STAND. COM. REP. NO.

849

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 593

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 593, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the definition of "beer" to specify an alcohol by volume of no less than 0.5 percent and to include alcoholic seltzer beverages.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Beer Lab HI, Honolulu Beerworks, Maui Brewing Co., Lanikai Brewing Company, and Hawaiian Craft Brewers Guild. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the existing statutory definition of "beer" follows the traditional basic ingredients used in historical beer manufacturing. However, this definition does not adequately reflect the expansion of the craft beer manufacturing sector and is not in alignment with the federal definition. This measure will alleviate these inconsistencies.

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. 593, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

AARON IING JOHANSON Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 593 HD 1	Committee Referral:	Date	2/25/21	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)	V			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)				
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10. TARNAS, David A.				
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11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren				<u> </u>
TOTAL (11)	10	0	0	1
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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