

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1968
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1968 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide equity between in-state and out-of-state wine manufactures by establishing a permit system for the direct shipment of wine to Hawaii's residents.

The Department of the Attorney General and Wine Institute testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Liquor Wholesalers Association, Better Brands, Times Supermarkets, The Hawaii Food Industry Association, and Legislative Information Services of Hawaii opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing to an unspecified amount, the number of nine-liter cases of wine a holder of a direct wine shipper permit may sell and annually ship to any person 21 years of age or older for personal use;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2006, to encourage 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 Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1968, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1968, H.D. 1.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



