#### THE SENATE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017 STATE OF HAWAII

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#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHAPTER 245, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that tobacco use is the 2 single most preventable cause of disease, disability, and death 3 in the United States. Tobacco use continues to be a problem in 4 Hawaii, causing approximately 1,400 deaths per year among 5 adults. An estimated 21,000 children in Hawaii currently under 6 the age of eighteen will ultimately die prematurely from 7 Tobacco use poses a heavy burden on Hawaii's health smoking. 8 care system and economy. Each year, smoking costs approximately 9 \$526,000,000 in direct health care expenditures and \$387,300,000 10 in lost productivity in the State.

11 The legislature further finds that tobacco products are 12 addictive and inherently dangerous, causing many different types 13 of cancer, heart disease, and other serious illnesses. Hawaii 14 has a substantial interest in reducing the number of individuals 15 of all ages who use tobacco products, and a particular interest 16 in protecting adolescents from tobacco dependence and the 17 illnesses and premature death associated with tobacco use.



1 The legislature additionally finds that electronic smoking 2 devices, also known as e-cigarettes, are battery-operated 3 products designed to deliver nicotine, flavor, and other 4 chemicals to the user by turning chemicals including highly 5 addictive nicotine into an aerosol that is inhaled by the user. 6 Consumers may choose from varying strengths of e-liquid as well 7 as liquids consisting of different flavors.

8 The electronic smoking device industry, including the 9 production of e-liquid, is growing rapidly. According to a 2016 10 report from the United States Surgeon General, e-cigarette use 11 amongst the nation's youth and young adults has become a major 12 public health concern. The Surgeon General's report noted that 13 e-cigarette use has increased considerably in recent years, 14 growing an astounding nine hundred per cent among high school 15 students from 2011 to 2015. Recent figures from the federal 16 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicate that more 17 than 3,000,000 middle school and high school students were 18 current users of e-cigarettes in 2015. Furthermore, 19 e-cigarettes are now the most commonly used tobacco product 20 among youth, surpassing conventional cigarettes in 2014. 21

E-cigarette use among youth and young adults is also strongly



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1 associated with the use of other tobacco products, including 2 combustible tobacco products. Toxicologists have also warned 3 that e-liquids pose significant risks to public health, 4 particularly to children. According to the Surgeon General's 5 report, ingestion of e-liquids containing nicotine can cause 6 acute toxicity and possibly death, if the contents of refill 7 cartridges or bottles containing nicotine are consumed. The Surgeon General's report also found that there are numerous 8 9 policies and practices that can be implemented at the state and 10 local levels to address electronic smoking device use among 11 youth and young adults, including preventing access to 12 e-cigarettes by youth, significant increases in tax and price of 13 e-cigarettes, retail licensure, and regulation of e-cigarettes 14 marketing.

15 The legislature finds that the rapid growth of the 16 electronic smoking device industry, including retail businesses 17 selling electronic smoking devices or e-liquid, necessitates 18 further regulations to protect consumers, such as requiring 19 retailers of electronic smoking devices or e-liquid to obtain a 20 retail tobacco permit.



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1 The legislature notes that the federal Food and Drug 2 Administration recently finalized a rule that expands its regulatory authority to all tobacco products, including 3 electronic smoking devices, cigars, and hookah and pipe tobacco. 4 5 However, the legislature also notes that there is currently no state tobacco tax attached to electronic smoking devices, even 6 7 though these products are now regulated as tobacco products. 8 Furthermore, e-liquid and tobacco products other than cigarettes 9 are currently taxed at a lower rate than cigarettes, even though 10 their use carries similar health risks. Research has shown that 11 either a tax on cigarettes or cigarette price increases have the propensity to reduce the rate of smoking by adult and youth 12 13 smokers. However, the legislature is concerned that as the 14 price of cigarettes increases, smokers may be tempted to 15 purchase less expensive products such as electronic smoking 16 devices.

