

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2009

RE: H.B. No. 896

H.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 896,
H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOBACCO,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to continue the requirement that businesses engaged in the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products at the retail level acquire a retail tobacco permit from the Department of Taxation by removing the sunset provision in Act 131, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Taxation, the Attorney General, the Hawaii Food Industry Association, the American Cancer Society, the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii, the American Lung Association, and the American Heart Association

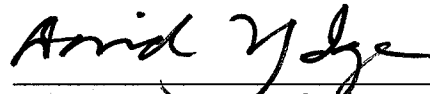
Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that this measure will continue the Retail Tobacco Permit Program that facilitates the collection of cigarette taxes by making it clear that no retailer or cigarette vending machine operator shall purchase any pack of cigarettes without the appropriate tax stamp affixed to the bottom of each pack of cigarettes. For fiscal year 2007-2008, the Department of Taxation reported cigarette tax revenue of \$101,560,051.



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. 896, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



DAVID Y. ICE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 896 HD1	HTH, WAM	03-18-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	5	0	0	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</div> </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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