

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 808

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 896
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 896
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOBACCO,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to regulate the sale of
cigarettes and other tobacco products by making permanent the
retail tobacco permit law that was established in Act 131, Session
Laws of Hawaii, 2005.

This law is scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2009.

The Department of Taxation, Department of the Attorney
General, American Lung Association in Hawaii, American Heart
Association, American Cancer Society, and Coalition for a Tobacco-
Free Hawaii supported this bill. Retail Merchants of Hawaii
opposed this measure.

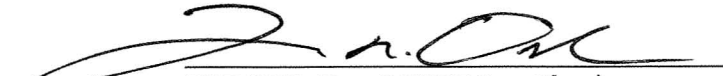
Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the
effective date to June 30, 2009.

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.
896, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading
in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 896, H.D. 1.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



