

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 25 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2298
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Make it a violation to use a Hawaii geographic origin in labeling or advertising for roasted coffee, instant coffee, or ready-to-drink coffee beverages that contain less than a certain percentage of coffee by weight from that Hawaii geographic origin, phased in to a minimum of one hundred percent by July 1, 2027; and



- (2) Exempt retailers that do not package roasted coffee, instant coffee, or ready-to-drink coffee beverages from liability for the sale of roasted coffee, instant coffee, or ready-to-drink coffee beverages that use a label or advertisement in violation of the coffee labeling law.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the timeline that phased in the minimum percentage of coffee by weight from a Hawaii geographic origin to a minimum of one hundred percent by July 1, 2027;
- (2) Continuing the existing statutory minimum of ten percent of coffee by weight through June 30, 2027, and, beginning July 1, 2027, increasing the minimum percentage to fifty-one percent of coffee by weight when using a Hawaii geographic origin in labeling or advertising for roasted coffee, instant coffee, or ready-to-drink coffee beverages;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



HERBERT RICHARDS
Chair



MARK M. NAKASHIMA
Co-Chair



KARL RHOADS
Co-Chair



CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES
Co-Chair



JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE
Co-Chair



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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

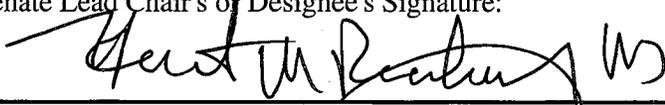
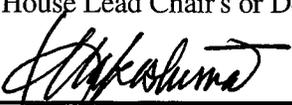
The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim", Chr.	X				NAKASHIMA, Mark M., Co-Chr.	X			
RHOADS, Karl, Co-Chr.	X				GATES, Cedric Asuega, Co-Chr.	X			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett, Co-Chr.	X				KAHALOA, Kirstin	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X				SAYAMA, Jackson D.	X			
					PIERICK, Elijah	X			
TOTAL	4	0	0	0	TOTAL	5	0	0	0

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 
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