

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

488

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 17
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 17 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow a county liquor commission to authorize a liquor licensee to sell unopened liquor with food for pick-up, delivery, take out, or other means to be consumed off-premises.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Liquor Control and Liquor Commission of the County of Hawai'i, Retail Merchants of Hawaii, Kalapawai Market and Cafes, and Maui Chamber of Commerce. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Craft 'Ohana, Hawai'i Alcohol Policy Alliance, Lanikai Brewing Company, Honolulu BeerWorks, and Big Island Brewhaus. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Honolulu Liquor Commission.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, liquor licensees that serve food are prohibited from providing liquor for off-premises consumption. Your Committee further finds that licensees were allowed to provide liquor for off-premises consumption under the emergency proclamations in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Consumer purchasing habits have dramatically

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shifted since the pandemic began moving to more online and curb side pick-up for their meals, groceries, and other shopping needs. This measure expands the services allowable by liquor licensees to meet those shifting habits by offering liquor for off-premises consumption.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 17, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 17, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 17</i>	Committee Referral: <i>CPC, JHA</i>	Date: <i>2-4-23</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	/			
2. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
6. HUSSEY-BURDICK, Natalia	/			
7. GATES, Cedric Asuega	/			
8. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
10. TAM, Adrian K.	/			
11. PIERICK, Elijah	/			
TOTAL (11)	11			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Jackson D. Sayama</i>				
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