

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 385

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 385
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce smoking and other
tobacco product use by young persons by, among other things:

- (1) Increasing the minimum age in which one can purchase any
tobacco product or electronic smoking device from 18 to
21 years of age; and
- (2) Prohibiting the sale or furnishing of tobacco, tobacco
products, and electronic smoking devices to persons
under 21 years of age,

but exempting, from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2019, persons born
after June 30, 1998, from the increased age requirements.

The Honolulu Police Department, University of Hawaii Cancer
Center, University of Hawaii Student Health Advisory Council,
American Lung Association of the Mountain Pacific, American Heart
Association, Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii, Hawaii Community
Pharmacy Association, American Cancer Society Cancer Action
Network, Hawaii COPD Coalition, and numerous individuals supported
this measure. VOLCANO Fine Electronic Cigarettes and two



individuals opposed this measure. The Department of Health commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting all references to exempting, from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2019, persons born after June 30, 1998, from the requirements established by this measure;
- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 385, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 385, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



