

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1907
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1907 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the shipment of electronic smoking devices and other tobacco products purchased through the Internet or by mail order to anyone other than a licensed wholesaler, dealer or a tobacco retailer.

The Department of Health, Hawaii Pacific Health, Hawaii Pacific Health Institute, Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children, Blue Zones Projects, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Medical Response, and several individuals testified in support of this measure. Retail Merchants of Hawaii, Hawaii Smokers Alliance, Vape Hawaii, Mokuleia Cigar Company, and numerous individuals testified in opposition. The Department of the Attorney General, Department of Taxation, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing tobacco retailers from the list of entities permitted to receive tobacco products through remote

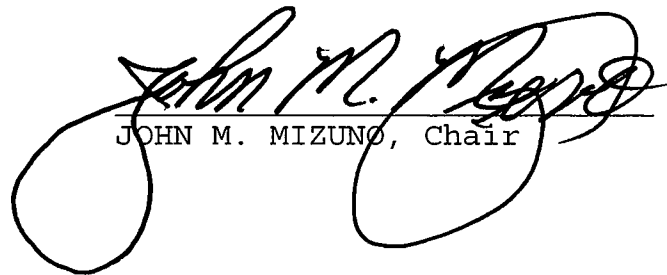


sales to conform with existing prohibitions on remote sales of cigarettes;

- (2) Changing the Class C felony penalty to an unspecified criminal penalty; and
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to promote further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1907, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1907, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health & Human
Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



