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To: Senate Committee on Transportation, International,  
And Intergovernmental Affairs  
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

By: Richard C. Botti, Executive Director  
Retail Liquor Dealers Association of Hawaii

Re: SB 697 RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR

*Chairs & Committee Members:*

We oppose any approval to use penalties against licensees for any purposes that would relate to social problems unrelated to the violation the licensee is being penalized for. There is no nexus between violations by a liquor licensee and the intent of this measure.

What we would support is penalties levied against non licensees that violate the law to be use for the purposes proposed by this measure.

What this measure would do is provide a funding mechanism by each County Liquor Commission where penalties would be assessed just to create funding to cover issues not related to the licensee. It would then benefit the Com-missions to levy higher fines and more fines just to collect the money to fund the projects.

Aloha Chair English and Committee Members,

I write in **SUPPORT** SB 697 RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR that will be heard at the February 4, 2009 COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS meeting.

It clarifies that money collected by the liquor commission from fines against licensees shall be used for substance abuse treatment and prevention programs, in addition to liquor educational programs. This will be useful in assisting those with dependency problems in receiving much needed services and agencies in providing substance abuse prevention services.

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To: Senator Kalani English, Chair – Senate Committee on Transportation,  
International and Intergovernmental Affairs; Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice  
Chair; and members of the committee

From: Arkie Koehl — Chair, Public Policy, MADD - Hawaii

Re: Senate Bill 697 – Relating to Intoxicating Liquor

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I am Arkie Koehl, speaking in support of Senate Bill 697 on behalf of the membership of MADD-Hawaii.

MADD understands the great need for additional resources to support both alcohol treatment programs and substance abuse prevention programs in Hawaii. We are especially concerned about underage drinking and its consequences and we believe that the amount of money spent on education and other prevention measures pales in comparison to the tremendous economic costs to society which result from this problem.

MADD therefore supports the use of surplus resources from the County Liquor Commission for prevention and treatment programs in collaboration with agencies and organizations which provide these services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.