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February 24, 2020

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 016
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2241 Proposed SD1
Relating to Intoxicating Liquor**

The Liquor Commission, City and County of Honolulu (Commission), appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony **opposing as written** the above-referenced measure. As a matter of principle, the Commission fully supports legislation that guides licensee operations so that they responsibly co-exist with members of the public and the community. The Commission respectfully suggests, however, that features in the proposed SD1 would at best be ineffective in increasing regulatory oversight or, worst case scenario, be problematic to implement.

1. The Commission Currently Records All Complaints Against All Licensees.

Section 2 of the proposed SD1 proposes to amend Section 281-17(a)(10), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to impose a requirement to record all complaints against all licensees, regardless of when the complaint is filed. As the Commission keeps hard copy and/or digital copy of *all* complaints filed as a matter of current operating procedure, we do not anticipate any change to said procedure from the proposed requirement.

2. Requiring Investigators To Be Present At Each POS Of An Out-Of-Doors Special License Event Will Be Problematic From Both A Fiscal And Operational Standpoint.

Even if the number of out-of-doors Special license events in any given year can be precisely forecasted, the Commission anticipates that current staffing levels will not permit having investigative staff available to monitor each POS in the licensed area, particularly if there are multiple such events occurring on the same day. If the

Commission needs to increase its investigative staff and plan for paid overtime that *may* be needed in the future, it will need to increase investigative personnel and budgeted salary expense against that possibility at the earliest opportunity. An increase in investigative staff will result in increased salary expense in the Commission's budget, which will be funded by increasing license fees across-the-board for all classes of licenses. It is unlikely that our licensee base will welcome an increase to license fees for this type of contingency expense.


Even with a larger investigator pool, requiring POS coverage by investigative staff for these types of events will necessarily divert enforcement personnel away from other areas with liquor-licensed activities. With no discretion to allocate resources according to type of activity, expected attendance, or location where the event will take place, the Commission would be required, for example, to divert resources to monitor POS activities at the Sony Open or the Craft Beer Festival at the Bishop Museum, while foregoing coverage in other parts of Oahu.

3. Restricting Events Involving Temporary Street Closures To Extensions Of An Existing Valid License Could Effectively Ban This Type Of Event.

A Class 10 Special license is a license separate and distinct from a Restaurant or Dispenser license. A Special license could be contiguous to a Restaurant or Dispenser license but could never "extend" or overlap an existing license. As such, this proposed Section 3 amendment to Section 281-31(j), HRS, could effectively ban the number of temporary street closure events because a Special license cannot be used to "temporarily extend" an existing license. That said, in Honolulu County a Restaurant or Dispenser licensee can (and have) temporarily extend the boundaries of its license to accommodate an event, to include temporary street closures. This temporary extension ability, however, is independent of Section 281-31(j), HRS, so this proposed Section 3 amendment would appear to be unnecessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Senate Bill 2241 Proposed SD1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Franklin Don Pacarro, Jr.", written over a printed name.

Franklin Don Pacarro, Jr.
Administrator

FDPjr:ACH



CGPTA
Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association
Since 2006

To: Committee on Judiciary (JDC)
From: Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Re: Support for SB2241 SD1, Relating to Intoxicating Liquor, with amendments.

Aloha e Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee on JDC,

My name is Steve Lohse, I'm a constituent of Sen. Rhoads and a resident of Chinatown Gateway Plaza (CGP), a 200-unit, city-owned, affordable housing project in Chinatown. I'm also a cofounder of the CGP Tenant Association (CGPTA), organized by CGP residents in 2006 to represent our resident voice in matters of concern to our Chinatown community. On behalf of the CGPTA, thank you for this opportunity to submit the following written **Support for SB2241 SD1** with amendments:

(1) Chinatown Gateway Plaza is located on Hotel between Nuuanu and Bethel, the densely-populated ground zero for Chinatown's entertainment district and its large, loud, liquor-sales street parties. In addition to area crime and grime, a major liquor-related concern of CGP residents is excessive noise emanating from liquor-licensed premises, especially including premises temporarily extended into our public streets. SB2241 SD1 would help with these problems by ensuring that

(a) all Public Complaint to the Honolulu Liquor Commission (HLC) is recorded, regardless of whether the complaint is filed during or after an event;

(b) a sufficient number of HLC investigators is available and identified during events, and it would help if investigators also routinely documented decibel levels during street events;

(c) Hawaii State Constitution, Article XI, Sec. 9, is recognized and enforced, establishing each person's constitutional right in Hawaii to a clean and healthful environment, including control of noise pollution, see <https://www.civilbeat.org/2020/01/noise-pollution-is-making-our-communities-unlivable/>.

