

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3022
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 3022
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the
excise tax on cigarettes and small cigars and after June 30, 2013,
and thereafter, direct portions of the tax revenue to be deposited
into the Hawaii cancer research special fund, trauma system
special fund, community health centers special fund, and emergency
medical services special fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the American Heart Association. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that a tax increase on cigarettes and
small cigars may serve to discourage individuals, especially
lower-income individuals and youths, from purchasing cigarettes
and small cigars.

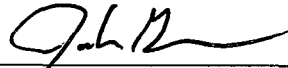
Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an
effective date of January 1, 2050, to allow for further
discussion.

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. 3022, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3022, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



**Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes