

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 1, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2239

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2239 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve Hawaii's Deposit Beverage Container Program (Program) by removing the exemption for dietary supplements and energy drink containers from the Program through amending the definition of "deposit beverage."

The Sierra Club-Hawaii Chapter and Reynolds Recycling submitted testimony in support of this bill.

Your Committee finds that there have been significant increases in the number of beverages that fall under the category of dietary supplements, including "energy" drinks, and this measure will increase the capture rate for these containers and also make the Program comprehensive and easier for both the consumer and recycler.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2239 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,

Hermina Morita

HERMINA MORITA, Chair