Finally, the legislature concludes that there needs to be a tax on electronic smoking devices and e-liquids and taxing these products at the same rate as other tobacco products is the most equitable way to do so. Imposing a tax on electronic smoking devices and e-liquids will also encourage users of electronic



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1 smoking devices to quit, sustain cessation, prevent youth 2 initiation, and reduce consumption among those who continue to 3 use. 4 The purpose of this Act is to: 5 (1)Impose an excise tax on electronic smoking devices, 6 disposable electronic smoking devices, reusable 7 electronic smoking devices, and e-liquid sold by a 8 wholesaler or dealer on and after January 1, 2018, 9 whether or not sold at wholesale, or if not sold then 10 at the same rate upon the use by the wholesaler or 11 dealer; 12 (2)Require every retailer engaged in the retail sale of 13 cigarettes, tobacco products, electronic smoking 14 devices, or e-liquid to obtain a retail tobacco permit 15 to sell, possess, keep, acquire, distribute, or 16 transport cigarettes, tobacco products, electronic 17 smoking devices, or e-liquid for retail sale; 18 (3) Increase the license fee for persons engaged as a 19 wholesaler or dealer of cigarettes, tobacco products, 20 electronic smoking devices, and e-liquid; and



1	(4) Increase the retail tobacco permit fee for retailers
2	engaged in the retail sale of cigarettes, tobacco
3	products, electronic smoking devices, and e-liquid.
4	SECTION 2. Section 245-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5	amended as follows:
6	1. By adding four new definitions to be appropriately
7	inserted and to read:
8	""Disposable electronic smoking device" means an electronic
9	smoking device that is designed or intended not to be reused or
10	refilled.
11	"Electronic smoking device" means any electronic product
12	that can be used to aerosolize and deliver nicotine to the
13	person inhaling from the device, including but not limited to an
14	electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo,
15	electronic pipe, hookah pipe, or hookah pen, and any component
16	of the device or related product, whether or not sold
17	separately, including but not limited to atomizers, coils, drip
18	tips, and tanks.
19	"E-liquid" means any liquid containing nicotine that is
20	designed or intended to be used in a reusable electronic smoking



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1 device, whether or not packaged in a cartridge or other 2 container. 3 "Reusable electronic smoking device" means an electronic 4 smoking device that is designed or intended to be reused or 5 refilled." 2. By amending the definition of "dealer" to read: 6 7 ""Dealer" means any person coming into the possession of 8 cigarettes [or], tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, 9 or e-liquid, which have not been acquired from an authorized 10 permit holder or licensee under this chapter, or any person 11 rendering a distribution service who buys and maintains, at the 12 person's place of business, a stock of cigarettes [<del>or</del>], tobacco 13 products, electronic smoking devices, or e-liquid that have not 14 been acquired from a licensee and who distributes or uses such 15 cigarettes [or], tobacco products [-], electronic smoking 16 devices, or e-liquid." 17 By amending the definition of "retailer" to read: 3. 18 ""Retailer" means an entity that engages in the practice of 19 selling cigarettes [or], tobacco products, electronic smoking 20 devices, or e-liquid to consumers and includes the owner of a



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1 cigarette [or], tobacco product, electronic smoking device, or 2 e-liquid vending machine." 3 4. By amending the definition of "sale" or "sold" to read: 4 ""Sale" or "sold" includes any delivery of cigarettes [or], 5 tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, or e-liquid, 6 whether cash is actually paid therefor or not." 7 5. By amending the definition of "wholesale price" to 8 read: ""Wholesale price", in addition to any other meaning of the 9 10 term, means in the case of a tax upon the use of tobacco 11 products, electronic smoking devices, or e-liquid, or upon a 12 sale not made at wholesale: 13 (1)If made by a person who during the month preceding the 14 accrual of the tax made substantial sales to retailers 15 of like tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, 16 or e-liquid, the average price of the sales  $[\tau]$ ; and 17 (2) If made by any other person, the average price of 18 sales to retailers of like tobacco products, 19 electronic smoking devices, or e-liquid made by other 20 taxpayers in the same county during the month 21 preceding the accrual of the tax."



