
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BOTTLED WATER.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Americans send more
2 than thirty-eight billion water bottles to landfills every year,
3 while only thirty per cent of water bottles are placed in a
4 recycling bin. Aluminum cans, however, are recycled twice as
5 often as plastic, glass, and cartons. Unlike single-use plastic
6 bottles, one hundred per cent of the aluminum can is recyclable,
7 meaning the material from one aluminum can or bottle can be used
8 to make another aluminum can without any new material. This
9 closed loop cycle can take as little as sixty days.

10 The legislature further finds that many carbonated soft
11 drink companies on the mainland also produce canned
12 noncarbonated water with the same equipment used to make their
13 other products. However, existing state law expressly prohibits
14 carbonated soft drink, juice, and beer operations from using the
15 same equipment to can noncarbonated bottled water. This
16 restriction unfairly and unnecessarily limits local beverage
17 filling companies that manufacture other products from providing



1 noncarbonated water in aluminum cans to consumers as an
2 alternative to single-use plastic water bottles.

3 The legislature notes that the soft drink companies on the
4 mainland use antimicrobial agents such as ozone during the can
5 water production process. The ozonated water passing throughout
6 the entire filling operation at these companies effectively
7 eliminates microbiological contamination of the finished
8 product.

9 The purpose of this Act is to repeal the requirement that
10 noncarbonated bottled water be bottled in or through lines or
11 equipment through which only water is passed.

12 SECTION 2. Section 328D-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

14 "(b) Bottled water production, including transporting,
15 processing, packaging, and storage, shall be conducted under
16 [~~such~~] conditions and controls [~~as are~~] necessary to minimize
17 the potential for microbiological contamination of the finished
18 product. These conditions and controls shall include the
19 following:

20 (1) Bottled water shall be subject to effective germicidal
21 treatment by ozonation or carbonation at a minimum of



1 three volumes of carbon dioxide or other equivalent
2 disinfection approved by the department or government
3 agency or agencies having jurisdiction; and

4 (2) Bottled water shall not be transported or stored in
5 bulk tanks or processed or bottled through equipment
6 or lines used for any nonfood product [~~;~~ and

7 ~~(3) For optimum consumer protection, in order to minimize~~
8 ~~the potential for microbiological contamination of the~~
9 ~~finished product, noncarbonated bottled water shall~~
10 ~~not be transported, stored, processed, or bottled in~~
11 ~~or through lines or equipment through which any food~~
12 ~~product other than water is passed]."~~

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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H.B. NO. 562

Report Title:

Noncarbonated Bottled Water; Aluminum Cans; Manufacturing

Description:

Repeals the requirement that noncarbonated bottled water be transported, stored, processed, or bottled through lines or equipment through which only water is passed.

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