
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ALCOHOL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 244D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "beer" to read as follows:
3 "Beer" means any alcoholic beverage containing no less
4 than 0.5 per cent alcohol by volume obtained by the fermentation
5 or any infusion or decoction of [~~barley,~~] malt, [~~hops, or any~~
6 ~~other similar product, or any combination thereof in water, and~~]
7 wholly or in part, or any substitute therefor, including grain
8 of any kind, bran, glucose, sugar, or molasses. "Beer" includes
9 ale, porter, brown, stout, lager beer, small beer, [~~and~~] strong
10 beer, and alcoholic seltzer beverages, but does not include
11 sake, known as Japanese rice wine, or cooler beverage."

12 SECTION 2. Section 281-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending the definition of "beer" to read as follows:
14 "Beer" means any alcoholic beverage containing no less
15 than 0.5 per cent alcohol by volume obtained by the alcoholic
16 fermentation of any infusion or decoction of [~~barley or other~~
17 ~~grain,~~] malt, [~~and hops in water.~~] wholly or in part, or any



1 substitute therefor, including grain of any kind, bran, glucose,
2 sugar, or molasses."

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2022.



Report Title:

Alcohol, Beer; Definition

Description:

Expands the definition of "beer" to specify an alcohol by volume of no less than 0.5 per cent and to include alcoholic seltzer beverages. Effective January 1, 2022. (SD1)

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