1	6. By amending the definition of "wholesaler" to read:
2	""Wholesaler" means a person rendering a distribution
3	service who buys and maintains, at the person's place of
4	business, a stock of cigarettes [ <del>or</del> ], tobacco products,
5	electronic smoking devices, or e-liquid that the person uses,
6	possesses, or distributes only to retailers, or other
7	wholesalers, or both."
8	SECTION 3. Section 245-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9	amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
10	"(b) The license shall be issued by the department upon
11	application therefor, in such form and manner as shall be
12	required by rule of the department, and the payment of a fee of

13 [\$2.50,] \$250, and shall be renewable annually on July 1 for the twelve months ending the succeeding June 30." 14

15 SECTION 4. Section 245-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 16 amended as follows:

17 1. By amending subsections (a), (b), and (c) to read: 18 [Beginning December 1, 2006, every] Every retailer "(a) 19 engaged in the retail sale of cigarettes [and other], tobacco 20 products [upon which a tax is required to be paid under this



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chapter], electronic smoking devices, or e-liquid shall obtain a
 retail tobacco permit.

3 (b) [Beginning March 1, 2007, it] It shall be unlawful for 4 any retailer engaged in the retail sale of cigarettes [and 5 other], tobacco products [upon which a tax is required to be 6 paid under this chapter], electronic smoking devices, or 7 e-liquid to sell, possess, keep, acquire, distribute, or 8 transport cigarettes [or other], tobacco products, electronic 9 smoking devices, or e-liquid for retail sale unless a retail 10 tobacco permit has been issued to the retailer under this 11 section and the retail tobacco permit is in full force and 12 effect.

The retail tobacco permit shall be issued by the 13 (C) 14 department upon application by the retailer in the form and 15 manner prescribed by the department, and the payment of a fee of 16 [<del>\$20.</del>] \$50. Permits shall be valid for one year, from 17 December 1 to November 30, and renewable annually. Whenever a 18 retail tobacco permit is defaced, destroyed, or lost, or the 19 permittee relocates the permittee's business, the department may 20 issue a duplicate retail tobacco permit to the permittee for a 21 fee of \$5 per copy."



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1	2. By amending subsection (e) to read:
2	"(e) Any entity that operates as a dealer or wholesaler
3	and also sells cigarettes [ <del>or other</del> ], tobacco products,
4	electronic smoking devices, or e-liquid to consumers at retail
5	shall acquire a separate retail tobacco permit."
6	3. By amending subsection (h) to read:
7	"(h) Any sales of cigarettes [ <del>or</del> ] <u>,</u> tobacco products <u>,</u>
8	electronic smoking devices, or e-liquid made through a
9	[cigarette or tobacco product] vending machine are subject to
10	the terms, conditions, and penalties of this chapter. A retail
11	tobacco permit need not be displayed on [ <del>cigarette or tobacco</del>
12	product] vending machines if the retail tobacco permit holder is
13	the owner of the [ <del>cigarette or tobacco product</del> ] vending machines
14	and the [ <del>cigarette or tobacco product</del> ] vending machines are
15	operated at the location described in the retail tobacco
16	permit."
17	4. By amending subsection (j) to read:
18	"(j) A vehicle from which cigarettes [ <del>or</del> ], tobacco
19	products [are], electronic smoking devices, or e-liquid is sold
20	is considered a place of business and requires a retail tobacco
21	permit. Retail tobacco permits for a vehicle shall be issued



1 bearing a specific motor vehicle identification number and are valid only when physically carried in the vehicle having the 2 3 corresponding motor vehicle identification number. Retail 4 tobacco permits for vehicles shall not be moved from one vehicle 5 to another." 6 5. By amending subsection (1) to read: "(1) A permittee shall keep a complete and accurate record 7 of the permittee's cigarette  $[\Theta r]$ , tobacco product, electronic 8 9 smoking device, and e-liquid inventory. The records shall: 10 (1)Include: 11 (A) A written statement containing the name and 12 address of the permittee's source of its 13 cigarettes [and], tobacco products[+], electronic 14 smoking devices, and e-liquid; 15 (B) The date of delivery, quantity, trade name or 16 brand, and price of the cigarettes [and], tobacco 17 products [+], electronic smoking devices, and 18 e-liquid; and 19 (C) Documentation in the form of any purchase orders, 20 invoices, bills of lading, other written 21 statements, books, papers, or records in whatever



