

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 967

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MARCH 15**, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 652  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 652,  
S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the number of  
children and youth who smoke or begin smoking by:

- (1) Prohibiting the sale of electronic cigarettes to minors  
under the age of 18;
- (2) Defining "electronic cigarette", or "e-cigarette"; and
- (3) Establishing the Smoking Prevention Among Children and  
Youth Task Force to develop potential legislation that  
addresses concerns related to advertising and product  
placement promoting or encouraging the purchase or use  
of cigarettes or other tobacco products by children and  
youth and submit a report on its findings and  
recommendations to the Legislature.

The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii and two individuals  
supported this measure. Volcano Fine Electronic Cigarettes  
supported this measure with amendments. The Department of Health  
submitted comments.

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Your Committee engaged in contemplative discussion and received meaningful input from testifiers on the various definitions contained in this measure and its companion measure H.B. No. 672, H.D. 2, as well as terms raised in committee discussion. The discussion centered on definitions of terms including "electronic cigarettes", "e-cigarettes", "electronic smoking devices", "vapor products", and "alternative nicotine products", among others. Your Committee recognizes the need to arrive at accurate and consistent definitions of relevant terms to support the intent and purpose of this measure. As such, your Committee respectfully requests the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce and the Committee on Finance to further pursue this issue and develop consistent and accurate terms and definitions.

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. 652, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 652, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

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