

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2075

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 09 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2824

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2824 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to eliminate the dietary supplement exemption from the deposit beverage container program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Sierra Club, and nine individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Food Industry Association and Grocery Manufacturers Association.

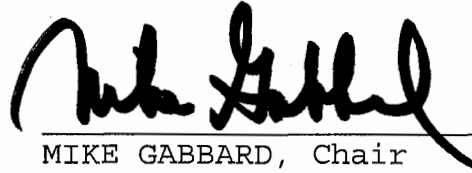
Your Committee finds that eliminating the dietary supplement exemption from the deposit beverage container program will reduce waste of the Department of Health's resources. The Department's administration of the dietary supplement exemption consumes an inordinate amount of its resources in comparison to the return, if any, to be gained by exempting dietary supplements.

Your Committee notes that the dietary supplement Ensure is distributed in "number 5" plastic bottles; consequently, Ensure is already exempt from participating in the program because "number 5" plastic bottles fall outside the scope of the program.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2824 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

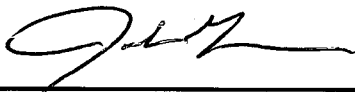
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy and
Environment,


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2824	Committee Referral: ENE, WAM	Date: 1/31/12		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				✓
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
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