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From: Kling, Frank E [frank.kling@siemens.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 5:01 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: VERY STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB2850



To Whom it May Concern:

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Again I urge you to vote against the passage of the HB2850, Relating to the Liquor Tax Increase. Its good for business and good for Hawaii to vote No on HB2850.

Respectfully,

Frank Kling

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Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 10:03 PM
To: WAM Testimony

From: Daniel McGibbons [mailto:danmcgib@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 4:47 PM
To: Public Access Room
Subject: Strong opposition to HB2850

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From: Michael Freeto [freeto1@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 11:54 PM
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Michael Allen Freeto
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From: Steve Wagner [steve.wagner@stonebrew.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 4:06 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Beer Tax Increase

To Whom It May Concern:

As a co-owner of a California distributor of Hawaiian-brewed beer, I'm writing you today to urge you to oppose HB2850, the proposal to increase taxes on alcohol in Hawaii. This bill will have an extremely negative impact on Hawaii's brewing business as well as those who distribute and consume their fine beers.

The State may be facing severe financial troubles but this is certainly not the solution. The greater the tax burden on Hawaiian brewers the lower their chances are of survival in these tough economic times. These are businesses that draw tourists to the islands and greatly benefit the State by driving commerce and creating more Main Street jobs. These businesses are actually strengthening the State's economy and need support from the State rather than an increase in their tax burden.

Hawaiian-brewed beers sell extremely well in our Southern California market; otherwise we wouldn't be in the business of their distribution. I'm happy to support them in this cause so that we can continue selling their beer at a competitive price. Please stop the beer tax increase and please consider providing a tax break similar to the Federal Small Brewers Tax Exemption for all beer produced in Hawaii. It's good for the beer business and it's good for Hawaii.

Respectfully,

Steve Wagner
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From: Adena Brandt [adena.brandt@stonebrew.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 6:19 AM
To: WAM Testimony
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This email is sent on behalf of Greg Koch, CEO of Stone Brewing Co in Escondido, California.

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Greg Koch
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From: Rich Bright [mrmixon@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 7:56 PM
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Respectfully,
Richard Bright
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From: D Rochin [danrochin@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 7:33 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: *****SPAM***** STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB2850

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From: [Mike Wilson](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 4:05:08 PM

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Mike Wilson

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From: David Hopwood [dhopwood12@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 4:41 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: HB2850

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To Whom it May Concern:

I wanted to send a quick note to help convince you to vote against the passage of the HB2850, specifically the Liquor Tax Increase. I fear this bill will severely hurt small businesses in your State!

I am a frequent visitor (1-2 times a year) to your beautiful State and I love the fact that I can now buy a small piece of Hawaii on the shelves here in the mainland in the form of Maui Brewing beers. It would be a shame to see Maui Brewing go the way of Kona Brewing and start to brew the majority of their beers on the Mainland (albeit for different reasons).

I understand the State is facing financial difficulties, but please consider what an increased tax might mean for small brewers (read; small businesses) in your State. What a shame it would be if Hawaiian brewers were forced to move to the Mainland simply as a function of cost savings! Increased taxes will surely be a serious burden or even a death sentence to many in this rapidly growing field. An increased tax would most likely have to be passed on to the consumers and may end up putting Hawaiian beers out of the price range of many buyers. Most Craft Beer drinkers are willing to pay a premium but there is a line, especially when so many great beers are being brewed here on the mainland. There is little doubt in my mind that an increase in taxes will actually end up in lowered State revenues because of the price increase.

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From: Sean Nordquist [jedinord@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 7:34 AM
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Cc: info@mauibrewingco.com
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I will be visiting Hawaii this summer with my family and am hoping to be able to write several articles about craft beer from your state. I would love to be able to add a section about the responsible legislative choices made by the state congress.

Respectfully,

Sean Nordquist
St. Petersburg, FL

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From: Mario [mario@brewedforthought.com]
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 7:09 AM
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Mario Rubio

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I am a property owner and tax payer to the state of Hawaii. I love the islands. I hope you see the rationale for providing a supportive environment for Hawaiian brewers. Craft brewing is a growth industry. Please give careful thought to providing an environment for craft brewers to grow within. I strongly believe that Hawaiian craft beer provides yet another avenue for growth within the Hawaiian tourist industry.

Respectfully,

Joshua D. Williams

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From: Wes Williams [felicidadez@yahoo.com]
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Mahalo nui loa!

From: [Lei Hayashi](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010 11:21:10 AM

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Dean Hayashi

From: HAYASHIOHANA@aol.com
To: [WAM Testimony](mailto:WAMTestimony@capitolhawaii.gov)
Subject: Fwd: STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB2850
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010 10:58:27 AM

From: HAYASHIOHANA@aol.com
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Sent: 3/27/2010 10:54:53 A.M. Hawaiian Standard Time
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