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HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

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January 22, 2008

Rep. Hermina M. Morita, Chair
Rep. Mele Carroll, Vice Chair
And Members
Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Hearing Scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2008, 8:30 AM
Conference Room 312
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI

Re: HB 2002 RELATING TO DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

I wholeheartedly support HB 2002. I urge the passage of HB 2002 which requires the refund value of a deposit beverage container to be marked directly on the container.

I urge you to pass HB 2002.

Aloha,

Bob Jacobson



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January 24, 2008

Testimony To: House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
Representative Hermina M. Morita, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, Legislative Liaison
Anheuser Busch Companies

Subject: H.B. 2002 – RELATING TO DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

Chair Morita and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, Legislative Liaison for Anheuser Busch Companies and we cannot support this bill as written.

It would appear to us that this is an attempt to get rid of the stickers that were used for implementation of the Bottle Bill Program however, it is important to note that these stickers are also very useful when you are first introducing a product to the state.

At times which are difficult to predict and subject to negotiation, we pick up new lines, including imports from other countries, and other products that do not meet the current labeling standards. With the passage of this bill, we will see a delay in introducing those products which we do not think is appropriate as long as the product meets the "letter of the law". As a

practical matter, the stickers are important for the introduction of any new product. Typically, at the time of negotiations for picking up a new line, the language that is to appear on the product is only something one discusses after the deal has been completed. As a result, the stickers are still important to us in order to allow us to introduce the product as quickly as possible and at the same time, still meet the "letter of the law".

Based on the above, we are not in support of this bill and respectfully request this Committee's consideration to allow the continuing use of stickers.

Thank you.



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To: House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
Rep. Hermina M. Morita, Chair
Rep. Mele Carrol, Vice Chair

By: Richard C. Botti, President
Lauren Zirbel, Government Affairs

Re: HB 2002 RELATING TO DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

Chairs & Committee Members:

We have no objections to HB 2002 that would disallow the HI 5 Redemption Value to be affixed via a sticker. This was an accommodation to the phase in of the law, and should not be necessary in the foreseeable future.

However, if additional products or sizes are added to the law, it may be necessary to include such an inclusion during a phase-in period.

"(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), every deposit beverage container sold in the State shall clearly indicate the refund value of the container and the word "Hawaii" or the letters "HI". The names or letters representing the names of other states with comparable deposit legislation may also be included in the indication of refund value. The refund value on every deposit beverage container shall be clearly, prominently, and indelibly marked by painting, printing, scratch embossing, or raised letter embossing[, or securely affixed stickers] and shall be [affixed] marked on the top or side of the container in letters at least one-eighth inch in size."