(2) The CGPTA also has a long-standing concern with the lack of apparent Public Purpose as required by law for Dept. of Transportation (DTS) non-construction street closure permits, as well as the lack of apparent fundraising required for HLC Class 10 Special Licenses. The truth is that the largest, loudest, drunkest street parties in Chinatown are not fundraisers at all, they are simply large, loud, liquor-sales events with regular Excessive Noise violations as defined and prohibited by Honolulu Liquor Law.

In summary, while **the CGPTA supports SB2241 SD1**, we suggest that the bill would be more effective (1) if HLC investigators were required to document decibel levels during HLC-permitted street events and especially (2) if the HLC were to require Class 10 Special Licenses accurately to document genuine nonprofit fundraising for any temporary permit to repurpose any public streets for any liquor-permitted event.

Aloha no,
Steve Lohse, Chair
Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)
CGP.Tenant.Association@gmail.com

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Submitted on: 2/22/2020 4:27:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Mendoza	Testifying for Dozer Parties, LLC.	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Matthew Mendoza, and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if the liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

I have been an event organizer/concert promoter in Honolulu for 10+ years and feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Matthew D. Mendoza
Dozer Parties, LLC.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2020 9:48:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raymond Ho Jr.	Testifying for Ray Jr. LLC	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Raymond Ho Jr. an I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if the liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

I have been an event organizer/concert promoter/bar owner in Honolulu for 20 years and feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Raymond Ho Jr.

SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/23/2020 6:08:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Schneider	Testifying for Events International	Oppose	No

Comments:



*Barbara N. Saito
President*

February 24, 2020

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair, Judiciary Committee
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair, Judiciary Committee
Judiciary Committee Member Mr. Mike Gabbard
Judiciary Committee Member Ms. Donna Mercado Kim
Judiciary Committee Member Mr. Kurt Fevella
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street Room 016
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Senate Bill No. 2241 Relating to Intoxicating Liquor

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and esteemed Committee Members:

I'm compelled to write today in opposition to SB2241 related to the further abatement of alcohol sales at street events. I urge you to reconsider its introduction, as its full consequence appears imprecise and its criteria unfairly targets all communities on the island of Oahu, wherein many successful street events are held without incident each year.

As a longtime event planner and former officer of companies run by promoter Tom Moffatt, I'm familiar with the public sale and consumption of alcohol at many types of events including street festivals like those held in Downtown/Chinatown and Waikiki. I believe I have standing to comment from a position of experience and greatly appreciate your consideration of my testimony.

Proposed Changes to Section 3(j)(1) under SB2241

Cause Shown for Enactment: SB2241, while well-intentioned, is not grounded in fact but in theory: Councilmember Carol Fukunaga writes, in her supporting testimony, that "There is a **range of sentiment** coming from residents, property owners, business owners, and others regarding the **possible** impact of the sale of alcohol at some events on crowd behavior, noise, and other types of nuisance." (emphases mine)

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The Committee can also theorize that the largest contributor to “crowd behavior, noise and other types of nuisances” is attendance size. Lacking any provision to address this, SB2241 goes straight to alcohol consumption as a root cause even though the premise is unproven in our particular population. It’s my firm belief that our laws are not meant to be so experimental.

Stationed Liquor Commissioner: The Liquor Commission already spot checks events where alcohol consumption occurs, and beer gardens are already in use in both public and private locations. Even if a commissioner were routinely present, that commissioner can’t regulate noise levels, trash levels, or the ingress/egress from businesses and residences in affected areas. These remedies already belong to the Department of Health, the bonded security and the special duty police hired, all of whom have performed admirably for at least the forty-some years I’ve worked in live events. I consider the proposed additional oversight, were there enough manpower to accomplish it, to be superfluous.

Class 10 Liquor Licenses: SB2241 proposes, “...if the event takes place on the premises of a temporary public street closure in any county having a population in excess of 500,000...” This clearly means “Oahu” and places restrictions on off-premises events, some with great distinction, throughout the island. Since the County of Honolulu lacks for venues, and its greater group of communities embrace and behave more admirably than not at these events, it’s unreasonable to propose changes meant for “some” events that needlessly affect “all” events based solely on population level, which has little if no bearing on attendance size.

