STAND. COM. REP. NO. 833

Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 0 2 , 2023 RE: H.B. No. 374 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. 374 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the definition of "beer" to include any alcoholic beverage containing no less than 0.5 percent alcohol by volume obtained by fermentation of any infusion or decoction of malt or any substitute, including alcohol seltzer beverages, but excluding sake, cooler beverages, or other distilled products; and
- (2) Permit brewpubs to sell beer manufactured by the brewpub, including beer manufactured on their premises, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Craft 'Ohana, Honolulu BeerWorks, Beer Lab Hawaii, Lanikai Brewing Company, Kauai Beer Company, and Mahalo Aleworks.

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



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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.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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. 374, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 374, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

NAKASHIMA. Chair



## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature



## Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:			Date: 02 - 28-23		
HB 374	CPC	2	02-20-25			
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. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)		/				
2. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (VC)		/				
3. AMATO, Terez		/				
4. BELATTI, Della Au					1	
5. HASHEM, Mark J.		/				
6. HUSSEY-BURDICK, Natalia		/				
7. GATES, Cedric Asuega					1	
8. LOWEN, Nicole E.		1	•	V		
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.		/				
10. TAM, Adrian K.		1				
11. PIERICK, Elijah		1				
<b>TOTAL</b> (11)		9			2	
The recommendation is:  I Adopted  I Not Adopted    If joint referral,						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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