

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 4, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2496
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2496, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Impose an excise tax equal to an unspecified percentage of the wholesale price of any tobacco product, other than large cigars on or after January 1, 2015; and
- (2) Allocate funds collected pursuant to the excise tax on tobacco products after December 31, 2014, to the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund and the Hawaii Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund.

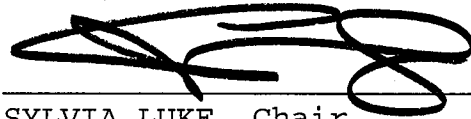
The University of Hawaii Cancer Center, American Lung Association of the Mountain Pacific, Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Heart Association, Hawaii COPD Coalition, and numerous individuals supported this measure. A Kauai County Councilmember; Cigar Association of America, Inc.; Hawaii Smokers Alliance; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; and numerous individuals testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Taxation, Department of Budget and Finance, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii commented on this measure.

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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 S.B. No. 2496, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

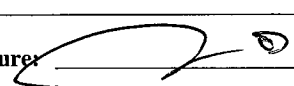
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2496, SD2, HD1	Committee Referral: HLT, FIN	Date: 4/1/2014		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)		/		
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				/
6. ING, Kaniela	/			
7. JORDAN, Jo		/		
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
10. MORIKAWA, Dee	/			
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
14. WOODSON, Justin H.				/
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth	/			
17. WARD, Gene				/
TOTAL (17)	12	2		3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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