## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2009 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 1223

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RELATING TO FUNDING LONG TERM CARE.

# BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to propose an
amendment to article VII of the Constitution of the State of
Hawaii to authorize the legislature to increase the general
excise tax by not more than one percentage point and dedicate
the proceeds to funding a state long-term care program as
prescribed by the legislature.

7 The legislature finds that this Act addresses an urgent 8 need of the State's growing senior population and fulfills an 9 imperative public purpose.

SECTION 2. Article VII, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

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#### "LONG-TERM CARE

14 <u>SECTION</u>. The legislature shall have the power to increase 15 the general excise tax by not more than one percentage point and 16 dedicate the proceeds to funding a state long-term care program

17 as prescribed by the legislature."



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1 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall 2 be as follows: 3 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended to 4 specify that the legislature shall have the power to 5 increase the general excise tax by not more than one 6 percentage point and dedicate the proceeds to funding a 7 state long-term care program as prescribed by the 8 legislature?" 9 SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored. 10 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon 11 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of 12 the State of Hawaii. 13

INTRODUCED BY:

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## Report Title:

Constitutional Amendment; Long Term Care; General Excise Tax

#### Description:

Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the legislature to increase the general excise tax by not more than one percentage point and dedicate the proceeds to funding a state long-term care program as prescribed by the legislature.

