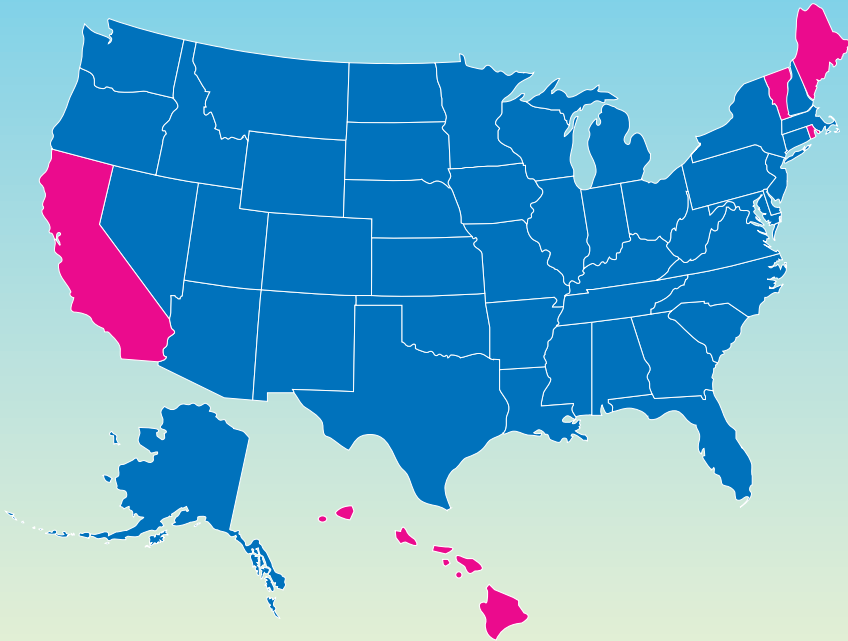


# WORST PLACE IN THE U.S.A.

## FOR SMALL BUSINESSES?

### HAWAII: PARADISE LOST FOR BUSINESSES



Hawaii ranked an "F" overall for friendliness to small businesses. Only four other states--California, Maine, Rhode Island and Vermont have received the dubious distinction of being so small business unfriendly.

Thumbtack Small Business Survey  
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\$ Our General Excise Tax is applied to every transaction: goods and services. As products move through the economy, they are taxed at 4%+ every step, increasing costs for businesses and consumer well beyond most states.

\$ Our gasoline taxes are the third highest in the nation.

\$ Hawaii has the nation's 2nd highest top tax rate.

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