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Comments: Aloha, I am the vice-president of the Hawaiian Craft Brewers Guild. We stand in support of SB 3042 as it removes unnecessarily restrictive limitations on breweries and opens up the ability for small producers to diversify product lines. This is good for breweries, producers, and agriculture. We feel the State benefits from overall increase in taxes on more products will go to market. Sincerely, Garrett W. Marrero Vice-President Hawaiian Craft Brewers Guild

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# MAUI BREWING CO.

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February 18, 2014

State of Hawaii  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Sen. David Y. Ige, Chair  
Sen. Michelle N. Kadani, Vice Chair

Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 3042

Aloha Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee:

Mahalo for your time today. I apologize that I cannot personally attend this hearing as I have business to attend to on the Mainland.

We are in support of SB 3042 as it serves to remove unnecessarily restrictive limits on beer production and creates a license class that allows for a producer to craft products of several types.

We agree to the amended version.

Maui Brewing Co. is Hawaii's largest craft brewery, we are also the only brewery canning our beer in the State. We currently employ approximately 67 employees in the State. With the completion of the Kihei facility, we plan to add approximately 100 employees over the next 3 years. These employees live in Hawaii, raise their children here, pay taxes, and contribute to the community. This is directly related to the growth of industry in Hawaii, more beer brewed here means more jobs for the economy.

Specifically, when our new facility is completed in July we will likely surpass the current 30,000 barrel limit in just our second year. This will serve to directly impede the growth of our company and be a severe negative impact to the company and its employees alike.

Additionally as a fervent supporter of local agriculture we plan to offer more locally produced beverages such as distilled spirits and ciders using local fruits and fermentables. Class 18 would serve to free up restrictions on what can be produced and have a very positive impact on local agricultural initiatives. Additionally with no restriction on the barrelage we can produce, and new products that can be made, we believe there will be an increase in the total taxes paid.

Thank your for your time, please feel free to call me with any questions.

Mahalo,

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