

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 887  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 887, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the definition of "cooler beverage" to include spirits-based beverages so that they are taxed at the same rate as wine- or beer-based cooler beverages; and
- (2) Apply the tax rate currently applied to draft beer to all beer regardless of how the beer is dispensed.

Kauai Beer Company, Hawaiian Craft Brewers Guild, Kaua'i Island Brewing Company, LLC., Honolulu Beerworks, REAL a gastropub/Bent Tail Brewing Company, Maui Brewing Co., Beer Lab HI, Lanikai Brewing Company, Waikiki Brewing Company, and Koholā Brewery supported this measure. The Department of Taxation provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and



purpose of H.B. No. 887, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



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ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The THIRTIETH Legislature

HCR 453

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 887 HD1	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EDB, CPG, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2/12/19		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)	✓			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
5. CABANILLA ARAKAWA, Rida	✓			
6. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
7. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
9. MIZUNO, John M.				✓
10. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	9	0	0	2
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted if joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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