

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2422
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2422
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to impose an excise
tax on tobacco products, other than large cigars, in an effort to
curtail tobacco use.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health and the Coalition For A Tobacco-Free
Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from the Cigar Association of America, Inc., and three
individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii and the American Heart
Association.

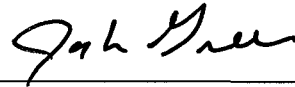
Your Committee finds that tobacco use continues to be a
pressing problem in Hawaii and the United States, causing over
400,000 deaths per year. Illness and death directly related to
tobacco consumption costs Hawaii at least \$640,000,000 per year.
Your Committee further finds that raising the price of tobacco
products through state tax increases will prompt a reduction in
tobacco use, especially among adolescents and young adults.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an
effective date of January 1, 2050, to allow for 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 S.B. No. 2422, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2422, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<i>SB 2422</i>	<i>HTH, HTH WAM</i>	<i>2/15/12</i>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, M.D., Josh (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>				
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