

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2960
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2960, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIQUOR,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve liquor laws, including
labeling requirements, by:

- (1) Requiring liquor labeled "Hawaii" or certain other
references to Hawaii to be wholly manufactured in the
state; and
- (2) Allowing the holder of a liquor manufacturer's license
to sell liquor manufactured from cane for private use
and consumption.

Maui Brewing Co. and Haleakala Distillers testified in
support of this bill.

Your Committees have amended this bill by:

- (1) Providing that liquor may be labeled with the references
to Hawaii if:
 - (A) At least one of the primary ingredients is produced
in the state;



- (B) The liquor is wholly manufactured in the state, regardless of the source of the ingredients; or
 - (C) All of the primary ingredients are wholly fermented and, for liquor, distilled in the state in compliance with the standards of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau;
- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
 - (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2960, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2960, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Consumer
Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary,



TOMMY WATERS, Chair



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