Class 10 versus Class 17 Licenses: SB2241 appears to unwittingly curtail stand-alone ventures receiving their own temporary liquor licenses in favor of extending existing licenses, giving permanent businesses an unfair advantage over non-profit organizations, annual exhibitors, independent promoters and the like whose revenue models use, in whole or in part, street-style events. As the bill doesn’t also address the liability sharing between promoters and a chosen licensed establishment, or between a group of licensed establishments working in the same geographic area, this component of the bill appears incomplete.

For these reasons, among others, I respectfully urge you not to pass SB2241 lest it raise more issues than it’s intended to resolve.

Most sincerely,



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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 7:02:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Toby Tamaye	Testifying for AT Marketing	Oppose	No

Comments:

Toby Tamaye

President

AT Marketing

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Organizer of the Noodle Fest Hawaii, Rice Fest, Korean Festival and Waikiki SPAM JAM. Four of the largest food festivals in Hawaii.

POSITION OF SB2241 OPPOSE

I have been an event organizer in Honolulu for over 17 years and feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

This bill is an unnecessary regulation of events in Hawaii. The result of this bill will negatively affect the event operations, its non-profit & donations recipients, drink and restaurant vendors, production companies, musicians, volunteer groups and basically every single person involved with the event.

I have been running events in Hawaii for 17 years now, and understand that regulations are important to be in place, but this one is not needed. As a seasoned event planner, we take heavy consideration in creating safe environments with a mix of security, police and volunteers where alcohol is being sold. By forcing attendees to consume alcohol in one area of the event only, you will be negatively affecting all the other vendors at the event, as well as create an unneeded negative experience for the guests.

I organize the Noodle Fest Hawaii, Rice Fest and Korean Festival on private property with alcohol being served. I also develop the Waikiki SPAM JAM, although this event has no alcohol at it.

I urge the committee to oppose and deny SB 2241 from proceeding. Thank you for the time to review my testimony.

Toby Tamaye

President

AT Marketing

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:21:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Hazelgrove	Testifying for BAMP Project/ The Republik	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Matty Hazelgrove. I am the President of BAMP Project, INC. We are one of the highest volume concert companies in the state and we do, on average 140+ concerts per year in all genres of music. I am also a co-owner of The Republik which is a concert venue in Honolulu. I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if the liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

I have been an concert promoter for 15 years and concert venue owner/operator in Honolulu for almost 7 years. Health, safety, and security of attendees is the most important thing when producing an event, however, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events. Being able to create unique, outdoor, entertainment experiences for people is something that we always strive to do. This bill would greatly reduce the ability to do that. I feel like it would also create a hardship for the labor force of the Honolulu Liquor Commission. We would always welcome an invitation for open dialogue to help assist Hawaii lawmakers when crafting new legislature that impacts our industry.

Mahalo,

Matty Hazelgrove

BAMP Project, INC & The Republik

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:10:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ed	Testifying for Rice Fest	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Ed and I am writing to oppose SB 2241. I have been an event organizer here in Honolulu for 10 years and feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents. However, this bill sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events. Mahalo for your understanding.

Aloha,

My name is Kimo Kennedy, I am the manager for Hawaii band The Green as well as an event coordinator and promoter. I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if the liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

I have been an event organizer/concert promoter and manager in Honolulu for over 10 years and feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents, in fact safety is always our number one concern for any persons attending a concert or event.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Kimo Kennedy

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 12:00:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danyel Kapihe	Testifying for JFK Ono Grindz	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My Name is Danyel kapihe and I am writing to you today to oppose SB2241, I am a new business trying to not only thrive but survive in Hawaii and thru out the years of going to all theses special events I noticed that having sale of alcohol really helps with the food vendor business because not only do people enjoy events with a few drinks but this also bring sales to food because the people get hungry during and after eating. drinking and eating comes hand in hand. I think it will keep businesses afloat if we the people stop the bill from progressing into Hawaii's Legislatures. As a new business trying to thrive and succed in what I enjoy doing "catering to the people of Hawaii" we need to stop the bill!

