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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LIQUOR TAX LAW.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 244D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding two new definitions to be appropriately  
3 inserted and to read as follows:

4 "Barrel" means a barrel containing not more than thirty-  
5 one gallons or wine gallons of liquor.

6 "Small brewery or brewpub" means a brewery or brewpub that  
7 brews or produces not more than sixty thousand barrels of beer  
8 per taxable year."

9 SECTION 2. Section 244D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

11 "(a) Every person who sells or uses any liquor in the  
12 State not taxable under this chapter, in respect of the  
13 transaction by which the person or the person's vendor acquired  
14 the liquor, shall pay a gallonage tax which is hereby imposed at  
15 the following rates for the various liquor categories defined in  
16 section 244D-1:

17 ~~[For the period July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998, the tax~~  
18 ~~rate shall be:~~



- 1       ~~(1) \$5.92 per wine gallon on distilled spirits;~~  
2       ~~(2) \$2.09 per wine gallon on sparkling wine;~~  
3       ~~(3) \$1.36 per wine gallon on still wine;~~  
4       ~~(4) \$0.84 per wine gallon on cooler beverages;~~  
5       ~~(5) \$0.92 per wine gallon on beer other than draft beer;~~  
6       ~~(6) \$0.53 per wine gallon on draft beer;]~~

7       On July 1, 1998, and thereafter, except as otherwise  
8 provided in paragraph (7), the tax rate shall be:

- 9       (1) \$5.98 per wine gallon on distilled spirits;  
10       (2) \$2.12 per wine gallon on sparkling wine;  
11       (3) \$1.38 per wine gallon on still wine;  
12       (4) \$0.85 per wine gallon on cooler beverages;  
13       (5) \$0.93 per wine gallon on beer other than draft beer;  
14       (6) \$0.54 per wine gallon on draft beer; and  
15       (7) Beginning on January 1, 2014, \$0.23 per wine gallon on  
16       draft beer and beer other than draft beer that are  
17       brewed or produced by a small brewery or brewpub;

18 and at a proportionate rate for any other quantity so sold or  
19 used."

20       SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030, and  
2 shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013.



**Report Title:**

Liquor Tax; Small Breweries and Brewpubs

**Description:**

Defines "barrel" and "small brewery or brewpub." Establishes a tax rate of \$0.23 per wine gallon on draft beer and beer other than draft beer that are brewed or produced by a small brewery or brewpub. Effective July 1, 2030. (SB1261 HD1)

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