

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1229

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1183
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1183, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend Hawaii's tax laws that will allow the State to participate in the national Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement.

Furthermore, this measure creates a committee within the Department of Taxation to oversee the Department of Taxation's implementation and administration of, and compliance with, the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from Craig Hirai, Member, Subcommittee on Taxation and Finance, Hawaii Association of REALTORS; Carol Pregill, President, Retail Merchants of Hawaii; and Tammy Cota, Executive Director, Internet Alliance.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure will make it possible for the State to collect interstate sales taxes without placing burdens on interstate commerce, thereby "leveling the playing field" between local and out-of-State retailers. Your Committee

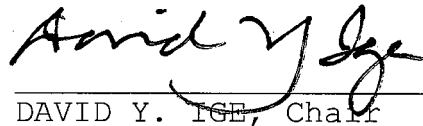
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also finds that the State's participation in the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement has the potential to achieve better tax definitions and uniformity between participating states, as well as improved tax compliance by interstate vendors.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1183, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1183, HD2, SD1	EDT, WAM	4-7-11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KAHELE, Gilbert	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	/			
RYAN, Pohai	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				/
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
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TOTAL	11	0	0	3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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