SB 2545



Retail Liquor Dealers Association of Hawaii

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Tuesday, February 23, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m. in CR 229

To: Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

By: Richard C. Botti, Executive Director

Re: SB 2545 SD1 RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR

Chairs & Committee Members:

While we called the original bill a can of worms, we find the SD1 makes sense, and we support it. The Senate Committee on Transportation, International & Intergovernmental Affairs did a good job in cleaning up the bill, and directing it at the issues causing the problems creating the introduction of the bill in the first place.

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee

Re: SB2545, Relating to Intoxicating Liquor

I support SB 2545, Relating to Intoxicating Liquor for these reasons:

Unregulated BYOB establishments like DoReMi Karaoke have created major disturbances in the Keeaumoku area for the past 4-5 years. These establishments are adjacent to numerous condominiums and the noise and disruptive behavior from patrons of these BYOB businesses are a constant nuisance to nearby residents.

Within the last two years near Makaloa Plaza, the Honolulu Police Department has logged 171 noise complaints in the area. Within the period of November 15, 2009 to December 6, 2009, there were 16 noise complaints within a 22-day time frame. This is a significant increase over the average of 7 complaints a day estimated from the previous 24-month period at Makaloa Plaza.

This bill would allow the Liquor Commission to regulate these businesses and alleviate some of the problems that I have experienced.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Signature

Print Name

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February 19, 2010

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair of Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: SB 2545. RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR Hearing on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

As a resident of Makiki who lives near a BYOB (bring your own bottle) 'karaoke' establishment, I urge approval of SB 2545.

BYOBs can be as loud and late as any licensed bar or nightclub but are not licensed, regulated, or monitored. As a neighbor of an unlicensed BYOB, I have no one to help curb the noise and disturbance which this BYOB causes.

If it looks like a liquor establishment and sounds like a liquor establishment, then it should be treated as a liquor establishment.

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