

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

981

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 17 , 2021

RE: S.B. No. 562
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, to which was referred
S.B. No. 562, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish that charging
shipping and delivery charges that exceed the actual cost to ship
or deliver a commodity to a consumer in Hawaii constitutes an
unfair and deceptive practice.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Your
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from
the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and Hawaii Food Industry
Association.

Your Committee finds that many businesses offer free or
reduced rate shipping to consumers in the United States. However,
Hawaii residents are often unable to claim these offers and are
sometimes forced to pay an arbitrary shipping cost that does not
correlate with the actual cost of shipping. This measure ensures
that Hawaii consumers are protected from shipping and delivery
charges that exceed the actual cost to ship or deliver a commodity
to the State.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 562, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 562, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development,


SEAN QUINLAN, Chair

