

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 16, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2148
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2148
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOBACCO,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect the health of minors
by:

- (1) Making it unlawful for minors to possess or use tobacco
products; and
- (2) Exempting minors from prosecution who are lawfully
delivering tobacco products as a part of their
employment.

The Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii Food Industry
Association, and several concerned individuals supported this
bill. The Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii supported the
intent of this measure. The Department of Health, Office of the
Public Defender, and the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii opposed this
bill.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Repealing the option for a minor to perform community service for any subsequent offense; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2148, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2148, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