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 1:17:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lee-Ann MH Watanabe	Testifying for BAMP Project	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Lee-Ann Watanabe and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for over 20 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Lee-Ann Watanabe

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:50:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mitchell Chun	Testifying for JCI Honolulu	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Mitchell Chun, and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if the liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

I have been an event organizer in Honolulu for 2 years and feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill will negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events as it is a deterrent for families with limited time to enjoy an event together.

Civic Leagues are dying across the nation, & this bill will certainly hurt Hawaii. Majority of our funding comes from events like NoodleFest on 03/28/2020, & we may go bankrupt with the sudden restrictions & added expenses tied to this bill. We plan this event 6 months in advance with all hands on deck. Please kill this bill so organizations like the Hawaii Jaycees can rebuild with honest hard work & safely involving community.

Mahalo,

Mitchell Chun

2020 President

JCI Honolulu

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Submitted on: 2/22/2020 8:51:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Trimaine Ulmer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Trimaine Ulmer and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if the liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

I have been an event organizer/concert promoter/bar owner in Honolulu for 11 years and feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

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Submitted on: 2/22/2020 9:01:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Hyatt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is James "Jamie" Hyatt, Senior Vice President of Programming for iHeartMedia in Honolulu. I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if the liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

I have been involved in the organization of events and concerts in Hawaii for the past 30 years via radio stations in Honolulu. I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents and everyone who attends our events. However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo for your consideration,

James "Jamie" Hyatt

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Submitted on: 2/22/2020 9:52:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn Tolosa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Dawn Tolosa, and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require

outdoor special licenses only if the liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

I have been part of event organizing for concerts in Honolulu for seven years and, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Dawn Tolosa

SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/22/2020 4:00:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jess	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/22/2020 4:45:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lance tsuchiya	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/22/2020 5:41:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
caroline ginnane	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It adds an extra and unnecessary layer of bureaucracy on top of an already anti-business state. The cost of doing any kind of business in Hawai'i is already too high for most small businesses and a roadblock to entrepreneurs.

At what point will Hawai'i legislators realize that the laws they are making are nickel and diming the population so bad and driving people away in droves?!

Why is this even up for discussion when there are repeat criminals getting arrested multiple times with no consequence? Corruption across the state. Rampant homeless!! Inadequate justice system. Native rights being ignored and abused. Rail that seems like it will never be built! This state is a complete waste of space just like this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2020 7:47:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
amber bixel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Amber Bixel and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if the liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

I have been an event organizer and work with various event/concert promoters and bar owners in Honolulu and feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events, as well as non-profits who use these spaces for their fundraising opportunities and would greatly hinder the flow of the events.

Thank you for your consideration,

Amber Jacroux Bixel

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Submitted on: 2/22/2020 7:48:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole Baker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/22/2020 8:00:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Santino Wong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Santino Wong and I am very much opposed to bill SB 2241.

I have been working as an event organizer, concert promoter, nightlife hospitality and concert stage managing in Honolulu for 10 years now and feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents and attendees.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Santino Wong

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Submitted on: 2/23/2020 7:29:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brandi Perpignan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Brandi Perpignan and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if the liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden. I have worked with event organizers, concert promoters, and bar owners in Honolulu for almost 20 years and feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents. However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo for your time,

Brandi Perpignan

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Submitted on: 2/23/2020 11:52:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Loren Doctolero	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads a me Vice Chair Keohokalole,

My name is Loren Doctolero and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241.

I have been an event organizer in Honolulu for over 5 years. Events and festivals are critical elements in building a successful city as it sets a space to highlight and celebrate the diversity of a city and in doing so increasing an appreciation for one another and pride in their shared community.

The safety and well-being of our fellow citizens and community is the main priority when organizing events. However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts in opposition of SB 2241.

Mahalo,

Loren Doctolero

February 23, 2020

Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street, Rm 016
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SB2241, SD1

I am writing in support of SB2241 with the following underlined changes:

1. Language in Section 2(a)(10) be amended to read in part “...regardless of whether the complaint is filed during or after the occurrence of the event.”
2. Language in Section 3(1)(1) be amended to read in part “...in excess of 500,000, a special license shall be granted only to a non-profit organization which is not merely the sponsor of the event but must actively manage, produce, stage and conduct such event. The non-profit shall report all gross and net proceeds from an event staged on public streets or venues including sales of alcohol.