1	format, including electronic format, which
2	substantiate the purchase or acquisition of the
3	cigarettes [ <del>and</del> ] <u>,</u> tobacco products <u>, electronic</u>
4	smoking devices, and e-liquid stored or offered
5	for sale; and
6	(2) Be offered for inspection and examination within
7	twenty-four hours of demand by the department or the
8	attorney general, and shall be preserved for a period
9	of three years; provided that:
10	(A) Specified records may be destroyed if the
11	department and the attorney general both consent
12	to their destruction within the three-year
13	period; and
14	(B) Either the department or the attorney general may
15	adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 that require
16	specified records to be kept longer than a period
17	of three years."
18	6. By amending subsection (o) to read:
19	"(o) Any cigarette, package of cigarettes, carton of
20	cigarettes, container of cigarettes, tobacco product, package of
21	tobacco products, [ <del>or any</del> ] container of tobacco products <u>,</u>



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1	electroni	c smoking device, package of electronic smoking	
2	devices,	container of electronic smoking devices, e-liquid,	
3	package o	f e-liquid, or container of e-liquid unlawfully sold,	
4	possessed	, kept, stored, acquired, distributed, or transported	
5	in violation of this section may be seized and ordered forfeited		
6	pursuant	to chapter 712A."	
7	SECT	ION 5. Section 245-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is	
8	amended b	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:	
9	"(a)	Every wholesaler or dealer, in addition to any other	
10	taxes prov	vided by law, shall pay for the privilege of conducting	
11	business a	and other activities in the State:	
12	(1)	An excise tax equal to 5.00 cents for each cigarette	
13		sold, used, or possessed by a wholesaler or dealer	
14		after June 30, 1998, whether or not sold at wholesale,	
15		or if not sold then at the same rate upon the use by	
16		the wholesaler or dealer;	
17	(2)	An excise tax equal to 6.00 cents for each cigarette	
18		sold, used, or possessed by a wholesaler or dealer	
19		after September 30, 2002, whether or not sold at	
20		wholesale, or if not sold then at the same rate upon	
21		the use by the wholesaler or dealer;	



1	(3)	An excise tax equal to 6.50 cents for each cigarette
2		sold, used, or possessed by a wholesaler or dealer
3		after June 30, 2003, whether or not sold at wholesale,
. 4		or if not sold then at the same rate upon the use by
5		the wholesaler or dealer;
6	(4)	An excise tax equal to 7.00 cents for each cigarette
7		sold, used, or possessed by a wholesaler or dealer
8		after June 30, 2004, whether or not sold at wholesale,
9		or if not sold then at the same rate upon the use by
10		the wholesaler or dealer;
11	(5)	An excise tax equal to 8.00 cents for each cigarette
12		sold, used, or possessed by a wholesaler or dealer on
13		and after September 30, 2006, whether or not sold at
14		wholesale, or if not sold then at the same rate upon
15		the use by the wholesaler or dealer;
16	(6)	An excise tax equal to 9.00 cents for each cigarette
17		sold, used, or possessed by a wholesaler or dealer on
18		and after September 30, 2007, whether or not sold at
19		wholesale, or if not sold then at the same rate upon
20		the use by the wholesaler or dealer;



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1	(7)	An excise tax equal to 10.00 cents for each cigarette
2		sold, used, or possessed by a wholesaler or dealer on
3		and after September 30, 2008, whether or not sold at
4		wholesale, or if not sold then at the same rate upon
5		the use by the wholesaler or dealer;
6	(8)	An excise tax equal to 13.00 cents for each cigarette
7		sold, used, or possessed by a wholesaler or dealer on
8		and after July 1, 2009, whether or not sold at
9		wholesale, or if not sold then at the same rate upon
10		the use by the wholesaler or dealer;
11	(9)	An excise tax equal to 11.00 cents for each little
12		cigar sold, used, or possessed by a wholesaler or
13		dealer on and after October 1, 2009, whether or not
14		sold at wholesale, or if not sold then at the same
15		rate upon the use by the wholesaler or dealer;
16	(10)	An excise tax equal to 15.00 cents for each cigarette
17		or little cigar sold, used, or possessed by a
18		wholesaler or dealer on and after July 1, 2010,
19		whether or not sold at wholesale, or if not sold then
20		at the same rate upon the use by the wholesaler or
21		dealer;



