

OPPOSE CNMI BEVERAGE TAX

The Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature has introduced a 2 cents per ounce beverage tax. Such a tax would place an unfair burden on working families, small local businesses and their employees who are struggling to make it through a historic economic downturn.

● NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO ADD MORE BURDENS TO WORKING FAMILIES.

Raising prices on everyday grocery items like beverages makes it harder for families to make ends meet and hurts our local businesses and their employees as they struggle to remain open. **Taxes on beverages raise prices dramatically on hundreds of everyday beverages, including lemonades, iced teas, coffee drinks, sports drinks, juice drinks, coconut water, and even powdered and fountain drinks!**

THE PROOF IS IN
YOUR POCKETBOOK.
EVEN A TAX
OF 2¢ PER OUNCE
ADDS UP FAST.



2 LITER BOTTLE:

+\$1.35 ADDED TAXES



12 PACK CANS:

+\$2.88 ADDED TAXES



BAG-IN-BOX (FOR FOUNTAIN MACHINES):

+\$76.80 ADDED TAXES

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A beverage tax and H.B. 22-116 will only serve to hurt working families when they can least afford it and do even more harm to our local businesses as they work to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 to our local economy.

TAKE ACTION AND LET YOUR HOUSE AND SENATE MEMBER KNOW:



Beverage taxes raise prices dramatically on everyday beverages, including lemonades, ice teas, sports drinks, coconut water, and more – even powdered and fountain drinks!



The cost of living is already too high for working families in CNMI. And with consumers experiencing higher inflation that has caused significant price hikes, a beverage tax will only make these prices higher for hard-working CNMI families.



Restaurants, convenience stores, movie theaters, grocery stores and other small store owners who are struggling to survive rely on beverage sales for a good part of their livelihood.



This is not the time to burden small businesses with even higher taxes. People want to pick themselves back up and rebuild the strong economy we once enjoyed. CNMI's businesses and consumers can't come back if we're weighed down by new tax burdens.

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