

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 26, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2887
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2887 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOBACCO SETTLEMENT MONEYS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help encourage greater fiscal flexibility by temporarily:

- (1) Transferring to the general fund the portion of moneys from the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund designated for the Hawaii Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund;
- (2) Requiring interest and earnings of the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to be deposited into the general fund; and
- (3) Reducing the portion of moneys from the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to be transferred to the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund.

This bill also encourages the nonprofit entity responsible for the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to increase from 2010 to 2013, its expenditures for programs and projects related to youth and adult tobacco cessation and chronic diseases with tobacco as a risk factor.

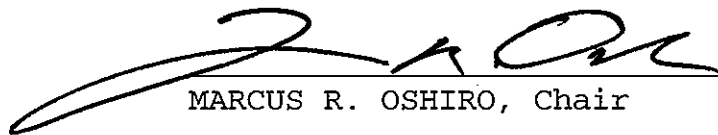


The University of Hawaii System testified in support of this bill. The Department of Health; Hawaii Family Forum; Hawaii Catholic Conference; The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies; American Heart Association; Papa Ola Lokahi; Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii; Hawaii Community Foundation; American Lung Association in Hawaii; Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; Maui Youth & Family Services; Hale Opiu Kauai, Inc.; Hawaii COPD Coalition; American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific, Inc.; Tobacco Education & Assistance Program; The Friends of Kamalani and Lydgate Park; Puuwai Outrigger Canoe Club; Konawaena High School; and many concerned individuals opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 2887, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2887, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



