

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 5, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2083
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2083 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MILK LABELING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the safe consumption of milk products by requiring that any beverage product containing an unspecified percent by weight of milk or soy milk and distributed or offered for sale in Hawaii will be labeled with the date that the contents were:

- (1) Pasteurized; or
- (2) Packaged for distribution or sale, if no portion of the beverage product has been pasteurized.

The Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996 supported this bill. The Department of Health, Retail Merchants of Hawaii, The Pepsi Bottling Group of Hawaii, and a concerned individual opposed this measure. The Department of Agriculture submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

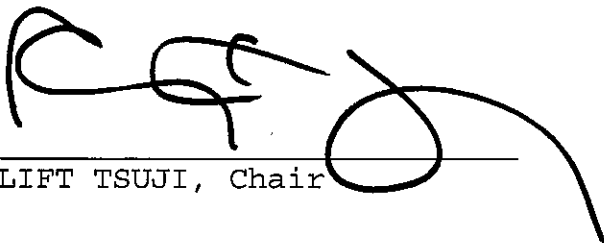
- (1) Changing the effective date to January 20, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2083, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2083, 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 Agriculture,



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



