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## Comments:

Aloha, I did not see my testimony posted and wanted to be sure to get in right away and show my extreme level of support for HB365 with amendments. The amendment is simply a further clarification that the beer needs to be produced in the State to qualify.

244D- Small breweries and brewpub; tax. Every small brewery...a tax....on the first sixty thousand barrels of beer brewed or produced, IN STATE, during the taxable year...

We would like to see HB 365 pass as it provides for the creation of a small brewers classification within 244D and gives us truly Local Brewers a chance to become competitive with products from the mainland, create more jobs for local kama'aina, and reinvest in our community. We are the second highest tax in the nation, only Alaska is higher, yet they provide the small brewer incentive as we are proposing. This in fact makes Hawaii the highest tax in the country by more than double. I hope my formal testimony made it in. Please support us in the passage of HB365.