Public streets should not serve as routine event venues for alcohol events staged by promoters and businesses with a non-profit facade. The significant impact that such closures pose for the neighboring community and the county at large with regard to noise, traffic, rerouted and unavailable public transport, and violations, necessitates greater accountability and transparency for the privilege of using such a vital public resource in a populous county.

In her earlier testimony on this bill Council Member Fukunaga referenced a Joint Fact Finding Process which recommended two options in relation to alcohol in public places: (1) beer gardens and (2) not in public rights-of-way (streets and public sidewalks). Perhaps the Judiciary Committee would consider the second option if the first option is deemed too broad.

Sincerely,

E. Lee Stack
P.O. Box 37764
Honolulu, HI 96837

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Submitted on: 2/23/2020 4:46:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tony Mizuno	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Tony Mizunoe. I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if the liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden, with some very specific and unnecessary restrictions.

The current rules in place are adequate to perserve human safety. Further regulation only creates barriers to prevent local organiztions/residents from participating local outdoor events/

Mahalo,

Tony

SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/23/2020 6:41:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taesha Marie Keola	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 8:50:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanne Wong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Joanne Wong and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 9 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,
Joanne Wong

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 8:11:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cedric Duarte	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 8:58:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lindsay Schoenecke	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Lindsay Schoenecke and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for over 20 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Lindsay Schoenecke

SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 8:59:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tamara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Tamara Kirichkova and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 5 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Tamara Kirichkova

SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 8:59:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Uyeno	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 8:59:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Valerie Bowlin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 7 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Valerie Bowlin

SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:01:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Delle Tanioka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to oppose SB2241. I feel that this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants. This will negatively impact many businesses, jobs, tax revenue, and community events.

Thank you,

Delle Tanioka

SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:06:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nick Fisher	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Nicholas Fisher and I am writing you today to oppose SB2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if the liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

I have been an event organizer, concert promoter, and marketing manager in Honolulu since I moved here two years ago, and I strongly believe that it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents. However, this bill is overly broad and sets very unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could severely impact numerous local small business, and create job loss. In the two years I have been working in Honolulu, I have seen events become safer, I have seen small business flourish, and it has created jobs for people who need extra work to afford to live here. This bill is very unreasonable and will likely lead to an economic spiral in the event industry.

Mahalo for your time,
Nicholas Fisher

SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:06:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gina Pesigan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Gina Pesigan and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 10 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Gina Pesigan

SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:09:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sally	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:17:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Vegas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Kevin Vegas and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music, entertainment, & general community scene for most of my 50+ years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events. Further, this bill puts additional burden of enforcement on an already under-budgeted/under-staffed state agency, and the additional costs to enforce new rules will result in additional tax burden to businesses and residents alike, negatively impacting the entertainment culture of our communities.

Mahalo,

SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:19:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Will Carlson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Will Carlson and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 10 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Will Carlson

SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:21:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew McConnell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Matthew McConnell and I'm writing testimony against SB2241, which I believe will be too restrictive and another example of government regulation that is anti-small business. This regulation is too broad and is the equivalent of trying to kill a fly with a sledgehammer. This bill will do more damage than good. Outdoor gatherings and festivals are the fabric of our community. This bill will rip that fabric. Please vote against it!

Thank you,

Matthew McConnell

SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:25:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tyler Hiranaka	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Tyler Hiranaka, and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if the liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden, and tighten more regulations on larger public events with outdoor liquor sales.

I have been an event organizer Honolulu for 3 years and feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all Hawaii residents, however I do feel that this bill has not been carefully thoughtout enough.

This bill sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, local non-profits, jobs, and tax revenue created by these events.

I hope that legislatures re-considers this bill as it currently is written, and does not move forward to pass it as it is currently written.

Thank you for your consideration

SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:26:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
daphne holyoak	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Daphne Holyoak and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for ___ years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Daphne Holyoak

SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:33:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Stallings	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is John Stallings and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a **participant/promoter** in the Honolulu music scene for 20 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

John Stallings
OahusBestHomes.com
808-294-1794

SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:34:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Megumi Ota	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

"Aloha,

My name is Megumi Ota and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 3 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Megumi Ota

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:36:13 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Griff Jurgens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Griff Jurgens and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As both a musician and participant in the Honolulu music scene for 11 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents. However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Thank you,

Griff

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:39:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Muus	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Michael Muus and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a part of the Honolulu music and restaurant scene for 25 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,"

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:39:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dalen Miyashiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Dalen Miyashiro am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if the liquor shall be said and consumed within beer garden. I have been an concert promoter in Honolulu for 7 years and feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents. However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these event.

