SB 111

RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR.

Requires a minimum distance between class 11 cabaret license premises in Waikiki.

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Hearing:

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

3:15 pm, Room 224

Position:

Comments on SB 111 Relating to Intoxicating Liquor

The City and County of Honolulu Liquor Commission submits the following **comments** on SB 111:

1. Number of Class 11 Cabaret Licenses Impacted by This Bill.

Of the 30 Cabaret licenses currently issued in the City and County of Honolulu, 17 licenses (approximately 57% of the 30) are within the area bounded by Kalakaua Avenue, Kuhio Avenue, Kapahulu Avenue, and McCully Street ("Waikiki Zone"). Of these 17 Cabaret licenses, six (6) (approximately 35% of the 17) will be ineligible for renewal of their liquor licenses as Cabarets, even though these licensees have been in existence since 1995, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2007, and 2008. The 2006 licenses were effected within one month of each other.

2. Other Liquor Licenses with 4:00 am Liquor Sale/Service End Times.

By rule, Cabaret licensees are permitted to sell or serve liquor from 10:00 am to 4:00 am the following day. Class 12 Hotel licensees are also permitted to sell or serve liquor until 4:00 am, but are permitted to begin sales and service at 6:00 am. Of the 34 Hotel licenses currently issued in the City and County of Honolulu, 26 (approximately 76% of the 34) are within the Waikiki Zone.

3. Noise Complaints about Hotel Licensees.

Of the 26 Hotel licensees within the Waikiki Zone, we have received and investigated

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repeated noise complaints concerning six (6) Hotel licensees. Hotel licensees would not be impacted by the provisions of SB 111.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

Respectfully submitted,

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Liquor Commission