### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LIQUOR.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that under existing law, 2 only an authorized solicitor or a representative of a 3 manufacturer or wholesale dealer of liquor is authorized to 4 represent their products in other counties of the State. This 5 puts other licensees, particularly small local producers like 6 independent wineries, brewpubs, and small craft producer pubs, 7 at a disadvantage, as these smaller licensees are only allowed 8 to promote within the county where their liquor license has been 9 issued. The legislature believes that those holding a winery, 10 brewpub, or small craft producer pub license should be provided 11 with the same opportunity to grow their brands within the State 12 as is already afforded to those with a manufacturer or wholesale 13 dealer license.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to allow persons to apply for a permit to act as solicitors or representatives of wineries, brewpubs, and small craft producer pubs in any county of the State.



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## H.B. NO. 2207

1 SECTION 2. Section 281-39, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows: 3 "(c) Any person desiring to act as the authorized 4 solicitor or representative of a manufacturer [or], wholesale dealer, winery, brewpub, or small craft producer pub in any 5 6 county shall make application to the commission of [such] the 7 county in which the person proposes to act for a permit [to act 8 as such]." 9 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. 11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (BP) 12 INTRODUCED BY:

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# H.B. NO. 2207

#### Report Title:

Liquor; Wineries; Brewpubs; Small Craft Producer Pubs; Authorized Solicitors; Representatives; Permits; Place of Business

#### Description:

Authorizes persons to apply for a permit to act as solicitors or representatives of licensed wineries, brewpubs, and small craft producer pubs any county of the State.

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