Mahalo,

Dalen Miyashiro

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:40:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanne Amberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Joanne Amberg, and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 30 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Joanne Amberg

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:40:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Stoddard	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Steve Stoddard and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 25 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:41:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brendan Keaney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Brendan Keaney and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 15 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Brendan

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:46:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chad Adams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Chad Adams and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 20 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Chad Adams

Honolulu Resident

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:56:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Megan Jeffries	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Megan Jeffries and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 2 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Megan

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 10:21:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ted Jansen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Seems like another way for our legislators to ask for more money for permits and put more city employees to work at events when they're not needed.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 10:22:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dominic Souza-Larimore	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Dominic and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for over ten years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Dominic

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 11:07:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Hammond	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Amy Hammond an I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if the liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

I have been an event organizer/concert promoter in Honolulu for 28 years and feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Amy Hammond

President

Special Events Hawaii, Inc.

45-067 C Kaneohe Bay Drive

Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

808-223-6040

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 11:18:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Sakaba	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Michael Sakaba and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 12 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Thank you!

--Michael Sakaba

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 11:21:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffery Eldred	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am providing my testimony today in opposition of SB 2241, concerning special liquor licensing and beer garden requirements. In this modern day, where states and legislatures continuously provide new laws for citizens and businesses to abide by, the unintended consequences of this bill have not been considered. This bill, if passed, would put an undue burden on those who promote and organize fun community-building events such as music festivals, block parties, celebrations, holiday festivities, etc... This will have negative consequences on the ability to meet freely and promote togetherness without government interference. This will impact local businesses and citizens who struggle to get by with a small profit margin in a state with one of the highest costs of living in the nation.

In recent years, great leaps have been made to raise the frequency and quality of fun festivals, public activities and musical artists bringing their talents to the island for all to enjoy. This bill makes this more difficult and burdensome for no gain. What is being accomplished by this bill which puts more burden on anyone trying to provide a fun and relaxing community experience, in addition to the wonderful experiences provided for valuable tourists? I see no benefit, whatsoever. Ask yourselves: if this bill was put to a vote to the citizenry, what would be the outcome? This is a question you should ask yourself every day. Don't create laws just to create them. Your impact on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is always negative and accumulates perpetually until there is no freedom or liberty to be had. May your judgement not be clouded by special interests or the desire to increase the amount of laws citizens are forced to abide by. I know I would vote no on SB 2241 and hope you do the same. Mahalo for your time.

Respectfully,

Jeff Eldred

Ewa Beach

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 11:27:05 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Guan-Wen Kevin Chen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

"Aloha,

My name is Guan-Wen Chen and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 15 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,"

Thank you so much for your support

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 12:06:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carolina cristancho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 20 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 12:22:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
chad	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 12:48:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edwin Lesperance	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Ed Lesperance and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 39 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Ed Lesperance

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 1:36:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Riley Mahuiki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

"Aloha,

My name is Riley Mahuiki and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 3 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 1:19:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Megan Omura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi

My name is Megan Omura, director of restaurant operations at Honolulu Beerworks. I am writing today to oppose SB2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if the liquor shall be sold and consumed in a beer garden.

I have been organizing street and special events for Honolulu Beerworks for the past 3 years and feel although the safety and health of all residents is top priority, this bill is overly borad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants. It also could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Thank you for your time.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 1:57:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
paul lacuesta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 2:31:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Pang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Jennifer Pang and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241.

I have relocated from San Francisco and have lived in Hawaii for the past 4 year. I was extremely glad to find Hawaii have a great music scene and outdoor events which I thought I would miss leaving San Francisco.

I do believe health and safety of everyone is utmost importance; however, this bill seems to be too broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants which in turn can negatively impact many businesses and ultimately, patrons of these events.

Thank you for your time,

Jennifer Pang

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 3:16:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adam	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Adam Luchs and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 19 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Adam Luchs

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 3:24:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Kurisu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Robert Kurisu an I am writing today to oppose SB 2241.

As a young professional, I've been involved with many local nonprofit organizations since 2009. Many, if not all of these nonprofits rely heavily on annual events to raise money in order to support their causes. These events bring energy, awareness and engage the often uninformed or indifferent population. These events activate and often clean up neighborhoods that were previously inhospitable or dangerous. This Bill is overbearing and restrictive, and makes events especially for nonprofit organizations more difficult and is not good for the community.

