

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 468

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 19, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 895  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 895  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS OTHER  
THAN CIGARETTES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to deter the use of tobacco  
products other than cigarettes, including smokeless tobacco,  
snuff, cigars, and pipe tobacco by increasing the tobacco tax on  
such products from 40 percent to 60 percent of the wholesale price  
and requiring 33.3 percent of the proceeds collected to be  
deposited into the Community Health Centers Special Fund.

The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii, Hawaii Primary Care  
Association, American Lung Association of Hawaii, and American  
Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific, Inc. supported this bill. The  
American Heart Association of Hawaii supported the intent of this  
measure. The Department of Budget and Finance and Cigar  
Association of Hawaii opposed this bill. The Department of  
Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the  
effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

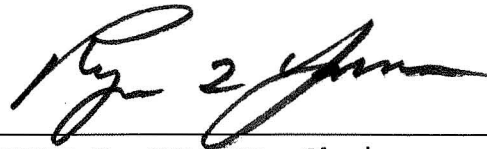
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your  
Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No.

HB895 HD1 HSCR HLT HMS 2009-2210



895, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 895, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



---

RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



