

SB 2359

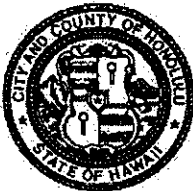
RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESSES

Description:

Adds distilled spirits to the types of intoxicating liquors that the holder of a class 1 liquor license may sell for private use and consumption.

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Hearing: Thursday, January 26, 2012
2:50 pm; Room 224

Position: Providing Comments on SB 2359 Relating to Small Businesses

The purpose of SB 2359 is to amend language in Subsection (b)(3) to permit manufacturers of beer, wine, or *distilled spirits* manufactured from fruits grown in the State of Hawaii to sell such products direct to individuals for private use and consumption ("Direct to Consumer"). Because there is no compelling reason to exclude "distilled spirits" from Direct to Consumer sales, the Liquor Commission, City and County of Honolulu, has no objection to SB 2359.

We note with respect to the similar HB 1925, said bill included an amendment to the Subsection (b)(3) language to extend Direct to Consumer sales status to beer, wine, or liquor manufactured from fruits *or other products grown in the State of Hawaii*, thus including alcoholic beverages made from products such as locally-grown sugar cane.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg I. Nishioka".

Greg I. Nishioka, Administrator

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