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# 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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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, 2023.

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# H.B. NO. 2370

**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 alcohol seltzer beverages. Takes effect 1/1/2023.

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