

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2025

**APR 25**

RE: H.B. No. 441  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 2  
C.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 441, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAXES,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning January 1, 2026, increase the cigarette tax from sixteen cents to eighteen cents;
- (2) Allocate the increase in the cigarette tax amount to be deposited into the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund; and
- (3) Require all cigarette tax revenues allocated to the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund to be used exclusively for



debt service of capital expenditures and building maintenance until June 30, 2041.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that all cigarette tax revenues allocated to the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund be used exclusively for debt service of capital expenditures and building maintenance until June 30, 2030, rather than June 30, 2041;
- (2) Requiring that, beginning July 1, 2030, of each amount deposited into the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund, two cents per cigarette shall be used exclusively for debt service of capital expenditures and building maintenance;
- (3) Changing the effective date to December 31, 2025; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 441, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 441, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

  
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Chair

  
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Co-Chair

  
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Co-Chair

  
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DEE KANAHA  
Co-Chair

  
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SUE L. KEOHOKAPU-DEE  
Co-Chair



Hawaii State Legislature

Record of Votes of a  
Conference Committee

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Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: <b>HB 441, HD 2, SD 2</b>					Date/Time: <i>Apr 22, 2025</i> <span style="float:right">5:30PM</span>						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).											
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.											
<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.						
Senate Managers		A	WR	N	E	House Managers		A	WR	N	E
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A., Chr.		✓				TAKAYAMA, Gregg, Co-Chr.		✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado, Co-Chr.		✓				GARRETT, Andrew Takuya, Co-Chr.		✓			
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FEVELLA, Kurt		✓				ALCOS III, David		✓			
<i>KANUHA, DRU CO CHR</i>		✓									
TOTAL		4				TOTAL		4			
A = Aye		WR = Aye with Reservations			N = Nay			E = Excused			
Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted						House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted					
Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 						House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 					
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