

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

March, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1628

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 1628 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII MACADAMIA NUT PRODUCT
LABELING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enhance consumer awareness by
requiring labels on macadamia nut consumer packages claiming that
a portion of the macadamia nuts was grown in Hawaii to specify the
percentage by weight of Hawaii-grown macadamia nuts.

The Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation,
and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee finds that this bill seeks to provide clearer
disclosures of the amount and origin of the raw or processed
macadamia nuts sold in packages and to protect the branding of
Hawaii products.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the penalties for violating the labeling
requirements for macadamia nut packages; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity
and style.

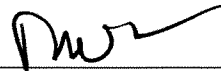
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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1628, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1628, H.D. 1.

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



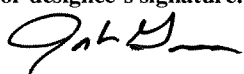
ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



State of Hawaii
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The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1628		Date: February 21, 2007		
Committee Referral: AGR, CPC		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommitment for further consideration				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)				X
2. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	X			
3. CALDWELL, Kirk				X
4. EVANS, Cindy	X			
5. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	X			
6. ITO, Ken	X			
7. LUKE, Sylvia	X			
8. MORITA, Hermina M.	X			
9. SONSON, Alex M.				X
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.	X			
11. TSUJI, Clift				X
12. YAMANE, Ryan I.	X			
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				X
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	X			
15. THIELEN, Cynthia				X
TOTAL	9	0	0	6
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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