

Testimony of Arthur O. Potvin, secretary

Hosmer Mountain Bottling Co. Inc.

in support of

Proposed Senate Bill No. 67:

An Act Concerning the Inclusion of Juices, Teas, and Sports Drinks under Connecticut's Bottle Bill

I would like to thank the Environment Committee, and Chairs Senator Edward Meyer and Representative Linda Gentile for allowing me to submit my testimony in support of Senate Bill 67, An Act Concerning the Inclusion of Juices, Teas, and Sports Drinks under Connecticut's Bottle Bill.

My name is Arthur Potvin and I am part owner of the Hosmer Mountain Bottling Co., A101 year old soft drink manufacturer located in Willimantic Ct.

Currently, the Bottle Bill covers beer, soda, and water with a 5 cent redeemable deposit that incentivizes recycling. But unfortunately the last update in 2009, which added water, did not include the litany of other beverages like teas, sports drinks, juices, energy drinks, coffee-based beverages. This bill would correct some of that but not all. We should update the Bottle Bill and SB 67 is currently a good first step, but it can be and should be made better!

I support updating the Bottle Bill for a number of reasons. The current bottle bill has been a huge success and should, in our families business' belief, be expanded for all the reasons that have made the bottle bill a success as it is. Less waste to the environment, less stress on our finite resources and some income for the under and unemployed.

In conclusion, I urge the Environment Committee to strengthen SB 67 and then pass it onto the Connecticut General Assembly. This is a good bill for Connecticut.

Thank you again for this opportunity to contribute testimony.