

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 3, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1960
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1960
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prevent youth access to tobacco products by prohibiting retailers from displaying or storing tobacco products through self-service display or engaging in tobacco product retailing through self-service display.

The Department of Health, Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, several members of REAL: Hawaii Youth Movement Exposing the Tobacco Industry, and several individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. Hawaii Smokers Alliance and one concerned individual submitted testimony in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee recognizes that chapter 245, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Cigarette Tax and Tobacco Tax Law, falls under the purview of the Department of Taxation.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing the Department of Taxation, rather than the Department of Health to adopt rules to carry out the purposes of the measure; and

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- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

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. 1960, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1960, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



