

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

449

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1109
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1109
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MANUFACTURED HEMP PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect public health and ensure responsible consumption of hemp-derived products by prohibiting the sale or offer for sale or distribution of any manufactured hemp product to individuals under the age of twenty-one.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Retail Merchants of Hawaii; VNV Holdings; Hawaiian Choice; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Hemptuary Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that use of untested and unapproved drugs, such as hemp-derived cannabinoid products, can have unpredictable and unintended consequences, particularly on children due to the differences in how their bodies absorb, metabolize, and distribute these substances. Your Committee further finds that the United States Food and Drug Administration has consistently determined that cannabidiol, more commonly known as CBD, and tetrahydrocannabinol, whether derived from hemp or

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cannabis, is not allowed as a dietary supplement or food under federal law. Your Committee believes that raising the minimum age for purchase of manufactured hemp products will protect the health and safety of consumers in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 1109, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1109, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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


GREGG TARAYAMA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1109		Committee Referral: HLT, JHA		Date: Feb 7, 2025
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	X			
2. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L. (VC)	X			
3. AMATO, Terez	X			
4. CHUN, Cory M.	X			
5. MARTEN, Lisa	X			
6. OLDS, Ikaika	X			
7. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna	X			
8. ALCOS III, David			X	
9. GARCIA, Diamond			X	
TOTAL (9)	7		2	
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: [Signature]				
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