that the product or matter will be introduced into the human body by inhalation; but does not include any cessation product specifically approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in treating nicotine or tobacco dependence.

C. E-cigarette means any electronic oral device, such as one composed of a heating element, battery, and/or electronic circuit, which provides a vapor of nicotine or any other substances for inhalation. The term shall include any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, or under any other product name or descriptor, but does not include any product specifically approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in medical treatment, such as an asthma inhaler.

D. Tobacco Use includes the use of tobacco products whether lit or unlit, but does not include mere possession or storage for use in locations off campus and outside the coverage area of this Policy.

E. Responsible Administrator means a Department Chair, Manager, Dean, Director, Vice Chancellor, or Chancellor with respective authority over a person or place.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES:

In accordance with UH System Policy, University administrators are directed to create and implement meaningful plans to discourage the initiation of tobacco product use, the transition from occasional to nicotine dependent tobacco product use, and to assist the substantial number of tobacco product users who are trying to quit. This shall include offering prevention and education initiatives that support non-use and address the risk of tobacco product use.

UH Mānoa is committed to support all students and employees who wish to stop using tobacco products. Assistance and referrals to the Hawai’i Tobacco Quitline is provided for all students, faculty, and staff who wish to discontinue their use of tobacco products. See References, Point G below.

Compliance with this Policy is the responsibility of all UH Mānoa students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Members of the campus community, including contractors and visitors, are expected to comply. This Policy relies on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of smokers and non-smokers. Members of the campus community are encouraged and empowered to respectfully inform others about the policy to enhance awareness and encourage campus-wide compliance.
All staff, faculty, students, visitors, contractors, and other individuals on campus who are in violation of the Tobacco-Free Campus Policy should be reminded of the policy and asked to comply by immediately discontinuing the use of the tobacco product. If the violation continues, community members are advised to contact the appropriate Responsible Administrator or Campus Security at 956-6911 rather than taking on enforcement actions on their own.

The Responsible Administrators or Campus Security may take appropriate measures towards anyone smoking or engaging in the use of tobacco products and who refuses to discontinue doing so, pursuant to applicable campus policies and State laws, including but not limited to the following:
A. Students may be referred to the University’s student disciplinary process.
B. Contractors may be referred to their respective employers and University contract administrators for appropriate action.
C. Visitors and others may be directed to leave the campus; failure to cooperate may lead to citation or arrest.

No person who makes a complaint of a violation of this Policy or who furnishes information concerning a violation of this Policy shall be discriminated or retaliated against in any manner.

VI. PROCEDURES:

A. Materials explaining this Policy shall be sent to all employees and will be included with information given to newly admitted students and hired employees. This policy will be communicated to the campus community via the University web site and campus-wide informational email blasts in its initial implementation and on a periodic basis thereafter by the Chancellor’s Office.

B. The terms and restrictions of this policy will be conveyed in all facilities contract documents and leases including leases for food and beverage service locations. Such writings will indicate the responsibility of all contractors to adhere to the policy and to ensure compliance by those under their direction. Owners and managers of food and beverage service locations will be similarly responsible to adhere to the policy and to ensure compliance by their patrons.

C. Signage: No Smoking Facilities
   1. Signs and decals to suitably and clearly notify all persons of the University’s Tobacco-Free Policy will be posted in and around campus buildings and at vehicular campus entrances. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the absence of signage in any location does not imply any exception to the policy coverage.
   2. No ashtrays or other cigarette butt receptacles or smoking shelters will be permitted.

VII. REFERENCES:

A. Preventing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults, A Report of the Surgeon General, 2012.

B. Position Statement on Tobacco on College and University Campuses, American College Health Association, 2011.

   http://tobaccofreecampus.org/

E. UH Executive Policy E10.102 on Tobacco Products, 2012.
   http://www.hawaii.edu/svpa/ep/e10/e10102.pdf

F. HRS Chapter 328K-12

G. Hawai‘i Tobacco Quitline
   http://www.clearthehospoke.org/home

H. ASUH Tobacco Free Campus Resolution, 2012.

I. Mānoa Faculty Senate Tobacco Free Campus Resolution, 2012.

VIII. HISTORY:

The U.S. Surgeon General’s report (2012) clearly states that tobacco use and second-hand smoke exposure are serious public health concerns and indicates that more than 1,200 people in this country die each day due to cigarette smoking. In addition to causing direct health hazards, smoking and smokeless tobacco use contribute to institutional costs associated with employee and student absenteeism, health care and increased medical insurance, increased fire risk and environmental impact, and cleaning and maintenance costs. Accordingly, UH Mānoa actively seeks to create a campus environment that is completely free of tobacco use and second-hand smoke.

According to the U.S. Surgeon General (2012), prevention efforts must focus on young adults ages 18-25. Almost 99% of smokers start by the age of 26. Three out of four teen smokers end up smoking into adulthood because of nicotine addiction, even if they intend to quit after a few years. Among those who persist in smoking, a third will die prematurely from tobacco related causes. In response to this serious public health concern, campus-based tobacco-free policies have been proven to be an effective intervention in preventing onset and use of tobacco products among young adults.
UH Mānoa has long served as a role model in promoting health and wellness in the community. In 2012, the Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (ASUH) Senate Resolution 05-12 (February 8, 2012) was passed in the effort to prohibit smoking and all forms of tobacco use everywhere throughout the UH Mānoa campus. The Mānoa Faculty Senate also voted to support the ASUH tobacco-free campus resolution (March 21, 2012). The mission of UH Mānoa is to serve as a portal to an exceptional educational experience while striving to improve quality of life throughout the region.