

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2552

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2422, S.D. 1, 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 order to decrease the prevalence of tobacco consumption.

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii and the Papa Ola Lokahi-Native Hawaiian Health Board. Written comments were submitted by the Tax Foundation of Hawaii and the American Heart Association.

Your Committee finds that tobacco use continues to be a problem in the State. Tobacco products are addictive and inherently dangerous to health, and while cigarette usage among Hawaii's youth has decreased, smokeless tobacco use has not.

Your Committee believes that increasing the State excise tax on tobacco products will facilitate a reduction in tobacco use, especially among adolescents and young adults.

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 S.B. No. 2422, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

David Y. Ige

DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2422, SD1	HTH, WAM	2-24-12		
<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			✓	
TOTAL	13	0	1	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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