

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2782
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
Affordable Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2782 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO METAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to aid in the deterrence of
criminal activity by including the theft of beer kegs in laws
intended to prevent theft and resale of copper.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Anheuser Busch Companies.

The theft of beer kegs has become a problem in recent years.
Testimony indicates that the beer industry loses over 300,000 kegs
per year, which equals approximately \$15,000,000, due to the theft
and resale of beer kegs. Beer kegs or stainless steel beverage
containers are one hundred per cent recyclable; thus, making these
containers attractive for individuals for redemption into cash.
Your Committee finds that including the theft of beer kegs in laws
intended to prevent theft and resale of copper will deter the
theft of stainless steel beverage containers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting references to beer kegs and replacing it with
the term, "stainless steel beverage containers";

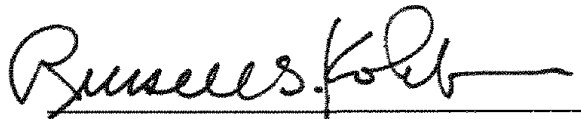


- (2) Adding a definition for "stainless steel beverage containers" under section 445-231, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to scrap dealers, and exempting these containers as a deposit beverage container under the Deposit Beverage Container Program under chapter 342G, part VIII, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2008 with a repeal date of July 1, 2010; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity and style.

Your Committee believes that including the theft of stainless steel beverage containers in laws intended to prevent theft and resale of copper fulfills the intent of this measure, which is to aid in the deterrence of criminal activity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2782, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2782, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Affordable
Housing,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing
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<i>SB 2782</i>	<i>CPH, JDL</i>	<i>2/8/08</i>

The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	/			
IGE, David Y. (VC)				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les				/
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/			
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T.				/
TRIMBLE, Gordon	/			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>3</i>

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Will Espero*

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