

Honolulu, Hawaii

Ag: 17, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2961
S.D. 1
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 Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2961, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to discourage smoking, especially by young people, and to improve the health and safety of the people of Hawaii by:

- (1) Increasing the excise tax on cigarettes for three consecutive years; and
- (2) Allocating the cigarette tax revenues to support:
 - (A) Research and operating expenses of the John A. Burns School of Medicine;
 - (B) Emergency medical services statewide;
 - (C) Trauma care resources; and
 - (D) Community health centers statewide.




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The Department of Health, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Primary Care Association, American Lung Association of Hawaii, High Technology Development Corporation, Hawaii Pacific Health, The Queen's Medical Center, Hawaii Venture Capital Association, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The American Heart Association of Hawaii supported the intent of this measure. The University of Hawaii, Cancer Research Center of Hawai'i, Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii, American Cancer Society, Hawaii Science and Technology Council, Hawaii Biotech, Inc., ECG Management Consultants, Inc., Clinical Laboratories of Hawaii, LLP, and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill with amendments. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii and Hawaii Community Development Authority provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2961, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



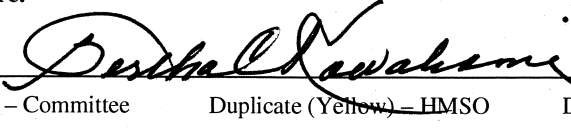
DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2961, SD1, HD1		Date: 4.6.06		
Committee Referral: HLT, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	✓			
2. KAWAKAMI, Bertha C. (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
4. CHONG, Pono	✓			
5. EVANS, Cindy	.		✓	
6. LEE, Marilyn B.	.	✓		
7. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
8. NAKASONE, Bob	✓			
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
10. TANAKA, Kameo	✓			
11. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
12. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
13. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. MEYER, Colleen Rose	.		✓	
16. MOSES, Mark S.	.		✓	
17. PINE, Kymberly	.			✓
18. STEVENS, Anne V.	.	✓		
TOTAL	12	2	3	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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