STAND. COM. REP. NO. 306

Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 1 4 2013

RE: S.B. No. 1307

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1307 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the tax on tobacco products, other than large cigars, to an unspecified rate.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Glory Investments and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that a variety of tobacco products are currently taxed at rates lower than cigarettes, which may create a substitution effect. This measure amends the tax on tobacco products, other than large cigars, sold by a wholesaler or dealer beginning on September 30, 2013. Your Committee notes that as this measure moves forward, the specific amount of the tax will need to be determined.

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. 1307 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

JOSH CREEN Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Seventh Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

## Record of Votes Committee on Health HTH

Bill / Resolution No.:*  SB 1307	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM		<u> </u>	Date: 02/11/2013	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	<i>:</i>				
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne					
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.					
SLOM, Sam					
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Recommendation:		Not Adopted			
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