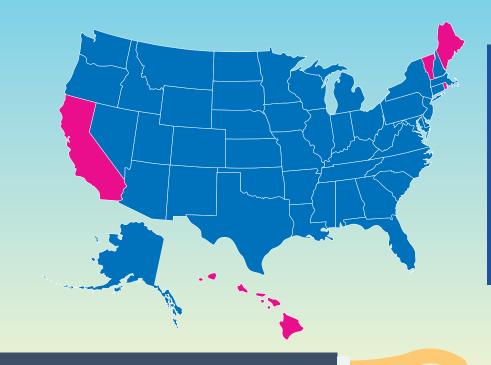
## Worst Place in the U.S.A. FOR SMALL BUSINESSES? HAWAII: PARADISE LOST FOR BUSINESSES



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 http://www.thumbtack.com/survey#/2014/1/states

## **TAXFS**



- \$ 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.

