

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2751

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 18 2010

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

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2083, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require milk and soy milk beverages to be labeled with the date of pasteurization or the date of packaging.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by one organization. Testimony in opposition was submitted by two state agencies and four organizations. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Advances in food processing techniques have drastically increased the shelf life of certain foods, ultra-pasteurization or ultra high temperature processes result in milk and soy milk products having a six-month shelf life with no refrigeration. However, these processes also affect the nutritional value of milk and soy milk products. Current labeling policies do not require a "born on" date, thus the consumer does not know how long the milk or soy milk products have been sitting on the shelf. Your Committee finds that this measure will provide the consumer with more information to evaluate the freshness of available products.



Your Committee has amended the measure by requiring that beverage products that are one hundred per cent milk or soy milk are subject to this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2083, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2083, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land,
Agriculture, and Hawaiian
Affairs,

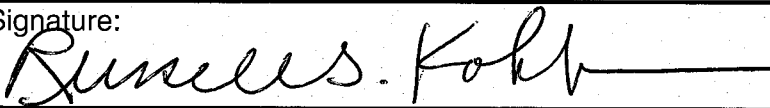


CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
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Bill / Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2083, HD1	WTL, CPN	3-12-10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)				/
BUNDA, Robert	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes