

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

924

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1043
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1043, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide tax relief.

More specifically, this measure exempts from the general excise tax the sale of groceries and nonprescription drugs.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the ABC Stores; Boteilho Hawaii Enterprises, Inc.; The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawaii State Teachers Association; Iron Workers Stabilization Fund; Libertarian Party of Hawaii; OPCMIA Local 630; and three individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has the highest cost of living in the United States. Your Committee further finds that eliminating the general excise tax on groceries and nonprescription drugs will help to reduce the financial burden on



families, seniors, and low-income individuals struggling with Hawaii's high cost of living.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adding a definition of the term "practitioner".

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1043, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1043, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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SB 1043, SD4	HHS/LBT, WAM	2/27/25	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____			
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>			
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X		
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X		
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X		
DECOITE, Lynn	X		
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X		
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X		
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X		
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X		
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X		
KIM, Donna Mercado	X		
LEE, Chris	X		
WAKAI, Glenn	X		
FEVELLA, Kurt	X		
TOTAL	13	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>			
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>			
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