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1 An excise tax equal to 16.00 cents for each cigarette (11)2 or little cigar sold, used, or possessed by a 3 wholesaler or dealer on and after July 1, 2011, 4 whether or not sold at wholesale, or if not sold then 5 at the same rate upon the use by the wholesaler or 6 dealer; An excise tax equal to seventy per cent of the 7 (12)8 wholesale price of each article or item of tobacco 9 products, other than large cigars, sold by the 10 wholesaler or dealer on and after September 30, 2009, 11 whether or not sold at wholesale, or if not sold then 12 at the same rate upon the use by the wholesaler or 13 dealer; [and] 14 An excise tax equal to fifty per cent of the wholesale (13)15 price of each large cigar of any length, sold, used, 16 or possessed by a wholesaler or dealer on and after 17 September 30, 2009, whether or not sold at wholesale, 18 or if not sold then at the same rate upon the use by 19 the wholesaler or dealer [-;]; and 20 (14) An excise tax equal to seventy per cent of the 21 wholesale price of each electronic smoking device,



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1	disposable electronic smoking device, reusable
2	electronic smoking device, or e-liquid sold, used, or
3	possessed by a wholesaler or dealer on and after
4	January 1, 2018, whether or not sold at wholesale, or
5	if not sold then at the same rate upon the use by the
6	wholesaler or dealer.
7	Where the tax imposed has been paid on cigarettes, little
8	cigars, [ <del>or</del> ] tobacco products <u>, electronic smoking devices, or</u>
9	e-liquid that thereafter [become] becomes the subject of a
10	casualty loss deduction allowable under chapter 235, the tax
11	paid shall be refunded or credited to the account of the
12	wholesaler or dealer. The tax shall be applied to cigarettes
13	through the use of stamps."
14	SECTION 6. Section 245-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15	amended to read as follows:
16	"§245-5 Returns. Every wholesaler or dealer, on or before
17	the twentieth day of each month, shall file with the department
18	a return showing the cigarettes [and], tobacco products,
19	electronic smoking devices, disposable electronic smoking
20	devices, reusable electronic smoking devices, and e-liquid sold,
21	possessed, or used by the wholesaler or dealer during the



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1	preceding	calendar month and of the taxes chargeable against the
2	taxpayer	in accordance with this chapter. The form of the
3	return sh	all be prescribed by the department and shall include:
4	(1)	A separate statement of the number and wholesale price
5		of cigarettes;
6	(2)	The amount of stamps purchased and used;
7	(3)	The wholesale price of tobacco products, sold,
8		possessed, or used; [ <del>and</del> ]
9	(4)	The wholesale price of electronic smoking devices,
10		disposable electronic smoking devices, reusable
11		electronic smoking devices, and e-liquid sold,
12		possessed, or used; and
13	[ <del>(4)</del> ]	(5) Any other information that the department may
14		deem necessary, for the proper administration of this
15		chapter."
16	SECT:	ION 7. Section 245-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17	amended by	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
18	"(a)	Each wholesaler or dealer shall keep a record of:
19	(1)	Every sale or use of cigarettes [and], tobacco
20		products, electronic smoking devices, disposable
21		electronic smoking devices, reusable electronic



1		smoking devices, and e-liquid by the wholesaler or
2		dealer;
3	(2)	The number and wholesale price of cigarettes;
4	(3)	The wholesale price of tobacco products, electronic
5		smoking devices, disposable electronic smoking
6		devices, reusable electronic smoking devices, and
7		e-liquid sold, possessed, or used;
8	(4)	The taxes payable on tobacco products, electronic
9		smoking devices, disposable electronic smoking
10		devices, reusable electronic smoking devices, and
11		e-liquid sold, possessed, or used, if any; and
12	(5)	The amounts of stamps purchased and used,
13	in a form	as the department may prescribe. The records shall be
14	offered f	or inspection and examination at any time upon demand
15	by the dep	partment or the attorney general, and shall be
16	preserved	for a period of five years, except that the department
17	and the a	ttorney general, in writing, shall both consent to
18	their des	truction within the five-year period or either the
19	departmen	t or the attorney general may require that they be kept
20	longer. '	The department, by rule, may require the wholesaler or



1 dealer to keep other records as it may deem necessary for the 2 proper enforcement of this chapter."

