

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

954

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 756
H.D. 2

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 756, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the sale of, offer for sale, or possession with the intent to sell or offer to sell, all flavored nicotine products and nicotine product flavor enhancers, including products with menthol, and prohibit the mislabeling of e-liquid products as nicotine-free.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Kailua High School; Kihei Charter School; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Parents And Children Together; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools; Hina Mauka; Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition; Hawai'i-American Nurses Association; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawaii COPD Coalition; Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids; Tobacco-Free Kids Action Fund; AlohaCare; The Friends of Kamalani & Lydgate Park; University of Hawaii Student Health Advisory Council; Hawaii Dental Association; Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i; Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i Youth



Council; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Kainehe Liquor; BMA Mart; ABC Stores; Cigarettes and Things; Bionic Petroleum; China Town Liquor; Cigar Association of America, Inc.; Marukin Market; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Discount Smoke Shop Hawaii; KCL Aloha Pacific Inc.; No. 1 Store; S&K Wholesale; Nonstop Convenience; Young's Wine & Spirit; Wawa Village Market; Kona Liquor Store; Hawaii Smokers Alliance; Bevmart; Ewa Pantry; Kakaako Smokes; and six individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Tax Foundation; and Taxpayers Protection Alliance.

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 H.B. No. 756, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



HSC 95-4

Bill/Resolution No.: HB754, HD2	Committee Referral: HLJ, CPC/JHA, FIN	Date: 2/21/25		
<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. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)	/			
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)	/			
3. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada	/			
4. HOLT, Daniel				/
5. HUSSEY, Ikaika	/			
6. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L.	/			
7. KITAGAWA, Lisa	/			
8. KUSCH, Matthias	/			
9. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.	/			
10. LEE, Mike				/
11. MIYAKE, Tyson K.	/			
12. MORIKAWA, Dee	//			
13. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann	/			
14. ALCOS III, David				/
15. REYES ODA, Julie	/			
16. WARD, Gene				/
TOTAL (16)	12	0	0	4
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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