

HB 770 HD1

RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR

Authorizes restaurants with a liquor license to sell beer, malt beverages, or cider for off-premises consumption, under certain conditions. Authorizes retail dealers with a liquor license to sell beer, malt beverages, or cider in non-original packages, under certain conditions. Authorizes brewpubs and small craft producer pubs with a liquor license to sell malt beverages manufactured on the premises or purchased from another liquor licensee for off-premises consumption. (SD1)

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April 2, 2015

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Hearing: Tuesday, April 7, 2015
1:15 p.m.; Room 229

Position: Providing Comments on HB 770 HD1 SD1, Relating to Intoxicating Liquor

Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members:

The Liquor Commission, City and County of Honolulu (Commission), provides the below comments on House Bill 770 HD1 SD1, Relating to Intoxicating Liquor:

1. The changes made to Sections 1 and 2 of the proposed measure improve clarity with respect to growler sales by Class 2 Restaurants and Class 4 Retail Dealers.
2. In Section 3, the proposed measure would amend Section 281-31(n), HRS, to permit Class 14 Brewpub licensees to sell malt beverages purchased from other manufacturers, wholesalers, or producers in "growler" form. As the Commission has not experienced regulatory problems from its Brewpub licensees specific to "growler" sales of self-manufactured product, we do not anticipate increased regulatory problems should Brewpub licensees be permitted to expand their "growler" sales ability as proposed.
3. In Section 4, the proposed measure would amend Section 281-31(r), HRS, to permit Class 18 Small Craft Producer Pub licensees to offer the expanded "growler" sales ability described in Section 3 for Brewpub licensees. As the Commission does not yet have any Class 18 licensees, we are unable to provide further input on the Section 4 proposed amendments.

The Liquor Commission appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 770 HD1 SD1, Relating to Intoxicating Liquor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Franklin Don Pacarro, Jr.", is written over the typed name.

FRANKLIN DON PACARRO, JR.
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FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: April 7, 2015

TIME: 1:15pm

PLACE: Conference Room 229

RE: HB770 HD1 SD1

Position: Support

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

This bill will spur the growth of Hawaii's craft beverage industry. Promoting and facilitating the sale of these kinds of local products enables economic growth and innovation. In addition to supporting a growing local industry this measure offers benefits to consumers by providing them more choices of what kinds of beverages they can enjoy at home, such as limited release beers that aren't available in cans and bottles.

This bill would also allow the use of growlers at retail dealers in Hawaii. 34 other states and DC allow growlers to be sold under a retail license. By joining them Hawaii will be taking an important step in decreasing the use of single-use glass containers in our state, and by extension decreasing the expense of recycling glass. Growlers are far more eco-friendly than other container options because they can be used over and over again. The recent audit of the Glass Advance Disposal Fee program has made it very apparent that continuing to handle the disposal of glass in the way we have been is not an option, one simple solution to help unburden this program is to reduce the amount of single-use glass containers we use.

This bill is a step in the right direction economically and environmentally; please vote yes on this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.