

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 12, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2960

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns,
to which was referred H.B. No. 2960 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIQUOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve Hawaii's liquor laws
and prevent misrepresentation of liquor products that are not made
in Hawaii by:

- (1) Requiring liquor labeled "Hawaii" or certain other
references to Hawaii to be wholly manufactured in the
state;
- (2) Allowing the holder of a liquor manufacturer's license
to sell liquor made from cane for private use and
consumption; and
- (3) Removing the stipulation that no liquor be consumed on
the liquor manufacturer's premises except as authorized
by the Liquor Commission.

Haleakala Distillers and many concerned individuals testified
in support of this bill. Maui Brewing Co., supported this measure
with amendments. The Departments of Liquor Control of the
Counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai, and the City and County of
Honolulu Liquor Commission opposed this bill, recommending an
amendment.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Providing that labeling requirements for vineyards and wineries operating in the state shall only require compliance with the standards of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau; and
- (2) Reinstating the stipulation that no liquor be consumed on the liquor manufacturer's premises except as authorized by the Liquor Commission, as vineyards and wineries in the state would not be able to offer wine tasting.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2960, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2960, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Business
Concerns,



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



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The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2960	Committee Referral: EDB, CPC/JUD	Date: 2/7/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)	✓			
2. WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.				✓
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
6. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
7. HERKES, Robert N.	✓			
8. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
12. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
TOTAL (12)	10	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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