3 SECTION 8. Section 245-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 4 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows: 5 "(a) The department and the attorney general may examine 6 all records, including tax returns and reports under section 7 245-31, required to be kept or filed under this chapter, and 8 books, papers, and records of any person engaged in the business 9 of wholesaling or dealing cigarettes [and], tobacco products, 10 electronic smoking devices, and e-liquid, to verify the accuracy 11 of the payment of the taxes imposed by this chapter. Every person in possession of any books, papers, and records, and the 12 13 person's agents and employees, are directed and required to give 14 the department and the attorney general the means, facilities, 15 and opportunities for the examinations.

(b) The department and the attorney general may inspect
the operations, premises, and storage areas of any entity
engaged in the sale of cigarettes, or the contents of a specific
vending machine, during regular business hours. This inspection
shall include inspection of all statements, books, papers, and
records in whatever format, including electronic format,



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1 pertaining to the acquisition, possession, transportation, sale, or use of packages of cigarettes [and], tobacco products other 2 3 than cigarettes, electronic smoking devices, and e-liquid, to verify the accuracy of the payment of taxes imposed by this 4 5 chapter, and of the contents of cartons and shipping or storage 6 containers to ascertain that all individual packages of 7 cigarettes have an affixed stamp of proper denomination as 8 required by this chapter. This inspection may also verify that 9 all stamps were produced under the authority of the department. 10 Every entity in possession of any books, papers, and records, 11 and the entity's agents and employees, are directed and required 12 to give the department and the attorney general the means, 13 facilities, and opportunities for the examinations. For 14 purposes of this chapter "entity" means one or more individuals, 15 a company, corporation, a partnership, an association, or any 16 other type of legal entity."

SECTION 9. Section 245-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, isamended as follows:

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By amending its title to read:



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1	"§24	5-31 Monthly report on distributions of cigarettes
2	[ <del>and</del> ], to	bacco products, <u>electronic smoking devices, e-liquid,</u>
3	and purch	ases of stamps."
4	2.	By amending subsection (b) to read:
5	"(b)	On or before the twentieth day of each month, every
6	licensee	shall file on forms prescribed by the department:
7	(1)	A report of the licensee's distributions of tobacco
8		products and the wholesale costs of tobacco products
9		during the preceding month; [and]
10	(2)	A report of the licensee's distributions of electronic
11		smoking devices, disposable electronic smoking
12		devices, reusable electronic smoking devices, and
13		e-liquid and the wholesale costs of the electronic
14		smoking devices, disposable electronic smoking
15		devices, reusable electronic smoking devices, and
16		e-liquid during the preceding month; and
17	[ <del>(2)</del> ]	(3) Any other information that the department may
18		require to carry out this part."
19	SECT	ION 10. Section 245-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20	amended to	o read as follows:



1	"[ $+$ ]\$245-32[ $+$ ] Tax refund or credit for cigarettes [and] $_{-}$
2	tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, and e-liquid
3	shipped for sale or use outside the State. (a) The department
4	shall adopt rules to provide a tobacco tax refund or credit to a
5	licensee who has paid a tobacco tax on the distribution of
6	cigarettes [ <del>or</del> ], tobacco products, electronic smoking devices,
7	or e-liquid that [are] is shipped to a point outside the State
8	for subsequent sale or use outside the State.
9	(b) This part shall not apply to cigarettes [ <del>or</del> ], tobacco
10	products, electronic smoking devices, or e-liquid that [are] is
11	distributed in this State to consumers and that are subsequently
12	taken outside the State."
13	SECTION 11. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
15	SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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#### Report Title:

Electronic Smoking Devices; E-liquid; Excise Tax; Retail Tobacco Permit; License; Retailers; Wholesalers and Dealers

#### Description:

Imposes an excise tax on electronic smoking devices, disposable electronic smoking devices, reusable electronic smoking devices, and e-liquid sold by a wholesaler or dealer on and after 01/01/2018. Requires retailers engaged in the retail sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, or e-liquid to obtain a retail tobacco permit. Increases the license fee for wholesalers or dealers of cigarettes, tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, and e-liquid. Increases the retail tobacco permit fee for retailers of cigarettes, tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, and e-liquid.

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