Honolulu, Hawaii

Monh 23, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2503

S.D. 1 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2503, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to keep our children safe from the lure of cigarettes and their harmful effects by banning the sale and distribution of cigarettes with added flavorings.

The Department of the Attorney General, Department of Health, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, and Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii supported this bill.

Your Committee finds that children are especially vulnerable to the addictive habit of smoking and using tobacco products especially when these products are made to taste like candy. To provide a greater amount of protection to our youth, your Committee has amended this bill by replacing its contents with those of House Bill No. 2048 which, among other things:

- (1) Prohibits the sale or distribution of all flavored tobacco products with the exception of cigars;
- (2) Deletes the provision that each act of sale or distribution will be considered a separate violation;

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- (3) Changes the effective date to January 1, 2007; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes 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 S.B. No. 2503, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2503, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2503 SD H01	Date:	3/20/06		
Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2503 SD 1 H02 Committee Referral: HLT, JUD	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	Pass, with amendments			
☐ Hold ☐ Recommit				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ARAKAKI, Dennis A. (C)				
2. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (VC)				annan sa kasa 1 as annas ar annas ann agus a
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				
4. HALE, Heléne H.				
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				
6. SONSON, Alex M.				
7. HALFORD, Chris	/			
TOTAL	6	6	0	
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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