STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii April 2, 2013 RE: H.R. No. 93 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.R. No. 93 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPOSING A SALES TAX ON NON-ESSENTIAL FOOD ITEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Taxation to convene a working group to evaluate the feasibility of imposing a sales tax on non-essential food items, in lieu of the general excise tax.

The State Representative of the Fifth Representative District supported this measure. The Department of Taxation and Hawaii Food Industry Association submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a representative of the Hawaii Food Industry Association to the working group; and
- (2) Requesting that a certified copy of this measure be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Hawaii Food Industry Association.



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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 93, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 93, H.D. 1.

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

DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-seventh Legislature



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

| Bill/Resolution No.: HR 93 HLT, | tee Referral: FIN | Date: | 3/27/13 | |
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| □ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision | on on the measure. | | | |
| The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended Pass short form b | | ess, with amendments (commit for future public | | |
| HLT Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. BELATTI, Della Au (C) | | | | |
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| 2. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC) | | | | |
| 3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R. | | | | |
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| 4. CARROLL, Mele | | | | |
| 5. JORDAN, Jo | | | . <u>.</u> | |
| J. JORDAN, JV | | | | |
| 6. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand | | | | |
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| 7. WOODSON, Justin H. | | | | |
| 8. CHEAPE, Lauren Kealohilani | | | | |
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| The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: KUL A Kelett | | | | |
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