Mahalo,

Robert Kurisu

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SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 2:17:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
June Naeole	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is June Nae'ole I'm opposed to Bill SB 4421 regarding

ourself.

"Aloha,

My name is June Nae'ole and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,
June Naeole

P.O. Box 323,

Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 4:44:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicholas P Cellucci	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha! My name is Nick Cellucci, and I'm writing to oppose SB 2241, requiring additional outdoor licensing for outdoor liquor consumption.

I oppose this bill on the grounds that it's unconstitutional. The state of Hawaii has no such authority to regulate what its people wish to do on private property with proper permission from the owners of said property. People are more than capable of looking after their own health & safety, and property owners have a vested interest in ensuring that health & safety are maintained while people enjoy outdoor festivities. We don't require even more laws & regulations. Licensure is just an excuse to steal from businesses & prevent new businesses from cropping up to compete with existing ones.

This bill is going to further restrict residents from doing business, reducing the quality of life for the people who live and work to make an honest living here on Oahu.

Thanks for your consideration of my comments.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 6:26:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
narinee keni	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Narinee Keni and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 15 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

N.Keni

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 4:04:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
coyle griffin	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Coyle Griffin and I am writing opposed to SB241 which would required outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed with in a beer garden.

As a particiapatnt in the Honolulu music sceen for years, I feel it is important to have regulation to protect the heath and safty of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and set unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negative impact businessess, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Coyle Griffin

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 7:34:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

"Aloha,

My name is Angela Sakamoto and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for 23 years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,

Angela Sakamoto

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SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 8:30:15 PM
Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Gordon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha

Please Do Not Support proposed SB 2241.

As a safety professional, I do agree that there should be concern for public health and safety at these events. However, this proposed Bill SB 2241 is overly restricted and sets unreasonable requirements on applicants. These requirements could potentially negatively impact businesses and jobs. In addition, it could result in lower tax revenue and fees to the County as well as the State.

The State of Hawaii have very few outdoor music venues already. Adding additional regulations which do not necessarily protect the safety and health of the public are not warranted.

We should encourage more outdoor music promoters and not discourage them. Many States have many more outdoor music venues with little or very minor negative impact on the public or the environment.

Please Do Not Support SB 2241

Thanks

Mark Gordon

Waikoloa HI.

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SB-2241

Submitted on: 2/25/2020 6:08:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Loriel Luckie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

"Aloha,

My name is _____Loriel Luckie_____ and I am writing today to oppose SB 2241 which would require outdoor special licenses only if liquor shall be sold and consumed within a beer garden.

As a participant in the Honolulu music scene for ___ years, I feel it is important to have regulations to protect the health and safety of all residents.

However, this bill is overly broad and sets unreasonable restrictions on applicants and could negatively impact numerous businesses, jobs and tax revenue created by these events.

Mahalo,"

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Re: SB2241 Relating to Intoxicating Liquor

Aloha Senator Rhoads and Senator Moriwaki:

My name is David M. Jorgensen and I'm with the Wailuku, Maui law firm of Takitani, Agaran, Jorgensen & Wildman. I'm submitting this letter to express strong opposition to SB 2241 Relating to Intoxicating Liquor, at least as currently drafted.

On Maui, we have several big festivals each year that include alcohol and which attract a lot of visitors to the island and significantly benefit local charitable organizations. For example, the Kapalua Wine & Food Festival has made a significant impact on the local non-profit community by raising substantial funds that are donated to various organizations.

Different portions of the festival are put on at two resort properties in Kapalua, The Montage Kapalua Bay and The Ritz Carlton Kapalua. The two signature events are the Grand Tasting at the Montage and the Seafood Festival at the Ritz. Both events are set up outside and cover large areas. The Grand Tasting, for example, has a 4,000 square foot tent at the center of the event. And other tents surrounding it, each serving wine and Champagne. Requiring these types of festivals to limit the area for consumption of alcohol to a 3,000 square foot area and be enclosed within a solid barrier will significantly and adversely affect the success of the events.

I hereby request that you oppose SB2241 or modify it so that it only applies to festivals conducted on Oahu, if there are problems on Oahu which need to be addressed in this manner. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. JORGENSEN