

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1578

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 , 2019

RE: S.B. No. 1244
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 1244, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that liability for the illegal sale of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices to persons under the age of 21 falls upon the holder of the retail tobacco permit or the person registered to sell electronic cigarette smoking devices instead of an employee of the permittee or registrant.

The Department of Health and Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i testified in support of this measure. The Retail Merchants of Hawaii, ABC Stores, Hawaii Smokers Alliance, and several individuals testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of the Attorney General provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by establishing a schedule of penalties for both employees and holders of a retail tobacco permit or persons registered to sell electronic cigarette smoking devices who illegally sell tobacco products and electronic smoking devices to persons under 21.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1244, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1244, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



